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EUROPEAN ACTIVITY FOR PROHIBITION.

(By Mark H. C. Hayler, Secretary World Prohibition Federation.)

The Dry issue in Europe is a real thing. I have returned from a journey through eight countries in North Eastern Europe, in every one of which there is a direct battle proceeding against the Liquor Forces. As Mr Emil L. G. Hohenthal (European Commissioner, W.P.F.) rightly says, "The vigour with which the liquor interests are meeting every move of the Prohibitionists is proof positive of the fear that animates them.

I left London for Ostend, via Dover, to attend the International Conference of the World Prohibition Federation (and the meetings of the Anti-Alcohol Congress) in Tartu, Estonia. In Belgium the work is not without much significance. The consumption of spirits is half what it was before the War, whereas in the olden days a Belgian Minister once stated that in spirits alone his people drank the value of all the canals, roads, railways, harbours, and fortresses which the State had constructed during its whole existence. There is a most useful propaganda being carried on to-day by the Catholic Total Abstinence Societies and a number of other bodies.

To speak of Germany is to at once remember the monster petition which was supported by hundreds of thousands of signatures demanding Local Prohibition. This was the biggest petition ever presented to the Reichstag on any social question of any kind whatever. It speaks well

for the fine organising abilities of the workers there. I learned through Dr. Reinhard Strecker that the *International Record*—the German edition of which he supervises—is much valued and extensively culled from.

One has to pass through a part of Poland to get into Lithuania which lies beyond Prussia. The Poles would seem to be developing their work slowly, due, doubtless to the still unsettled state of the country caused by internal and external enemies. The work of the Good Templars there has been much hampered of late, but generally speaking, there is a spirit of optimism among the various abstaining groups. The State continues to think that Drink Revenue is a practical policy, but judging by similar experiments in other parts of the world, one does not see how Poland can escape the misery which follows a state monopoly in vice.

In Lithuania there is a growing movement towards Local Prohibition. Already, I learn of 30 communes where the sale of alcoholic beverages has been suppressed, either as a result of a poll or by some other means. There is much to encouragement one in the prospects.

Talking with Advocate Frindenberg, I gathered that Latvia is concerning itself seriously with the alcohol question. This country, like the other Baltic States, has only in recent years regained its independence which necessarily means much work of adjustment and re-organisation. Nevertheless, though this work is absorbing, the Temperance Question is being pushed by the more

ardent propagandists. The recently passed Local Option Law would seem not to be working very well, owing to its very limited scope, but the admission of the principle is recognised as a gain.

One cannot arrive in Estonia without feeling that here there is leadership and organisation greatly developed. The fact that it was on the investigation of the Estonian Government, that the Anti-Alcohol Congress was called together in the University City of Tartu (Dorpat), is proof of the "live" workers in the country who are desirous of letting their people know the latest there is to be known on the Prohibition Question.

While at Dorpat, I attended also the First International Christian Abstinence Conference, presided over by Prof. John Ude (Craz), a most able and active worker on behalf of Total Abstinence in the Catholic Church, and one whose leadership of this movement will be available. Dr. Ude made a strong plea for this newly-formed body, so that the Total Abstiners in the world churches of all denominations, Protestant as well as Catholic, might be gathered together to fight the Drink because "the honour of God is at stake."

From Dorpat I travelled via Reval (Tallinn) to Finland as a fraternal delegate to the World Y.M.C.A. Congress, held in the beautiful City of Helsingfors. Here Mme. Weissenberg, W.C.T.U. (who was herself a delegate to the Dorpat Conference) gave me much assistance. I was able to meet many people and make many connections. There is much to say about Prohibition in Finland. People

who think or are inclined to think that Prohibition has been any kind of a failure in Finland, should consult the facts and figures of Kustaa Loikkanen, Editor of the "Kieltolakilehti" (Prohibition Gazette) who, as one of the Secretaries of the Finnish Prohibition League, has made a fine inquiry into the question. I met two delegates in Helsingfors who told me they had stayed at a Hotel which had been opened only a few days before their arrival in the City, after having been closed for a year, due to the violation of the Prohibition Law by the proprietor! That seems practical enforcement. Undoubtedly, the co-operative influence of neighbouring countries will help Finland against the liquor smuggler. One can readily see that Finland, being the land of a thousand lakes and as many islands, has a difficult task to track down all the smugglers.

The journey from Finland down the Gulf of Finland and Baltic Sea in beautiful weather brought me to Denmark, where I had the opportunity of meeting Mr Adolph Hansen, the energetic Secretary of the Danish Temperance Society, the oldest in the country. A glance round Mr Hansen's office, shows that a very active propaganda is being pursued. Since the movement for Local Option began, one third of the public houses have been closed; that is, 1751 out of a total of 5,425. The number of dry communes has increased from 85 to 218, and public interest seems to be aroused on the Alcohol question.

The general impression of a journey through North Eastern Europe is that there is a living movement making towards Prohibition, both local and national. Perhaps the fact that the liquor forces were never more alert is some good proof that our propaganda is making headway.

The London Office of the World Prohibition Federation continues to keep in close touch with the workers throughout the continent, and one has found it most profitable to personally talk with the European leaders who, especially in some countries, shoulder heavy burdens of responsibility yet pushing joyfully on towards the mark of their high calling. So world-wide has our cause become, that nations are feeling the need for international co-operation

which I venture to think is one of the big pieces of work which lies ahead of us. The Liquor forces know no frontiers. They sell their liquors anywhere and to anybody. It is up to the Prohibitionist to be big-visioned in his missionary enterprises. The Prohibition trail has become a path, and soon the path will become a highway along which Humanity may pass through a Drink-freed world.

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PLANS OF WORK.

Always at Convention we have time to consider plans of work. Here are a few suggestions.

1. Have an evening meeting once a month. Many women who are occupied during the day will join you if you hold meetings they can attend.

2. Don't make evening meetings purely social. Business women have brains, they don't want only to be entertained, they want to keep in touch with your business, and know how the battle against evil is progressing.

3. Arrange, as far as possible, for District Officers to keep in touch with Local Unions.

4. When a Dominion Officer comes into your district, make the best use of her, arrange full programme of meetings, and have as little waste time as possible.

5. Get every member to do something; visit sick and absent ones, help Cradle Roll and L.T.L. work, canvass for new members and White Ribbon subscribers. No reform was ever won unless the rank and file will see it done.

6. In places where there is no Union, get an agent to keep in touch with District Officers, one who can act as White Ribbon Agent, arrange a meeting when necessary. We want agents to arouse interest in the work, and prepare the ground to organise Unions.

DELEGATES PLEASE NOTE.

Our Dominion President asks that all delegates should bring to Convention their copy of "Noon-tide Hymn," printed in the November issue of this paper.

RESOLUTIONS SENT FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION AT THE DOMINION CONVENTION.

These resolutions are printed here so that all Unions may have an opportunity of discussing them and instructing their delegates how to vote.

1. That Convention consider the advisability of urging the establishment of Domestic Courts where separation, Affiliation, Maintenance, and kindred cases may be heard. (From Wellington Central; Master-ton and Greytown forward similar remits).

2. That a Dominion Compulsory Superannuation scheme should be inaugurated. Maximum allowance, £300 for married people, £150 (single.) (From Southland District Convention.)

3. That motor drivers convicted of being under the influence of liquor when driving, have a Prohibition Order issued against them, and that for further offences their licenses be cancelled for a period of 12 months. (Southland District Convention.)

4. That a stricter Censorship of pictures shown to young people be exercised. (Southland District Convention.)

5. That Women Police should be employed. (From several Unions.)

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

7. That the time has come when there should be a free gallery for women at the Parliamentary Buildings. At present, a woman has to ask as a favour that an M.P. will let her have a ticket, while men have a free gallery.

8. It is advisable the members of the W.C.T.U. stand for appointment on all Public bodies whose work affects women and children.

9. That we re-affirm our demand for Women Police and Women on Juries.

10. That we re-affirm our demand for a two-issue ballot paper.

11. That the members of the W.C.T.U. view with alarm any proposal to require boys of 18 to spend three months in a Military Camp, and they would strongly protest against the boys at their most critical age being compulsorily taken from their homes, and for three months exposed

to the spirit of war and the moral dangers of a military Camp. (Southland District Convention.)

12. That the Government be urged to introduce legislation providing for the establishment of separate institutions for the two classes of children now in our Industrial Schools, so that those young people who are committed only on account of the inability of their parents to support them, should not lie under the suspicion of being incorrigible or of possessing criminal tendencies. (Dunedin Union.)

13. That this Convention is of the opinion that Mental Hospitals should be placed under Public Boards of Management. (Canterbury Provincial Convention.)

14. That in any future issue of pledge books the word "as a beverage" be omitted from the pledge. (Canterbury Provincial Convention.)

15. That remits for discussion at the Annual Dominion Convention be circulated to the District Unions early in February, or be printed in February issue of the "White Ribbon."

CORRESPONDENCE.

SEATS FOR SHOP GIRLS.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,

I was very pleased to read in your January issue "A Draper's" plea for seats for our Shop-Girls.

In these days when so much is being done for the health of the community, it is high time that the public in general, and our Women's Societies in particular, took up this question which so vitally affects the health of so many hundreds of women and girls.

It is interesting to hear from "A Draper," that shop girls in Melbourne and Sydney and San Francisco are provided with seats.

He urges every W.C.T.U. to interview their Local M.P. (a wise step) and goes on to state that our present Act does not insist that the seat shall be behind the counter.

Have we such an Act? If so, it is surely honoured more in the breach than in the observance.

Your correspondent says: "I find a girl more kindly and polite with customers if she has a rest." This must be true, therefore one would

think that the drapers themselves would provide the seats that make for efficiency.

I see that the drapers' Conference meets in Christchurch this week.

