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A TALE OF THE LONG AGO.

A blustering, wintry night in the little settlement on the shores of Port Nicholson; the infant township had settled early to rest. It was during the 'fifties in last century. A lad of sixteen was creeping furtively along The Beach, keeping in the deep gloom and shadow, and doing his best to hide the package he carried. For he was breaking the law, and conveying liquor to the soldiers on guard at Government House.

Thorndon was reached at last. The sentry, who "winked the other eye," was passed, the guardroom entered, and the package handed over.

A drink was handed to Jack, and a cigar was given him. It was his first smoke, but Jack wanted to be as much a man as his soldier friends, and puffed away merrily. But soon nature rose in revolt, and Jack hurried away. Backward he retraced his steps by the sad sea waves, until he came to Clay Point. There outraged nature had her revenge, and Jack was violently sick. It was a very quiet, sad youth who crept up to bed so silently that night; but he was firmly resolved that his first smoke should be his last, and he kept this resolve. Jack was never known to smoke again. But he still supplied his soldier friends with the forbidden liquor, and was fast learning to take his share with them. It was only the good Providence of God which saved him from ruin.

Word was conveyed to the Governor; the secret source of supply discovered. Jack's father was sent for, and agreed to punish his son. In vain he

searched for Jack, who had disappeared. The wooded hills above the town were searched, away to the top of Tinakori, right out to far Karori, but the boy was not found.

In the meantime the soldiers had looked after Jack, and he lay snugly hidden aboard a small ketch off Barrett's Wharf. When the ketch crept out to sea Jack's father was not to be anxious, because his son had shipped as assistant cook on board the ketch, and was on his way to Lyttelton. Poor Jack, supplied liberally with ship's grog, was out of sight of home before he was conscious enough to know that he was one of the crew.

The weather was rough, and no sooner was the ketch clear of the Heads when she was buffeted wildly by the rollers in Cook Strait. For three days she struggled on, and then, by the force of the gale, was piled a wreck at the mouth of the Waimakiriri River. Jack was helped ashore by a sailor, quite sober now, and badly frightened. After many adventures, he got to Lyttelton and was lucky enough to run across a skipper a great friend of his father's.

"Hullo, Jack," said the skipper, "ready to go home?"

"Yes, sir, and when I get there I want to stay there. No more sea trips for me."

"Well, you can come with me. Your father asked me to keep a look-out for you."

"Is dad very cross?" asked Jack.

"He's not exactly pleased, Jack, but if you've learnt a lesson, you know he'll be only too glad to forgive you."

"I'm not doing that any more, sir."

"Quite right, my boy."

Jack's family were very glad to see him. His father took him to Government House, and after the Governor had listened to his story, and noted the true penitence of the lad, he freely forgave him.

"Take my advice, boy," said the Governor, "and keep away from the soldiers and their grog."

A few days later Jack sought out Mr Fraser, a leading Rechabite, in the little settlement.

"Mr Fraser," said Jack, "I want to become a Rechabite."

"What does your father say?"

"He's quite willing. Though not a strict teetotaler himself, he's quite willing I should be one. I've had enough of strong drink to last me all my life."

Mr Fraser had a quiet talk with the boy, and pointed out how many, even in their little colony, had been ruined by drink, and how wise it was to let it absolutely alone.

So Jack signed the temperance pledge, and later on joined the Rechabites. He was a worker and a leader among them for half a century, and the work he only lay down with his life.

In his latter years, when thousands in New Zealand were voting for the absolute prohibition of the liquor trade, Jack was heard to say: "When I first joined them, you could count the Prohibitionists in Wellington on the fingers of your two hands. So speedily has the movement grown even more speedily it will grow, until this licensed iniquity shall be swept from the fairest jewel of the Pacific."

SPECIALS.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT PETONE.

April 20. A most enjoyable afternoon was held in the Salvation Army Hall, Mrs Cole presiding. It was a very interesting occasion, as it took the form of a complimentary social to our President and her husband on their attaining to their golden wedding. We were very sorry indeed that Mr Murgatroyd could not be present, owing to the inclement weather.

The hall was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums and white bows, a beautiful foresight of some of the ladies.

There was an excellent programme, in which the following took part:—Mrs Heyward, song; Mrs Wiseman, piano-forte solo; Mrs Franklin, song; Mrs McAlpine, song; and Miss Nancy Slater, a recitation, after which the company adjourned to the other room, where a bountiful repast was laid. Toasts honoured and proposed: "Bride and Bridegroom," "Bridesmaid."

Mrs Battersby, Mrs Carter, and Mrs Jones spoke of the good work that Mr and Mrs Murgatroyd had done for the community.

Mrs Battersby then presented an afternoon tea set to Mrs Murgatroyd from the ladies of the Union.

The afternoon's enjoyment was brought to a close by the joining of hands and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Our Union extends their best thanks to all the ladies who took part in the programme.

OPENING OF MUNICIPAL REST ROOMS, INVERCARGILL.

On Wednesday, 13th April, before a large attendance of the public and W.C.T.U. members, the magnificent new Municipal Rest Rooms, erected in Invercargill as the result of the efforts of the local W.C.T.U. Branches, backed by a generous donation from the Trustees of the Invercargill Savings Bank, were officially opened by Mrs L. B. McKenzie, first President of the District W.C.T.U.

The Mayor, Mr Andrew Bain, said the opening of the rooms marked another stage in the history of the town, in that it now possessed one of the finest buildings of such a nature in all the Dominion.

The cost was approximately £2000, of which amount the sum of £1000 had

been generously donated by the Invercargill Savings Bank. He congratulated the builder, Mr P. Larsen, and the architect, Mr N. R. Lightbody, on the well-finished and beautiful building. Mr Bain then laid the first foundation stone, and expressed the wish that the building would very successfully fulfil the purpose for which it was erected.

On behalf of the W.C.T.U., Mrs Fairbairn, District President, then presented Mr C. J. Broad with a handsome trowel in commemoration of his laying the second stone, which was inscribed: "District W.C.T.U. This stone was laid by C. J. Broad, Esq., in memory of the pioneer women of Southland. April 13th, 1927."

Mr Broad paid a glowing tribute to those pioneers who, with indomitable courage, had cut out a home and splendid heritage from the fastness of the bush. "Our children," he said, "have everything that their ancestors worked long years to gain. They start where those who have gone before left off."

Mrs Fairbairn then handed Mr Broad a sealed casket containing copies of the "Southland Times," the "Southland News," and the "Southern Cross," the white badge and "White Ribbon" of the W.C.T.U., and coinage of the realm. This was placed in a recess behind the stone, which Mr Broad declared well and truly laid, expressing the wish that the Rest Room would long fulfil the purposes for which they were erected.

The foundation stones having been laid, the Mayor then called on Mrs McKenzie to declare the Rest Room open.

Mrs L. B. McKenzie, first President of District W.C.T.U., spoke in a very interesting and inspiring manner, reviewing the history of the W.C.T.U. movement in Southland. "This," she said, "is a proud day for the members of the local branches of the W.C.T.U., in that, with it, comes the realisation of their vision of many years ago. The W.C.T.U. is a world-wide organisation, and each branch is but a link in the great chain. One of the principles upheld by the organisation is good citizenship, and it is in support of that principle that we have made this effort. The first step achieved in this direction had been in 1909, when, after some difficulty, they had succeeded in getting a seat placed in the Post Office Square. Since that the W.C.T.U. had instituted Rest Tents for women and children at the A. and P. Shows, and now, with the help of the Town Council and the Trus-

tees of the Invercargill Bank, they had attained this long-desired object. Then thanks were due to Mr Lightbody, whose services had been so kindly given free, which had done much towards making the accomplishment of their aim possible. Their thanks were also due to the District President, Mrs Fairbairn, and the Secretary, Miss Mary Hardie, and to all the women of the W.C.T.U. who had devoted their time and efforts towards attaining this object." Mrs McKenzie paid a tribute to the pioneers of the W.C.T.U. movement, many of whom had passed away, handing on their vision of what might be done in the future to the women of to-day. Mrs McKenzie then placed the key in the lock with the words: "To the Glory of God and for the use of the women and children of Southland, I declare this beautiful building open to you."

