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## A RECORD CONVENTION.

Auckland, the famous Corinth of the South, was hostess City for a record Convention. It was a record for numbers; 127 delegates from East and West, from far Southland to the Northern Cape, from sunny Nelson, from windy Wellington, from Dunedin's rocky strand and Timaru's silvery beach; from dry Oamaru and wet Napier, from far and near they gathered. they talked, they worked, they inspired and were inspired, and

we believe have gone home to inspire the members and Unions right throughout the Dominion.

It is a record for the space required to report it. In one issue of White Ribbon the "half can never be told," so we have held over much Convention matter until our May issue.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In many respects, the year just closing has been a quiet one in Union circles. At the same time, it has not, by any means, been barren of purpose or achievement. After 42 years as a

social force in the life of New Zealand, we are entitled to regard as the harvest of past sowing much that has, this year, been accomplished for women, in the domain of politics and openings for more efficient social service.

After such a testing time, and such a meeting of the forces, for and against the abolition of the Liquor Traffic, as we went through in November 1925, it would be almost excusable, if those, who were most in the forefront of that fight, should feel some reaction and wish to rest for at least a year's breathing space. For this poll showed us, that, while

we continue to be handicapped by the three-issue ballot paper, and even with a two-issue ballot paper, we still have much more educational work to do if Prohibition is to be carried, and well enforced when it is carried. Notwithstanding all this, the year has been, perhaps, a busier one than ever for Union activities, for we realize that our work is "For God and Home and Humanity"—that it covers a very wide field and goes on from year to year continuously—that the poll for the abolition of the liquor traffic is but a testing time—a means of discovering how far our work of education on this question has been effective, and a time for reviewing our methods of work, and laying fresh plans for the future in the light of past experience.

The year 1926-27 has not escaped the usual toll of those members who have passed on to higher service, and in both the World Union and in our own Dominion Union, we mourn the loss of many very fine women—most of them we can rejoice to say, full of years and of the fruits of their labours.

Amongst the list are three International Officers:—Mrs Martha M. Allen, for many years Superintendent of Medical Temperance, the Author of some of the finest works on Medical Temperance, and a vast number of pamphlets and leaflets on the same subject—and one who has largely influenced the modern outlook of the medical profession on the question of alcohol being unnecessary in sickness and disease.

Mrs Tomlinson, International Superintendent for Home and Mothers' Meetings, is another who will be much missed, as will also Mrs Stella B. Irving, World Superintendent of Temperance Work in Sunday Schools. Lady Truby King in New Zealand, is another whom we could ill afford to lose—a lady, whose many talents have always been used for the benefit of the health of mothers and babies; and who very ably seconded all the work of her gifted husband.

Amongst our own women, we too mourn the loss of our late beloved Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, Mrs Johnson Wright. We have so long been accustomed to her sweet, gentle, yet ardent spirit, presiding over our devotions at Convention, that by very many her presence will be greatly missed. Her's was a truly Christ-like and saintly attitude towards life and all its responsibilities, not one of which did she ever evade.

After a long life spent in useful service for her fellow men and women, and after years of quiet suffering, she went softly home in May of last year, leaving behind her a sweet memory of life well and faithfully spent for others.

Mrs Scott, of the Taranaki and Normanby Union, Mrs Baird, the mother of the Southland Union, Mrs Dallas and Mrs Edgar, of Te Kuiti, all of them faithful Officers and members of the Unions and women

whose places it will not be easy to fill.

The passing on of such women as these should surely be an incentive for our younger women to arise and face the future, preparing themselves to take the places of those, who have gone, preparing themselves and arming themselves to go forth in the name of the Lord, and in the strength of His might, to replace those who have so valiantly fallen by the wayside.

The two outstanding national events, since we last met, have undoubtedly been the meeting of the Imperial Conference, at which our own Prime Minister, the Hon. Mr Coates, made his first appearance in the Councils of the Empire. The second event has been the Royal Visit. The illness and consequent absence of the Duchess from the South Island was a matter for intense regret and disappointment—as in the North, so in the South, every one was prepared to open their hearts and take both the young Duke and Duchess to themselves, for, like the Prince of Wales, it was our hearts and our common humanity to which they appealed so strongly—youth, beauty, charm and young parenthood meant more to most of us than their royal birth and lineage. Their presence in our midst can have but one result, that of binding us more firmly to the land of our fore-bears and all that England and the British Empire stands for at their very best—all the traditions of our ancestors, all their long, long, struggle for constitutional government and civic freedom—now almost complete. We wish them both a long life of domestic happiness and high service for their country and Empire.

In reviewing the year's work, it is well for us—both for instruction and encouragement—to lift our eyes for a space and look beyond the limits of our own very small horizon.

Whatever touches the well-being and the highest interests of men and women in one country is of vital importance to the men and women of every other country—for in these days of international relationship in commerce, science, education, research, and all branches of ethics, culture and religion, our interdependence makes it a practical necessity that we, as women and citizens, look beyond our own domain and realize what others have reached out towards and possibly attained to.

The fact that we are linked up with the International Council of Women; the Suffrage Alliance; the League of Nations Union, and other bodies of men and women having world-wide interests, makes it imperative that we seek instruction and knowledge along all these avenues of thought and action opened up by their activities. Taking this wider view of world affairs, it can hardly be claimed that the nations are settling down to peaceful relations with one another as readily as was at first

hoped for by the friends of the League of Nations.

The great outstanding event of the year, however, has undoubtedly been the entry of Germany into the League and her admission to a permanent seat on the Council.

If this has any significance at all, it must mean eventually, the greater stabilizing of all the European nations, and thus further help towards a solution of some of the problems social, economic, and otherwise, with which they have had to struggle so fiercely through the upheaval of after-war conditions.

In some countries it certainly looks as though the very foundations of stable government are tottering to a fall. Dictators and militaristic autocrats seem to be crushing the very life out of democratic and national ideals and institutions. This is only too evident in such countries as Italy, Greece, and Poland, at the present time. This, also surely must be but another deplorable result of the same great after-war upheaval. We can but hope that this is so, and that the passage of time, with the awakening of a deeper sense of personal responsibility, will bring about once more a wise and peaceful readjustment on the lines of Christian Democracy, with full freedom for national ideals, combined with a due regard to the rights of those of other races and other colours to the same freedom and ideals as their own.

Looking farther East, the spectacle of China in the throes of civil wars, rebellions, and revolutions, is one to make us pause and wonder. Threatened as she is, from within and without—with no central National Government—apparently at the mercy of any strong alien power who may choose to over-run her land, and withal agonizing through the birth pangs of a new self-conscious nationhood—a consciousness which is the growth in a few decades, of what has taken Western civilisation centuries to evolve and in a small measure to accomplish.

Is this not a picture which fills us with the deepest interest and concern, at times with dismay, and always with the most intense pity. There can be but one issue ultimately possible for a nation like China with its ancient culture and religion—its peace-loving, patient, and painstaking people—its modern education in Western science and Western industrialism—these people must, of a certainty, be allowed, nay, ever assisted to evolve and weld themselves into a united and self-governing nation—a nation taking its full share in all affairs national and international—unhampered by undue outside interference.

This can be accomplished only when all nations are willing to apply the golden rule to world affairs as well as to those of national or personal interest and value, and are willing to concede the very obvious modern position—that financially,

economically, intelligently and morally, no nation can now live unto itself alone; the position is quite impossible.

In Great Britain, many a heart will have been glad to see the passing of 1926. Our hearts have often been sad for that great and sadly torn country, the land we love, the home of our fathers.

In that land, so blessed in her men and women of thought and culture—statesmen, churchmen, writers, and poets—scientists and philanthropists, of the highest attainments and ideals—it must be that at last the counsels of such as these must prevail and industrial troubles which threaten the foundations of national life be settled in accordance with the "righteousness which exalteth a nation." Human and Christian principles as opposed to material greed or financial gain at the cost of the bodies and souls of men, women, and little children, must at all costs prevail in a nation which aspires to lead the world in all the upward movements for mankind.

May the year 1927 bring industrial peace and prosperity to the land we love so well.

America goes on her calm and prosperous way, attempting to hold aloof in splendid isolation from European affairs and official connection with the League of Nations, while still attempting to do her share for disarmament. From Pacific and Eastern affairs she cannot isolate herself. To her attitude towards Europe and the League, a vast number of her women citizens seem to be in opposition and urge, at least, entry into the World Court. Whether this will be a good thing for Europe, or for America, and the rest of us—we at this distance can hardly judge, but developments will be intensely interesting, and particularly so if we could watch the influence of the women's work and vote.

The interest of women in Pacific relations, and the state of affairs in that vast area is of the utmost importance to us as one of the Pacific nations, and all thoughtful New Zealand women should make themselves acquainted with what is going on in this part of the world; using their citizenship influence to ensure that all is done that can be done to up-build and bring about co-operation and understanding between peoples and races of whatsoever colour or creed they may happen to be. Thus only can the bitter enmity and misunderstanding which leads to war be averted. For in these latter days, every nation is far too interdependent on every other nation, for any one to stand aloof, living only unto itself, regardless of the well-being of others.

Leaving now those wider world movements and coming within the region still world-wide, but of special interest to us as women—here the realization of high aspirations goes steadily, if somewhat slowly forward. Great Britain, South Africa, Italy and

many other countries, still struggle for the full enfranchisement so long the privilege of New Zealand women. In spite of the lack of full citizenship, however, women everywhere are steadily and surely making their influence felt, even in the highest Councils of all. In the League of Nations, although no woman has, as yet, been appointed a fully accredited delegate to the Assembly, nor has any woman been made a member of the League Council, in spite of the fact that these positions are open to them according to the Constitution, still on the Secretariat in several of the Commissions—notably on the Fifth Commission with its great number of subsidiary committees—and the Committee on International Co-operation, as well as in the position of alternate delegate for several States—women are standing firm, working strenuously, and most assuredly making a place for themselves and other women in the sunlight of public opinion the world over. It remains for the women of this country to rise to the occasion and the necessity as well as the great privilege of studying to understand, not only European and Old World problems, but more important still those facing us in the Pacific and in the far East. Knowledge is to be had, information and literature is in our midst, why accept second-hand news and opinions in matters of such tremendous moment, when the truth is within the reach of all.

The story of women's work on general lines goes on much the same in every country—Child Welfare in the home, the school, and the State, before and after birth. The full status and freedom of women as citizens and economic factors; the abolition of commercialised vice; an equal moral standard for men and women; international co-operation and arbitration in place of race hatred and war. Educational influence through the professions of Law, Medicine, Science, the Church, the Platform and the Schools.

Looking carefully into the work of women in all countries, we shall find that, as a whole, they are true to these ideals, and that place and power have not yet succeeded in making women blind party politicians or false to the ideals of the pioneer women, who bore the heat and the burden of the fight for the recognition of their own sex as human beings and as citizens.

There is hardly room for doubt in the mind of any honest student of Sociology or Economics, that of all the great evils that oppress mankind in the present day, the trade in alcoholic liquors is far and away the most fundamental and prolific cause in disease (mental and physical), of poverty, death and national waste, and our greatest efforts, as Christian women, must always be the abolition of that traffic from every land. But, as women and as feminists, we are vitally, and should be intensely, interested in the work of women the

world over—in every reform born in the heart or brain of a woman for the uplift of her fellow-women everywhere. In the result of the struggle through all the long weary years, towards the light of freedom and self-expression, in order that that light may shine clear and strong along the path of childhood and youth—making the way safe for little feet to travel—and of granting to youth a vision of the glory and beauty of life, that will save them in the hours of fierce temptation, and the swift and tumultuous storms of passion that inevitably assail every young life. Not only in the women's societies, national and International, has the welfare of the child found its champions, but now in the League of Nations also, has this cause found a powerful ally.

The great questions of Peace, Disarmament, and International friendship are surely of the utmost importance to women, as the Mothers of Men—but of no less importance is the Humanitarian work of the League, as well as the research work, the welfare of Mandated territories, the Health and Slavery Commissions, and most especially the work of the Fifth Commission. This Commission includes in its personnel a number of very fine women indeed, and has been presided over, even during the Assembly of the League by such women as Dame Rachel Crowdy, of the League Secretariat, and Dame Lyttelton, the British Representative on that Commission. It deals with many, indeed most, of the Humanitarian questions covered by the Leagues activities—the opium traffic—traffic in women and children—the refugee questions and Child Welfare—including this year the study of, on International lines, the effects of the Cinema, Juvenile Courts, Recreation, Infant Life Protection, the age of consent and marriage, the treatment of the delinquent child, child labour, and family allowances, and biological education on the evil effects of alcohol on the young, as well as the question of the good work of Women Police. Surely, a goodly list for our inspection, and moreover, surely a matter for the highest congratulation and encouragement that questions such as these, over which men and women in the past have pondered in vain for some solution, should be lifted into the searchlight of such facilities as are at hand in Geneva, in full measure.

As showing the great underlying purpose in all women's work, it is only necessary to take a glance at the Agenda of any great National, or International Conference of women's work to see that the same big questions are coming up in one form or another time after time—that there is very little division of opinion on fundamentals.

Take, if you will, the Paris Conference of International Suffrage Alliance in May of last year; the Conference in London the same year of the Women's British Common-

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fect forms of Prohibition in many of the provinces.

In this way they have secured a certain market, as well as an offset against any country which dares to carry laws prohibiting the importation of their dangerous commodity—so anxious are they to push their wares upon all the markets of the world.

What now of American prohibition! that great object lesson observed of all the world?

Six full years have come and gone since nation-wide prohibition came into force in the U.S.A.