The late T. E. Taylor—the man of vision—years ago urged this reform. Let us be up and doing, and secure this boon for our over-tired Shop-girls.

I am, etc.,
"A COUNTRY WOMAN."

WORLD'S WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The following letter was received by Mrs Don, and passed on as being of interest to all White Ribboners. "Dear Friend; beloved of us all,

"I thank you for your choice and most welcome holiday remembrance. In the New Year just dawning, I pray that God will richly bless our work and workers everywhere. In all the campaigns of the eventful year ahead, to 'Hold Fast and Go Forward' is a slogan to inspire our most heroic effort.

"It is not always a sacred experience to come face to face with the first moments of a New Year? Is there not a mystic, inspiring thrill of renewed dedication to our high task? Far more than any other force excepting that of the united Church, the united womanhood of the world under the banner of the Lord God of Hosts has power to finish victoriously the educational campaign for the uninformed and indifferent, and the political struggle against the united foes of Prohibition.

"It comforts me to think that in our service for the King, we may keep the Christmas spirit uppermost in our hearts. We can march to the music of the 'distant triumph song.' Isn't it blessed that the Christmas Song is continuous throughout the year, and that on the busiest or the darkest hour of any day, the listening soul may 'hear the angels sing?'"

ANNA A. GORDON.

DO YOU know that before the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted, out of 2,450 countries in the United States only 305 had not declared themselves dry.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he with a chuckle replied,
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh! you'll never do that;

At least, no one ever has done it."
But he took off his coat and took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you one by one

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Just take off your coat and go to it;

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

"Our work has never had in it more life than it has to-day. We have White Ribboners in fifty-one countries, some of them organized for forty years. Ten nations already have enacted laws forbidding the sale of liquor to minors. An illuminated map showed the locations of the approximately 20,000 local Unions in the United States."—Anna A. Gordon.



TE AWAMUTU.

Note 25 ongara o Tihema 1926, ka tae mai a Hinerangi Haimona ka huihuia he roopu W.C.T.U. nui atu te pai onga whakama rama ato matou hoa a Hinerangi mete. Kaha hoki ona kite hari itenei tikanga ka—whakaritea ko Mrs Rev. Pihama Treas; Mrs Pura Rapata Pres; Mrs W. King hei Sec; a menga mema.

Note 25 onga ra o Hanuere nei Kahui. Ki rote ite Sunday School Room ka tae mai a Mrs Jones District Pres; Rev. Pihama; Rev Roberts, me nga mema. Nui atu te pai onga Kauwhau a Mrs Jones, ka Nimene ka inoi a 'de mea whakamutu himene ka inoi nui atu te pai onga hoa mete hari omatou ngakau mote karinga mai a Hinerangi itenei tikanga nui whakaharahara.

ORGANISER'S REPORT.

1/1/27.—Katae ahau kite Te Kopae he tono natetahi Rangatira Maori kia mana atu taku take kia kauhautia iona wahine he maha tomita iwi irerira. Te Kupu keite awhina ite take me kore tenei kai te waipiro mo tetahi roopu me whiri? iho.

2/1/27.—Te whiri? tenei motetahi roopu mote Paa ote Kopae me heare ahau kinga iwi haurangi kore karakia aratou nei tamariki ehaere ana kinga kurahei ako inga mahi ahuwheua.

3/1/27.—Kakohi ki Hamilton.

4/1/27.—Taku mahi ote Roopu.

5 and 6/1/27.—Kahaere inga reo onga mema o Frankton.

7/1/27.—Kakohi ki Hamilton.

8/1/27.—Ka haere kia kite ite, Pres. pakeha o Waikato meona mema.

9/1/27.—Ka haere ki Moerangi he mitini taku ireira e 4 mema i haina mai ite mea keite haere te nuinga onga wahine io ratou raru? Ka inoi mai me hoki atu ano ahau kite tae mai to ratou nuinga.

10/1/27.—I. Hamilton.

11/1/27.—Ka haere ki Paterangi Via Te Awamutu.

12/1/27.—Ite Awamutu ahau ka tae mai te reo kua riro te iwi o Paterangi kite tahi mate tupapaku ka moho ahau ite inoi anga mema ite ratou hia? Kia noho iho ahau ia ratou moetahi ra kia tohu? ria ratou kinga mahi ma ratou.

13/1/27.—Inga mema ote Union ote Awamutu ahau.

14/1/27.—Ka hoki ki Hamilton.

15/1/27.—Haere kia kite inga hoa wahine i Hamilton.

16/1/27.—He tono kia haere atu ki Frankton.

17/1/27.—Taku raru? tuhi? mote W.C.T.U.

18 and 19/1/27.—Hamilton tatari ite reo ote kai whakahaere ote taha Maori.

20/1/27.—Ka haere mai ki Pukekohe.

21/1/27.—Ite kainga o Miss Foster i Mauku.

22/1/27.—I Mauku mete kite ano inga wahine—Maori emahi ana i tera takiwa.

23 and 24/1/27.—I Mauku ite kainga o Miss Foster.

25/1/27.—Kahaere ka kite inga Maori o Pukekohe.

26/1/27.—Inga Maori o Pukekohe. Enei iwi he iwi haere mai kahore he noho tuturu he iwi mahi. Nui atu te whakapai kitenei take. Engari hore etaea tetahi mo ratou nei roopu ite mea he kore etuturu ratou kite kainga kotahi.

27/1/27.—Ka hoki ki Hamilton.

28/1/27.—Kahaere mai ki Auckland.

29/1/27.—Ki Helensville.

30/1/27.—Ki Reweti.

31/1/27.—Ki Woodhill.

Mate arohanoa ote Runga-rawa tatou katoa e manaki.

Nata koutou teina iroto ite Ariki, Himerangi Simons.

'PAKEHA' REPORT FOR JANUARY..

1/1/27.—At Te Kopae Pah. Been invited by Chief to organise the W.C.T.U. to the women folks.

2/1/27.—All agreed to help and wipe out the liquor traffic, but cannot form an Union as they are all religious people, and their children are sent to be educated to teach themselves.

3/1/27.—Back to Hamilton.

4/1/27.—Hamilton with my work of the W.C.T.U.

5 and 6/1/27.—Visited Union members of Frankton.

7/1/27.—Back to Hamilton.

8/1/27.—Visited the President of the Waikato District, and talked over several matters concerning the W.C.T.U. work.

9/1/27.—At Maerangi had a meeting, and four members signed the Pledge Cards. Most of the women folks were away at a (tangi) and I was asked to call on them again; all seem to be anxious about the work.

10/1/27.—In Hamilton.

11/1/27.—Went to Paterangi, Via Te Awamutu.

12/1/27.—Arrived Te Awamutu; word came Paterangi people gone to a (tangi); stayed in Te Awamutu with members of the Union, and talked over several things about the work they wish to understand.

13/1/27.—Te Awamutu, had a little meeting and explained the work to the men folks.

14 to 19/1/27.—Visiting in and around Hamilton.

20/1/27.—Left for Pukekohe.

21 to 24/1/27.—At Mauku with Miss Foster.

25/1/27.—Visiting in Pukekohe.

26/1/27.—Amongst the Maoris, not local people; a chat about the work was all that can be done.

27/1/27.—Back to Hamilton.

28/1/27.—In Auckland.

29/1/27.—In Helensville (visiting).

30/1/27.—In Reweti.

31/1/27.—In Woodhill.

May the blessings of the Lord over come us now and ever.

Yours in the W.R. Bonds,
HIMERANGI SIMONS.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

The North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. Executive was held on Wednesday, February 9th, in the W.C.T.U. Rooms, Worcester Street. Mrs T. E. Taylor, President, presided over representatives from Belfast, Christchurch, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Spreydon, Brighton, Opawa, South Brighton, North Brighton, Sydenham, Riccarton, Tempelton and Styx. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lyttelton, Sefton, and Springston-Lincoln.

The Secretary was asked to write letters of sympathy to Mrs Stewart and the relatives of the late Mrs Horton. Miss Henderson, in the name of the Executive, congratulated Mrs Taylor on her appointment as Justice of the Peace; Miss Harband also proposed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mrs McCombs on her appointment. A letter was read from Miss Anna Gordon, the World's President, testifying to the unqualified success of Prohibition in America; it had proved of great benefit, and had helped in the present prosperous state of the country. In the recent elections with the exception of Montana, all the states had again improved their vote in favour of Prohibition. A number of Unions reported that meetings had been held and work commenced for the year. New Brighton reported a new Union had been formed at South Brighton, the President, Mrs Weaver, was welcomed, also Mrs Clarke and Miss Clinton, new Officers of the Templeton branch. A number of remits from the National Council of Women were read, discussed and passed for the further consideration of the National Council.

During the morning the Hon. L. M. Isitt gave a brief outline of the "Religious Exercises Bill," the reason of its defeat last Session in the House, also pointing out the great danger of children being brought up without any religious training. Children living in back country districts have never heard the name of Christ or God, except in a curse. The majority of parents were in favour of this Bill, 81 per cent. voting for it in Otago when a plebiscite was taken some time back. Mr Isitt was thanked for his address, the Union pro-

posing to help and co-operate in every way.

Miss Harband was appointed to represent the North Canterbury District Union at the Annual Convention in March; failing her, Miss Lovell-Smith, Miss Gordon, or Mrs Richards were appointed.

R. DAY,

Secretary, W.C.T.U.

WELLINGTON.

The Wellington District Executive was held at Lower Hutt. The evening meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn, after which Mrs Peryman led in prayer. Mrs Anderson spoke a few words of welcome to the visiting delegates, to which Miss Oates, District President, replied.

Mrs Smith, of Masterton, gave a painoforte solo, Mrs Spencer a song, and Mrs Tait a recitation.

Mrs Peryman then spoke of the urgent need for Headquarters in Wellington. She stressed the fact that the work could be done more efficiently if the various departments of work were centralised.