Afternoon tea was then served by members of the local Branches of the W.C.T.U., and the rooms inspected by those present.

BIRTHDAY RALLY AT CANVASTOWN.

Between 30 and 40 ladies met at a rally of the W.C.T.U. at Canvastown on April 23rd, when a most enjoyable and profitable afternoon was spent. Mrs Murray presided. Nineteen members were present, several having pushed their "prams" several miles, while others from a greater distance were driven thither by their considerate men folk. Several were unavoidably detained by illness or home duties.

The meeting opened with the singing of the noon-tide hymn, followed by the customary devotions. The President's opening address cordially welcomed Rai Valley President and members, Havelock President and members, all local members and friends. The year's work was briefly reviewed, the membership having risen from eight to twenty-six. Tribute was paid to the Executive and to the little band of workers and regular attendants at all meetings. Finally, the President introduced Mrs Grigg, District President.

Mrs Grigg, with her usual fluency, delivered an interesting and instructive address on the "Aims and Objectives of W.C.T.U."

Mrs Leov, President Rai Valley, and District Secretary, whom we all love for her cheerful, whole-heartedness, spoke at some length on the great work and ideals of W.C.T.U., and finally compli-

mented the local branch on its successful year's work.

Mrs A. J. Brown, President Havelock, delivered a happy little speech suitable to the occasion.

Mrs Bailey, Canvastown, also spoke brightly and fluently anent the pleasurable event.

Mrs Flower, Canvastown, concluded the address, in the course of which she thanked Mrs Grigg for undertaking so long a journey on their behalf, and for her splendid address.

Mrs Leov was also thanked, not only for her presence and speech on this occasion, but for the inestimable assistance she so readily gave throughout the year, her promptness and cheerfulness being praiseworthy.

The Havelock ladies were likewise thanked for their presence. Many votes of thanks were carried by acclamation for each in turn.

The meeting concluded with the Doxology.

A dainty afternoon tea was served, when nine flower-decked quartette tables graced the occasion, the head table honoured by a quartette of Presidents.

The success of this part of the function was largely due, as usual, to the untiring efforts of the bevy of ladies, viz., Misses Dalton and Brown, Mesdames N. J. Ward, Mrs Pike, Mrs Bailey and Miss Flower.

The Rev. Mr and Mrs Milgrew (Havelock) were among the visitors.

The sum of thirty-five shillings was collected towards the Union's Travelling Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Zealand Fund.

Carterton, £1.

Organising Fund.

Wyndham, £1 17s 6d.

World's Missionary Fund.

North New Brighton, 8s.

Maori Fund.

Inglewood, £1 10s.

N.Z. Memorial Headquarters Fund.

Carterton, £6 11s 2d.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

N. Z. Treasurer.

Christchurch 9th May, 1927.



THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IS ONE OF PRAYER.

(By Blanche Reed Johnston.)

The excuse is often made by the Christian, "We have so little time for prayer." I know this busy electric age is crowded with work and duty, and there seems very little opportunity for the old-fashioned, quiet meditation, which made the saints of old so strong and confident. But perhaps herein is to be found our mistake, and the cause of spiritual "inertia" and failure. We find that the busier our Saviour's life was, the more time He took to pray, often stealing away from the pressing crowd which thronged His steps, into the mountain-top alone to pray. Even when He did not have time for food, He found time to pray. "He prayeth best who loveth best." Prayer is necessary; it is oil to the lamp, the food to the spiritual palate, the electric current which keeps open the communication with the unseen.

Prayer does many things for us. God gives light in prayer, and reveals His will in times of perplexity.

God gives assurance in prayer; clears away the fogs and fears, the doubts and misgivings.

He gives peace in prayer; calms the tempestuous billows which sweep over our souls in times of sorrow and darkness. The Lord gives confidence and courage through prayer.

The Lord gives His Holy Spirit in prayer, with its inspiration, joy and comfort. He does not always give the answer we seek but He gives submission through prayer.

Perhaps you will say, "Why does He not answer my prayer and remove the pain I suffer?" He may be moulding you in the same furnace as He passed through, for "He learned obedience in the things which He suffered." He

will answer your prayer as the mother answers the pleadings of her little child, not always granting what is asked, but always giving what the mother-heart sees is best for its future good.

"Papa," said a tiny little girl, "I wish you would ask God to answer my prayer. I have such a little voice, and I am afraid God will not hear me for the singing of the angels. He would hear your big voice." "Why, my dear, God would stop all the music to hear and answer a little girl's prayer." I cannot say that God will stop the heavenly choir to hear our petitions, but, however humble our request, He will heed and answer in His own time for the fulfilling of His best purposes.

It is profitable to pray. All the spiritually great of all ages have been men and women of persistent prayer. It was when Ruth turned aside to rest in the heat of the noon-day that the master, Boaz, gave orders that she was to have a better opportunity to glean, and it will be so with us, when we take time to wait upon the Lord, our efforts will be crowned with blessing.

Work should be the expression of the prayer life. To prayer Jesus and the early Christian Church gave first place. Our service will not reach its maximum of effectiveness unless we give prayer first place. A glimpse at the prayer-life of Jesus reveals it as the secret place of power for Him. When a great problem lay before His disciples He told them to pray. He taught His disciples to pray. He, now ascended to the right hand of God, ever liveth to make intercession. Shall we put last or in a subordinate place in life, that which Jesus put first, and which is now His eternal service? The early disciples did not do so. When work became too exacting, a division of labour was agreed upon, and the twelve gave themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

OBSERVE THE NOON-TIDE HOUR.

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower.
We kneel when all around us seems to lower,
We rise, and all the distant and the near
Stand out in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel how weak; we rise how full of power;
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or helpless be,
Anxious or troubled when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee."

—Archbishop Trench.

WHITE RIBBON REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET, 1926.

The year was one of quiet and steady work. The circulation in December, 1926, was 4633, an increase of 137 for the year.

Some districts have worked well; others have evidently made little effort. Wellington District holds pride of place with 93 new subscribers. Of these, Wellington Central gained 17. Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Riccarton each gained 16 new subscribers. Forty-one Unions gained no new subscribers. Our thanks are due to our Organisers, Miss Bradshaw sending 49 new names, and Miss C. M. McLay 27.

On several occasions the "White Ribbon" was enlarged to 20 pages, and the Convention number was 24 pages. More blocks have been used. Yet our credit balance on the year's working shows a slight increase.

A paper was sent to every Union to be read on White Ribbon Day. Two circular letters have been sent to every Union, and one to the District Conventions. To every Union also was sent a list of subscriptions unpaid at the end of the year.

Our heartiest thanks are accorded to our Agents for their unselfish efforts; to our printers for kindness, courtesy and help; to our Auditor, Mr B. J. Lynneberg. A special word of thanks is due to Mrs Judson, our Assistant Editor, for her untiring help throughout the year.

With hope and courage we face the New Year, trusting it will be the best ever.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Editor.

Balance-Sheet for Year ending December 31st, 1926.**RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand 31/12/25....	46	9	7
Subscriptions and Sales	641	18	2
Advertisements	76	10	0
Grant from N.Z. Fund			
(Telephone)	5	0	0
	£769	17	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing for			
1926	464	16	4
Postages	135	7	4
Blocks	14	15	2
Wrappers	23	11	4
Stationery	11	5	6
Telephone	5	12	6
Salary Business Manager	20	0	0
Travelling Expenses	2	9	4
Bank Charges	0	14	6
Clerical Assistance	26	0	0
Prizes for Y.P. Puzzlers	2	14	1
Balance in Hand, 31/12/26....	62	11	8
	£769	17	9

NELLIE PERYMAN,
Business Manager.

The Books and Vouchers in connection with this Balance-Sheet have been duly examined and found correct.

BIRGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.
Ngaio, May 6th, 1927.**KANSAS VIEWS ON PROHIBITION AFTER 45 YEARS EXPERIENCE.**

1. No repeal or modification is needed, wanted or considered.
2. Ease of enforcement grows with enforcement.
3. Officials and private citizens are agreed that prohibition is the State's best business asset.
4. Many crimes that are common in communities that tolerate liquor are absent from Kansas.
5. Kansas children grow to maturity without the taint of intoxicating liquors.