At that time every kind of difficulty and national calamity was predicted as a result. Financial, industrial, and commercial ruin. The physical and moral decay of the nation. Intellectual death, crime, rampart. A tremendous increase in drinking in all classes; in short, the speedy return of the open saloon and the repeal of the 18th Amendment and Volstead Acts.

Instead of which, what do we find in 1925 and 1926? America—the most prosperous nation in the world, a land without unemployment and paying the highest wages in all branches of work. A country that has gained in one direction alone £1,200,000,000 sterling in national wealth through the conversion of capital from alcoholic production into more productive channels, and this in a land whose youth knows not the open saloon—and a country whose people have three times in those six years, returned to power a national government increasingly dryer than the last—and whose senate has completely turned down all wet proposals for interference with the 18th Amendment, or the provisions of the Volstead Acts and Federal enforcement laws.

Of course, there are not wanting those who will go from this or any other country, and after breaking the laws of America by obtaining and drinking bootleg liquor—will accept the lavish hospitality of American citizens and then loudly pronounce Prohibition to be a complete failure—without gaining so much as a hint of the benefits that can be claimed and are undeniably part of the result.

We are perfectly willing to admit the great, almost insuperable difficulties of enforcement placed in the way of those responsible by the supporters of such a trade as the liquor trade—a trade that stands for lawlessness under any and all conditions—high license, low license, State Control, Municipal Control, any sort of control—for it is a trade that hates control of any kind—as we know only too well and to our cost even in New Zealand.

On the other hand, while this is so, and we submit that from evidence shown, it is not nearly so bad as the friends of alcohol would have us believe—we have numbers of men of high standing the world over, who give a splendid account of the bene-

fits gained, notwithstanding all the difficulties.

Only the other day we heard from Professor Copland, a New Zealander, whom all New Zealand knows, that one of the great contributing factors in American prosperity undoubtedly is Prohibition—that the lot of the average working man has immensely improved. Says he, "the saloons are closed and the men do not get drunk any more—but save their money or spent it on necessities or luxuries, thus contributing to the general prosperity of the country."

Mr Charles Wilson, ex-M.P., and late Parliamentary Librarian—a man opposed to Prohibition in New Zealand, says on his return to here that his observation leads him to believe that the law is very well enforced considering all things, "that only once on my way from New York to Vancouver, did I taste any whisky, and speaking personally, I think from what I have seen and heard, that Prohibition for national weal or for woe has come to stop in the United States." Such is very recent testimony from well-known men, but not known as Prohibition advocates.

As fair-minded people, even if not Prohibitionists, we surely must take some note of what American people themselves say; those who are on the spot all the time and know what they speak of.

Mr Robert Corradini, Statistician to the World League against Alcoholism, tells us that the total consumption of alcohol from all sources to-day (1926) is probably less than 5 per cent of pre-Prohibition consumption—we would give a good deal in this country to know that our alcohol consumption, instead of increasing by hundreds of thousands of pounds worth a year, could go down to 5 per cent of present consumption in 6 years.

Hear what the "National School Survey" in America says: "The percentage of children attending the various Public Elementary Schools in 1910 (wet) was 73.2, but in 1920, under National Prohibition that figure had increased to 90.6."

The Chicago Tribune (June 17th, 1924) says: "Of the 15,000 pupils who will graduate from the public elementary schools of Chicago, all but 752 have signified their intention of continuing their education either in the Chicago High Schools or elsewhere. Members of the Board of Education pronounce this to be 'the greatest forward step in education in the public schools ever known.'"

The American Issue commenting on this says: "The closing of more than 7,000 liquor saloons in Chicago has given many a boy and girl of that city the opportunity of going to school, who otherwise would have been compelled to go to work to contribute to the support of the family."

While we are considering American Prohibition, I would like for a few minutes to draw your very careful attention to the statements made by Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale

University, when he gave evidence before the sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in April of 1926. He has made a study of the alcohol question for 20 years, and only after many of those years had passed did he find himself forced to acknowledge that nothing short of total abolition could stop the supply of young recruits to the army of excessive drinkers, or preserve the youth of the nation from forming the easily acquired habit of alcoholic excess. In his studies he found himself bound to admit that alcohol is never safe in whatever form or quantity it may be used.

In his book, "Prohibition at its Worst," he completely takes to pieces the wet evidence placed before the Committee with regard to the alleged increases in crime, in drunkenness and Juvenile delinquency. He shows very conclusively, that even in the wettest of the big cities—New York—and in the state of New York, as well as in the States which did not ratify the 18th Amendment, such as Connecticut, the wonderful gains since prohibition that have come to those cities and states.

The reduction in Crime, in Poverty, Immorality, and in the arrests of first-offenders for drunkenness is quite amazing. Indeed, it is almost unbelievable that in places like New York and Connecticut, the great strongholds of smuggling and the boot-leg traffic of which we hear so much from the Moderation League and the Liquor Traffic, that such results can have followed.

He tells us that in spite of the absence of a local enforcement law, and in spite of all the illicit liquor that is said to be consumed—also in spite of the fact that this liquor is ten times more poisonous than formerly—and again in spite of much greater vigilance on the part of the police in arresting drunken persons, the fact remains that arrests in these places for first-offenders has gone down from 19 per 10,000 population in 1917 to 6 per 10,000 in 1925—thus reducing the army of recruits to the ranks of drunkards by two-thirds, while at the same time, Juvenile delinquency and criminality has come down and down and down, year by year, until now it has been cut in half.

These statements take into account the great increase in population during those years.

He quotes the General Secretary of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children through Mr Hannon and Commander Evangeline Booth, as giving evidence before the Senate Committee in these words: "The chief beneficiaries of the Dry Law in America are the small children"—and "The Cherry Street Settlement of the Salvation Army in New York no longer finds it necessary to provide food and clothing for the children attending its meetings."

The marvellous increase in the consumption of milk per head and by the babies of America, is enough in itself

to make Prohibition worth while, when we consider what it means to many a starved little body and mind.

Drinking among young people. The writer deals also with drinking in the Colleges, and takes Yale, his own University, as an example.

Yale can be safely taken as the extreme sample of a drinking University, situated in a State that refused to ratify the 18th Amendment—attended by students drawn largely from houses where hereditary drinking customs are very strong, this College has been more lenient in its attitude towards prohibition than any other University.

Notwithstanding all this, Professor James R. Angell, President of Yale University, says: "The impression I get from all well-informed alumni is that despite the all too frequent violation of the law, the amount of drinking at present, and particularly the amount of excessive drinking is very much less than it was in former years."

The Literary Digest is also quoted as in reply to a questionnaire sent out to heads of Colleges in 44 States in the following words: "There are actually fewer drinkers in these Colleges now than in the days when there were only one-third of the present number of students." Time will allow of no more evidence being quoted.

To sum up then, we can see that even under the present intolerable conditions of enforcement, and in such places as New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, the testimony is over-whelmingly in favour of National Prohibition, while we have said nothing at all of the immense benefits in States where the enforcement is good.

In addition it is confidently claimed by men and women of experience, such as General Andrews, Professor Fisher himself, Federal Attorneys and Prosecutors like Mr Olsen, of Chicago, and Mrs Willebrandt, many Judges and Lawyers of repute, Miss McDowell, Commissioner of Public Welfare, Chicago, that the law can ultimately be enforced, and that it will be; that there can be no repeal of the 18th Amendment or the Volstead Acts either by the States or by the Federal Government.

What must be done say they, is that the States judiciary must be cleaned up, the right men and women appointed, and the State administration of the law brought into line with the Federal administration, but while the State is opposed to the Federal nothing sufficiently effective can be done.

Other most important points are that Educational work on the nature and effects of alcohol must be vigorously continued in the schools and colleges and emphasised in the community, and there must also be an education of public opinion on the questions of law observance. These phases of the work have been to some extent neglected since the advent of Prohibition, and will most certainly

have to be revived.

According to the way in which these conditions are carried out, will the full benefits of prohibition be hastened or retarded, even perhaps kept back for years.

We may ask now—what is the position in our own country?

We stand almost half-way between two Polls, and it is not an easy thing to judge how general public opinion is going, and whether temperance sentiment is on the increase or otherwise.

One thing however seems clear, and that is that moderate drinking in general, or else heavy drinking in individuals is on the increase—this is born out, not only by ordinary observation, but also by the amount of the Drink Bill, which has now reached the amazing sum of nearly £9,000,000 sterling for one year.

When we realize that unemployment threatens to be more serious than it has been for a very long time, that we are going through times of depression, that money is badly needed and cannot be had, that many a family of small children is facing want and perhaps starvation this coming winter, and when we know that Public Works and other services badly needed cannot be carried out for lack of financial means, does it not seem incredible that other people, the fathers and mothers of our children can take out of their pockets and pay into the coffers of the liquor traffic this immense sum—nearly £9,000,000 a year. Just try and think for one moment what it means. Every year this Dominion spends in alcoholic liquors a sum greater than it spends on Education of every grade, plus Pensions of every variety, plus the whole cost of our Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone services.

Our yearly Drink Bill is greater than the total amount of Customs and excise duties collected during the year. If we bought up every bank-note in circulation in this Dominion, it would cost us £2,000,000 less than our yearly Bill for strong drink. In three years this will total nearly £27,000,000. Just try and imagine it from the time of our last poll in 1925, to the next one in 1928, £27,000,000 spent on a thing that is not only useless, and brings no return in national or personal health, wealth or happiness, but on the contrary is the greatest cause of suffering, direct and indirect, known to civilized man. A trade that undermines and destroys all that is God-like in man, that can turn love into hate, that can destroy all the fair promise of young manhood and womanhood, as nothing else can.

A vested interest that must feed upon youth in one form or another for its very existence that destroys the brain of the unborn child, and fills the special houses of New Zealand with thousands of mentally, defective and subnormal children; children whose minds will never know the light and joy of true reason while on earth.

Other children—yes, even in New Zealand, whose bodies and minds are starved and stunted, so that this trade may flourish in the land.

What matter to them the broken bodies and souls of men and women and the neglect and suffering of little helpless children, so the dividends are big enough to satisfy the greed of those who live in plenty through the degradation and suffering of men and women made in the image and likeness of the Creator.

Truly, the forces against us are very great and very strong.

It is only to be expected that such colossal and vested interests as the liquor trade represents, will not sit idly by while the question is taken up by the League of Nations and the International Labour Office, as it will be this year. They will assuredly move heaven and earth to delay the investigations and the setting up of commissions—so well do they know that their business cannot stand the light of day when brought up against the latest findings of scientific knowledge of economic research and of humane ideals.

In New Zealand we are getting into closer grips once more with this evil in official form. Another fight is very probable this coming session of Parliament. What of the part we are to play?

Let us watch and work and pray as we have never done before, to hold fast that which has been so hardly won in the years gone by. Let us as women, be ready to fight to the uttermost to carry our standard one step farther inside the enemy's lines, and plant it firmly on the farther side of a two-issue ballot paper, with no extension of time between the polls.

For the sake of the children of our land, let us arouse ourselves as we have never yet done, for the men and women of the future—our own sons and daughters—by the memory of the past, and those leaders who have fallen by the way-side, during 35 years of upward struggle—fallen most of them in action and in the prime of life, with the faith of this reform strong upon their lips and in their hearts—let us never forget how precious in the sight of God is our human life.

In the words of Isaiah, let us take the strength of omnipotence for our own and ask: "Who art thou that thou shouldst be afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass, and forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the Heavens and laid the foundations of the earth; hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding."

This God is our God, this fight is His fight.

Let us truly believe it, and go on in His strength with our own, trusting fully in His Will and His high purpose for mankind.

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### A SQUARE DEAL.

Convention felt that the hour had struck for a forward move. So it decided to secure a petition of women electors in each Electorate to be presented to their own Member before he leaves for the opening of the Session. In this, we ask for a square deal, a straight-out issue, wet or dry, and no increase of time between polls.

If there was any plague ruining the sheep or pigs of this Dominion, as alcohol is injuring its child life, the Government would set up Royal Commissions of Enquiry, and compel the evil cause to be removed. But as its only children who are dying, who are born sub-normal, weak, and

epileptic as the result of that racial poison alcohol, our Government looks on with indifference. Injury to sheep touches their pockets, lessens their wool cheques, and so must have a speedy remedy. Injury to children, apparently, does not touch their heart.

It is time the Mothers of this land demanded from the Prime Minister an answer to this question: "If you will not give us a clean-cut issue on this question, wet or dry, then give us a reason, not an excuse—for a Three-Issue Ballot Paper?"

### LETTER FROM DOMINION PRESIDENT.

Dear Sisters,—

Convention has once more come and gone. It was a record one in numbers; may the year to follow be a record one in purposeful endeavour. Our hope and prayer is that it may have inspired us to an ever widening vision of high endeavour in the cause of our Master. Strenuous and purposeful work has been initiated, and must go forward at once. The full voice of the Unions in New Zealand, as represented at Convention, was hearty and unanimous, for what was done?

The promotion of a woman's petition for a two-issue ballot paper and no extension of time between polls is the first, and altogether the most important piece of work undertaken.

The whole petition must be put through in less than two months, so that any delay amongst our Unions may prove disastrous.

To make excuses to ourselves for inactivity on this most vital matter must and will mean that we are false to our own ideals and disloyal to the voice of the Union in Convention assembled.

Furthermore, it will mean that our boasted opposition to the handicap of the three-issue ballot paper is one of words only, a pretence or an excuse for work not done in winning votes.

I have faith to believe that every woman of the many thousands who belong to our Unions is so filled with the spirit of our Lord, so true to our great reform, and so filled with love for humanity, that she will do her very utmost to make this petition a success, and bring us one step nearer the abolition of the liquor traffic.