Miss Kirk spoke of a number of instances in which our W.C.T.U. has been successful in bringing about reforms, viz., votes for women, the forming of the Planket Society, protection of women and children, car for women and children on trains, the cleaning up of Rest Rooms, Juvenile Courts, the getting of authority to clear the Court in certain cases. Miss Kirk also spoke of the vast improvement in picture posters during the last twelve months. Vote of thanks given to the speakers. Supper was served.

Thursday morning Session at 10 o'clock. Miss Oates, District President, in the chair. Hymn 70 was sung, followed by a Bible reading, Romans 12th chapter, and a prayer by Mrs Peryman. At the roll call the following Districts were represented: Masterton, Carterton, Martinborough, Petone, Palmerston North, Wellington, Wellington Central, Lower Hutt, Miramar, Foxton.

Dominion Officers present: Mrs Evans, Mrs Peryman; Dom. Supt., Mrs Mowlem; District Officers, Miss Oates, Pres., Mrs Anderson, Treas., Miss Kirk, Sec.

Re Headquarters, one member suggested a Street Day, in aid of funds; it was pointed out that there are

8,000 members of the W.C.T.U., and if we each do our bit we can raise the funds for this object.

Mrs Raine proposed that the Dominion Executive assess the amount to be raised for Headquarters for each Union. Carried.

Re the Two-Issue Bailot Paper. It was decided to write to each Union to see whether they would work the Districts for a Petition to Parliament, word to be sent to the Annual Convention by the delegates of each Union. To be successful in this venture each one must be willing to do her share. The meeting was unanimous in this matter.

Several suggestions were made for the furtherance of the work of the W.C.T.U., such as study circles, home meetings, advertising meetings, reports in newspapers, addressing guilds, talks to workers in the lunch hour.

It was suggested that each Union meet twice a month, one an evening meeting to enable those working during the day to be present, the other a day meeting.

Re dividing the Districts. It was proposed that the present Wellington District be divided into two. From Wellington to Masterton on the Wairarapa line, and from Otaki down to Wellington be in Wellington District. From Masterton upward and Otaki upward to be in Palmerston North as centre. This was carried with but two dissentient votes, a remit to be sent to Convention regarding the same.

The following resolution was moved by Miss Thomson, for the Wellington Union:—

That in domestic and maintenance cases, affiliation, and separation cases, only those concerned to be admitted to Court, except by special permission of the Magistrate. Carried unanimously.

The 2nd resolution was that the Wellington Union desire to point out the danger of a girl of 16 leaving home at will, except in cases of cruelty or unkindness, and in cases of overcrowding, when they should be removed to a suitable home. Proposed by Miss Thomson, seconded by Mrs Mowlem. Carried.

The meeting then held Noon-tide Prayer, after which they adjourned to the schoolroom for dinner.

During the dinner-hour, quite a number of visiting delegates went

over to the baths, and had a look around Riddiford Park.

At 2.30 we resumed our meeting by singing hymn 60, and the reading of the Crusader Psalm, Miss Bradshaw leading in prayer.

Miss Kirk was complimented on her appointment as J.P., and it was pointed out that the majority of women chosen are members of our W.C.T.U., of which the W.C.T.U. is justly proud.

Miss Kirk thanked the Hutt Union for their hospitality, and also the Trustees for the use of their property. The closing service was then read by Miss Oates, which brought the meeting to a conclusion.

The members were then entertained at afternoon tea, and we all felt the better, and the wiser for the time spent together.

NORWAY'S PROHIBITION.

Norway's Prohibition was the wet brand. It allowed the sale of wines, beer and ale, of less than 12 per cent. alcoholic content. This kind of prohibition is what Norway has now repealed, not the bone dry prohibition of the U.S.A.

Last year the Liquor Bill in Quebec under Government Control was 47, 620,507 dollars. Prohibition Ontario with 572,000 more population had a Liquor Bill of 5,014,000 dollars. Quebec had 956 business failures, while Ontario with its quarter of a million more population had only 624.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

Hugh John Macdonald, a son of the late Sir John Macdonald, Winnipeg's Police Magistrate, says it is far less difficult to secure convictions under Prohibition than under Government Control.

Attorney-General Craig, of Manitoba, where Government Sale of Liquors is permitted, says: "Drinking has become a pastime of boys and girls all over the Province. Sons and daughters of Christian homes are being entrapped, and we have allowed conditions to develop that are eating into the vitals of our very life."

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

WHAT DO YOU EAT?

Sir Arbuthnot Lane has been making very drastic statements. He says people have no more right to be ill than to be criminal. True words, but in advance of the times. He is luckily for himself, not a poor unknown professional, so he can speak out and fear not the B.M.A.

SCHOOL DOCTORS.

This leads us to ask, are we doing the right thing in examining our children in schools and creating around them an atmosphere of dread. Psychologically this is wrong. Watch children carefully, give physical training, but teach the child that health, not disease, is its natural condition. Then we shall not have nervous girls, carefully feeling their throats and asking, "Mother, do you think I have goitre? School Doctor felt my throat very carefully."

We realise the value of school doctors, but we strongly object to the children being frightened and taught to expect to be ill, and to have all manner of diseases.

MARRIED TEACHERS.

Once again this old question has cropped up. The Nelson Board has failed in its duty to the children, and particularly to backward children. They turned down a teacher of special qualifications because she was married. So the children got the second best because the lady was single. Most people would think a married woman more suitable, especially for backward children. Why turn away highly qualified teachers because they are married? Is it a crime for a woman to marry? Is it good for the State to penalise marriage and motherhood?

Two members of the Board realised their duty and voted to secure to the children a "teacher of outstanding ability, whether married or single."

MARRIAGE A DISABILITY.

There is yet another aspect of this question. Do Education Boards think that women who have been earning £250 a year, will sacrifice this position to become an unpaid household servant, just legally entitled to food and clothing. It may suit a Board of Males to think

women should be content with food and clothing, and even for that have to humbly ask her lord and master.

When motherhood is considered worthy of a payment, it will be time to talk of debarring married women from earning. We note that Male Boards are not at all anxious to dismiss married charwomen and washerwomen, though presumably these cannot make such suitable arrangements for care of their family as professional women can do.

SAD SCENE.

A Domestic before Christchurch Court was sentenced for the 188th time in 8 years. The Magistrate thought gaol was the best place for her. She objected to doing the six month's hard ordered her, and it took 3 or 4 policemen to remove her. In gaol she gets no drink, why not make the country as dry as the gaol, and then these poor victims would be as safe outside gaol as inside it.

DON'T ARREST A DRUNK.

Some time ago Constable Macartney of Dunedin arrested a drunken man, and ever since has been maliciously persecuted and prosecuted. The charge against the man was dismissed. He then proceeded against the Constable for wrongful arrest. Two Constables and the Keeper of the Watchhouse swore the man was drunk, yet a wise jury gave a verdict for damages against the Constable. Then the Constable was prosecuted for perjury, and very rarely does a New Zealand Magistrate express himself as strongly as Mr Bundle, S.M., of Dunedin, did when referring to the evidence in this case.

He dismissed both charges, saying "that the evidence for the prosecution was almost wholly biased," impregnated with falsehood and flavoured with malice."

The witnesses should consider themselves fortunate that they were not made to change places with the accused.

Surely now, this man will have to stand his trial for perjury for the protection of Constables who are fearlessly doing their duty.

"Swoop down, yon beetling mountain,
And raze that jutting cape;
A world is on your anvil,
Now smite it into shape!"

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as early as possible.

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Wellington, February 18, 1927.

DRUNK, IN CHARGE OF A CAR.

Many years ago this Union was awake to the danger of mixing "Booze and Gasoline." As long ago as 1917, a deputation from Convention waited upon Mr Massey, and asked that all drivers of trains, trams, engines and motor cars, also all pilots should be total abstainers. The opinion of a leading Medical authority was quoted, viz., "If a man takes only one tablespoonful of brandy he is drunk to the extent of a tablespoon, until nature had

'eliminated the poison from his system.'"

But our Union was too far in advance of public opinion, and nothing was done. But to-day, every user of our highways is alive to the menace of the alcoholised motor driver, and it is not only women who are crying out for sober men to drive the traffic in our city streets and country highways. Mr Henry Ford pointed out that mankind must either give up alcohol, or modern industry and the motor car.

Our own magistrates, tired of the number of cases coming before them, threaten to impose heavier penalties on the next offender. Perhaps that next offender is not as glaring a case as those who have preceded him.

Now a Supreme Court Judge, has cancelled a driver's license, and debarred him from ever holding one again. This is the first instance of a life disability to hold a license. But something will have to be done to render our highways safer for the travelling public. The toll of human lives is exceptionally heavy. We have a ghastly list of accidents day by day, and very rarely does it happen that the evidence proves neither driver to have had a drink. Even one reads of 4 or 5 or even more drinks admitted, but of course "he was not drunk."

Now there is a little machine, almost a toy, on which is wound a length of tape with figures of different colours irregularly arranged. The tape rotates rapidly, and as it passes an open space of an inch or two, the person to be tested has to mark all the figures of one colour, say red. There is very little time to think. It always happens that the smallest dose of alcohol increases the number of wrong figures marked. There are other instruments for scientifically testing a man's re-action time, but all give the same result. Alcohol increases the time between the seeing of an object and registering it on a machine. Alcohol in small doses, makes the brain slower to re-act, and just that second of time lost means the difference between safety and destruction. During last month a motor salesman was prohibited from driving for six months, as well as fined. "He was not really under the influence, only four drinks," so said his counsel, and urged that the man be dealt

leniently with because driving cars was his livelihood, and nothing previously against his character. But the Magistrate said, "It is not a question of character, but of public safety. There can be no leniency in these cases." Just so, "Safety First" every time.