6. Accruing benefits of prohibition have made law enforcement easier from year to year.

7. An awakened public conscience has aided Kansas in reducing the number of prohibitory violations each year.

8. Convictions of violators are easier now than at any time in the past, due to the years of proof that intoxicating liquor is a commercial and social detriment to any community.

9. Many undesirable influences that attend liquor were banished from the State when liquor was banished.

10. Liquor sales are not even permitted in Kansas on doctors' prescriptions. Liquor is an outlaw in Kansas.

11. Kansas is 44 years removed from the thought of ever returning to the days of the saloon.

12. Kansas children of to-day never saw and never will see a saloon in Kansas.

With the passing of the saloon has come another blessing. New appetites for liquor are not created. No traditional acceptance of the use of liquor survives. The social and even the medical uses of liquor are passing out of the Kansas consciousness. It is going out of the life of the people as completely as the bow and arrow and the belief in witches have gone out.—"The Victory Message."

THE TEMPERANCE LIGHTHOUSE.

(Tune: Let the Lower Lights be Burning.)

Brightly from the temperance lighthouse

Shines a light, a wondrous light;
It is guiding our great country

Out of darkness, out of night.

Chorus:Shine afar, O torch of temperance,
Guide us through these changing days;

To the glorious future waiting,

With thy wondrous beaming rays.

May our prayers arise to heaven,

That thy light may grow so bright;
That the world will catch its gleaming

And the wrong will turn to right.

—From New York Y.P.B. Song Book.

OF WHAT VALUE IS ALCOHOL TO A NATION?

In 1925, according to the Year Book of the United Kingdom Alliance, the people of the United Kingdom spent £315,000,000 on alcoholic drinks. It was a year of trade depression, nevertheless this vast sum was paid for a useless and even harmful self-indulgence; and there was consequently so much less purchasing power left available for things conducive to a fuller life. During the same year of trade depression the brewery profits were as high as ever, and in some cases higher than ever. The bad effect of alcohol upon workers' steadiness of time-keeping is well brought out by the prolonged recorded experience of Messrs Creed and Co., electrical engineers at Croydon, which was quoted by Mr W. Hamilton Whyte, Director of the School of Economics, Bristol University, in a recent speech reported in the "Alliance News" of December, 1926:—

"Some years before the war that firm decided to employ only total abstainers, and their managing director, Mr F. G. Creed, had published interesting figures with reference to the influence of alcohol on lost time, accidents and output. He said that the average lost time was probably about 10 per cent. in the ordinary engineering trades; at their works it was only a half of 1 per cent. At the outbreak of war, under normal conditions, they were obliged to engage a number of men who were not total abstainers; the average then rose to 5 per cent. But during the period the general average in the trade rose to 15 per cent. Since 1920 pre-war conditions had been re-established in the works, and from 1921 to 1924 the percentage of lost time from all causes had been under 1.75 per cent. They paid to insurance companies 4s 6d in premiums, whereas other firms doing similar work paid 8s 6d."

Mr Whyte also quoted an important statement made by Sir Thomas Oliver in a lecture on "Alcohol in Relation to Industrial Hygiene and Efficiency," delivered to the Royal Society of Arts. The conclusion the lecturer had come to after an impartial survey of the whole question, was as follows:—

"Alcohol does not increase the resistance of the body to disease; too often it paves the way to such diseases, for example, as tuberculosis. When taken

to the point of interfering with the operation of co-ordinating nerve tissues in the brain, alcohol tends to impair efficiency, intellectual and physical, so that no man who has important work to do is acting in the best interests of his work or is doing the best for himself by undertaking it upon alcohol."

Mr Whyte appealed for the setting up of a Royal Commission, whose business would be to investigate results, not to discuss remedies, and who would have power to cover the whole field. Information could be collected and co-ordinated. Many sources could be tapped which at present were inaccessible, and data would be provided as a guide for future action. Some people would say, "Things cannot wait." But he was convinced that such an enquiry, instead of postponing action, would itself be a very powerful means of educating the public and awakening public opinion. There was a feeling abroad that on both sides in this controversy the facts were somewhat coloured, and politicians were only too glad to keep clear of a very tangled, difficult problem. Meanwhile the danger was continuing. This was an age of social enquiry, and the causes of poverty and unemployed were being repeatedly explored. Why hesitate to investigate one of the biggest contributing factors? There was ready all the equipment in machinery and personnel. Let the Government take the initiative.

It may be objected that a considerable proportion of the price paid for alcoholic drinks is absorbed by the Government for public purposes, through the heavy taxation it imposes upon the Trade. But a financial gain to the Government is no adequate compensation to the nation for the damage done to the health, efficiency, and industrial prosperity of the people.—From "Brotherhood," February, 1927.

"When Elihu Root was reminded that the Geneva Protocol of 1924 was dead, he replied: 'Yes; but when delegates from many lands meet and agree upon a thing like that, though the measure be never adopted, the world never thinks exactly the same again.'—From "Peace and Goodwill."

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

April 26th, at 10.30 a.m., in W.C.T.U. Rooms, Manchester Street. Mrs T. E. Taylor (President) presided over representatives from Christchurch, Lyttelton, New Brighton, North Brighton, South Brighton, Oxford, Sefton, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Sydenham, Spreydon, Riccarton, Springston, Lincoln, Styx, Belfast, and New Brighton Y's.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the "Open-Air Schools' League," asking that a delegate be appointed to represent the Union on the League's Committee. Miss Blackwell appointed.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Sirret, late President of the Sydenham Union, on her recent sad bereavement; also a vote of appreciation on her past interest in the Union's work.

The report of the Dominion Convention was read by Miss Harband, in the unavoidable absence of Miss Lovell-Smith. It showed that steady progress had been made, and a number of new Branches formed. Plans of work were discussed and decided upon. Twelve Y delegates had attended, and the Convention had proved a great impetus and inspiration to all.

The principal business to come before the Executive after the report was getting the petition forms allotted. Miss Henderson explained the object and working of it, and impressed upon all the importance of getting as many signatures as possible, and the best way to work the country and outlying districts. All the Unions represented took a number of forms, and others will be sent.

The President spoke at some length on the great number of unfinancial members, and emphasised the great need of getting in members' fees as early in the year as possible. A number of suggestions were made, which ought, if carried out, increase the membership at next Convention.

We break new seas to-day---
Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters,
And, from the vast uncharted waste in front,
The mystic circles leap
To greet our prow with mightiest possibilities.

—Source Unknown.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

I have just been reading your report of the Presidential Address at the recent Convention, with its comprehensive tale of women's activities the world over, and feel that I ought to pass on to you a remark made on the matter by another reader of the same speech. "If only the 'White Ribbon,'" was the burden of it, "would tell us more about all the activities Mrs Taylor mentioned." Will it not? We women need such telling by those whose work makes them aware of much that the home-maker often cannot find out for herself, but ought to know, "For God, for Home, and Humanity." How many women, for instance, know that New Zealand can and does send to prison her aged and infirm men who are innocent of any crime but are homeless, and whose senile state of mind and body makes them "unwanted" in such "Homes" as we have? I have just seen an old woman of 74 in a women's prison—sent there for no crime whatever but that of being homeless and senile. We ought to have a State Infirmary for such cases, but we have only a prison! How many women, again, know that New Zealand still lacks altogether any protection for her feeble-minded adults, and any Homes or Farm Colonies for feeble-minded offenders? These latter, sentenced exactly as if thoroughly responsible, drift in and out of prison, helpless and friendless, and committing crimes through lack of understanding and self-control, when in mercy to all they should never be at large. It is the feeble-minded man who is the chief offender against our little girls. It is the feeble-minded woman who most often becomes a prostitute. Yet New Zealand women still let the national neglect of them continue—I am certain because women at large do not realise the fact, or how gravely they menace us all. I venture also, Madam, to enclose a letter from the pen of Miss Jessie Mackay, which contains information on the effect of Prohibition on hotel accommodation, that I fancy many a reader of the "White Ribbon" will not know, but will be very glad to have.

—Yours, etc.,

B. E. BAUGHAN.

Clifton, Sumner, May 7, 1927.

TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE.

At the recent Teachers' Conference, the question of married women as teachers was discussed. One male teacher showed rare insight when he remembered that marriage and motherhood were necessary qualifications for teachers.