For 36 years have we struggled against the oppression of this our en-

emy in an unequal fight, first in one form, and then in another.

Not in all these years have we once had a fair chance to record the wishes of the people of New Zealand for and against this traffic.

Here and now is a great and a splendid opportunity for us to show the men who represent us in Parliament and in the Cabinet what mind we are on the question.

Surely, sisters, we as enfranchised women—mothers of men, mothers of the race, and keepers of the nation—surely we have the right to insist what influences shall surround the lives of our sons and daughters. They are ours. We have been made responsible by God and by man for their moral, physical, and spiritual well-being. Let us boldly say what shall be done with them.

Let us not miss this opportunity to help forward the abolition of the traffic that stands stark across the threshold of life, seeking to turn our youth into the downward byways that lead to the extinction of all high endeavour and noble purpose in life and character.

We can make a splendid success of this petition if we will. Let us show, with no uncertain sound, what the womanhood of New Zealand stands for. Let us take our great Master at His word, and work and pray with the faith that passes through impossibilities and cries, "It can be done."

E. B. TAYLOR,

Dominion President.

### PEACE DAY.

Monday, May 16th, has been chosen as Peace Day this year. Will every Union do the very best to get a prayer meeting somewhere between the hours of 2.30 and 4 p.m. Very few people realise the strength of simultaneous prayer. Some other time will not do as well. A great scientist has told us that the human brain is the most powerful dynamo in the world. What a wonderful power it will have, if at the same time on Monday, May 16th, every member and sympathiser with our Peace work is actively praying for world Peace. All our powerful dynamos (brains) sending out peace thoughts, and all our loving hearts praying in unison for it. If unable to get to a meeting, you can join your prayers with the great company assembled together.

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"The Rocks," Nelson.

### KINDNESS.

One never knows  
How far a word of kindness goes;  
Down, through the years,  
The deed forgotten reappears.  
Man goes his way  
And tells with every passing day,  
Unto life's end:  
'Once unto me he played the friend.'

We cannot say  
What lips are praising us to-day.  
We cannot tell  
Whose prayers ask God to guard us well.

But kindness lives  
Beyond the memory of him who gives.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

MRS W. HARDING.

Once more we record the passing hence of an active and valued member of the Ashburton W.C.T.U., in the early days of its existence—Mrs W. Harding, of Willowby. After a long and wearisome illness, she has passed onward and upward, to nobler service beyond. Mrs Harding was a member of the Union from the time of its inception, and vitally interested in its progress and every branch of its activities. Brought up in a Godly Methodist home, an only daughter, she was in early life surrounded by the best of influences and the choicest associations. Her parents were people of more than usual strength of character and firmness of purpose. In the early days of the Temperance movement, when Dr. Lees and Rev. Charles Garrett exerted great power and influence throughout England, the home of the Benjamins came under that influence, and readily accepted the teachings of the Total Abstinence movement. From childhood's days, and right throughout her long life, Mrs Harding had no friendship for the drink traffic in any form.

Soon after her marriage, she and her husband came to New Zealand, and immediately joined the Alliance, which they consistently supported to the best of their ability, for the extinction of the Liquor Traffic from our fair land.

In her private life Mrs Harding made hosts of friends, some of whom mourn her passing, and some have "crossed the Flood." A glorious reunion awaited her, with the many gone before, and a like reception await those who follow after.

There all the ship's company meet

Who sailed with the Saviour beneath,  
With shouting, each other they greet,  
And triumph o'er trouble and death.

To the bereaved husband, who cared for her during her long and trying illness with a tenderness and devotion unexcelled, and the bereaved son and daughters, who mourn the loss of their loved one, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ashburton, April 6, 1927.

## MAORI PAGE.



First branch of Oturei Union, formed in 1911 by the late Mrs Harris; then Miss Rebecca Smith. There were 18 members. The two standing are still members: Mrs R. Ihaka and Mrs H. Himene. Those sitting are:—Left to right: Mrs Moses, Mrs R. P. Waitai, Mrs Tupari, Miss Rebecca Smith, Mrs M. W. Welsh. The mother and aunt of Mrs Simons, our Maori Organiser, are sitting down. Both these, as well as Miss Smith, have passed to higher service.

### A MORNING WITH THE MAORIS.

(By South Auckland District President.)

A ring on the phone, and Sister Nichol's voice asking if I would like to go to Whatawhata to visit a Maori Pah. Would I not? Yes, rather! and in a short while we were speeding over the road in her neat little coupe.

We arrived at the settlement where a tangi had been held recently for a young Maori man, who had been very badly scalded with boiling tar, and had died at the Public Hospital, leaving a widow and four babies, the eldest being only five years.

A Sister who is very well-known and is a true friend to the Maoris, spoke to some of the men, leaving me to converse as best I could with the women to whom I had been previously introduced. There was Mrs Paikau, whom I had initiated at the first Maori W.C.T.U. Meeting at Frankton, but whom I had not seen since, and I was pleased to see that she was still wearing her little white bow. She proudly brought her little baby girl to show me, and she was easily persuaded to write the baby's name on a Cradle Roll card. I soon made friends with a very fine, stately

lady, Mrs Turanga, from Raglan, and despite her youthful appearance, she said that she had six children and four grand-children. It was a grief to her that her husband drank occasionally, but neither she nor her son touched any liquor or even smoked, and she readily agreed to sign our pledge.

Together, we paid a visit to Mrs Nehupo, an aged Chieftainess, in her little home, on the walls of which she had pinned the photo of the Frankton Union. The old lady could not speak English, but pointing to the photo and then to me, she exclaimed: "Kia Ora, Kia Ora." Her joy was unbounded that I had come to see her, as living so far away she is not able to attend the meetings. After a little conversation I prayed with them, especially commending the widow and orphans to our Heavenly Father's care. Leaving her we went in search of Sister Nicholls, who had gone to the cemetery in search of the newly-made widow, whom she found by her husband's grave. Leading her gently away and comforting her, she took her home.

Thus ended a very interesting morning.

### ORGANISER'S REPORT.

26/2/27.—Katae ahau kia kite i te mema o Tangiteroria.

1/3/27.—Ka haere ki Oturere.

2/3/27.—Katu te mitini ate Roopu kite whare o Mrs Paki Isaac, Treas. Whakapuaretia e ahau Hinerangi Simons. Pres., Mrs Walters, mihi inoi kia whakamaramatia nga tikanga mote hui, ka oti nga take mote Convention. Ka haere nga motini monga mahi ate Roopu kia whakatuturutia. Hei raru raru epa ka ahei te neke. Erua nga mema ehaere ana kite hui. Amene.

Naumai.—Kua kore tenei Roopu i te raru raru monga haki.

Pouto.—Ka hui te Roopu kite whare o Mrs H. Kepa. Whakapuaretia ete Pres. Korerotia te ripoata mutu nga mete ripoata ate Treasurer. Kakoreratia nga ahua tanga mote haere ote mema kite Convention. He inoi nate Pres. itona tunga me huri kitetahi atu ehaere ana ia kitetahi atu kainga. Tate Sec. he rihaina nona i te Roopu itona raru raru. Kati kia mutu te Convention ka whakatatu ai enei inoi. Kote riwhi ote Pres. Kote Treas. Kote Sec. kote W.R.R. Kotahi mema ehaere ana kite hui.

Reweti.—Kahui etahi onga wahine ote Roopu kite whare Mrs Paora. Kite ratou whakarite he Bring and Buy ahiahi hei rapu awhina moto ratou roopu. Hei tuku ito ratou nei mema kite hui.

21/3/27.—Ka haere mai ki Akarana kite hui ate Roopu.

22/3/27.—Tutaki inga Delegates.

23/3/27 to 31/3/27.—Ite hui. He nui te manakitia amatou onga roopu Maori enga roopu pakeha he maha tonu nga mitini itae matou kia kite, kia rongo. Ta matou inoi kite matina ite Rangi kia manakitia to matou whaea a Mrs Lee-Cowie metona whare katoa iea ratou manaki ia matou inga Maori ite wiki ote hui ate Roopu ki Akarana nei. Kia oti te whakatau monga ture mate Maori W.C.T.U. ka haere ahau kite Hokianga District. Toku address atana waa c/o Sister Dobby. Taheke. Hokianga mate arohanoa ote Rangarewa tatou katca emanaki etiaki.

Na ta koutou mokai nei ano.

HINERANGI SIMONS.

3rd March, 1927.

### REWETI.

Mar. 18. "Bring and Buy" Afternoon held; eleven ladies present. Cakes were brought and sold, and served for afternoon tea. Most successful and encouraging two hours. Three new members initiated.

Apr. 2. Five members met informally at an afternoon tea given by Mrs Holst in honour of the Secretary, Miss Paora, who is taking four months' course of Karitane Nursing. Many interested friends were able to hear Miss Paora's account of Convention. It was most helpful and instructive. Decided to invite the Y. Organiser to make us a visit some suitable Saturday soon. There is a good percentage of young

people who would thus be directly learning our ideals. Mrs Hoe takes the place of President, vacated by Mrs Hinerangi Simons, who is still Maori Organiser. Mrs Jackson will be Acting Secretary and Treasurer. Two members are being transferred from Helensville Union. The Union is most grateful so many friends are interested; unity in thought is most encouraging.

### A MUCH REGRETTED RETIREMENT.

Delegates in Convention assembled, and White Ribboners throughout the Dominion all feel deep regret at the retirement of our much-loved and highly valued Treasurer, Mrs Bendely.

All love her, all appreciate the great ability with which she discharged her duties; all have admired her fine courage in continuing the work handicapped by ill-health.

A pocket-book containing notes was presented to her as a token of love and appreciation by Convention. As she was unable to be present, it was presented to her by our Dominion President at an Officers' meeting. Mrs Taylor voiced the love and appreciation of the inner circle who have been so closely associated with Mrs Bendely. Hearts were too full for words, but our prayer is that rest from official duties may hasten her recovery to perfect health, and that we may, in the future, have the joy of working with her in the cause of God and Home and Humanity.

### THANKS FROM MRS BENDELY.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

Will you allow me space to express to the members of Convention, and through them to the Unions they represent, my sincerest thanks for the very kind message and gift sent to me from Convention? I take with me, on retiring from the position of N.Z. Treasurer, many pleasant recollections of my associations with officers and members of the Union in many parts of New Zealand, not the least among which are the kindly expressions of Convention towards myself and the work I have been able to do for the Union. May God bless you all.—Yours sincerely,

NELLIE BENDELY.

### "AMERICAN TEA."

Under the auspices of the Carterton W.C.T.U., a most successful afternoon was held at Mrs Cotter's, High Street, on Wednesday, March 30th.

It took the form of an "American Tea," and was held in aid of funds for the Union. There was a good display of gifts, such as produce, jam, etc., and the Sale resulted in the sum of £4 0s. 10d. being netted. There were about 40 ladies present, afternoon tea was served.

Mrs Tyler presided, and spoke briefly, then asking Mrs Raine, delegate to the District Convention, to speak.

The most important facts from Convention that Mrs Raine spoke on were:—

How Miss Kirk had spoken of a number of instances in which the W.C.T.U., as a whole, has been successful in bringing about reforms, namely:—Votes for Women; Protection of women and children; Ladies' carriage on the trains; the cleaning up of Rest Rooms; Juvenile Courts; Authority to have the Court cleared in certain cases.

The Two-Issue Ballot Paper was also discussed, and each Union is prepared to do their part.

Mrs Peryman spoke on the urgent need for Headquarters in Wellington. The fact stressed most was that if there was a central Building, it would be a big aid to the Union in their work. Mrs Raine proposed that the Dominion Executive assess the amount to be raised for Headquarters for each Union. It was carried. The speaker was thanked for her very interesting report.

A subscription list was opened for the Headquarters Fund, and responded to very willingly.

Decided to hold on Friday, April 29th, an afternoon in aid of Headquarters Funds, members to bring articles made by them, not costing more than one shilling, and the best one to be given a prize; and all articles to be sold.

Hearty vote of thanks to the Hostess.

## 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.

#### RIVERTON.

At the invitation of our Vice-President, Mrs Fordyce, we celebrated Frances Willard Day at the Manse. Despite the cold, wet weather, a good number of members were present, and an enjoyable time spent. Solos were sung by Mrs Prosser, and by Rev. J. Fordyce. Mrs Borland gave an interesting address on the Life of Frances Willard. The members unanimously decided to hold social evenings for the young people during the Winter, and to secure good speakers to lecture on Temperance. Collection for Missionary Fund.

#### HAWERA.

Mar. 25. Mrs Tait, presided; attendance fair. Mrs Ollernshaw acted as Secretary. Vote of sympathy passed to Miss Ballantyne in the loss of her sister, the late Mrs Winks. Mrs Burge reported to be still very ill, but little Prayer Book sent as token of love from our members, was much appreciated by her. After a very profitable discussion on the benefits derived from No-License, Mrs Hill closed the meeting with prayer.

#### TAURANGA.

A very good attendance of members put the President and every member in good heart. Various matters of correspondence called forth some little discussion, then some local matters were dealt with, both present and future, and a refreshing cup of tea handed round, Mrs Jordan closing the meeting with prayer.

#### SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Mar. 10. The President, Mrs Macartney, presided. The resignation of Mrs Grocott from the office of Evangelical Superintendent, was received with regret. Miss Ford appointed delegate, and instructed to vote in favour of sending a petition to Parliament in favour of the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Mrs McFarlane appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Mrs Macartney spoke in glowing terms of the "White Ribbon," and it was agreed to post one to Plunket Rooms, and two members will take theirs to the "Benevolent." As the next meeting falls on Thursday before Good Friday, it was decided to omit it and all attend the Central Union. Afternoon tea dispensed, after which the solo, "His Eye is on the Sparrow," was sung by Mrs Williamson. Mrs Macartney read the Scientific Fact which was on "The Food Value of Alcohol."

#### THAMES.

Mar. 8. Eleven ladies present. The resignation of Mrs Miller as President, was received with regret. Mrs Heard, who is an old member of the Union, was elected President, and she is also delegate to the Convention. Mr Grinstead, Field Secretary of the Alliance, gave us a very fine talk on Prohibition. Some of the ladies are helping with the "Enrol a Friend for Campaign."

#### PETONE.

Mar. 1. A very good attendance; Mrs Murgatroyd presiding. Miss Beddome, President-Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., gave us an insight into the working of the Association, its aim being to unite women to the Loyalty of Jesus Christ. Several ladies offered to distribute circulars. Various resolutions were carried, and delegate to Convention to vote regarding same. Two visiting members were present, we welcome them to our midst. The pledge was repeated.

Mar. 16. Social Afternoon at Mrs Aitken's residence; a very happy time was spent. A "Give and Buy" Afternoon, which proved

very successful indeed. All useful articles were brought and everything sold. Mrs Jones welcomed Mrs Annett and Mrs Young to our Union. Mrs Battersby spoke on Prohibition. Mrs H. Hayward sang two songs in her usual pleasant and able manner. Two little girls, Miss Connie Silberry and Miss Rita Gillan, sang very beautifully to us. A dainty afternoon tea was served by the Hostess. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who made the afternoon so enjoyable.

#### RAETIHI.

Apr. 1. Mrs Sandford presided over an excellent attendance. Mrs Griffin, the delegate to the Dominion Convention, gave a clear, concise and comprehensive account of the proceedings in Auckland, which greatly cheered and enthused our members. Decided to ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to hold meetings in Raetihi at an early date.

#### LOWER HUTT.

Mar. 23. Owing to a very wet, rough afternoon, there were only six members present, but we held a meeting. In the absence of our President at Convention, Mrs Spencer took the chair. After the singing of a hymn and prayer, Mrs Aldersley read a paper on Hygienics. Decided to make a copy of the paper, and read it again, as it was really worth it, and is a subject worthy of our consideration. Afternoon tea was then served.

#### PLEASANT POINT.

On Saturday last at Pleasant Point, a very enthusiastic meeting of the W.C.T.U. Cradle Roll members was held, with the President, Miss Bishop in the chair. Apologies were received from a number of mothers who were unable to be present. Opportunity was also taken of introducing the new Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs E. S. Andrews, as successor to Miss Walker. An interesting address was then given by Plunket Nurse Dunlop, Timaru, on the Evils of Alcohol as seen from a physical and moral point. She was also able to speak from her own personal experience of the amount of poverty and distress to be seen in her own district, as the result of over-indulgence in alcohol. Mrs Felton, in a few well-chosen words, proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation. Musical items were given by the Misses Bishop and Botherway, and Miss M. Smith also gave a recitation. After a delicious afternoon tea, a group photograph was taken by Miss Neilson, of the sturdy young New Zealanders present.

#### NORMANBY.

Mar. 16. Home meeting held at the residence of Mrs R. Clement. Good attendance of members, Mrs Bevan presided. Correspondence read from Mrs Birdsall, acknowledging donation to Willard Home. Resolved to support petition to Parliament re two issue ballot. The present Dominion Officers, with Miss Birss taking place of Mrs Bendely, have the unanimous support of our Union. Subscription taken up towards delegate's expenses. Paper read entitled "Drunken Tim," showing downfall of a promising young man through drink. A hearty vote of thanks passed to the Hostess for her kind hospitality.

#### CANVASTOWN.

Mar. 26. Mrs Murray presided over a fair attendance. Hymn, prayer, and affiliation of pledges. Decided that Mrs Grigg, President Blenheim Union, be invited to address us at next meeting, April 23rd, this being the Anniversary of the Union—also to invite Rai Valley and Havelock. The subject of cigarette smoking among young girls was discussed at some length, and the following remit was brought forward by Mrs Flower and seconded by Mrs Murray, and passed unanimously: That we place on record, our earnest disapproval of the action of one of the ladies in the Royal retinue, who, did during the luncheon hour at the Pelorous Bridge, on the occasion of the visit of the Duke and Duchess, openly smoke a cigarette, such an example emanating from such a quarter, being likely to have a degrading influence on the plastic minds of our future womanhood. A paper from the Rai Valley Union was read and greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Rai Valley's President, Mrs Leov. Five new members were added to the roll. Roll numbers now 23. Afternoon tea.

#### SEPTON.

Mar. 2. Mrs Thorne presided over fair attendance, Miss McLean leading devotional exercises. Decided to send no delegate to Convention. A short article was read, by way of Scientific Temperance Instruction. Resolutions to be dealt with at Convention were read and discussed. Decided to arrange for speaker for next meeting. Collection taken for Missionary Fund.

Mar. 30. Mrs Thorne presided. Good attendance of members and friends. Sister Grace McDonald sang a solo, and then entertained the gathering with a very interesting Life study of Dr. E. Blackwell, M.D., the first lady to acquire her degree of medicine. A social time was spent over afternoon tea.

#### INGLEWOOD.

Mar. 17. A pleasant afternoon spent at "Kingsdowne," the home of our Secretary, Miss Johnson. About 40 ladies present. An enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Misses M. and G. Leach, and M. Beadle and Rev. Boyd. A Guessing Competition was won by Mrs Muirholland. A dainty afternoon tea was handed round, and with a small Produce Stall, the sum of £3 11s. was netted for our Local funds.

Mar. 30. Mrs Simpson presiding. A helpful and instructive address from Mrs Longbottom, made us all feel that we should all make our lives like well-kept gardens, blossoming for God's glory.

#### RANGIORA.

Mar. 25. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. The Treasurer reported that, owing to the wet weather, the attendance at the "Bring and Buy" Evening was small, but that the sum of £2 10s had been raised. Mrs Thwaites reported that she had sent two large parcels of second-hand clothing to Mrs Williams, to be used in her work among the poor. The Secretary was requested to send a telegram conveying greetings to Convention. The Scientific Temperance reading for the day was "Safe remedies in illness, as opposed to the use of Alcohol."

#### LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

May 22. Annual meeting, the President, Mrs Kime, being in the chair. After devotions, and repeating our pledge, the minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. All the office-bearers were re-elected for the third year in succession. Mrs Parker, a Vice-President, read a most interesting paper on "The Grace of Appreciation," by Dr. Geo. Morrison, from the words of the text "She hath done what she could," Mark xiv. 8. Mrs Parker was warmly thanked for the paper, which was much enjoyed—as this was her last appearance among us, Mrs Parker and Miss Parker were accorded a fond farewell, and much regret was expressed at their departure to Cambridge, N.I. Votes of sympathy were passed with two of our members, who had suffered bereavement since we last met.

#### FENCOURT.

Mar. 10. Mrs Simpson presided over a fair attendance. The Treasurer gave a financial statement, showing a small balance in hand. President read an interesting paper on the speech by the Bishop of London, relating to the Drink Question. It was moved and seconded that the delegate be given a free-hand on all remits brought up at Convention, also to vote for the two issue ballot paper. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs A. Beer, for providing a "Tennis Day" at her residence, in aid of the Fencourt W.C.T.U. Organising Fund. It was voted a great success by all. We are greatly indebted to Mrs Jones, District President, for attending on that day, and for the splendid address she gave on the work of the W.C.T.U. All visitors present were greatly interested, and we are hoping for many new members in the near future. A collection was taken up on the "Tennis Day," amounting to £2.

#### BRIGHTON.

Mar. 17. Mrs H. Hall presided, and there was a good attendance of members. Miss B. Harband took "The effect of Alcohol on the Brain," as the subject for her ten-minute talk. The matter of nominating two members as candidates for the School Committee was fully dealt with, and Mesdames J. Bellamy and M. Moses were the nominees. The resolutions which will be brought forward at the Dominion Convention were discussed, and the delegate instructed how to vote on these questions. Decided to purchase a dozen and a half extra copies of the Convention number of the "White Ribbon."

#### WINTON.

Mar. 15. Executive meeting held at 2.30 p.m., followed by the general meeting at 3 p.m. This meeting was presided over at the request of the Local President, by Mrs Fairbairn, District President, who, accompanied by several ladies, journeyed from Invercargill to be present. A large attendance of members and friends welcomed them, and much enjoyed and appreciated the address given by Mrs Fairbairn, taken from St. Matthew's Gospel, 9th chapter and 36th verse, embracing the call to workers and the need of unity. At the close of the address, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Fairbairn. Miss Birss was elected to represent us at the Convention, to be held in Auckland. A number of remits from the Southland Branch were brought forward and freely discussed, chief among these being the Universal Pension Scheme and the two-issue ballot paper. A point of interest also, was the work of the Willard Home in Palmerston North, and also the source of a part of its income, which the members decided was inconsistent with our principles. This meeting was a hearty one, and should bear good fruit. A delicious afternoon tea provided by several members and friends, helped to make the afternoon the success it

#### CARTERTON.

Apr. 6. Mrs Tyler presided, small attendance. Meeting was opened in the usual way. Decided to send a wreath on Anzac Day to the Memorial Square from the Union. Several motions of sympathy were passed to members who are ill. As the parcel of magazines, books, etc., which were conveyed to the working men's Camp on the Rimutaka Road by service car, were much appreciated last month, another parcel was sent last Wednesday. Proposed that Miss Oates, of Greytown, be asked to be the speaker for April 29th. Mrs Tyler read some very interesting extracts from our paper, "The White Ribbon." Afternoon tea was served.

#### KUMEU (Auckland District.)

Apr. 11. At a meeting held in the Public Hall, Miss C. M. McLay, Organiser, formed a new Union. After prayer and the reading of the Crusade Psalm, Miss McLay gave a brief account of the events which led to the formation of the W.C.T.U., of the growth of the work and its aims and objects, emphasising its world-wide importance and mission. She referred to the undoubted success of Prohibition in America, and to the sound educational foundation laid in that country by Frances E. Willard and the W.C.T.U. in bygone years. The Petition from the women electors in support of a Two-Issue Ballot Paper was explained, and an appeal made for workers. A deep interest was shown in all the work. Eight members were initiated, and the following officers elected:—President, Mrs Board, Kumeu; Secretary, Mrs Rummings, Kumeu; Treasurer, Mrs Hodson, Kumeu; White Ribbon Agent, Miss M. E. Barnes.

#### OPOTIKI.

Mar. 10. "Pay Up" Social; Mrs Thompson presided in her usual capable manner, and conducted the afternoon in a bright and happy style from start to finish. Competitions were provided by Mrs Burton, musical items by Mesdames Murray, Fleming, Skuse, and Hambly, and afternoon tea was served by Mrs Downey, Mrs Abbott, and Miss Brown. Secretaries for the "Pay Up" were kept busy, and a very fine meeting closed with a good collection, and one new subscriber for White Ribbon. Next meeting will receive Delegate's address from Convention.

RAKAIA.

Mar. 8. Mrs Boag presided over good attendance of members. Mrs Saunders appointed Treasurer. A sub-Committee to get subscriptions for the "White Ribbon" was formed. Mrs Merry, of Christchurch, gave a very interesting talk on the work of the "British Sailor's Society," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Afternoon tea was served.

WANGANUI EAST.

Mar. Mrs Codd led the devotional exercises, and gave a very helpful address. Letter of thanks and acknowledgment from Mrs Birdsall for parcels of clothing sent to Willard Home. Miss Samson and Mrs Hopkirk delegates to Convention. A very fine paper was read by Mrs Wilson, a recent arrival from Scotland, on "Temperance work in Scotland." It was interesting and encouraging to know how the "dry areas" have increased—some by the ruling of the people, others by the orders of the landlords. It was stated that no parish had returned to a "liquor area" after once having been "dry." Numerous remits from the Dominion Executive were discussed and instructions given to the delegates. Small sums were voted to the White Ribbon and Cradle Roll Superintendents, and to the Recording Secretary.

OAMARU.

Feb. 14. Mrs Clarke, President, gave a short talk on the need of steadfastness in the work of the new year just commencing, citing the example of Frances Willard, whose Memorial Day was observed in February. Decided to form all present into a Committee to obtain subscribers to White Ribbon. The remit from Auckland District to Dominion Convention re a Petition for Two-Issue Ballot Paper was considered. Mrs Moffatt, of Rangiora, was present, bringing greetings from her Union, which were heartily reciprocated.

Mar. 14. Small attendance. The report of the Market in aid of Union Funds, held on March 8th, showed that £9 13s. 8d. had been raised, the expenses being 4s. The expense of sending a delegate to Auckland was considered to be too great, so it was reluctantly decided that no delegate should be sent. Discussion on the best way of organising Band of Hope work occupied most of the time. Decided to consult the Ministers' Association before final plans were made.

AUCKLAND.