Another case in which the Magistrate stated that accused was not drunk in an ordinary sense, but was under the influence of liquor, and not fit to drive a car. Fined and prohibited from driving a car until March 31st.

Another motorist admitted two "spots" at Eltham on his way home. He crashed into another car standing off the road at Midhurst, and collided with another car at Tariwi. He wished to fight the driver of the first car. His wife was a wise woman, and refused to travel with him after the first collision. "Drunk," no, of course not! Disqualified for driving for 12 months.

Another case was of a business man 60 years of age, who drove down a main town street on his wrong side. He had only had four drinks, and it was not the quantity but the quality of the liquor which was to blame.

In view of these developments and the probable increase of traffic in the near future, did not our last Auckland Convention show foresight follow up this request by asking that person be a pledged abstainer before he is let loose on our highways in charge of a high-powered car? And, should not this Auckland Convention follow up this request by asking that the safety of the travelling public, including pedestrians, be placed by Government before the dividers of the brewers. Our highways are now red with the blood of murdered innocents, "butchered to swell the liquor seller's coffers."

Irene was being shown off by her mother. "We are very proud of our little girl," said her mother to the visitor. "We are going to send her to school in the autumn, where she will learn, oh, such a lot, and be a bright and intelligent child." "But I don't want to be bright and intelligent," said Irene. "I want to be just like mummy!"

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

"Use what you have and you'll never go short," was a favourite saying of a famous Missionary.

It occurs to me that some of our smaller branches might often think of it, when they say what I have heard repeated too frequently: "It's not worth going to the meetings when there is so little to do."

Is there so little?

Have you done all the little jobs there is room for in your neighbourhood?

Has your Local School the Temperance Wall Sheets, well-attended to? (I heard of one Union whose members made the 'nothing doing' plaint when their Public School had not even got the wall-sheets—no one seemed to have asked if the Convent School had, or used them.)

Have you got keen workers on their School Committees, and all the other Local bodies?

What about the Plunket Society—is the Badge well in evidence there?

Do your Local Boy Scouts and Girl Guides associate our Bow with their ideas of civic workers?

Your Local Flower Shows, Sports Competitions, are the Union members backing them up, and showing our colours at their meetings?

If not, why not?

The Pelman people used to ram it into their students that "a great achievement is only a succession of small ones."

We can't very reasonably hope for our great achievement, which is not merely to win prohibition, but to train our boys and girls to understand the common-sense of total abstinence, unless we, (we, the rank and file, you and I, not just our leaders) achieve the great success of doing the small jobs waiting near us.

So, what job have you got, just nice and handy, waiting for you to sort it up?

I asked a Junior member lately if she had asked a new-comer to join.

"Why, I never thought of it," she said.

Have you any new-comers you have not asked?

KATHERINE MERCER.

"Yesterday is dead—forget it. Tomorrow does not exist—don't worry. To-day is here—use it."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Hawera and Riccarton, £1 10s. each; Palmerston North (additional) £1 0s. 10d.; Blenheim, Hastings, Invercargill North, Nelson "Y," Normanby, Rakaia, £1 each; per Miss R. Boyce, balance funds Motueka "Y," 15s. 6d.; Wanganui Central (additional) 10s.

ORGANIZING FUND.

Wellington South, £13 2s. 6d.; Invercargill Central, £11 5s.; New Plymouth, £10 6s.; Napier, £7 16s.; Palmerston N. (additional) £7 15s.; New Brighton, £7 1s.; Gore, £6 19s. 6d.; Ponsonby, £6 16s. 6d.; Oamaru, £6 15s.; Carterton, £6 7s. 6d.; Hawera, £5 14s.; Stratford, £5 9s. 6d.; Invercargill "Y," £5; Riccarton, £4 2s. 6d.; Blenheim, £3 16s.; Hastings and Rangiora, £3 15s. each; Pleasant Point, £3 9s.; Rakaia, £3 7s. 6d.; Foxton, £3; Invercargill North, £2 18s. 6d.; Port Chalmers, £2 14s.; Dannevirke, £2 9s. 9d.; Waitara, £2; Henderson, £1 19s.; Opawa-Woolston, £1 17s. 6d.; Edendale South, £1 16s.; Apiti and Johnsonville, £1 14s. 6d. each; Birkenhead and Tauranga, £1 13s. each; Chevoit and Eltham, £1 11s. 6d. each; Lincoln, Springston and Otautau, £1 10s. each; Manugatoroto, £1 7s.; Balclutha and Sefton, £1 5s. 6d. each; Bluff and Wakapuaka, £1 2s. 6d. each; Raetihi, £1 0s. 6d.; Te Kuiti, £1; Westport, 19s. 6d.; Waipukurau, 18s.; Waihi, 12s.; Miss Olsen (Norsewood) 10s.

MAORI FUND.

Invercargill North, £2; Greytown, £1 1s.; Invercargill "Y," 10s.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Invercargill North, £1; Ashburton, 10s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.
10th February, 1927.

"You are acquitted, Sam." "Acquitted," repeated Sam doubtfully. "What do you mean, Judge?" "That's the verdict; you are acquitted." Still looking somewhat confused, Sam said, "Judge, does dat mean I have to give the watch back?"

LADIES OF THE JURY.

("Literary Digest," March 6th.)

When women jurors were a novelty, the favourite word of caution to them was, 'Don't let your feelings run away with you!' Well, they didn't, it seems, and now the favourite word of caution to them is, 'Have a heart!' We read of male-factors taking one glance at the female faces in the jury box and hastily withdrawing a jaunty plea of "not guilty" and substituting one of "guilty." Writing on this subject in *Colliers*, the *National Weekly*, Hugh O'Connor declares that women have changed the method of trying prisoners more than it had been changed by men in seven centuries. On which point—

Judges who have had experience with women on the jury all seem to agree: what women have done to the jury system during the past two or three years is the most remarkable thing that has happened to it since a historic date in 1219, when one of the Popes forbade any further use of trial by fire or water in Christian countries.

PLEASING THE JUDGES.

Mr O'Connor tells us that the entry of women into the court as jurors was regarded with suspicion by the judges at first, "as they now frankly admit;" but most of them have undergone a change of heart.

Then follows testimony from Court Judges in Kansas, North Dakota, California, Ohio, Indiana, etc.—of 62 opinions from State Judges, 58 were enthusiastically for women jurors and only 4 gave faint praise.

"Justice Guy, in New York, was moved recently to declare that men are really more emotional than women. And on the court records throughout the country, from time to time judges have spread blasts of dissatisfaction with men juries for being swayed by sympathy. The judges said the men juries too often went beyond the question: Is the prisoner guilty? and decided the question: Should the prisoner be punished for it?"

The Major—"I see your nephew has found his fate at last, colonel. I hope it is a love match."

The Colonel—"Of course it is. When a girl has got ten thousand a year, you can't help loving her."

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.

HAWERA.

Jan. 28. First meeting of the year; Mrs Exley presided over a fair attendance. All present repeated the pledge. A Committee was formed with the object of gaining more subscribers for the White Ribbon, though our Agent, Mrs Spavin, has done good work in gaining new subscribers since taking office. She will be glad to have a little help from members. A Garden Party is to be held on February 17th, at the residence of Mrs Corry, Glover Road, when Francis Willard Day will be observed; each member is asked to bring a friend. Two new members were enrolled. All hopefully looking forward to another year's work. (Thanks for forming Committee.)—(Ed. W.R.)

HAMILTON EAST.

Dec. Annual meeting; fair attendance of members. After devotions, the Secretary gave report of District Convention held at Morrinsville. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs R. Morgan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Meachem and Watkins; Sec., Mrs R. Mearns; Treas., Mrs G. Jack; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Dey; C.R. Supt., Mrs L. E. Hiett. The meeting recorded their appreciation of the faithful service of the Retiring President (Mrs Watkins) who has filled the position for six years.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Feb. 3. Mrs Goody presided, ten present. A letter was read from our "Editor," dealing with the "White Ribbon," and how to increase its circulation. Mrs Warwick, our Treasurer, presented the annual report. Arranged that our next meeting should be a social, and that we have a sale of cakes and produce, in aid of Union funds. Mrs McKinnon was appointed Convenor of the Tea Room and Sale.

INGLEWOOD.

We look back over a year of quiet activity each one feels we have personally gained ground; learned lessons that will help us in the future.

Dec. 1. Pay-Up Social and Election of Officers. Best attendance for the year. Mrs Longbottom proposed a vote of thanks to our Officers; they have been faithful to their duties. President, Mrs J. B. Simpson; Secretary, Miss Johnson, and Treasurer, Mrs Burgess, were re-elected; Mrs Arthur, Evangelistic; Mrs Longbottom, Vice-President; Miss M. Simpson, W.R. Agent; and Mrs Bond, Sunday School Superintendent and Recording Secretary. A very nice programme including a pianoforte solo, and vocal solos, Rev Boyd. An excellent report from our President. A dainty afternoon tea was served. Another member enrolled, and our Treasurer received most of our members' subs. Thus came an end of our 1926 work.

Our Sunday School World's Temperance Sunday was observed. Our speaker was Mrs Phillips, District President. Mrs Phillips rather enjoyed our special verse and chorus sung by the children at the end of the well-known Temperance Song in Sankey's Hymn Book. So I pass it on, that others may use it too:—

Hold the Temperance Banner high,
On to Victory Grand,
License and the Trade defile!
Hail to the Temperance Band.

Chorus:

Dare to Vote No-License,
Dare to stand alone;
Dare to have that purpose firm,
Dare to make it known.

Sunday, December 19th, was our Prize-giving. This year each child received a very nicely bound copy of the New Testament with very good pictures. In all, 27 New Testaments were presented. Two Attendance Prizes and one Special to Ernest Peters for his Essay on "Our Violet Day."

TEMPLETON.