Why should women be lost to the profession when they have the wider experience and deeper knowledge of child life?

Several women teachers resented the suggestion that only women whose husbands could not maintain them should be eligible for appointment. Why should they be compelled to submit to an inquisition of their private affairs? What connection is there between a woman's ability to teach and her husband's inability to maintain her?

One woman teacher struck the nail right on the head when she said that there were men earning £1000 a year whose wives did not have the price of a tram ticket.

Some years ago a head dressmaker told us: "I went out to learn my trade when my husband was earning £800 a year. I paid a nurse to look after my little ones. My husband was spending every penny in drink and racing. I knew he would lose his position, and I would have to keep my little ones."

It is the right of the child to have the very best teacher possible. The grading list is supposed to provide this.

Moreover, women who have been earning good incomes are not going to marry if they have to ask a husband for every tram fare they require. A married woman must be economically independent, and until that is done she should not be debarred from a square deal when applying for a position.

The honesty that is China's; the courage that is Japan's; the spirituality that is Korea's; the haunting sense of the infinite that is India's; the high idealism that is America's; the tenacity that is England's; the thoroughness that is Germany's; the laughter that is Africa's—we need them all, and we must have them all to develop a perfect world.

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, 3/4 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Fact" 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 Handbook of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It Is Written (Bible stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/3; Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen; Programmes, from 3d each; L.T.L. Badges, 4d each; L.T.L. Buttons, 3d each; The Young Crusader, 2/- per annum (in advance); L.T.L. Hand Book.

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MAORI PAGE.



MAORI REPORT.

(From Mrs Walker, Superintendent.)

There is not much to report for this department for this month, as Convention and preparations for it took up much time, and picking up the threads of the work afterwards, and now the Rules are being revised and drawn up afresh, which will also occasion some delay. Mrs Simons has been visiting and attending meetings since with Miss McLay in Auckland and Orakei, arousing interest in Union work. She has now started for Tuakau.

POUTO.

April 15. At the residence of Mrs Kena. President in the chair. A good attendance. The delegate who attended Convention reported the good work of Convention. A new President and Treasurer was voted. Miss Kapa was chairman. Officers were elected: Mrs Tautuhi, President; Mrs Kemp, Treasurer; Miss Kena, Secretary and "W.R." Reporter. Mrs Ariari had resigned her position as Treasurer. Meeting closed with a hearty prayer.

FRANKTON.

April 27. Home meeting was held at the residence of Mrs Kihī. Sister Nichols led the devotional exercise, and gave a very helpful address. There was an attendance of five members and five visitors, and several children.

Owing to Miss Foster having left the district, Sister Nichols was proposed Superintendent of the Cradle Roll. Other business was dealt with. Judging by the bright look in the eyes of the visiting sisters that they have grasped and understood the great work of the W.C.T.U. as explained by Sister Nichols and Mrs White (delegate to Convention), two new members were initiated.

REWETI.

An interesting and encouraging meeting was held in the "Meeting House" on April 30th. The meeting opened with prayer, followed by a hymn and reading of portion of St. John 13. It was unanimously decided that the honorary membership fee be 2/6 yearly, same as that for live members. We are very much in need of an organ for local church, so it was decided to start an Organ Fund. In connection with this a social evening, comprising games, competitions, music, songs, etc., is to be held on May 13th. Ladies bring a basket for supper, and a box for donations be placed inside the door. Also, in aid of this fund. It was decided to hold "Diminishing Teas" throughout the district, Mrs Bull to begin by asking four guests, who will each pay 1/-, to afternoon tea, money collected in this way to be paid into the fund. We decided that, weather etc., permitting,

our meetings be held on the last Thursday of each month.

OTUREI.

Note 27/4.27 11 a.m. Katu te mitingi ki roto i te whare ote. Pres., Mrs J. Walters o Oturi nei note pres. i whakatu whera kite inoi. Na Mrs Isaac i korero te 103 onga waiata. Imuri katu te Hekeretari ka panuitia te Paeroa mete reta mai ate Roopu o Timaru mete tuku ano i te moni awhina o te Y Nion o Timaru. Erua pauna a he nui atu etahi take imahia. Na Mrs Oti whakamutu kite inoi.

YOUR QUOTA.

(To be read at White Ribbon Day Meeting.)

White Ribbon Day falls in June. Of course, every Union will make it a very special day, and will arrange their plan of campaign carefully. We want 1,000 increase in our circulation, as the result of our June and July campaign. Pray for it! Work for it! Believe for it! This being win and hold Campaign, your quota will be one new subscriber for every seven members. Divide your members into groups of 7, with a captain for each group. You'll be a very fortunate Union if more than two out of the seven attend meetings regularly. But the two who do attend will go after the five who do not, and so create an interest among them and give them something to do. Every group of seven to win at least one new subscriber.

No collection is to be taken at the meeting. All efforts are to be made to increase our circulation. After our petition this follows naturally. When we get a Two-Issue Ballot Paper, we want our voters educated to vote "dry" straight-out. Is your Branch doing any educative work? What literature are you circulating? Why not circulate your own paper? It belongs to you. Who will be the first Union to attain their Quota and go on the Honours List? Which District will be the first to gain its Quota?

"On July 1st, 1921, there were in U.S.A. 1,141 breweries; on May 15th, 1924, there were 991. 150 have been dismantled or put to other uses; 130 have been seized."—Roy Haynes.

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SECURITY OF TENURE.

A deputation waited upon the Prime Minister recently. They were concerned with the question of encouraging our tourist trade. They stressed the fact that good hostels and ample accommodation should be provided for tourists.

Then Mr P. Coyle informed the Minister that licensed houses would increase their accommodation if they had greater security of tenure.

Mr A. L. Hunt then interposed with the remark that the deputation did not agree with Mr Coyle, who was speaking "on his own."

We may be lacking in intelligence, but we fail to see why security of

tenure for selling alcoholic liquors should make for increased accommodation for travellers. The triennial poll will not affect bedrooms and dining rooms. Mine hosts can build accommodation for housing and catering for travellers, and have absolute security of tenure. Triennial polls may threaten the bar, but the catering and sleeping accommodation are never threatened.

A licensed bar is not a necessity for good accommodation, as witness the palatial hotels in the U.S.A. Very many travellers find the bar a detriment, and prefer private hotels. It is frequently remarked in Carterton that commercial travellers come there daily to do business, but return to "dry" Masterton to spend the night. They scorn the delights of the licensed houses in the town they are working, and return to their quiet quarters in the "barless" hotels of a No-License town. Mr Coyle will have to make out a better case for security of tenure, if he wishes to get the law altered.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Sisters,—

The Convention, just held in Auckland, appointed me New Zealand Superintendent for Anti-Gambling, and I take this opportunity of appealing to all Unions to give more time to this serious department of our work.

The growing craze for gambling—not only on horses, but through the medium of Art Unions—has been a menace for some time, and I trust that now we are to see the last of all Art Unions, that we shall not have such a plague again.

Might I appeal to all Unions who have not a local Superintendent to appoint one as soon as possible.

Unions who are working this department, will they please keep it before their members, always looking out for extra permits that may be added to the already long list of racing days.

Remember that the New Zealand Superintendent cannot do much unless all the Unions help.

Mrs Lill, late Superintendent, has sent me a parcel of leaflets on Anti-Gambling, which makes a good paper for a meeting. I trust that Unions will send to me for them, or any other in-

formation they may need, and I hope to be able to help them at all times.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

MARGARET PIRRETT.

Superintendent of Anti-Gambling.

"Langrigg," 13 Panama Street,
Grey Lynn, Auckland.

A WHITE RIBBONER IN ENGLAND.

Mrs Kasper, Secretary of the Auckland District Union, has returned from a visit to the Old Land. At the request of our Editor, she has contributed an account of her visit to Miss Slack, Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U., which we are sure will be of interest to our readers. Mrs Kasper writes:—

"I visited Mrs Slack in the beautiful home at Golder's Green, London. She has a charming English garden, in which she entertained Mrs Shepherd, Mr Kasper, and myself. She showed us over the house, and I was indeed thrilled when I stood in the room where Miss Slack does all the writing for the World's W.C.T.U. Miss Slack is a charming hostess. She showed us all the beautiful curios and souvenirs that had been presented to her from all over the world. Miss Slack has written a most interesting book on her travels, and she asked me if I would bring it before the notice of the New Zealand sisters. I have read it, and it is wonderful. I carried my autograph album with me, and asked Miss Slack to write a message in it, that I could pass on to the White Ribbon sisters in New Zealand, and this is the message:

"Do your best, trust God in all things, and the best will come to you."