Mar. 15. Opening meeting of 1927; Mrs Cook presided, good gathering. Miss Paul, Evangelistic Superintendent, gave an inspiring New Year message; subject, "God our Dwelling Place." Balance Sheet was presented, which showed a satisfactory year. Mesdames Taylor, Fulljames, and Miss N. Dewar, were appointed delegates to the Dominion Convention. The resolutions to be discussed were brought before the members. Mesdames Cook and Rosser were appointed delegates to the Executive of the Bible-in-Schools Campaign League. Mrs Fulljames reported 250 garments had been sent to the Maoris, and letters of appreciation and thanks were received from Sister Nichols. The Onehunga Union wrote a very nice letter to Mrs Fulljames, appreciating the good work she had done for the Maoris, and enclosing a donation to help on the work. Mrs Fulljames said she would be grateful for any small donations in money, as it defrayed the cost of freight on the railway for the parcels. Mrs Cook, who had just returned from the Convention of the National Council of Women in Christchurch, spoke of the successful meetings, and gave items of interest from that gathering.

MANAIA.

Feb. Mrs Robinson presiding, eight members present. An invitation was received from the Hawera W.C.T.U. to attend a social afternoon meeting at Mrs Corey's, on Willard Day. A letter from Miss Henderson was read, a decision following to send delegate to Auckland Convention if funds allow. Decided that each member make a child's garment monthly, for a Stall at the Mother's meeting to be held in April, the proceeds of the Stall to be divided between the Cradle Roll and the Union funds. The President and the Secretary reported a round of visit-

ing, several promises of new members. One new member received. The President gave a very interesting address on the experiences she had seen relating to the use of alcohol, in visiting a mental hospital in the East End of London.

Mar. The President, Mrs Robinson, thanked Mrs Ballastyne for a list of Biblical references to Temperance. Correspondence then dealt with, consisting of a letter of thanks from Mr D. E. Scott for the respect shown to the memory of his late wife, the former President; and one from Mr J. J. Patterson, enclosing a small cheque towards the funds. After details relating to financial position, which under Mrs Robinson shows distinct improvement, it was decided to ask Mrs Phillips, the District Superintendent, to represent Manaia at the Convention in Auckland, and that in place of sending a separate delegate there, Manaia should try to attend solidly at the District Convention in Hawera in June. Re woman member on the ensuing School Committee, it was agreed not practicable to suggest any, but to keep in definite touch with the honorary members, in relation to any suggestions the Union wishes to make re school affairs. As the Headmaster had been unable to obtain Temperance Wall Sheets last year, it was decided to ask if they were obtainable now, and to offer again the prize for an essay on their contents, which last year could not be entered for. Enquiries were made about the representation of the Union on the Committees of Local Bodies, considering the need for prohibition majority, whenever possible, in social activities. The President reported sending White Ribbons and Vanguards to the New Plymouth Prison, in response to a request for literature. She reported a round of visiting with the secretary, and a promise of eight new members. Decided to send copies of the two Temperance papers monthly to the second Local Hospital, the first already receiving them. Work for the month was agreed to be concentrated on preparation for a social Mothers' Afternoon meeting, the date to be settled to suit Sister Nellie's convenience, when she was asked to give an address; an official invitation to be given to the Anglican Clergyman newly arrived.

HAMILTON.

April 7. Bright meeting, presided over by Mrs Jones, 16 ladies present. Mrs Craig gave a comprehensive report of the recent Convention, and the amount of work dealt with in the eight days makes one realise that to be a delegate is no light matter. Mrs Craig spoke of the proposed W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Women Police, Domestic Courts, Bible in Schools, Military Training. The "White Ribbon" report is to be given in full on White Ribbon Day. We are indeed proud of our "Cradle Roll." Hamilton headed the list with 197 babies on the roll. Our Cradle Roll Superintendent is an invalid physically, but she has a big heart, and gets through the work with all her materials by her bedside. Mrs Mitchell is her very energetic assistant. Mrs Jones explained the changing of the Wai-kato to South Auckland District. A very hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to the speakers. Two new members were initiated at the close of the meeting.

TEMPLETON.

March. Mrs Clark presided. There was a good attendance, and after the usual business was gone through opportunity was taken to present to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Williams, our outgoing President and Secretary, small tokens of appreciation for the good work they have rendered among us. Decided to hold our Band of Hope on the first Thursday in every month.

PLEASANT POINT.

April. Sympathy expressed to our Maori member, who had lost her baby since last meeting, at which it had been present. Little Esther was a member of the Cradle Roll. Mrs Palmer thanked members for sympathy, for the wreath placed on the grave, and for the Cradle Roll Superintendent's letter. Regret expressed that our Secretary was still suffering effects of a gig accident; thankfulness that life was spared,

and hopes of seeing her at next meeting with accustomed vigour. President explained aims of the Band of Hope Union for South Canterbury and North Otago, now in process of formation. As it was felt our present work would be aided by doing so, it was agreed to affiliate. The Treasurer was also instructed to send affiliation fee to the Secretary of League of Nations Union, Timaru. Appreciation of Mrs Felton's work on the School Committee was voiced, and she consented to stand again. Bible in Schools work was explained and distributed. Members were asked to collect suitable pieces for Peace Day. Papers were read: 1st, addresses at a Band of Hope meeting in Reading, England, by prominent speakers; 2nd, a clipping from the Temperance column of "Otago Witness" dealing with the effect of alcohol on the brain.

OTAHUHU.

April 7. Mrs Greenwood, our President, in the chair. Mrs West, our delegate to Convention, gave a very full report of the work done at Convention, and also Ensign Fergusson, of the Otahuhu Salvation Army, one of our White Ribboners, gave a splendid talk of the work and what she has seen through the drink, the pitiful sights caused through drink. She urged all Temperance workers and Christians to do all in their power to get rid of the drink, after which our President had the pleasure of initiating one new member.

PONSONBY.

March 17. Good attendance. Mrs Lee-Cowie in the chair. Mrs Young having just visited Te Kuiti Union, gave us a greeting from them. A member from Palmerston North Union was welcomed, and spoke a few words in greeting. The President, in a little talk, spoke of our success in connection with the cleaning up of the picture posters, and also the deleting of whisky advertisements from the 2/- stamp booklets. Another interesting item was related. Mrs Cowie having written to the Duke of York asking if it was true that he had ordered an extra tot of rum be given the sailors when crossing the Line (it having been cabled that he did so), received an answer saying it was not so. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

April 7. Good attendance. Two of the delegates from the recent Convention were welcomed, and asked to take a greeting back to their Union. Mrs Hayr presided. Mrs Oliver, Cor. Sec., read letter re a Convention of N.Z. Alliance to be held on May 21st. Miss Read, delegate to the recent Convention, gave her report. Mrs Kasper read a letter saying that a prayer and thanksgiving service would be held on April 11th by the District Executive for the recent Convention. Decided to hold a Cradle Roll afternoon on May 3rd. Afternoon tea was served.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

April 7. Mrs Goody presided. A vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved relatives of the late Mrs Spurdle. The main item of interest was centred on the delegate's report of Convention. Great interest was taken in what our delegate had to say, and the report is to be continued. Our next meeting is to be Frances Willard Day, and on May 2nd our united prayer meeting.

DUNEDIN.

April 5. Miss Powell (Vice-President) presided over a large attendance. Two new members were welcomed, Mrs Brown (Auckland) and Miss Morgan (Wanganui). Delegates to the Band of Hope Executive meeting gave a report of the work done. Mrs Hutton reported on a meeting held at Green Island. Mrs Downing reported on the remit concerning the two-issue ballot paper, which was discussed at the National Council Conference recently held at Christchurch. After slight opposition, the remit was passed. The chief feature of the afternoon was a very interesting address by Mrs Acutt, of Bristol,

England, who took her hearers with her to her own home town and drew several sad pictures of the conditions amongst the women and children in the slums there, all of which were due to the degrading influence of drink. She also spoke of some of the evils of drink in New Zealand, and of the fallacy of prescribing stout for nursing mothers.

#### KAIAPOI.

April. Pay-up social; the President, Mrs Vickery, in the chair. The resignation of Mrs Stewart as Supt. of the building, was accepted with regret, and we trust that in the near future she would be well enough to take her place among us again. Resolved to support the nomination from the Mothers' Union for the School Committee. We were then entertained by a short programme of music and elocution.

#### PAPAROA.

Feb. 11. Mrs Hames, President, presided, good attendance. Mrs Hames gave a beautiful illustration on the 44th verse of the 5th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £1 10s. 1d. at the end of financial year, December 31st, 1926. Correspondence was read, great interest was shown regarding the "Two Issue Ballot Paper." The members unanimously decided to support this Petition, each member doing her best to receive signatures in favour of the "Two Issue Ballot Paper." Miss Blacknell continued with the most interesting paper, "Is Prohibition a Success in the United States of America." It was suggested that this paper be printed. We are hoping to forward a "copy" to the White Ribbon Magazine. A duet was rendered by Miss Kaimas and Mrs Evans. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to speaker and singers.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH.

Mar. 11. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Secretary, Mrs Collins, who is at present in a Private Hospital. Mrs Crittenden read a full report of the Convention in Lower Hutt, and received a vote of thanks. Dr. Godfrey gave a splendid address on Medical Alcohol as it affects the Human Body. A hearty vote of thanks was given him for his instructive and interesting talk. After discussing many phases of our work, Mrs Ferguson was chosen delegate for Auckland Convention, and Mrs Cobb was elected Hospital Visitor.

#### WAIMATE.

Mar. 9. Mrs Roy presided, good attendance. Mrs R. B. Hurst reported concerning inquiry re fitting sitting accommodation for girls serving behind counters. While little in this town to complain of from this source, we hear that breaches of the clause in the Factory Act providing that girls may sit down when their health requires it, do exist. The same member referred to the good accomplished by the International Labour Office of the League of Nations in stimulating the public conscience and creating new factory Acts. Mrs Ensign Whitely (S.A.) gave an address, "Good Mothers," most of the facts given therein being taken from her own personal experience as a social worker. This forms another link in the chain of really fine talks given by members and others. Arrangements made for addresses by Mrs Boag, and Mrs B. H. Low, M.A. Three new members admitted. Social cup of tea followed.

#### BLENHEIM.

April 5. Mrs Smith presided over meeting of 22 members and friends. Cradle Roll afternoon to be held on 27th April at Methodist Parsonage. Afternoon tea was dispensed, after which Mrs Wilson, delegate to Convention, gave a very interesting and full report, which was much appreciated by all. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Wilson was carried by acclamation.

#### TAUMARUNUI.

April. There was a good attendance of members to hear the Convention report. Mrs Wainwright (acting-President) in the chair. The delegate to Convention reported most fully on matters directly affecting the local Union, leaving other questions for

later discussion. Mrs Reed reported two new subscribers for the "White Ribbon," and the successful resumption of the L.T.L. after the summer recess.

#### GERALDINE.

April 5. Mrs Neutze (President) was in the chair, and there were about twenty members present. The Secretary (Mrs F. Wallach) read an interesting report on the transactions at the recent Convention at Auckland. Songs were given by Mrs Neutze, Mrs Mitchell, and Miss Logan, and afternoon tea was served. Decided to hold future meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, instead of the first, as formerly.

#### TAKAPUNA.

April 7. Fair attendance, with Mrs Richards in the chair. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a few interesting items from Convention. She spoke about the value police women would be among the girls and children. She also gave us an account of the starting of the Willard Home in Palmerston. Its first use as a home for the wives of soldiers in the training camps, then, when war was over, the turning of the property into a home for children, especially those who were left orphans at the time of the epidemic. Great pleasure expressed at having Mrs Lee-Cowie back in the homeland and hearing her once more. Afternoon tea was served.

#### FAIRLIE.

Annual meeting. Good attendance. Postponed from December. Election of new officers. Mrs Wilcox was re-elected President, Mrs J. Sangster Secretary, Mrs A. Cammond Treasurer, and Mrs Barwood "White Ribbon" Agent. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports both showed a successful year's work, and keen interest taken in all the seven meetings we have held. The correspondence from Mrs Peryman was read, and members decided to do their best to get new subscribers. Decided to have a social at our next meeting, and all members endeavour to be present and pay up. A pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with afternoon tea.

#### ASHBURTON.

April 5. Good attendance, President occupying the chair. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mr Harding and family, Mr and Mrs W. H. Robinson, and Mr and Mrs Harwood, in their recent bereavements; also with Mesdames Kirk, Enticott, White and Hardy in illness. The President reported on the meeting of the South Canterbury District, held at Timaru, when it was decided to meet quarterly in future, and to invite the Organiser for W.C.T.U. to visit South Canterbury early in the year. Leave of absence was granted the Secretary, Mrs H. Hopwood, to visit England, a substitute to be appointed pro tem. Secretary of Pleasant Point Union wrote stating that a family, whose names were on the Cradle Roll, were removing to Ashburton. Decided to look them up. Thanks of the Superintendent were accorded those who had given donations or contributions of clothing to the Willard Home. Miss Annie Watson was unanimously appointed "W.R." Agent. Congratulations were extended to Miss Trevurza on reappointment as New Zealand Press Agent. Rev. R. B. Tinsley was present, and spoke on "Touch." Many helpful ideas were gained, and spiritual lessons outlined through vital touch with God. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Tinsley for his inspiring address. Tea was served.

#### GORE.

March 29. Mrs Day (Vice-President) occupied the chair. It being Frances Willard Day, a very interesting paper on her life was read by Mrs Day. A report of the Southland District Union meeting was given by Mrs D. Stevenson. After a formal business discussion, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

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

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

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

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

These prices include postage.

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

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

#### BAND OF MERCY.

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

#### BAND OF HOPE.

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

Cradle Roll: Mrs Waddell, Private Bag, Waitara.

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

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

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

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

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

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

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

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

All Post Free.