Nov. 23. Well-attended meeting. Our President, Mrs Simpson, presided. Annual reports read by Secretary and Treasurer, showing good work done. Mrs T. E. Taylor then presided. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Clark; Secretary, Miss Clinton; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Brown, Mander, and Clinton; Hon. Vice-President, Mrs Simpson; Treasurer, Mrs A. Jones. Loving thanks and many good wishes for their future welfare was accorded to Mrs Simpson, President, and Mrs Williams, Secretary, who have moved to Christchurch. It was passed to buy fruit for inmates of Paparua Prison for Xmas cheer, also voluntary donations of cake, etc. Mrs Taylor then addressed the meeting. One new member gained. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Taylor. Afternoon tea was served.

Jan. 25. Mrs Clark presided over a fair attendance. Pledge repeated. Correspondence read. After business was finished, meeting closed with benediction. Afternoon tea was served. Next meeting to be held in Library.

TAKAPUNA.

Dec. 2. President, Mrs Morgan Richards, in the chair. The Retiring President (Mrs Penning, who has held office for the last six years) was presented with two very nice books. Mrs McRae spoke a few words about the coming Convention. There was a good attendance, and afternoon tea was served.

Feb. 3. The Cradle Roll Picnic was held during the afternoon in Kitchener Park. There was a good muster of children and their parents, and as it was a fine day, everyone had a good time. Mrs Morgan Richards addressed the children, and then proposed a hearty three cheers for Mrs Winstone, the Cradle Roll Superintendent, who gives a good deal of time to the work, and who arranged that afternoon's entertainment. She announced that we had 153 children on the roll. Afternoon tea was served, and sweets and biscuits given to children.

RAI VALLEY.

January 28th, in the Carluke Church, ten members being present. Mrs Leov, on behalf of those present, welcomed the Vice-President, Mrs Woodward, who is just recovering from a long illness. Decided to accept the services of the Dominion Organiser, the time to be arranged later. Mrs Leov read a report on the work for the year of the different Unions in the district. A report on the District Nurse proposal, showed that the scheme was well on the way to completion, and it was decided, subject to the approval of the Nurses' Committee, to invite the mothers of the district to afternoon tea, at the conclusion of the Baby Show, which is being held on February 17th.

PONSONBY.

Jan. 20. Mrs Hayr presided over a good attendance. The Misses Pyle who have just returned from a trip to Honolulu and America, were welcomed back by the President. Mrs Kasper, who has been on a trip to Great Britain and the Continent, and to whom the members were presenting a W.C.T.U. brooch set with pearls, unfortunately could not be present. Decided to have a Coffee Supper with musical programme on February 17th, at 7.30, in place of afternoon meeting, to raise funds for a Banner. Miss McLay, Organiser, gave us a short address on the progress of Temperance in Scotland. Afternoon tea was served.

February 3. Mrs Hayr presided over a good attendance. Mrs Kasper was welcomed home, and she and Miss T. Payne gave an interesting account of their experiences while away. Mrs Kasper having had the honour to be present at the National Executive Convention held at Oxford, England. Miss T. Pyle and her sister were delegates from Honolulu to the Los Angeles Convention. So they have had wonderful and interesting experiences. Mrs Wakelin elected Evangelical Superintendent. Afternoon tea was served.

CARTERTON.

Feb. 2. First meeting of 1927. Mrs. R. H. Every presided over a fair attendance. A letter was read from Mrs. Peryman, giving helpful suggestions for the New Year. Our Paper the "White Ribbon," was discussed and to make it more widely known, the Union have decided to have three extra copies sent each month, and Mrs Pepperell was appointed to sell them, so hoping to gain more membership. A letter from Mrs Evans concerning Convention. Mrs. Kennerly was appointed Delegate to Convention. At District Executive, Lower Hutt, Mrs. Raine will represent this Union. We were pleased to have one new member and one transferred from another Union. Mrs. Every then spoke on "The Life of Frances Willard." It was listened to with the greatest of interest, and enjoyed by all. The speaker was thanked for her talk. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

KAIAPOI.

Jan. 26. Opening meeting. Mrs Barnard in the chair. Mrs. White read the opening address of the President at the conference at Geneva which was listened to with interest by the members. Decided to ask Miss Harband to act as Proxy for our Union at the convention at Auckland. The meeting closed with the benediction.

January . Meeting opened with devotions. A fair attendance. President in the chair. Flowers are being taken to the Public Hospital. General monthly routine business was gone through after which the Delegate was chosen for the Convention. Meeting closed with benediction.

RICHMOND.

Jan. 18. Eight members present. Mrs Cropp, Treasurer, read balance sheet showing balance of £8 9s. 9d. Mrs Crabtree appointed Delegate to Convention. Resolved that Babies' Day be held in Baptist Church grounds, on Thursday, January 27th. Arrangement for same being made.

Jan. 27. Babies' Day was beautifully fine and well-attended. A well laden stall of produce was well patronised, and afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. Short speeches were given by the President, who also welcomed visitors, and by Mrs R. Patti, Cradle Roll Superintendent and Pastor Every of Baptist Church. A programme of recitations and songs was given by L.T.L. members and was greatly appreciated. Proceeds amounted to over £4, thus swelling our balance and enabling us to proceed with the year's work. Afternoon tea closed by singing of the Doxology.

HASTINGS.

Jan. 31. About fifty mothers and children gathered on the lawn, at the President's home, at the Garden Party tendered by the Cradle Roll Department. Games and competition provided entertainment for all, while afternoon tea, fruit and cool drinks were much appreciated. Mrs Paul welcomed the guests, and in a concise little speech outlined the work of the W.C.T.U. and its departments, stating that the Cradle Roll members locally numbered 50, which they hoped soon to increase to twice that. Four new members were added to the roll.

ASHBURTON.

Feb. 1. First meeting for 1927. Mrs Robinson presiding over a good attendance of members. A letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Mrs S. S. Chapman and family in their recent bereavement and sickness. Correspondence was received and dealt with, including New Year suggestions from the W.R. Editor re making the paper a more effective factor in educational work. Mrs C. Roseveare, Willowby, delivered an interesting address on "Work Among Orphans." The speaker took as the basis of her remarks, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my little ones, ye have done it unto Me." Two new members were enrolled. Mrs W. H. Robinson and Mrs J. Moore were unanimously elected Delegates to Dominion Convention. In honouring "Frances Willard" Day, the President referred to the life and work of our noble Founder, and the Missionaries who carry forward the work of the Organisation in foreign lands. A collection was taken up in support of their work. A warm welcome

was extended to Mrs W. T. Lill (Ex-Pres.) and pleasure expressed at her return to a measure of health and strength. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs A. Amos, for the splendid work done by her as Treasurer during the past year. The Area Organiser for the New Zealand Alliance was present, and spoke on what had been done during the past year in connection with the Band of Hope Movement, and outlined plans for future work. With a vote of thanks to the speaker, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

LEIGH.

Jan. A very enjoyable meeting at Mrs Grigg's residence; fair attendance. Mrs Grigg kindly dispensed afternoon tea. Officers elected are:—Mrs Grigg, President; Mrs Gozar, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs D. A. Matheson, Vice-President; Mrs J. C. Wyatt, "W.R." Agent; Miss Rowena Matheson, Cradle Roll Supt.; Mrs J. Torkington, Reporter. A branch of the L.T.L. has recently been organised in Leigh, with a membership of about twenty, and the members thereof spend many enjoyable evenings.

Jan. 13. A combined Picnic of the Cradle Roll and L.T.L. was held on Mr Gozar's Beach, where a most delightful day was spent. Over ninety people assembled, and the function was a wonderful success. There were prizes given for races and various sports. The promoters worked really hard, and deserve all praise for their efforts. Luncheon and tea were spread out on a grassy spot, and all did full justice to the sumptuous fare provided. After tea, the Rev Grigg gave a speech and distributed the prizes. Mr Milligan also spoke, praising the organisations that were training the boys and girls to be good citizens.

WELLINGTON.

Feb. 3. First meeting of the year, Mrs Mowlem presided. The election of Superintendents resulted as follows:—Vice-Presidents Mesdames Evans, M.A., Chisholm, and wives of ministers in the district; Evangelistic, Mrs Murray; Press, Mrs Evans; Cradle Roll, Mrs Logan; Flower Mission, Miss E. Boxall; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Evans; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Free; "White Ribbon," Mrs Brierly; Scattered Members, Mrs Chisholm; Railway Boxes, Mrs Brierly. A preliminary notice was received re the District Executive, to be held at Lower Hutt next week, so that this Union may be represented by delegates. A recitation was given by Mrs Keene, and songs were rendered by Mesdames Bott and Patience, Miss E. Webb (A.T.C.L.) acting as accompanist. As this Union was registered under the provisions of the Unclassified Societies' Registration Act 1895, by the name of the Wellington Christian Temperance Union of Wellington (registered), in future the word South will not be added, as it would alter the registration.

COLLINGWOOD.

A branch of the W.C.T.U. was formed by Miss Buris in October last, with a membership of 30, including 3 honorary members. Following are the Officers elected:—President, Mrs Jamieson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Ribbon Agent, Mrs Schurr. Meetings held Treasurer, Miss Elsie J. Walker; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Schutt. Meetings held for present in Presbyterian Church Hall, last Friday in month. November meeting, very stormy weather, attendance poor. January meeting attendance still poor; decided that owing to District being so wide, we would hold next month's meeting at Rockville, thus hoping to secure a greater attendance, and put our Union on a better footing.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 4. First meeting of the year; Mrs Young presided over a good attendance. Mrs Chittenden was elected delegate to District Executive at Lower Hutt. Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Doreen were chosen delegates for the Dominion Convention. The Temperance fact for the month was as follows:—London Punch has decided not to accept any more liquor advertisements when their present contracts have run out.

BLLENHEIM.