(Signed) AGNES SLACK,

Golder's Green, London."

"Miss Slack is intensely interested in our work in New Zealand. She said she would love to pay us a visit. I have heard Miss Slack speak on several occasions, and at the National Executive Conference, which opened with a large public meeting on the 28th of September last year, at Oxford, she spoke on Prohibition, and I have never heard any speaker handle the subject better. Mrs Slack is a very powerful speaker. Miss Queenie Shepherd is closely connected with Miss Slack in the W.C.T.U. work, and is one of the foremost workers in the young people's work at Home."

ARE THERE ANY PACIFISTS?

A TRUE STORY.

It was in a large hall in one of the small University towns of Germany that I first heard his story, after an address on the "Religious Foundations of Pacifism." Someone had got up in the discussion and begun the old objection: "Yes, very well, but if my wife and grandmother were attacked. . . ."

Then he rose, and quietly, but with great inner fervour, began:

"It was in the days of the first Russian Revolution, in 1905. The mob flooded the country, burned the houses, and killed the people wherever they went. Nothing was safe. We were living in the South of Russia in a small German Mennonite colony. The Mennonites had big estates at that time.

"One day our neighbour came running to our father. 'Tell me, friend, what you will do when they come? Are you armed enough? My six sons and I, we have all got guns, and of course we'll defend ourselves, we'll shoot 'em. . . .'

"No," my father quietly replied. 'We have no arms in the house, not a single gun. I do not believe in that sort of defence; that is no safety.' The neighbour went off, shaking his head over the madness of his friend. 'You'll see what will happen to you.'

"The next day the news came that he and the whole of his family had been murdered the night before, and that the bands, after having taken away all that they wanted, had burned the houses. And now my parents thought that our turn had come for the following night and we were all terribly afraid. All, except my father, who seemed as quiet as usual. At dinner-time he asked my mother to provide a good supper for this evening, for he expected guests. 'Guests?' we asked, and were glad. They would at least bring some cheerfulness. 'And then,' father said, 'prepare beds for about ten people.' Then he disappeared. And we children went round the whole house looking for him, and could not find him. Peeping through a key-hole, I discovered him on his knees; he was praying.

"When the evening came, we all crowded into one room with mother, looking out of the window into the

deepening twilight. Everything was quiet, no one spoke. . . .

"Then, suddenly, we heard steps, many heavy steps. And we saw them coming round the corner—they were terrible to look at; a crowd of about twelve evil-looking men, with black, bestial faces, their clothes torn and spattered with blood, clubs in their hands. 'Hands up! Surrender!' suddenly a coarse voice shouted. And we saw how father came out of the house to meet them, and how he fearlessly went up to one of the wildest-looking men, probably their chief, and linked his arm in his. 'Come in,' we heard him say, 'all we have is yours, if you want it; but first come into the house to strengthen yourselves; supper is prepared for you.' We saw them casting threatening glances at my father, and heard them murmur: 'We won't be caught by that fool. We have come to kill him, not to sit down and eat.' 'I know,' father said, 'You can do afterwards what you feel you must do.' Reluctantly they went in with father, and on tiptoe I went to the key-hole again to see what would happen in the other room.

"They really sat down, measuring the room with dark looks, and father sat down with them. But they all seemed to have lost their appetite! Father began to talk, and after a while he told them that he had no weapons in the house. He told them also, why: 'We are Christians, you see. One who follows Christ cannot take up arms. God is always with us and protects us, so we need not fear.' And then father quietly took out his Bible and read the Sermon on the Mount to them.

"There they sat, not one of them spoke a word. They were looking queer; what would happen now? Cheerfully father said: 'But now, won't you go to bed? The beds are prepared for you; you will need a good rest before to-morrow's work.' They really went off to bed, all of them. And father came in to us.

"We did not go to bed that night, but remained sitting together. Some of us children cried, all was quiet in the house.

"Then, suddenly, long after midnight, we heard steps again. The door opened, and the chief appeared, with rolling eyes, his face in wild commotion: 'We must leave,' he cried. 'We had come

to kill you! But your non-violence has conquered us!'

"And quickly, silently, they left the house. During the whole Revolution we were never attacked again."—From "Reconciliation."

WORK AMONG THE YOUNG.

(Contributed.)

Because the New Zealand Alliance activities in connection with the Band of Hope Movement have been so successful during the last year, it has been deemed advisable to form a Union to unite the various Bands.

For this reason, meetings have been held throughout South Canterbury and North Otago, resulting in a Conference of Delegates being held at Timaru on the 10th inst.

The Conference was attended by delegates from Ashburton to Oamaru, as representing the five Electorates: Ashburton, Temuka, Timaru, Wairarapa, and Oamaru.

Mr Mackesy was in attendance, and submitted a provisional Constitution and Rules for a Band of Hope Union, which were adopted with certain alterations, and an Executive Committee set up.

Mr J. I. Hayman, of Waimate, was elected Chairman and Mr Frank L. Trott, of Oxford Buildings, Timaru, as Secretary and Treasurer.

To promote uniformity and progressive series of Temperance lessons throughout the Area, the Executive decided upon a course of set subjects for the monthly meetings of the various Bands of Hope throughout the coming Band of Hope season.

The Executive also undertake to provide the Movement with necessary apparatus required for ocular demonstration and illustration, that the alcoholic contents of the liquor beverage is harmful.

The Committee will commence a campaign to greatly increase the existing number of Bands of Hope within the Area under its jurisdiction, and to which it will supply the material necessary to assist such newly-formed Bands to become a success.

Reverend W. Marshall, of Tinwald, presided over the Conference as Chairman.

Y. PAGE.

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

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

My Dear Y's,—

Have you ever visited our House of Representatives in Session? If not, you will have read much about them, and have heard how they hold high revel while waiting for the adjournment of the House.

The following account of the close of Congress in U.S.A. is furnished by a correspondent: "Yesterday (March 4th, 1927) was the close of this Congress. The House spent its last few minutes paying tribute to its leaders. The Republican told how much respected were their Democratic Colleagues, and the Democrats praised the Republicans. The Navy Band came in and one member, quite a singer, sang: "The End of a Perfect Day." State songs were sung, and and then an old coloured attendant in the barber's shop was brought in and sang an old coloured or negro spiritual: "Swing lo, sweet Chariot, coming to carry me home." It was beautiful, and in that spirit the whole assemblage joined in "God be with you till we meet again." It was a clear demonstration of harmony or good sportsmanship—of broad-minded public servants. They fight for their special hobbies, and then are able to be friends when the smoke of legislative battle is over."

CONVENTION ECHOES.

The Reception was held in Unity Hall, on Wednesday, March 23rd. A very hearty welcome was extended to delegates by His Worship the Mayor, by representatives of Churches and Temperance Organisations. In the absence of our Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, who was recovering from an attack of the prevailing epidemic, Mrs Hiatt replied, and in a neat little speech thanked all for their kindly welcome. Musical items were rendered; a quartet by Mrs Kasper, Misses Evans, Woods and Heap; a pianoforte solo by Miss Dora Judson; solos by Mrs A. E. Schade and Miss Evans. Very fine bouquets

were presented to the Dominion Officers.

On Sunday, Convention attended the Baptist Tabernacle where Rev. J. North preached the Convention Sermon. He spoke from the text: "I rejoice! Rejoice ye!" which he stated was in ordinary language: "I am happy; Be ye happy." Paul was in a dungeon, hanging over him the sword of Nero; and yet to his loved Phillipian Church he sends no gloomy greeting. The Hebrew salutation "Shalomar" meant Peace; its Greek equivalent "Xairo" meant "I am happy," and to Phillipi he sends this greeting. How sharp the contrast with the Hebrew Synagogues, where gloomy men with furrowed brow were trying to keep impossible laws. The light of Christianity is a God who loves. Christianity was launched in a song: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." St. Francis of Assissi, sang the downfall of medieval darkness and gloom. Wesley sang the dawn of a new day. Happy men win victories. The Christians rejoice even in the flames.