## SLOWER REACTION TIME.

"It is the proven fact that alcohol lengthens the simple reaction time and still more does it lengthen the reaction time when factors of discrimination or judgment are involved. The classical experiments are those of the world-famous Professor Kraepelin. Towards the end of the nineteenth century he studied the matter. He was, like the overwhelming majority of doctors at that date, a believer in alcohol as a 'stimulant' and 'tonic,' and so forth. He found the facts 'very otherwise.' Always the speed and accuracy of response are impaired by alcohol. But the most remarkable fact of all is that the subject of the experiment imagines himself to be doing better than usual. The cold clock, the judgment of which is uninfluenced by the 'mockery,' knows and shows the truth. Similarly the batsmen, after lunch, even with a very little alcohol in his brain, reacts more slowly, mistakes a yorker for a half-volley, or thinks he can carry the boundary and hits the ball into the hands of the outfield.

"Cricket is the king of games, but only a game; and if you spoil your play by this means or that you drop out of the side, sooner or later. Driving a motor-car on a public road is not a game, though many think it no more. The good driver is he who has a quick reaction time, with keen discrimination and good judgment—not least of the speed of moving objects, as when one is playing cricket or tennis. It is absolutely certain, beyond all question, that alcohol impairs these qualities. In what doses? It begins to do so at once and in some degree even in doses so small that no one would trouble to drink them except for experimental purposes. Lives and limbs are thus lost, all over the world, in large and rapidly increasing numbers, every day in the year. Is the driver, in these cases, drunk? Often he is drunk according to the criteria applied at present, and likely to be accepted or proposed by the new Committee. Often he is not drunk according to any criteria which are likely to be proposed or accepted by public opinion—that 'chaos of prejudices,' as Huxley called it long ago in another connection. But it was the alcohol in his brain that cost the

few hundredths of a second in putting on the brake, or turning the steering wheel; or that made him think he could get through a gap when he could not; or that permitted the fatal speed of travel which his sober judgment would have rightly feared. Was he drunk? Evidently the question, as it stands, is meaningless and impossible. Was he intoxicated? Yes, as surely as, and far more disastrously than, if he had been dead drunk in the tonneau and being conveyed home by a sober driver.—From the "London Spectator."

## SCOTTISH CHURCHES AND TEMPERANCE.

In submitting his report to the Church of Scotland General Assembly, Dr. Swan, of Leith, spoke of alcohol as "that substance which has got out of place in the world, and which, like a lion escaped from a menagerie, must be brought back to its true place again." Dr. MacGilchrist, seconding the Assembly's motion, said, "One of the aims and effects of the periodical local option polls is that they educate the people. It is not wasteful to spend some money if the end will be a healthier, happier, soberer Scotland." Dr. McCallum, the Moderator, said that intemperance had not only claimed thousands of victims from those without the Church, it had struck down her fairest sons, and converted the sweetest and best homes into places of unhappiness and want: it had even swept her ministrants from the holy table.

In moving the adoption of the Temperance Committee's report in the United Free Church Assembly, the Rev. James Muir said it was a scandal that the Church had the power to eliminate the drink traffic and did not do it. Dr. Maclean Watt said no Church could be a soul-saving Church that was not a sober Church. The biggest work they had to do in Scotland to-day was to see that whatever else the public house was, it was not to have added attractions so that the women and children would be drawn in. No decent woman wanted Lord Salvason's improved public house. No decent woman wanted her child to grow accustomed to it.—"Exchange."

## PROGRESS IN OTHER LANDS.

In Burmah, a petition in favour of Local Option secured 5,000 signatures.

At a Buddhist Congress in Tokio (Japan) a resolution was passed calling upon all Buddhists to work for the abolition of drinking and opium smoking. More than 1,000 Buddhists were present at this Congress from China, Korea, Formosa, and Japan.

The W.C.T.U. in Japan has just gained 1,000 new members as a result of the membership campaign. It now numbers 7,000 members. It has launched a Temperance Education Campaign, which will reach every school child in Japan, and it has also created a strong sentiment against the licensing of new Vice Districts. 1,000! new members! Wake up, New Zealand! Don't let our sisters in the sunrise land outnumber us.

In South Africa, the Cape Province has increased its membership by 281, the Transvaal reports 4 new Unions and 345 increase in members; Natal has 2 new Unions, a membership of 407, and 516 Little White Ribboners. The total membership in South Africa is 4,303.

## THE FEET OF THE CHILDREN.

(A. T. Williams.)

When I am old, too old to run,  
And stand where vauntingly I trod;  
When children point at me in fun,  
Since to be old is to be odd;  
When I no more can glory in  
The precious thrill and glow of life;  
When all her music seems mere din,  
And echoes of unworthy strife;  
When I am old, too old to live,  
Lord, who hast lightened all my load,  
One blessing more, I pray Thee, give—  
Oh, grant me as I tread Thy road,  
To smooth away some shard or stone,  
That else might bruise these children's feet;  
Lord, let me stumble on alone,  
So they, erect, may walk the street.

Young Bragger: "My Grandfather built the Rocky Mountains."  
Unsympathetic Listener: "Aw, that's nothing. Do you know the Dead Sea? Well, my grandfather killed it."—"Yale Record."

# 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."*

## WANDERINGS OF A WEARY EDITOR.

Well, here we are again, Convention a thing of the past, only a memory of a happy but strenuous time. Mirth and music, shade and shine, toil and tears, laughter and lassitude, doubt and difficulty, ease and energy, and above and beyond all running like a thread of gold through every minute of the time a faith triumphant, a courage invincible, and a determination to fight till the finish.

We were glad to see so many Y. delegates, we would have loved to see every Y. member present. The chief item of interest to you all is the appointment of a Y. Organiser. Miss C. M. McLay now is your Organiser, bringing to your work all her trained mentality, her loving sympathy with the ideals of youth, her deep spirituality and her bright personality. She will be the friend of every Y. member, and every Y. member will help her to the very utmost.

Youth is largely the time for preparation. To you we look for our leaders and officers in the future who will give their life just now to the great Master, to be used and trained for His service, and in the cause of God and Home and Humanity.

### PREPARATION CLASSES.

Already Auckland has a class to train speakers. As a support to that, we want classes to give them the matter to speak about. Make your ordinary meetings educative. As an example, have say an

### ASIATIC EVENING.

If you wish dress as Hindu, Chinese, Japanese. Each speak for their own country. Let Japan tell how drink is forbidden to young people, and how Japanese women sent Madame Sujama at the age of 90, across the Pacific to President Coolidge to ask him to work for World Peace. Then China can tell of the awakening life of her women, their demand for

equality and the right to protect themselves and their children.

India, too, can tell of women in her Legislative Councils, of the Begum of Bhopal, who made her own State dry; of a country throbbing with new life, eager to take her place in the commonwealth of nations. Let your songs and music be Eastern in character, and you will find it interesting and you will learn much.

## CAMP LIFE.

From Convention, your Editor went to Camp of Bible Class Girls, about 56 of us with camp stretchers in the large Hall at Palmerston North Show Grounds. Earnest, eager students, most of them anxious to fit themselves for future service. Easter Sunday a fine service at Cuba Street, followed by a beautiful Communion Service. Then service at night in Camp. And last of all, when lights were out, and Camp Mother had commanded silence, stole sweetly through the moonlit Hall the tender lullaby sang by our Maori Sister from Turakina. And to its lovely melody, we drifted into the land of dreams.

What a force in the life of our land is this opening womanhood. How it rejoiced us to know so many were gathered in Bible Classes, Y.W.C.A.'s. and W.C.T.U.'s. What a trust the Master has put into your hands—you are to bear and rear the citizens of the future. You are to pass on the lamp of life to coming generations. I know, dear girls, you will pass on the stream of life untainted by those racial poisons—alcohol and nicotine. You will permit no man who has sown wild oats, to be the father of your children,



because the wild oats sown by fathers are reaped by their children.

Thank God, dear girls, for the gift of life. Be worthy of the trust reposed in you. So work, so live that "children may arise and call you blessed."

## FLASHES.

"If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England, we should see our taxation reduced by millions sterling a year."—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.D.

Mr Blimp: Remember, the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Don't forget that, dear.

Mrs Blimp: Then you come right in and rule the world awhile. I'm tired.

Alcoholic fermentation changes good foods into injurious drinks.

Alcohol is not a stimulant, but a narcotic.

Passenger: "Have I time to say goodbye to the wife?"

Ticket Collector: "That depends, Sir, upon how long you have been married."

Wounds heal less rapidly in the average habitual drinker than in an abstainer.

Alcohol impairs the qualities constantly needed by the driver of an automobile, such as steadiness, caution, ability to recognise danger and to act correctly and quickly.

## HE KNEW HIM.

With magisterial eye the J.P. regarded the defendant:

"I seem to know your face," he mused. "I know it well. Have you been in this Court before?"

"No, Sir," replied the man behind the railings.

Have you seen me before?"

"Yus, Sir."

"Often?"

"Yus, Sir."

"And what is your trade?"

"Please, Sir," he blurted, "I'm barman at the King's 'Ead.'"

## A Y's "SPEAKERS' CLASS."

(Contributed by Y Organiser.)

The members of Auckland "Y's" who attended the "Speakers' Class" last year are eagerly looking forward to the re-opening of the Class on 13th April. Several new members wish to join, and much enjoyment is anticipated. One member of last year's class, who made his debut with shaking knees and a chalk-like face, has become a local preacher and a most acceptable Band of Hope speaker. Another young man, who trembled audibly during his maiden speech, has done good service as Band of Hope speaker, assists in adult Temperance meetings and open-air meetings, and has entered the Bible Training Institute as a student for the Foreign Mission Field. Two of the lady members have done extensive Band of Hope, Sunday School, and Bible Class service, and some are desirous of further training ere they try their wings.

## Y REPORTS

### AUCKLAND.

March 8. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided over a good attendance of members and others. The usual devotional exercises were taken. The President was appointed delegate to attend Convention. The rest of the evening was devoted to practice of the choruses, etc., for the pageant, "The Lamps of the Palace of Life," which is being prepared for one of the evenings during Convention.

April 9. Mrs Lee-Cowie (Vice-President) presided over a good attendance of members and friends, 45 being present. Reported that the pageant, "The Lamps of the Palace of Life," given on one of the evenings of the Convention, had been a great success. The proceeds to date amounted to £16 7s. The President gave a concise and interesting account of Convention, for which she received a cordial vote of thanks. Mrs Lee-Cowie reported that the President, Miss A. M. McLay, had been appointed a Dominion Organiser, that the Secretary, Mr Laurie Davison, had resigned on his entry as a student to the Bible Training Institute, and a letter was read from the Treasurer, Mr Thos. Thomson, resigning his position owing to his having undertaken other duties. These three vacancies were filled as follows:—Miss M. Pyle, President pro tem., with a view to training one of the younger members; Miss Iris Davison, Recording Secretary; Miss Florrie Hullah, Corresponding Secretary; Mr Alan Davison, Treasurer. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an interesting Temperance talk. Three new members were initiated.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

March 11. There was a fair attendance of members, and the President was in the chair. Pledge repeated and devotions. A short time was spent in singing favourite hymns. The Rev. J. S. Young gave a very fitting address. Supper was served.

### DUNEDIN.

Letter was received from the Band of Hope Union asking "Y's" to undertake decorating of hall for Band of Hope banquet. Our President left for Conference. We trust she will have a very profitable time. She has been invited by the Hastings "Y's" to break her homeward journey and spend a social evening with them, and also to give a report of Conference to their meeting. In the absence of the Superintendent (Mrs McCartney), Mrs Hutton very kindly came along to take her place. Temperance Fact read.

The tradesmen of Oamaru are almost unanimous that No-License has resulted in fewer bad debts and less trouble in collecting accounts. Certainly the figures for the Magistrate's Court returns seem to bear this out. The number of plaints in civil cases indicate the position. There were 474 plaints in 1905, while there were only 102 in 1921. The towns of Waimate and Temuka, which are License towns of much smaller populations, are quoted for comparison. There are possibly other factors besides the absence of liquor which influence these things: still the table seems to bear out the opinion held by Oamaru's leading men that the influence of No-License has been distinctly beneficial to business.

### INVERCARGILL.

The first meeting for the year of the Invercargill Y's was in the form of a social. It was very successful and enjoyable. The second meeting, held in March, was a very interesting one, the main feature being an address by Mrs McBean on the life of Frances Willard. This month's meeting was held on the 4th April in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The President opened the meeting with a hymn, which was followed by a short Bible reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and received. The business of the meeting was then discussed. It was decided to hold a Street Day on the 30th April. A very touching and very interesting address was then given by Nurse Niven on the work of the Victoria Home. The meeting closed with the pledge.



**Y Organiser and Three Y Presidents.**  
From left to right—Miss C. M. McLay, Y Organiser; Miss J. Armit, Dunedin; Miss A. McLay, Auckland; Miss G. McKenzie, Hamilton.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

### New Zealand Fund.

Dunedin, £3; Invercargill North, £2 2s; Invercargill South, £1 1s; New Plymouth, Opoitiki, Petone, Temuka, and A Friend, £1 each; and Maori Unions at Frankton, Oturere, Pouto, Reweti, and Te Awamutu, 5s each.

### Organising Fund.

Gore (additional), £3; Mayfield, £3; Pukekohe £2 0s 6d; Te Kuiti (additional), £1.

### World's Missionary Fund.

Riverton, 16s; Collingwood, 10s; Hawera, 9s; Napier, 8s 9d; Johnsonville, 8s; Sefton and Spreydon, 6s each.

### Maori Fund.

Gore, £1.

### N.Z. Memorial Headquarters Fund.

Donation from Church of Christ, £1 1s.

### NELLIE BENDELY,

For the N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 9th April, 1927.