Feb. 1. Meeting held in Presbyterian Hall. Nine members present, and Mrs W. Grigg presided in the absence of the President. A

motion of sympathy passed to Mrs Smith in the serious illness of her daughter. Mrs J. C. Wilson appointed delegate to Convention. Garden Party arranged for 23rd February, at the residence of Mrs Girling, in aid of Union Funds. Letter received from Mrs Peryman re White Ribbon, urging members to make the paper known to others. Splendid paper on Anti-Gambling by Mrs Lill was read, and several points and questions discussed. Helpful meeting closed with Benediction.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Feb. 1. Good attendance. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a very interesting talk about the success of No-License in several towns in Scotland. Churches, Clubs, and Charity Institutions had money to improve their buildings which before was spent on drink. In Honolulu, where she spent 4 months (this Island of Hawaii belongs to the U.S.A., and has been dry for seven years) only one drunken man was seen, and he was a Maori who had fallen on hard times. Houses near the water-front which were dens of iniquity before Prohibition were turned into Mission Houses. Thirty-five thousand new W.C.T.U. members have been added to our ranks since America went dry. Congratulations are extended to Miss Runciman and Sister Nora, both members of our Union, who have been elected Justices of the Peace, also Mrs Leach, Secretary of the League of Nations. Regret expressed that Miss Nicol, White Ribbon Agent, has resigned. Mrs Blakely was elected with Miss K. Thompson, a Y. member, as assistant. Two visitors from Australia were welcomed, and two new members initiated. A letter was read from Miss Anna Gordon.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Feb. 9. The first general meeting, Miss Henderson presiding over a very good attendance. Mrs Wicks read several Medical Temperance facts. Miss Henderson extended words of congratulation to Mrs T. E. Taylor on being appointed Justice of the Peace, and stated that five women had been appointed in Christchurch, three being members of the W.C.T.U. Mrs McCombs and Mrs Herbert also received words of congratulation. Miss Gordon was welcomed back to the Union after her absence for some months in Wellington. The balance sheet was read by Mrs Richards, the Treasurer, and proved very satisfactory, showing a credit balance of £45 16s. Mrs Suckling was appointed delegate to Convention. Miss Blackwell was welcomed back to her old position as Superintendent of Good Citizenship, and was also appointed Bible-in-Schools Superintendent. Miss Blackwell reported that she had seen Miss Dawes, Secretary to the Fresh Air Schools League; some literature had been given and more is to be sent for distribution by the members to widen the interest in the Schools. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs Stewart, who is at present suffering from a serious illness in Christchurch Public Hospital. Mrs Richards was thanked for stenciling the new curtains, and other members for cleaning the rooms and furniture.

OXFORD.

Jan. 19. First meeting of the year; President in the chair. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with Mesdames P. Tritt and D. Morris in their bereavements; also with Miss Solman whose house was recently destroyed by fire. Reference was made to the passing away of Lady Truby King, who so ably seconded Sir Truby in his efforts for the welfare of New Zealand babies. Election of Officers resulted in the present Officers retaining their positions, with the addition of Miss Waterman as Assistant Superintendent of Home Meetings. Miss Campbell was appointed Superintendent of Flower Missions in place of Mrs Jamieson, who is leaving the district. Regret was expressed at losing Mr and Mrs Jamieson, as both had always been ready to do what they could to help on the work. Decided to organise Home Meetings, from time to time, in the outlying parts of the district.

MASTERTON.

Feb. 3. First meeting of the year and very good attendance. Mesdames J. Cocker and S. Smith appointed to represent the Union at the District Executive Meeting. Miss Jackson appointed Union's delegate to Dominion Convention at Auckland. Look-Out Committee appointed to assist W.R. Agent in special effort to increase circulation

of "White Ribbon." Decided to hold a "Shop Day" first Wednesday in April. Afternoon tea served by Mrs McIver, and items given by Miss Jackson and Mrs S. Smith.

RAETIHI.

Feb. 9. Mrs Sandford presiding. Mrs Duxfield, the District President, gave a very helpful and interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U., stressing the various departments of work which the Union might take up; she also asked the support of this branch towards the forwarding of a Monster Petition to Parliament, urging the granting of a two-issue ballot paper. Mrs Duxfield also stated the need of National Headquarters, and the members promised support. After Miss Levy had sung a solo, Mrs Keuche read a poem of Flora Klickman's, which touched many hearts. Mrs Fred Pedersen proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for her very able address. A dainty afternoon tea was served, after which the meeting closed.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Feb. 8. After nine years of successive and valuable service, and an absence of 2 years, Mrs Pasley was re-elected and welcomed to the Presidential chair, and presided over a good attendance. The new Syllabus was submitted and approved. The Treasurer, Nurse Griffiths, presented the balance sheet and received a hearty vote of thanks, as also did those who worked at the Tea and Rest Rooms on Show Day, Mrs Fairbairn receiving special mention for carrying out the lion's share of the work. Announced that a public meeting is to be called in February, in Knox Hall, to consider the holding of a Carnival to augment the Building Fund of the new Temperance Hall. Nurse Griffiths as delegate to Convention. Leave of absence was granted Miss MacCallum, Rec. Secretary, and her sister for nine months, to enable them to take a trip to the Homeland. Mrs Dewe to act as Rec. Secretary, and Mrs McKinnon, Evangelical Superintendent. It was Frances Willard Day, and Mrs Pasley gave an effective sketch on the life and work of the great Temperance Founder, vividly showing that self-sacrifice was the dominant note in that noble woman's career.

WAIMATE.

Good attendance at opening meeting for year 1927. Mrs Roy in the chair. Correspondence received from Mrs Peryman, re White Ribbon. It is hoped that the methods suggested for using our organ to further the work, and extend the influence of the W.C.T.U. may be adopted by our branch as interest deepens. Mrs Klippenberger elected delegate to Convention. Mrs Harrison, Lower High Street, appointed Treasurer, Mrs Alty, Waituna, as Assistant Collector. Mrs Klippenberger's motion that a remit bearing on the question of supplying female shop-assistants with seats be forwarded to Convention was seconded by Mrs R. B. Hurst and carried. The League of Nations' literature was handed over to the Secretary for distribution, who pointed out that the W.C.T.U. in its preamble of Constitution, supported the ideal of total disarmament. Mrs Simpson, who acted also as Organist, then read an admirable paper written by Miss Powell, bearing on the aims and ideals of the W.C.T.U. Refreshments served.

*Why not adopt the methods, and thus deepen the interest.—(Ed. W.R.)

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"A DEADLY, ABOMINABLE SCIENCE."

DR. F. W. NORWOOD ON WAR.

Dr. F. W. Norwood, of the London City Temple is spending six months on behalf of the League of Nations speaking and preaching in the large cathedrals and churches on behalf of peace. Dr. Norwood was an Army Chaplain during the war, and although he believed in the righteousness of his country's cause his horror of war is intense. At the Church Congress he delivered the first address of his big campaign, and it is a happy augury of Church unity that this enterprise should start at this great conference of churchmen. Dr. Norwood said:—

"The moment you say anything that seems to reflect upon your country, that moment there is no word so vile and bitter that men will not fling at you. The real truth is that a man like I am has little to say about other countries but a lot to say about war, and I say that war is an abominable and brutalising thing, and that even British character cannot withstand it.

"God knows, I would be the last man in the world to withhold a tribute of admiration from the brave and gallant men of our own country.

"Have I not lived with them, struggled with them, hailed them in the morning, mourned for their death at night? Do I not love my country? At least I risked my life for her, if that was anything. I should be the last man in the world to say a single word that could diminish the glory of the brave and the gallant of our countrymen. But when you sweep up masses of men and put them in khaki and under the flag, by what alchemy do you suppose they become suddenly so saintly that they would never do a vile thing?

"Think of the training it gives them. You hang up sandbags which you tell them are the bodies of the foe, and you teach them to run at those bags with bayonets, and teach them how to give the little twist that is so damaging to the entrails. You teach them how to shoot at moving targets that look like heads, and you talk to them in terms of blood and slaughter, and you make them to suppose that the only thing that is really worth doing is the killing of the enemy. Do you suppose that

there is some alchemy about that that makes men become braver and gentler and better?

"My friends, it is because I love man that I hate war. It is not fair to men. I would see men brought out of the horrid tangle of it. The glamour has gone. Why, nowadays, under conscription, when the resources of an entire nation are flung into the scale, it is the herd instinct that controls an assembly rather than the individual gallantry of a bygone day . . .

"The only way from under the catastrophe is the quickening of the mind and the enlarging of the heart, and the moral effort which can fling back into the jungle where it belongs a method that may have been fitted for man when he lived in the jungle, but is absolutely incompatible with his civilisation and his science and his education and his religion.

"Do you think we won the war with kid gloves? Do you think that, whereas the Germans assaulted us with aeroplanes and poison gases, we only retaliated with the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount? We did not. We won the war because we became more destructive than they. Who started it is a trifle. I think they started it; I believe they did. I dislike it with every fibre of my being.

"I think, having started it, we had to follow. I am not a fool. If you are in war you have got to win, but I come back to the original statement, and declare again, as, God helping, I will declare a thousand times during the next six months, that this is a process that has no end, that becomes more deadly and more abominable with every passing year, and that every day we live in our own country scientists, chemists, are carefully elaborating the methods of the next war, and those methods deal with chemicals, with gases and with aeroplanes.

"I say there is only one alternative, not for Britain only, but for the world. It is either find a better way than that, or some day the angels will look down on this planet as a burnt-out thing that had a message from the Christ, the holy and the pure, whom they worshipped with their lips but denied with their hearts, until the judgment of God, who is the maker of all the millions of the stars, let this one roll on its blackened way

as an object lesson to the spirits he had created of how man must either go to hell or to heaven; and he can only go to heaven by the use of his brain, the cultivation of his conscience, the agreement on laws of justice and the steady attempt to put them into practice.