The Convention, though strictly dry, had both a Port and a Barrel present all the time. Isaac and Jacob were there side by side with Moses.

"If I knew the box where the smiles
are kept,

No matter how large the key,
Or strong the bolt, I would try so
hard

'Twould open, I know, for me.

Then over the land and sea broadcast
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
That the children's faces would hold
them fast

For many and many a day."

Let us seek from Him the willingness to toil, the ability to watch, and the power to pray.



THE CIGARETTE GOBLINS.

James had been given a cigarette by an old, old man. James said, "Daddy says cigarettes aren't good for anybody, and he'd sure whip me if I smoked."

"Why I am eighty-two and I started to smoke when I was seven. You will be an old man like me if you start right now. Your daddy doesn't know what he's talking about."

So James smoked the cigarette for a while, but he soon threw it away because it made him feel sick. He went home and excused himself from supper because he had a headache, and wasn't hungry. He went to bed and went to sleep and dreamed that he saw all the cigarettes get out of the gutter with goblin faces and arms and legs, and sit on the curb.

The goblin that James had smoked said: "An old man gave me to a nice little boy and told him a lot of things that were not true. For instance, he said that he was so old because he had smoked. I made the boy sick and he threw me away; that is why I am so tall. We ought not to be given to little boys."

Half of the goblins agreed with him, and one said, "A young man threw me away because he could not get work. So many of the companies

will not employ smokers. I think they are wise."

James' goblin said, "Tobacco is not good for people; it makes them nervous."

"That shows how stupid you are. Tobacco soothes the nerves," said a short goblin.

"So does chloroform soothe the nerves; it doesn't take much to soothe them for good. Tobacco seems to soothe the nerves at first, but it finally weakens them, as well as the heart, and the man dies of some disease caused by tobacco."

"But how about the old man?"

"Scientists say some men can adjust themselves to tobacco and live to be old men in spite of tobacco."

"The paper we are wrapped in is poisonous," said a pinkish goblin.

"We are the cause of many fires," said another. "We are dropped any place while still burning. Many forest fires are started like that."

"Let's go and see how James is," said James' goblin.

James saw the curb blur and change to the foot of his bed with all the little goblins sitting in a row and staring down at him. He heard one say:

"James is likely to become a smoker like many other boys. There is always someone to give him a cigarette and advertisements are everywhere."

It seemed to James that it was nearly morning before his goblin said, "Hadn't we better be getting back to the gutter? James might wake up and find us."

As they trooped out, he called back, "Beware, James, 'the gobble-uns'll get you ef you don't watch out!'"

James woke up and decided then and there never to smoke another cigarette and he never did.

"There is a place where God's resistless power
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea.
There is a place, a simple trysting place,
Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place? Dost thou ask that?
O soul, it is the secret place of prayers."

Y REPORTS.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Apr. 8. There was a good rally of members at the quarterly Social, held April 8th. An enjoyable evening was spent in competitions, games, etc., and supper was served.

KOHIMARAMA.

Apr. 29. Meeting was held to consider forming a Y. Branch of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Kasper was in the chair. Decided to form a Y. Branch. All the officers were nominated.

May 6. A meeting was held to form a Branch of the Y.P.C.T.U. Mrs Benfell, the District President, presided. Thirteen were initiated. The following Officers were elected:—President, Miss L. Simpson; Vice-President, Miss E. Andrew; Corresponding Secretary, Miss B. Thompson; Recording Secretary, Miss M. McLeod; Treasurer, Miss M. Clariadge; Floral and Sick Visiting Superintendent, Miss M. Taylor; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss B. Clark; White Ribbon Agent, Miss A. Thompson.

INVERCARGILL.

May 1. A very good attendance of the "Y's." to welcome their new Organiser, Miss McLay. The President opened the meeting with a hymn, after which Mrs James read a short Bible reading, which was followed by a prayer. The Street Day which was supposed to have been held on the 30th of April, was postponed until the 21st of May, owing to Plunket Day falling on 30th April. Miss Birss then gave a very interesting account of Convention. Miss McLay was then welcomed to our meeting, and gave us an address on the work that she has been doing, and also about the Two-Issue Ballot. I am sure the members enjoyed the address very much. Miss McLay then had the honour of welcoming a new member. Another meeting taking the form of a Social Evening, is to be held on 9th May. The meeting closed with a repetition of the Pledge.

AUCKLAND.

May 5. Miss M. Pyle presided over a good attendance. Small love-gift handed to Mrs Lee-Cowie, who is shortly leaving us for a time. On their departure, the Misses K and A. McLay were presented with scarves, as tokens of appreciation of services rendered. Mrs Andrews reported—at last Y. Jumble Sale, Gross proceeds, £20; nett proceeds, £18 odd. £5 handed to Mrs Andrews for Ponsonby Cradle Roll work. Alliance Convention delegates elected. Miss Appleby appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. After musical renderings, and addresses by Mrs Lee-Cowie and several members, supper was served. Four new members initiated. A very pleasant and profitable evening closed with Benediction.

"The farmers of the N.W. will not vote for a wet candidate for President."—Ben. C. Marsh, Man. Director of Farmers' National Council.

He who receives a good turn should never forget it. He who does one should never remember it.

Even the man on the level finds plenty of uphill work.

There is no such thing as a walk-over if you want to be in the running.

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.

WANGANUI.

May 5. Attendance good. Owing to the indisposition of Mrs Goody, Mrs Stewart presided, Mrs Upton led devotions. Frances Willard Day was celebrated, and a collection taken up. An interesting discussion took place regarding the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Finally, a satisfactory plan of work was adopted.

PAPANUI.

Good attendance. Mrs Merrin presided. Letters were received re electing ladies to School Committees, also the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, and it was decided to act upon both. Mrs Wallace, a member from Waipukurau, was received on transfer and welcomed. The ladies deputed to interview Ministers of different Churches as to advisability of starting United Band of Hope meetings, reported favourably. Mrs Carr then gave a full report of Convention, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Afternoon tea was served.

HAWERA.

Apr. 29. Mrs Exley presided over a small meeting. Mrs Hayward, delegate to Convention, presented a very informative report, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Arrangements were left in the hands of the Notable Day Superintendent for a suitable Peace Day commemoration, to be held on May 16th.

WARKWORTH.

May 6. Mrs Phillips presided. The meeting was roused by the account of the recent Convention a Mrs Phillips had given at last month's meeting an account of the business done at the Convention, and Mrs W. Hamilton gave at this meeting a sketch of the more casual and slightly humorous incidents. Miss Daun sang "Still-Still with us." Bring and Buy realised 10s. for Headquarters. Discussion continued on the Two-Issue petition. The arrangements for providing the Tea at the coming Prohibition Convention, to be held in Warkworth, May 14th, were completed. Mrs Herbert, Mrs Thompson, and Mrs Phillips, agreed to attend to the Sister Esther parcel. A new member was initiated.

SYDENHAM.

Apr. 7. Mrs Archer, Vice-President, in the chair. A silent vote of sympathy with Mrs Sirett, on the death of her mother was passed. Mrs Sirett's resignation accepted with regret, and the Secretary was instructed to write thanking her for past services. Mrs Odell was elected unanimously President. Members were reminded that the next meeting was the Bring and Buy Afternoon, to raise funds for Convention expenses. Decided to get petition forms for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, some members promising to work in their districts. Mrs Odell gave the Convention report. One new member enrolled and tea served.

May 5. Mrs Odell presided over a good attendance of members. An invitation from Mrs Clay was received, inviting members and friends to a Social Afternoon at her home on May 18th, admission by silver coin in aid of delegate's expenses to Convention. A letter was received from Miss Harband, inviting members to the 1st Anniversary of the North Brighton Union on May 17th. Several members promised to go, and Mrs Cartwright-Smith was appointed to officially represent the Sydenham Union. Bring and Buy Afternoon in aid of Union expenses, and a satisfactory sum was raised. Mrs Tumber sang two solos, and Miss Watt gave a piano-

forte solo, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them. Afternoon tea.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Apr. A well-attended meeting presided over by Mrs Pasley. An effective solo sung by Miss Simon (accompanied by Mrs Parker) made a pleasant prelude to a very full and comprehensive report on Convention, recently held in Auckland, given by the delegate (Nurse Griffiths). Much interest was evinced by those present at the quantity and quality of work done at Convention, and the desire of Temperance workers to do all they can in the interests of the community. It was intimated that the 1928 Convention would meet in Napier. The delegate (Nurse Griffiths) received a hearty vote of thanks for her extensive report. Mrs Pasley paid a courteous tribute to the Borough Council for the help they had given Temperance Union workers in the work in connection with the new Rest Room, just recently opened in Invercargill.