## VERY "UNCOMMON" NOUN.

It was a coloured school teacher in America who, descanting upon nouns common and proper, made the exception:—"The word 'pants' am an uncommon noun, because pants am singular at the top and plural at the bottom."

## WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

## Officers.

President: Miss Anna A. Gordon, Rest Cottage, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.  
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## N.Z. Officers, 1927.

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Organisers: Miss Bradshaw, Miss A. McLay; Organiser for Y's, Miss C. McLay.

Maori Organiser: Mrs Simons.

## N.Z. Superintendents of Departments.

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"Y's" and Medal Contests: Mrs Macartney, 19 Mailer Street, Dunedin.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs Benfell, 2 Buckland Street, Epsom.  
 District Secretary: Mrs Williams "Arnley," Northcote.  
 District Treasurer: Mrs Taylor, "Sharrow," Station Road, Otahuhu.

## BRANCHES.

| Name of Union. | No Members. | President.                                       | Corresponding Secretary.                       | Treasurer.                                     |
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| Auckland       | 240         | Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Rd., Mt. Eden             | Miss N. Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby  | Mrs P. Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby |
| Birkenhead     | 22          | Mrs Jory, "Navatha," Birkenhead                  | Miss Hayman, Arawa St., Birkenhead             | Miss Le Roy, Devonport                         |
| Dargaville     | 25          | Mrs Harry Page, Awakino Pt.                      | Miss Andrews, Mangawhare                       | Mrs Spragg Dargaville                          |
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| Helensville    | 12          | Mrs J. Gray, Helensville                         | Mrs C. Ketterer, Helensville                   | Miss F. Simcock, Helensville                   |
| Henderson      | 26          | Mrs Platt, Great North Road                      | Mrs T. McKay, Great North Road                 | Mrs Williams, Great North Road                 |
| Leigh          | 7           |                                                  | Mrs Gozar, Leigh                               | Mrs Gozar, Leigh                               |
| Matakana       | 9           | Mrs E. Roke, Matakana                            | Mrs C. Worthing, Matakana                      | Mrs O. E. Trotter, Matakana                    |
| Maungakaramea  | 7           | Mrs J. T. Walker, Maungakaramea                  | Mrs W. H. Gillingham, Box 1                    | Mrs W. H. Gillingham, Box 1                    |
| Maungaturoto   | 18          | Mrs Eycroft, The Manse                           | Mrs Pasley, Maungaturoto                       | Mrs Pasley, Maungaturoto                       |
| Onehunga       | 98          | Mrs A. C. Stacey, 104 Grey Street                | Mrs Hunter, 1 Alfred St., Te Papapa            | Mrs Mushet, 79 Alfred Street                   |
| Otahuhu        | 33          | Mrs Greenwood, Methodist Parsonage, Station Road | Mrs W. Taylor, "Sharrow," Station Road         | Mrs McNary, Nikau Road                         |
| Penrose        | 8           |                                                  |                                                | Mrs Williams, Walls Road, Penrose              |
| Ponsonby       | 91          | Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a Hamilton Road, Herne Bay       | Mrs Oliver, Homai, Manurewa                    | Mrs Williams 13 Bayfield Road, Herne Bay       |
| Port Albert    | 25          | Mrs Grindlay                                     | Miss E. Hartnell                               | Mrs B. Gubb                                    |
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| Rawene         |             | Mrs Ashworth, Rawene                             | Mrs T. P. Lane, Rawene                         | Mrs T. P. Lane, Rawene                         |
| Russell        | 15          | Mrs Mundy, Russell                               |                                                | Mrs Armitage, Russell                          |
| Takapuna       | 50          | Mrs Morgan Richards, The Manse                   | Mrs Lewis Croyden, Victoria Road               | Miss Piper, Sea View Road, Milford             |
| Te Kopuru      | 17          | Mrs Webb, Te Kopuru, N. Wairoa                   | Mrs Hill Taylor, Box 21, N. Wairoa             | Mrs Morgan, Aratapu, N. Wairoa                 |
| Warkworth      | 17          | Mrs H. I. Phillips, Pulham Road                  | Mrs W. Hamilton, "The Grange"                  | Mrs McKinney, Milburne                         |
| Whangarei      | 58          | Mrs Goodall, 8 Dennis Avenue                     | Mrs W. N. Hills, 12 Norfolk Street             | Mrs Hughes, Mair Street                        |

## WAIKATO DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street, Claudelands, Hamilton.  
 District Secretary: Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road  
 District Treasurer: Mrs ~~Morton, Ebro Road, Hamilton.~~

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| Name of Union. | No. Members. | President.                                     | Corresponding Secretary.                                 | Treasurer.                                               |
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| Cambridge      | 22           | Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road                | Mrs Beer, Stafford Street                                | Mrs Carter, Victoria Street                              |
| Fencourt       | 10           | Mrs Simpson, Rural Delivery, Fencourt, Waikato | Mrs Norman, Rural Delivery, Fencourt, Waikato            | Mrs Walter Beer, Rural Delivery, Fencourt, Waikato       |
| Hamilton       | 50           | Mrs Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street                  | Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road                    | Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street                           |
| Hamilton East  | 10           | Mrs R. Morgan, 44 Wellington St.               | Mrs R. Mears, 176 Grey Street                            | Mrs G. Jack, McFarlane Street                            |
| Morrinsville   | 16           | Mrs Starnes, Allen Street                      | Mrs Moncrief, Bank Street                                | Mrs Willis, Allen Street                                 |
| Ngaruawahia    | 16           | Mrs McConnel, Ngaruawahia                      | Mrs Crothers, Ngaruawahia                                | Mrs Wilton, Ngaruawahia                                  |
| Opotiki        | 36           | Mrs J. T. Thompson, Wellington St.             | Mrs J. W. Gordon, Box 85                                 | Mrs Downey, Church Street                                |
| Paeroa         | 7            | Mrs W. Hubbard, Box 29, Paeroa                 | Mrs Harrington, c/o National Bank of N.Z., Miller Avenue | Mrs Harrington, c/o National Bank of N.Z., Miller Avenue |
| Tauranga       | 22           | Mrs Laura Smith, "The Knoll"                   | Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue                                  | Mrs Teas y, 7th Avenue                                   |
| Te Aroha       | —            | Mrs Dukes, Bridge Street                       | Mrs R. Trebilco, Ruakaka, Te Aroha                       | Mrs Nicol, Herriesville, Te Aroha                        |
| Thames         | 9            | Mrs Heard, Thames                              | Miss Smith, Sperry Home, Thames                          | Mrs Gleeson, Karaka Road, Thames                         |
| Te Kuiti       | 24           | Mrs Strand, Parsonage                          | Mrs G. Elliott, Seddon Street                            | Mrs R. B. Cole, Mangarino Road                           |
| Taumarunui     | 20           | Mrs Wainwright, The Manse                      | Mrs Read, Matapuna Road                                  | Mrs W. Donnelly                                          |
| Waihi          | 8            | Mrs Hollis, Moresby Avenue                     | Mrs S. Brown, Box 121                                    | Mrs Potter, Walker Street                                |

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District President: Mrs M. T. Phillips, Brecon Road, Stratford.  
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 District Treasurer: Mrs Hawkins, Buller Street.

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| Hawera         | <del>21</del> 20   | Mrs Exley, Albion Street                           | Mrs Bond, Inglewood                               | Mrs Ashton, Albion Street        |
| Inglewood      | 32                 | Mrs Simpson, Inglewood                             | Mrs Hansen, Manaia                                | Mrs Burgess, Inglewood           |
| Manaia         | <del>19</del> 18   | Mrs Robinson, Manaia                               | Mrs John Craig, "Craigneuk," 276 Powderham Street | Mrs Robinson, Manaia             |
| New Plymouth   | <del>214</del> 214 | Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street                      | Mrs K. Tarrant, Ngaere                            | Mrs Whitham, Gilbert Street      |
| Ngaere         | 15                 | Mrs Gilliver, Rural Delivery, Bird Road, Stratford | Mrs W. Gane, Box 2, Normanby                      | Mrs D. Simpson, Ngaere           |
| Normanby       | 19                 | Mrs Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera                      | Mrs Clark, Box 105                                | Mrs J. Meuli, P.O., Normanby     |
| Stratford      | 78                 | Mrs Fawcett, Juliet Street                         | Mrs Jensen, Waitara                               | Miss Lilley, Juliet Street South |
| Waitara        | 38                 | Mrs Andrews                                        |                                                   | Mrs Hughson, Waitara             |

## WANGANUI DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui.  
 District Secretary: Mrs Hopkirk, Wanganui.  
 District Treasurer:

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| Raetihi          | 27           | Mrs Sandford, Duncan Street             | Mrs Godby, Ballance Street                       | Mrs Griffin, Seddon Street                   |
| Turakina         | 11           | Miss Benfell, Maori Girls' College      | Mrs R. J. Glasgow, "Edenmore"                    | Mrs R. J. Glasgow, "Edenmore"                |
| Wanganui Central | 70           | Mrs Goody, 26 College Street            | Mrs Upton, 215 Greyton Street                    | Mrs Warrick, St. John's Hill                 |
| Wanganui East    | 102          | Mrs A. H. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui     | Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere, Wanganui | Miss Frances Brown, No. 3 Line Wanganui East |
| Waverley         | 11           | Mrs Wall, Waverley                      | Mrs Nicholls, Waverley                           | Mrs R. Johnston, Waverley                    |

## MANAWATU DISTRICT.

District Officers to be elected.  
 BRANCHES.

| Name of Union.   | No. Members. | President.                              | Corresponding Secretary.                     | Treasurer.                          |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| Foxton           | 40           | Mrs Peryman, Foxton                     | Mrs Rimmer, Foxton                           | Mrs Downs, Foxton                   |
| Marton           | 7            | Mrs McIvor, The Manse, Marton           | Mrs Hall, 2 Bowen Street, Marton             | Mrs Verry, Calico Line, Marton      |
| Otaki            | 21           | Mrs Allan, Iti Street                   | Mrs W. G. Taylor, Box 36, Otaki Railway P.O. | Miss Taylor, "Mahoe," Waerenga Road |
| Pahiatua         | 34           | Mrs J. D. Wilson, Victoria Street       | Miss M. C. Edmed, D.H. School                | Mrs O. Johnson, Victoria Street     |
| Palmerston North | 130          | Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert West | Mrs C. Ferguson, 10 Lyndhurst St.            | Mrs S. Kingston, P.O. Box 236       |

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 District Secretary: Mrs Duckworth, Nelson Terrace, Waipukurau.  
 District Treasurer: Mrs Burdett Nelson Terrace, Waipukurau.

**BRANCHES.**

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| Hastings       | 50           | Mrs Paul, Box 276                | Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273          | Mrs Boshier, Pakowhai Road    |
| Napier         | 104          | Mrs Leask, Fitzroy Road          | Mrs Hull, 66 Chaucer Road         | Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley |
| Waimondville   | 13           |                                  |                                   |                               |
| Waipawa        | 13           | Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley Street | Mrs Jas. Bibby, Rose Street       | Miss Johnson, Rose Street     |
| Waipukurau     | 12           | Mrs G. Smales, Waipukurau        | Mrs J. Reid, Waipukurau           | Mrs G. Robinson, Waipukurau   |

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District President: Miss Oates, Greytown.  
 District Secretary: Miss Kirk, 63 Pirie Street, Wellington.  
 District Treasurer: Mrs August Anderson, Copeland Street, Lower Hutt.

**BRANCHES.**

| Name of Union.     | No. Members. | President.                       | Corresponding Secretary.             | Treasurer.                              |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Apiti              | 23           | Mrs Murray, The Manse, Apiti     | Miss F. Malcolm Apiti                | Mrs I. Gould, Apiti                     |
| Carterton          | 85           | Mrs R. H. Every, Garrison Street | Mrs Raine, The Vicarage, High St.    | Mrs S. Tappin, South Carterton          |
| Greytown           | 39           | Mrs H. Morrison, Greytown        | Mrs W. A. Allen, Greytown            | Mrs A. Haigh, Greytown                  |
| Johnsonville       | 23           | Mrs Halliday, Aurora Road        | Miss D. M. Mildenhall, Poritua Road  | Mrs Cook, Main Road                     |
| Lower Hutt         | 36           | Mrs A. Anderson, Copeland Street | Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick Street   | Mrs H. Heyes, Pilmuir Street            |
| Martinborough      | 23           | Mrs W. J. Martin, Martinborough  | Miss Mildred Tyler, Martinborough    | Mrs A. M. Tyler, Martinborough          |
| Masterton          | 64           | Mrs J. Cocker, Albert Street     | Mrs J. Smith, High Street            | Mrs R. Jamison, Lincoln Road            |
| Miramar            | 24           | Mrs Evans, 62 Nevay Road         | Mrs Genge, Matai Road                | Mrs Cullen, 43 Miro Road                |
| Petone             | 65           | Mrs Murgatroyd, Nelson Street    | Mrs Cole, c/o Mrs Corner, Nelson St. | Mrs Doneghue, Vivian Street, Wellington |
| Wellington Central | 86           | Miss C. E. Kirk, 60 Pirie Street | Mrs J. C. Webb, 26 Talavera Ter.     | Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay                |
| Wellington South   | 175          | Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace   | Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street             | Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street            |

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District President: Mrs T. H. Field, The Rocks, Nelson.  
 District Secretary: Miss O. E. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.  
 District Treasurer: Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street, Nelson.