"As for my attitude towards Britain, there is not a day in my life in which my prayer does not go up to God that this great people, that seems to me to be the greatest of the peoples, and that belongs most significantly, most romantically, most providentially, to history, may crown her glorious achievements, not by the mere acquisition of territory, but by the giving of unselfish guidance in the realm of the mind and of the spirit, and in the arena of politics to the driving back into oblivion of the methods of the jungle and the substitution for them of a righteous law."—"Dominion."

WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS.

Every woman knows that a man expects a wife to have:

"The genius of a Newton,
"The science of an Edison,
"The patience of Griselda,
"The judgment of Solomon,
"The imagination of Jules Verne,
"The coolness and composure of 'Central,'
"The faith of Joan of Arc,
"AND—the meekness of a—
WORM."

ALL HE HAD.

"My only resources," said a debtor at a provincial county court, "are my six unmarried daughters." It is obvious that his resources will need to be carefully husbanded.

ONLY IMITATION.

Uncle: "Do you like riding on my knee very much?"

Niece: "Oh, no, I've ridden on a real donkey!"

POOR FATHER.

Daughter: "Dad, my birthstone is a ruby. What's yours?"

Father: "I think it must be a grindstone, my dear."

Y. PAGE

*"Standing with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet,
Womanhood and childhood sweet."*

*"The Flower of Youth never looks
so lovely as when it bends before
the Sun of Righteousness."*

My Dear Y.P's.—

This is very thirsty weather, is it not? And the burning (really hot) question is "What shall we drink." Our Editor has a great grudge against the weather clerk, or perhaps that functionary has a grudge against our Wellington District Executive; for at the Masterton meeting in September, he treated us to a snow storm, and last week at the Lower Hutt we had a heat-wave. And really, I think the snow-storm was preferable, especially if one wanted to work. Heat waves may be alright for people who indulge in siestas, but for practical, hard-working White Ribboners, give me the snow.

But to return to our "muttons," otherwise our drinks. Some time ago an English tourist at Rotorua met a staunch Prohibitionist and asked in bewilderment: "Well, what do you drink."

I wonder what our Y.P's. have been quenching their thirsts with, during these steamy days.

Wine? no, certainly not. Much better drink the fruit juices pure, not rotted to allow alcohol to be formed. Do you know how delicious fruit juices can be? Much better even than tea or coffee. You can make them at home when the fruit is in season, or can purchase at any Health Food Depot. During a recent illness with a very high temperature, we found pure grape juice with a lump of ice in it, a nectar fit for the gods. It's easily done. Boil up apples or any fruit just as you would for jelly, then strain the juice, add honey or sugar, honey is best, and let it cool. This is for immediate use. It is a little more trouble to make it to keep. Strain the juice of a lemon into a pint jug, and spoonful of honey and fill up with boiling water. Let it cool. This always stands on the Editorial desk during a heat-wave,

Take a handful of raisins at night, put them in a jar and strain over them the juice of a lemon. Let it stand all night; then in the morning you have a very pleasant drink on waking, and if, like John Gilpin's spouse, you have a frugal mind, the soaked raisins make a delicious breakfast.

I'm sure you're wondering why I don't mention the best drink of all, pure water. Well, to be quite candid, my dear Y's., we've got no "nice" water in Foxton. Our tanks alas! are empty and our borough supply is "pure" but "nasty." It is so impregnated with lime that you can't get a decent bath unless you add ammonia or some bath salts. It's like medicine with iron and lime, good for us, but **we don't like it.**

Well, I'm thirsty, must be off to get not a "spot," but a whole ocean.

CONVENTION.

Meets in Auckland on March 23rd. Hope to meet delegates from every Y. Branch. Come up ready to help us make plans for our Y.P's. for next year. It is a most important year. We want the view-point of the young. With their energy and enthusiasm joined to the experience of older workers we should be able to make "King Alcohol tremble."

Mrs Dewar, a Pioneer member of the Union, now over 90 years of age, hopes to be present at some of our meetings. In spite of her many years of work, she is not weary yet, and still takes much interest in the work.

What a time of refreshing we should have when age and youth combine as co-workers with God for the extension of His Kingdom, for the safety of our Homes, and for the freeing of every land from the Curse of Strong Drink.



SOME ONE HAD PRAYED.

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy

That day; I wondered "how!"
A ploughman, singing at his work
had prayed

"Lord, help them now!"
Away in the foreign lands they
wondered "how"

Their single word had power!
At home the Christians, two or three,
had met,

To pray an hour!
Yes, we are always wondering,
wondering "how,"

Because we do not see
Some one, unknown perhaps, and far
away,

On bended knee!

—"Selected."

CHEERFUL.

Sick Man: "Well, it is kind of you to visit a sick old man like me."

Friend: "Well, you see, I just met Dr. Jones, and he said, 'I have just left your old friend Smith, so if you want to see him alive, you had better be smart about it.'"

Prohibition doesn't make crooks. It just affords them new opportunities in their natural element.

PITHY PARS.

NOAH AND BOOZE.

A correspondent of the St. Louis "Star" comments on the reported finding by the American Oriental Society of a tablet in ancient Nineveh, recently translated which purports to show that Noah had in the cargo taken on board the ark "beer and brandy." He says anent that interesting discovery:

"The wets should not be discouraged, because they can find anything that they want except success at the polls. My suggestion is that Noah and his old friends should not be dragged into this issue. He rode out the flood and got on dry land and that was some stunt in those piping wet times."

A little girl was taught to close her evening prayer during the temporary absence of her father with "And please watch over my daddy."

It seemed very sweet, but the mother's amazement may be imagined when the child added, "And you'd better keep an eye on mummy, too."

Sylvia: "How do you know Cyril loves you? Has he told you so?"

Julia: "No, but you should see the way he looks at me when I'm looking at him."

Uncle Ezra: "How did your automobile accident happen?"

Uncle Eben: "Well, you see, there's one thing you keep your eye on, and another you keep your foot on, and another one you keep your hand on, and I guess I got my anatomy in the wrong places."

Liberty is a hard bought heritage of humanity. It is worth preserving only when it is coupled with sensible and virtuous self-control.

—"The Baptist."

"Sometimes," confided Mrs Longwed to her intimate friend, "I think my husband is the patientest, gentlest, best-natured soul that ever lived, and sometimes I think it's mere laziness."—"Christian Register."

Friend—"There's your friend, Miss MacGregor, over there. Why don't you go over and speak to her?"

Scot—"Wheest, mon; she has na paid her fare yet."—"Judge."

WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SAY.

The recent wet and dry hearings in Washington proved a boomerang for the wets and a windfall for the drys.

—"The Reform Bulletin."

Y REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.

Jan. 6. This meeting was held in the Open Air at Point Erin Park. There was a good attendance of members and friends, about sixty being present. Two or three well-known hymns were sung, and verses of Scripture were repeated. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an interesting and instructive Temperance talk. Thereafter, Mr A. J. Stallworthy, Hon. Organiser, Auckland Band of Hope Union, showed some beautiful lantern slides, interspersed with strong appeals, especially to the young people, to avoid alcohol in every form. It was decided to hold another meeting in the Park in a fortnight's time. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.

Jan. 20. A meeting was held in the Open Air at Point Erin Park, and there was a good attendance of members and friends. After the Devotional Exercises, Miss C. M. McLay, one of our Dominion Organisers, gave an interesting account of some of her recent travels, and particularly stressed the need for Scientific Temperance Instruction amongst young people. Thereafter, a most interesting address was given by Mr Graham, a Missionary from India. Mr Graham told us that he had been led to go out to India in entire dependence on God, as he was too old to be accepted by any Missionary Society. He said his work was principally amongst the Anglo-Indians employed on the railways, and he told us how wonderfully God had supplied all his need, during his three years sojourn there. Miss Read proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr Graham, and the meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.

Feb. 3. Miss M. Pyle, who, with her Sister, had attended the U.S.A. National W.C.T.U. Convention, held at Los Angeles in September last, gave some interesting "Convention Echoes." She spoke of the wonderful spirit of enthusiasm which characterises the American women; the co-operation of the Civic Authorities in the welcome to and the entertainment of the Delegates, and showed photographs of the Reception of Delegates at the Railway Station, and of the personnel of the Convention. As New Zealand White Ribboners, they were given a most enthusiastic welcome, and a seat of honour at the Speaker's table. Miss Pyle emphasised the gain of new members from March to September, which was 53,500. Our late Superintendent, Mrs Kasper, was cordially welcomed to the meeting on her return from a trip abroad. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Pyle was carried, and the meeting closed with prayer.

PLEASANT POINT.

Jan. 17. The Opihi River, near Upper Waitohi, was the scene of a very happy gathering, when on Saturday, 8th of January, members of Totara Valley and Pleasant Point "Y." Unions held their Annual Picnic. The day was gloriously fine, and a very pleasant time was spent in games, bathing, and various sports. Lunch and tea was partaken of in a shady nook amongst the willows.

OXFORD.

Jan. 7. Annual meeting. Election of Officers as follows:—Supt., Mrs Comyns; President, Mr H. Cederman; Vice-President, Mr W. Dalby; Secretary, Miss M. Rol; Treasurer, Miss E. Fantham; Reporter, Mr R. McIntyre. Votes of thanks were passed to the out-going Officers, and also to Mrs Comyns for her help at the View Hill School Jubilee. The evening was brought to a close by initiating four new members.

HOW DID YOU TAKE IT?

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way

With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hide your face from the light of day

With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,

Or a trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only—how did you take it!

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?

Come up with a smiling face.

It's nothing against you to fall down flat,

But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce.

Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;

It's how did you fight—and why..

And though you be done to death, what then?

If you battled the best you could,
If you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only—how did you die!

SHE DID NOT MISS HIM.