TAURANGA.

This enjoyable meeting was held at "The Knoll," the home of our President, Mrs Cariton Smith, taking the form of a Question Box Afternoon, thereby bringing many points relating to everyday life under discussion, which would otherwise not have been touched upon. Mrs Christian sang to everyone's great enjoyment, and a vote of congratulation was passed to her on her election to the School Committee, and all got to know each other better over the pleasant cups of tea. A vote of sympathy was passed to our Member, Mr Macmillan, and his wife, on the very recent loss of his mother. Mrs Horn closing the meeting with prayer.

HASTINGS.

Apr. 28. Mrs Banks, Vice-President, occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Mrs Paul, with whom sympathy was expressed in the illness of Mr Paul. Twenty-one members present. Petitions given out, and signatures arranged for. "Peace Day" Celebration discussed. Mrs Mrs Wilson gave report of Convention. Afternoon tea dispensed.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Apr. 13. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association, asking for assistance to collect money on Poppy Day towards the unemployed Soldiers' Fund. A number of members promised to help. The Secretary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, London, wrote asking for help towards the Half-Crown Fund. The Union decided it was not possible towards that Fund this year, as work in our own Unions wanted assistance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Comyns, Oxford, in the recent sad accident sustained by her husband. Miss Blackwell was congratulated on her appointment of National Superintendent to Good Citizenship. In replying, Miss Blackwell explained that the election of School Committees had been moved to May 2, owing to Monday 26th, being Anzac Day. Mrs Suckling read a very concise, interesting report of the Dominion Convention. Plans of work for the year discussed and arranged, deciding that a petition for a Two-Issue Ballot Paper be issued to Unions to get women electors' signatures to be presented for their several districts. The Convention was attended by 127 delegates, proving an impetus and inspiration to many.

RICCARTON.

Mar. 16. Bring and Buy Afternoon very successful. Mrs Campion, Swanton and Fairbairn, in charge of Stall.

Apr. 22. Report of Convention. Attendance poor; two visitors. Sewing taken home to make up for poor of Christchurch. Petition forms for "Two-Issue Ballot Paper" distributed. Owing to small attendance, President and Secretary had to call on interested members and friends, and in this way, sixteen persons have taken up the canvas of the electorate. Mrs McLean, our White Ribbon Agent, who is ill in hospital, was greatly missed from the meeting.

RANGIORA.

Apr. 29. Mrs Thwaites presiding over a good attendance. The address was given by Miss Henderson, B.A., who gave an interesting report of the work done at the Annual Convention, held recently in

Auckland. She also recounted some of her experiences during her visit to America.

TEMPLETON.

Apr. 26. Mrs Clark presided over a fair attendance. A letter of appreciation was read from the Secretary of the Football Club, for the offer of afternoon tea for visiting teams. Suggested to invite a few of our Band of Hope performers to give an evening at Weedons, for the benefit of members there. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON.

May 5. President, Mrs Mowlem, presided over a fair attendance. An apology was offered for the absence of the Secretary, Mrs Webb, on account of the serious illness of her husband, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to her from the Union. Mention was made of the death of Mr Glover, the husband of Adjutant Glover, who is so well loved through the city, and the Union passed a silent vote of affectionate sympathy with her in her bereavement. Correspondence was read relating to the District Executive Meeting, to be held at Foxton towards the end of the present month. Mrs Hirst, Assistant Treasurer, was deputed to attend to represent the Union, and it was agreed to send in as remits for discussion, the resolutions on Women Police and Domestic Courts, passed at the recent Annual Convention. An invitation was given to join the Class just being formed for the Study of International Relations in connection with the W.E.A., and anyone desiring to join was asked to send in name and address to the Secretary of the L. of N. Union, 62 Nevay Road, Miramar. The President read an interesting extract from "Do Everything," describing the famous "Polyglot" Petition got up by the W.C.T.U. in America, under the inspiration of Miss Frances Willard. Certain arrangements were then made with reference to the petitions now being promoted by the Union, also for the next monthly meeting. The Union was invited to attend the meeting of the Miramar Union, to be held on Peace Day, the 16th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at the residence of Mrs Miller, 15 Rotherham Terrace Miramar.

WARKWORTH.

Apr. 7. Fair attendance. Secretary read letter asking that W.C.T.U. ladies undertake refreshment section of N.Z. Alliance Convention, to be held in Warkworth Methodist Church, on May 14th. Request granted. Letter read from Leigh Union, asking for opportunity to meet Warkworth Union. Decided to invite them to meet us at May Convention. Comprehensive report of Convention then given by Mrs Phillips, delegate to same. Discussion followed on Headquarters ("Bring and Buy Afternoon" next meeting—proceeds towards Fund); Willard Home; and Petition to Members of Parliament. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Phillips for report. Decided to send parcels of clothing to Sister Esther.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

Apr. 19. Good attendance. The President, Mrs Gilmour, gave a lucid and comprehensive report of the work done at Convention, which was listened to with much interest. The members are indebted to Mrs Gilmour for the valuable information imparted, and feel enthused with the encouraging account of work done throughout the Dominion. The recently appointed "Y." Organiser, Miss McLay, is in Invercargill at present, and we pray much good will result from her visit.

NORMANBY.

Apr. 20. Home meeting held at the residence of Mrs Beaton; ten members, five visitors, which included members from Manai Union. President in the chair. The report by Mrs Beaton, our delegate, was topic for the afternoon. Those present had pleasure of listening to a very interesting report of work done in the Dominion. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Beaton. Mrs Phillips, Provincial President, then addressed the meeting, making an urgent appeal for more subscribers to the White Ribbon, and suggesting ways by which Unions could help to ease the strenuous work of the Editor of White Ribbon. Also the Two-Issue Ballot Paper was discussed, urging members to assist in securing signatures to a petition regarding same. The

President moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Phillips, also to the Hostess for her kind hospitality.

OTAHUHU.

May 5. Our President, Mrs Greenwood, in the chair. Mrs Kasper, our District Recording Secretary, kindly came out to speak to us of her Travels to England and back, and she spoke of the splendid work the W.C.T.U. was doing all over the World. She said at times it made her feel proud that she was a White Ribboner anyway. After she had finished, our President thanked her for her most interesting talk, all members present thoroughly enjoying the afternoon.

NAPIER.

Apr. 6. The meeting poorly attended, owing to very heavy rain and sickness of many of the members. Mrs Brocklehurst presided. Letters of sympathy sent to two members.

May 4. Mrs Venables presided. Decided to commence Band of Hope on the 27th, and to hold fortnightly meetings. Mrs Brocklehurst and Mrs Wilkinson in charge. Two members from other districts were welcomed. Report of Convention was given at least in part, time not allowing for a complete report. Many items of real interest to our Union being held over till next month. A vote of thanks for report, and Benediction brought a well-attended meeting to a close.

GORE.

Apr. Members' "Pay Up" Social. The extreme wintry conditions unfortunately affected the attendance. Mrs Rhodes occupied the chair, and Miss Birss, of Invercargill, gave a most comprehensive report of Convention, which was listened to with deepest interest. Rev. Mr. Burgess addressed the meeting on the subject of the Bible-in-Schools, and members agreed to canvas for signatures in support of some. Musical items were rendered by the Misses Ferguson (2); Taylor and Hinchey (2). Both a pleasant and instructive evening, closed with an enjoyable supper.

TAKAPUNA.

April. Mrs Richards in the chair; fair attendance. Arrangements made for canvassing with petition. Rev. Monckton gave a very interesting address on Problems of Peace and War, and was listened to with great attention, and accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

BRIGHTON.