**BRANCHES.**

| Name of Union. | No. Members. | President.                        | Corresponding Secretary.                       | Treasurer.                           |
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| Collingwood    | 27           | Mrs Jameson, Collingwood          | Miss Walker, Collingwood                       | Miss Walker, Collingwood             |
| Motueka        | 21           | Miss Cresswell, Lower Moutere     | Miss V. Glover, Motueka                        | Miss R. Boyce, Motueka               |
| Nelson         | 112          | Miss R. Atkinson, Brougham Street | Mrs F. W. O. Smith, "Brookleigh," Brook Street | Miss F. J. Cooke, Examiner Street    |
| Ngatimoti      | 18           | Mrs E. Haycock, Ngatimoti         | Mrs Arthur Guy, Ngatimoti                      | Mrs Arthur Guy, Ngatimoti            |
| Richmond       | 32           | Miss Tarrant, Crescent Road       | Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road                   | Mrs Cropp, Salisbury Road            |
| Takaka         | 27           | Mrs B. K. Thompson, Takaka        | Mrs A. Taylor, Takaka                          | Mrs A. Taylor, Takaka                |
| Wakapuaka      | 16           |                                   |                                                |                                      |
| Wakefield      | 22           | Mrs C. Telenius, Wakefield        | Mrs E. Eggars, Wakefield                       | Miss F. Fowler, c/o Mrs T. Wakefield |

**MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

District President: Mrs Grigg, The Parsonage, Blenheim.  
 District Secretary: Mrs Leov, Rai Valley.  
 District Treasurer: Mrs W. Wilson, Mehan Street, Islington, Blenheim.

**BRANCHES.**

| Name of Union. | No. Members. | President.                                 | Corresponding Secretary.                    | Treasurer.                               |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Blenheim       | 51           | Mrs W. M. Smith, Aston Street, Springlands | Mrs V. Underhill, Lakings Road, Springlands | Mrs T. Pike, Main Street, Blenheim       |
| Canvastown     | 18           | Mrs B. H. Murray, Canvastown               | Mrs F. H. T. Flower, Canvastown             | Mrs F. H. T. Flower, Canvastown          |
| Havelock       | 5            | Mrs A. J. Brown, Havelock                  | Mrs Darcy Reader, Havelock                  | Mrs Darcy Reader, Havelock               |
| Picton         | 28           | Miss Harris, York Street                   | Mrs Tobbell, Devon Street                   | Mrs Wells, Milton Crescent               |
| Rai Valley     | 18           | Mrs Leov, Rai Valley                       | Mrs W. Moore, Rai Valley                    |                                          |
| Seddon         | 4            | Mrs Kimberley, The Vicarage, Seddon        | Mrs R. Cameron, Craigie Lea, Seddon         | Mrs T. C. Hammond, "Lion's Head," Seddon |

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

District President: Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dyer's Pass Road, Cashmere, Christchurch.  
 District Secretary: Miss B. M. Harband, 142 Hawke Street, New Brighton.  
 District Treasurer: Miss M. Lovell-Smith, "Midway," Riccarton Road, Christchurch.

**BRANCHES.**

| Name of Union. | No. Members. | President.                                | Corresponding Secretary.                   | Treasurer.                       |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Belfast        | 22           | Mrs Roxburgh, John's Rd., Belfast         | Mrs W. Rogers, 690 North Road              | Mrs Barnes, Englefield Road      |
| Cheviot        | 21           | Mrs Walmsley, R.D., Cheviot               | Mrs Alec. Hyde, "Stroma" Domett            | Mrs S. B. Clifford, Cheviot      |
| Christchurch   | 155          | Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton | Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans | Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Avonside |

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| Name of Union.     | No. Members. | President.                                         | Corresponding Secretary.                                      | Treasurer.                                          |
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| Plymouth           | 30           | Mrs Martin, Franklin Street                        | Mrs Mason, Sturge Street, Cobden                              | Mrs Wilson, Cowper Street                           |
| Whitika            | 15           | Mrs Lynn, Britten Street                           | Mrs G. Knowles-Smith, Box 97                                  | Mrs W. Penny, Weld Street                           |
| Alapoi             | 39           | Mrs Vickery, Fuller Street                         | Mrs Rinaldi, Sewell Street                                    | Miss Evans, Fuller Street                           |
| Kaikoura           | 15           | Mrs F. Flower, Kaikoura                            | Miss Patterson, D.H. School                                   | Miss Patterson, D.H. School                         |
| Lincoln-Springston | 20           | Mrs W. Kime, Springston                            | Mrs W. Kimber, Springston                                     | Mrs Currie, Springston                              |
| Lyttelton          | 12           | Mrs Wilfrid Smith                                  | Mrs Hewstone, 354 Wilson's Road, Opawa, Christchurch.         | Mrs Bromley, Coleridge Terrace, Lyttelton           |
| New Brighton       | 94           | Mrs Hall, Wainui Street, Bexley, New Brighton.     | Mrs Moses, 140 Lonsdale Street                                | Mrs Fraser, River Road                              |
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| Edendale South       | 24          | Mrs Malcolm, Methodist Parsonage, Edendale | Miss H. P. Hall, Edendale S.        | Mrs H. Niven, Edendale S.           |
| Gore                 | 133         | Mrs E. C. Smith, Afton Street              | Mrs Mirams, Albany Street           | Mrs Thompson, 39 Earnshaw St.       |
| Invercargill Central | 150         | Mrs Walker, 91 Lewis St. Gladstone         | Miss Smith, 169 Yarrow Street       |                                     |
| Mataura              | 25          | Mrs Landels, Charlton, Mataura             | Mrs John Park, Wyndham Road         | Mrs Coombes, End Street, Mataura    |
| North Invercargill   | 40          | Mrs Gilmour, Catherine Street              | Mrs Langskaill, 88 Melbourne Street | Mrs Laytham, George Street          |
| Orepuki              | 22          | Mrs W. Noble, Orepuki                      | Miss E. McAllister, Orepuki         | Mrs J. McIntyre, Orepuki            |
| Otautau              | 20          | Mrs Helen Brown, Otautau                   | Miss Mary R. Donnan, Otautau        | Mrs John Fisher, "Aldersyde"        |
| Riverton             | 35          | Mrs E. H. Gray, Palmerston Street          | Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street     | Mrs J. Cassels, Palmerston Street   |
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| Birkenhead            | 39          |                                                          | Miss Elsie Giles                               | Miss Elsie Giles                                 |
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| Christchurch          | —           | Miss Irene Taylor, Dyer's Pass Road                      | Miss D. Hutchinson, 81 Merivale Lane           | Miss Edna Spedding, Lonsdale New Brighton        |
| Dunedin               | 29          | Miss J. Armit                                            | Miss Mary Duncan, 68 Arthur St.                | Miss D. Ritchie                                  |
| Hamilton              | 11          | Miss McKenzie, c/o Miss Redmond, River Road, Claudelands | Miss D. Pike, 24 Selkirk Street                | Miss L. Fear, 26 O'Neill Street, Claudelands     |
| Hamilton East         | 17          | Miss Kate Day, 52 Albert Street                          | Miss Nell Feilding, Coates Street              | Miss Eileen Milne, McFarlane Street              |
| Hastings              | 60          |                                                          | Miss North, Brunswick Street                   | Miss Robson, Fitzroy Avenue                      |
| Invercargill          | 108         | Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street                           | Miss G. Fraser, c/o Fraser's Store, Elles Road | Miss Dawson, 283 North Road                      |
| Nelson                | 51          | Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street                              | Miss D. Shields, Elliott Street                | Miss P. Eaves                                    |
| New Brighton          | 21          | Mrs F. M. Mitchell, 387 Park Road                        | Miss May Moses, 140 Lonsdale St.               | Miss E. Langley, Park Road                       |
| N. Beach, N. Brighton | 20          | Mrs Eames, Norton Street                                 | Miss Thompson, Marriott's Road                 | Mr G. Florence, Racecourse Road                  |
| Oxford                | 24          | Mr H. Cederman, Oxford                                   | Miss M. Roi, Oxford                            | Miss E. Fantham, Oxford                          |
| Pleasant Point        | 26          | Mr Ralph Roberts, Pleasant Point                         | Miss Cartwright, Pleasant Point                | Miss Annie Boyd, Pleasant Point                  |
| Rangiora              | 16          | Miss Thelma Ayers, 218 King Street                       | Miss N. Taylor, Ayers Street                   | Mr Robt. Thwaites, Bush Street                   |
| Timaru                | 20          | Mrs Gordon, 190 Otipua Road                              | Miss M. Shepherd, Le Cren Street               | Miss R. Bryce, 4 Mere Mere Street                |
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| Otaua         | 28          |                      |                          |                             |
| Pouto         | 10          | Mrs. Ariari          | Miss K. Kena             | Mrs Ariari                  |
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| Taheke        | 20          |                      |                          |                             |
| Te Awamutu    | 19          | Mrs P. Roberts       | Mrs Warena King          | Mrs Te Aho, Te Rangi Pihama |
| Waima         | 17          |                      |                          |                             |

APITI, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gill, Webster, and Couran; 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 Gilmore, 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 R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.

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

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AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss A. 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, Wai-taker Place, Auckland.

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

**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. Raine, Parsonage; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. McIlroy, Breezes Road; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. F. Good, Victoria Street.

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

**CARTERTON**, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Every, Garrison St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Raine, Vicarage, High St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Kennerley, Belvedere Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Tappin, Hilton Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson, 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., Kalkorai; Treas., Mrs. Macartney, 27 Maller St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Blakely, 25 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 Maller St., Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs. Williamson, 42 Beach St., St. Clair, Dunedin; Treas., Mrs. Williams, 39 Nelson St., South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine St., Caversham.

**DEVONPORT**, 2nd Thursday, Congregational Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. M. Finch, 14 Allenby Av., Devonport; Sec., Mrs. M. Trevurza, Victoria Rd., Takapuna; Treas., Mrs. T. Fraser, Narrow Neck, Devonport; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Watson, 15 Kerr Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham, Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lamont, North Av., Devonport, Mrs. Burnett, Devonport.

**ELTHAM**, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs. Morrison; Sec., —; Treas., Mrs. L. Panny; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, London Street.

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

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

**EPSOM**, 4th Thursday, 2.20 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs. Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Sec., Mrs. Carr, 16 Momona Road, Green Lane; Treas., Mrs. Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Arch Hill; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hood, 8 Kipling Avenue, Epsom.

**EDEN**, meets 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion 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** meets every second Wednesday of the month in Presbyterian Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs. Wilcox; Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. H. Holland and Mrs. S. Bradick; Treas., Mrs. A. Hammond; Sec., Mrs. J. Sangster; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Barwood.

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

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

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

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

**GISBORNE**, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Road; Treas., Mrs. Reynolds, 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, Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. President, Mrs. Simpson; Cor. Sec. and Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Bond; Treasurer, Mrs. Burgess; Rec. Sec., Miss Johnston; W.R. Agent, Miss Simpson.

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

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

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

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

**KAIAPOI**, meets in W.C.T.U. Temperance Hall, High Street, last Wednesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Vickery, Fuller Street; Sec., Mrs. Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Sewell Street; Treas., Miss Evans, Fuller Street; 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, Klox Hall, 4 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Mrs. S. J. Smith, High St.; Treas., Mrs. R. Jamieson, Lincoln Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Weston, Mount Bruce Rd.

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

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

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

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

**NAPIER**, 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. Hull, Chaucer Rd., North; Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Evangelistic, Mrs. Dodds; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent.

**NELSON** Union, 2nd. Sunday, Methodist Hall, 2 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, Lillard St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Knight, Vogeltown; 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., Presbyterian Hall. President, Mrs W. Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Meuli, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs Beaton; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o. Miss Larcom, Turuturu Road, Hawera).

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

**OAMARU**, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, 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 Twose 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 Newling; Treas., Miss Thomassen; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

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

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

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

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

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

**PALMERSTON NORTH**, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert, W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs C. Ferguson, 10 Lyndhurst St.; Treas., Mrs S. Kingston, P.O. Box 234; "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 Wilken; Treas., Mrs Wells; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; W.R., Mrs Fowler, Wellington South.

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

**PORT CHALMERS**, 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, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hayr, Mrs Taylor, Miss Reid; Rec. Sec., Miss Reid, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Oliver, Homal, Manurewa; Treas., Mrs Kasper, Kohimaramara; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyke, 7a. Hamilton Rd.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer 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.

**RAETIHI**, 1st Friday, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Sandford, Duncan St.; Sec., Mrs Godby, "Te Rangit." Ballance St.; Treas., Mrs Griffin, Seddon St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Ford, Seddon St.

**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, Flittall, 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 Wendelborn, 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 Methodist Schoolroom, Brougham Street West. Pres., Mrs Strett; Sec., Mrs Cartwright Smith; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Clay.

**TE KUITI**, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Strand, Parsonage; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott, Seddon Street; Treas., Mrs R. B. Cole, Mangarino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

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

**TAKAPUNA**, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Penning and Winstone; Sec., Mrs Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd.; Treas., Miss Piper, East Coast Rd.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

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

**TIMARU**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, c/o P.O. Box 111, Treas., Miss A. 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 Robinson; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters Terrace; Treas., Mrs Wakelin; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hight.

**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, Rhode St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

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

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

**WANGANUI CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church ParLOUR. Pres., Mrs Goodey, 26 College St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs 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 Sarson, 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.

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

**WELLINGTON**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., 35 Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Mowlem; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 49 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., Tres., 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 Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall, Dennis Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Adj. Vyle, Mrs Wright and Mrs Lovatt; Sec., Mrs W. Hills, Norfolk St.; Treas., Mrs R. Hughes, Mair Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, King St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt, Bank St.; Asst. Sec. and Treas., and Notable Days, Miss Hillford, Bank Street.

**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, Garlands 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 Loppell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers, W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.

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