A dear old lady made it her business to visit the poor patients in the hospital. On one occasion she approached a much-bandaged individual who was sitting up in bed, and after a little preliminary talk she said to him very sympathetically—"I suppose your wife must miss you a good deal."

"No, mum," came the prompt reply, "she's got a wonderful aim for a woman."

God's plans like lilies, pure and white unfold,

We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart;

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold;

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

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CLOUDS GATHERING FOR MR BOOZE.

What's this we read about over in Europe?

Carl Ekman has just come into power as the Prime Minister of Sweden?

Who is Carl Ekman?

He is the foremost Prohibition Leader of Sweden, and trouble looms over the Scandinavian horizon for the drink.

Eduoard Herriott, former Prime Minister of France, former Mayor of Lyons, has been summoned to form a Ministry, but for the time being will not succeed, but likely will later on.

Who is Eduoard Herriott?

He is one of the foremost dry leaders of France and was formerly the president of the chief national dry organization of that country.

We read much about President Mazaryk, the President of Czechoslovakia, the man who created the Republic of Czechoslovakia.

Who is Mazaryk anyhow?

He is the strongest dry leader in all central Europe. Most of the prohibition literature used by the dry organizations of Czechoslovakia was written by him.

We read about Celin, the Prime Minister of Latvia.

Who is he?

He is one of the chief dries of that country.

We read about Dr. Danitsch, the scholarly President of the Austrian Republic.

Who is he?

He is the most influential dry leader in that country.

We read about President Jackson, President of the Republic of Estonia.

Who is he?

He is one of the chief dries of that new country and was formerly a member of the Executive Committee of the chief dry organization of that country.

We read about the Minister of Education of Bulgaria, who has just introduced into the public schools of Bulgaria Temperance teaching along American lines.

We read about the Minister of Health of Yugoslavia who has and is taking a leading part in the warfare against drink and who is giving his complete, powerful support to the efforts of the chief dry organization of that country. "Exchange."

AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The American Catholic Church has published a little booklet on prohibition, the following are extracts from it:—

"Cardinal Mercier, when visiting the States after the war, said: 'If universal prohibition could be introduced, more lives would be saved than by universal disarmament. Alcohol kills more men than war, and does it less honourably. When a man dies in war, a life is snuffed out; but when the drinker ceases to live, the evil continues to exist.'"

A Conductor on a passenger train between Atlanta and Chattanooga, asked by Father Zurcher whether he met many drunken people on trains, said: "I have not seen a drunken man on my train in at least six months."

"Whatever the difficulties in enforcing Prohibition, America is not going to go backward. The mind of America will no more submit to defeat by an internal enemy, than to subjugation by an outside foe. The psychology of America does not comprehend the possibility of defeat."—Father P. J. O'Callaghan.

It is true that God is in His Heaven." It is not true that "all's right with the world." The "world" has the power to push aside the best, and choose the second best or the worst. And, because that choice can be influenced through the spiritual agencies prayer calls into action,—we must needs pray.

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

ARAMOHO, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Miss N. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street.

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

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

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.

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

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

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. M. Smith, Aston St., Springlands; Secretary, Mrs. V. Underhill, Yelverton, Blenheim; Treasurer, Mrs. T. Pike, "The Laurels," Blenheim; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. W. Pike, Main St.; Evangelistic Steward, Mrs. Stewart, Stephenson St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Lacey, Dashwood St.; Literature, Mrs. W. Church, Bamford St.; Libraries, Mesdames Lane (Dashwood St.), and McCallum (Riverlands).

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

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

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

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Every, Garrison St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Raine, Vicarage, High St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Kemmerley, Belvedere Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Tappin, Hilton Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss Watson, Pembroke Rd.; Evangelistic, Mrs. Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Pepperell.

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

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

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs. Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Douglas, 35 Brighton St., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs. Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Blakely, 23 Epsilon Street, Roslyn; Maori, Mrs. Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs. Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs. Gain; Cradle Roll, Miss Bryant; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs. Hutton.

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

DEVONPORT, 2nd Thursday, Congregation Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Finch, 14 Dominion Road, Devonport; Sec., Mrs. Trevarza, 2 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Mrs. T. Fraser, 179 Vauxhall Rd., Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs. Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Fraser and Mrs. Robinson.

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

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

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

EPSOM, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs. Neal, 6 Park Crescent, Parnell; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Carr and Martin; Sec., Mrs. Carr, 16 Momona Road, Green Lane, Auckland; Treas., Mrs. Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Arch Hill; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hood, 8 Kipling Avenue, Epsom; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Campbell; Literature Supt., Miss Katterfeldt; Evangelical Supt., Mrs. Tucker.

EDEN, meets 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dombalton Road. Pres., Mrs. Fenton, 66 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton and Auld; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Johnston, 85 Balmoral Rd.; Treasurer, Mrs. Merson, 552 Mt. Eden Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Cartwright, 315 Dominion Rd.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Gaulton, Elizabeth St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Ramsay, 26 Gordon Rd., Mt. Albert.

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

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

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

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Miss Oates; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Anker; Sec., Mrs. H. Morrison, Morrison's Bush; Treas., Mrs. A. Haigh; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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

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

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

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's London Street. Pres., Mrs. J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha St.; Vice-President, Mrs. Gilmour, Thackeray St.; Sec., Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Davey, London St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Watson, Clifton Rd.; Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury, Stanley St.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Platt, Gt. North Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Forsen Stuart, Miss Duncan; Sec., Mrs. L. McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. W. Williams, Gt. North Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan; W.R. Reporter, Mrs. W. Williams.

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

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

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

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

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

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. alternately Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Pres., Mrs. Gilmour; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Holmes and Wilcox; Treas., Mrs. Laytham; Sec., Mrs. Langskail, 88 Melbourne St.; W.R., Mrs. Brown, King St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Fraser, Ellis Rd.

KAIAPOI, meets in Methodist Sunday School, last Wednesday in every month. Pres., Mrs. Vickery, Fuller Street; Sec., Mrs. Rinaldi, Sewell St.; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Sewell St.; Treas., Miss Evans, Fuller St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Stanton, North Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAPIER, 1st Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Leask, Fitzroy Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Macalister, and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs Brocklehurst, 45c. Wellesley Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Huil, Chaucer Rd., North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent.

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

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.45 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin, Lizard St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Knight, Vogelstown; Treas., Mrs Whitham, Gilbert St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Carrington Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Rd.

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

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

OAMARU, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, 63 Tyne St.; Rec. Sec., Miss A. Webb, 22 Wye St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Scott, 60 Eden St.; Treas., Mrs McKenzie, Clyde St. Newborough; Press Reporter, Miss A. Webb; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, 63 Eden St.; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; Sick Visitor, Miss M. Milligan, 14 Wansbeck St.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Williamson; Organist, Miss Frater; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Twoose and Mrs Edgar, Assistant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert, W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs C. Ferguson, 10 Lyndhurst St.; Treas., Mrs S. Kingston, P.O. Box 236; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd, Nelson Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Corner, Collins, Battersby, and Cole; Treas., Mrs Doneghue, 31 Vivian St., Wellington; Asst. Treas., Mrs Woolford, Beach Street; Sec., Mrs Cole, c/o Mrs Corner, 89 Nelson Street; Assistant Sec., Mrs Silberry, Richmond Street; Supt. of

Cradle Roll, Mrs Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street.

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

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

PORT CHALMERS, meets 2nd Thursday, 3 p.m., Currie St. Hall. Pres., Mrs Tait, Harrington St.; Sec., Miss Gunn, 19 Mary St.; Treas., Mrs Smillie, Carey's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs Paton, Daly St.

PONSONBY, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Popooby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hayr, Mrs Taylor, Miss Reid; Rec. Sec., Miss Reid, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver, Homal, Manurewa; Treas., Mrs Kasper, Kohimaramara; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyke, 7a Hamilton Rd.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Andrews, 1 Crumher Rd.; L.T.L. and Y's. Miss Reid, Whittaker Place.

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

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

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

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room, More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agent, Miss J. McGregor, Box 48.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Fawcett, Juliet St., South; Vice-Pres., Mrs Phillips, Mrs McCallum; Rec. Sec., Mrs McCallum, Orlando St., North; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. M. Clarke, P.O. Box 105, Stratford; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet St., North; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Wendelburn, Juliet St., South.

SAWYER'S BAY, 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Polson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Pratley; Sec., Mrs Wallis; Treas., Mrs Aburn; W.R. Agent, Mrs Broadley; Cradle Roll W.R. Agent, Mrs Broadley.

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.

TARANGA, meets every 3rd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carleton 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, 2 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Sims, Alinutt Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, Kug Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

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

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

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

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Roy, Deep Creek, Waituna; Sec., Miss McCarthy, 67 Sherman St.; Treas., Mrs Excell, Studholme St.; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhede St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

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

WAIPIAWA, 4th Wednesday in each month, 2.30 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson and Bott; Sec., Mrs J. Bibby, Rose Street; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Mrs T. Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIPIERUAU, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Snal'es; 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 Upton, 215 Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Irwin, Garrett St., Durie Hill; Treas., Mrs Warwick, Great North Rd., St. John's Hill; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth Street.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.15 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. H. Duxfield, Okoia; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson, c/o Mrs Durfield, Okoia; Treas., Miss Frances Brown, 162, No. 3 Line, Wanganui East; W.R. Agent, Miss D. Melvin, Helmore St., Wanganui East; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Sanson, Okoia; L.T.L., Miss Siddells.

WAIKARE, 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, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., 35 Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Mowlem; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Brierley, 103 Hanson Street.

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 Woolloxal; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hilford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dredgen; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

WINTON, meets 3rd Tuesday, 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.

WOOLSTON, meets 2nd Wednesday, in Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby St., Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs W. T. Kelly, Gardlands Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs E. Pedlar, Richardson St., Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; Press Reporter, Miss Atkins.

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

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