April 21. Well-attended meeting, the President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair. It was arranged that a special meeting be held on Peace Day, May 16th. A Jumble Sale will be held on May 28th, in aid of our funds. The report of the Visiting Committee was very satisfactory; Mesdames Fraser and Longelly will act in that capacity for the next month. A comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention was given by Mrs M. Moses, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The work of canvassing the electorate with the Women's Petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper was readily taken up by the members who showed their willingness to help on this important piece of work. Afternoon tea was served.

WAITARA.

Apr. 22. Mrs Clayton presiding, 12 members present. Mrs Phillips, District President, who was making her official visit, led the devotions, speaking on Faith. Heb. 11th Chapter. Mrs Jensen's resignation as Secretary, owing to ill-health was received with much sympathy and regret. Five members took petition forms to procure Women Electors' signatures. Miss A. B'cheno appointed Secretary. Mrs Phillips gave an address on her impressions at the New Zealand Convention in Auckland.

STRATFORD.

Apr. 22. Social afternoon; petition put before members. Good attendance. President in the chair. Resolved that two ladies be nominated, and we give them our support for the School Committee Election to be held shortly. Arrangements were made for the usual visit, with cakes for afternoon tea, at the Public Hospital. Mrs McCallum, our Delegate to the Convention,

gave us her impressions of the Convention, which were very much appreciated. Songs and musical items were rendered. Afternoon tea was handed round, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the Benediction. Miss Henderson's letter dealing with the petition was read, and on retiring, the members signed the petition, some taking petitions with them.

MANAIA.

Apr. 12. Mrs Robinson presided, and reported nine new members having joined during the first quarter of the year, and the name of an old member rejoining was given in. Arrangements made for a Mothers' Social Afternoon, to be held in the Odd-fellows' Hall on Tuesday, the 26th, commencing 2 p.m. Will all members try not only to be present, but to bring a friend, or more than one, as the Union is hoping by social gatherings to increase the number of those interested. The President reported having welcomed the new Anglican Clergyman, who had accepted the Union's invitation to attend and to speak. Mrs Williams (Sister Nellie) will also speak, and various musical items have been arranged. A Stall of baby garments, etc., is to be held, the proceeds divided between the rapidly-increasing Cradle Roll, and the Union's working funds. Gifts in aid of the forthcoming Plunket Sale are to be taken to Mrs Young, those for the 26th to Mrs Hansen's (both on Reimenschider Street). It is asked that, when convenient, those for the latter object should be taken a few days earlier, for marking.

WAIMATE.

April 13. Mrs Clarke presided. Correspondence re two issue ballot paper, and resistance of extension of time between polls was read, and arrangements for Miss Bradshaw's (Organiser) visit were made. Mrs Kippenberger, our Delegate to Convention, then read her report, all present following same with the closest attention. After a few questions thereon, afternoon tea was served. Meeting closed with Benediction. We are happy to record that "the room behind the Schoolroom" where our meetings are usually held, is always crowded.

ARAMOHO.

Mar. 22. Good attendance, with Mrs Beggs presiding. Mrs Sleight's resignation was accepted with great regret, and Mrs Coddington was appointed Treasurer. The question of the Band of Hope was discussed, and Mrs C. Good kindly consented to take charge, with Mrs Tizard as musical assistant. The meetings will be held in the Upper Aramoho Church, the first of which will be on Monday, May 2nd. All are invited to attend, and it is hoped that a good number will turn up. An afternoon was lately given to the old people, by Miss Ellis, assisted by the ladies of the Branch, which was much appreciated. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Apr. 20. Miss Kirk presented a most interesting account of the proceedings of the Auckland Conference. Many questions of public interest had been discussed there, and remits arising therefrom were put to the meeting for consideration and adoption. The question of the financial sources of the "Willard Home" for destitute children, formed the subject of a remit to be brought before the District Executive, which meets next month in Foxton.

TE KUITI.

Mar. 8. Mrs Strand presided; greetings from Ponsonby. Return greetings sent. Decided to buy 100 leaflets for Band of Hope. Two new subscribers for White Ribbon. Decided to support District President in nominating her Vice-President. In favour of Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Miss Sutherland appointed delegate to Convention. Matter of Mothers Day held over till next meeting. Decided to invite Mrs Jones to preside at our next meeting, April 12th. Balance in hand, £1 7s. 9d. Collection, 2s. 6d. Mrs Cole intimated that 6 o'clock closing minimised drinking in the Taihape District considerably. The question of appointing a new President, was left over to a future meeting. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Elliott.

Apr. 12. Largely attended meeting presided over by Mrs J. M. Jones, District President. Mrs Cole extended a hearty welcome to Mrs Jones, who afterwards gave a most interesting and instructive address bearing on the recent Convention in Auckland. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea served. Decided to get twelve petition forms and to order handbooks; also to support suitable householders to School Committee.

HENDERSON.

Apr. Mrs Platt in the chair, small attendance; one new member initiated. Syllabus for the year read. Next month to be devoted to an address on Peace, speaker to be asked from a town Union. Decided to have one scientific statement with regard to the evil effect of alcohol given every month after minutes are read, and before anything else is proceeded with. Letters of sympathy and congratulation and welcome sent to members and friends. It was with much regret we heard Mrs Bendely is obliged to resign her position as Dominion Treasurer. Our Treasurer spoke very lovingly of her friendly notes, which always accompanied receipts. Afternoon was then spent with our delegate at Convention; we all enjoyed it very much and felt almost as if we had been there, so good was the report, and so much our delegate had been impressed with the solemn and friendly tone of the meetings, that we all had something of the feeling too, and wished we had been able to attend in greater numbers.

OPOTIKI.

Apr. 14. Mrs Thompson presided; good number of members and friends present. Mrs Thompson gave a fine, interesting, and inspiring address, all hearts being warmed and enthused with the Convention message. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Skuse and Hughes. On the motion of Mrs Hird, the speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her able address.

TIMARU.

Apr. 9. A pleasant afternoon at the Sailors' Rest. Mothers and children of the Cradle Roll entertained by members of the W.C.T.U. A good number of mothers and their little ones were present. Solos were sung by Mrs Butcher and Miss Crombie, who also sang a duet together. Afternoon tea was dispensed, after which the Plunket Nurse gave a short, helpful address to the mothers. Mrs Seward presented the older children with coloured balloons on sticks, and the babies with pretty rattles. A desire was expressed that we might have these afternoon oftener.

TIMARU.

Apr. 26. Hospital visited regularly. Invitation received from Timaru Women Citizens' Association to members to attend a lecture by Miss Cudale, on Protection of Women and Children. Peace Day Prayer Meeting fixed for Monday, May 16th, and full arrangements made for Bring and Buy Social Afternoon and Evening on Tuesday, May 31st, when Banner won by Y's, will be presented. Mr Woodward reported four overseas' boats in port during month. 148 men paying about 275 visits. A Social, which was very largely attended, was given to men of the S.S. Tainui and the S.S. Port Hacking. The men of the Coastal boats made good use of the Rest over the holidays. A comprehensive report of Convention, compiled by Mrs Cave and Mrs Minifie, was read, and the delegates were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

FEILDING.

Apr. 7. Chair taken by Mrs Hughes, who also gave an address on "The Power of Prayer," emphasising the great need for prayer in our work. A recitation by Miss Ramage, and a song by Mrs Carian were much enjoyed. An invitation from Palmerston North Union to attend their next meeting was accepted.

May 5. Well-attended meeting, presided over by Mrs Pack. Mrs Gibson, Vice-President, was appointed to attend an Executive Meeting at Foxton, on May 26th. The petition sheets for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper were enthusiastically received by most of those present, and we are hoping for a

really good petition. Mrs Pack gave a short account of the Auckland Convention.

COLLINGWOOD.

Apr. 29. Six members present. The President gave an interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U. Movement from the founding to the present day. The meeting was closed with prayer, after which afternoon tea was served.

BLENHEIM.

May 3. Meeting at Mrs A. M. Mill's residence; twenty-one members and others present, Mrs Smith presiding. Resignation from Mrs Stewart as Evangelical Superintendent, received with much regret. A letter of thanks and appreciation for her services to be sent. The petition forms re Two-Issue Ballot Paper were distributed, and canvassing has already commenced. A paper from the "Vanguard" on Mr Todd's visit to America, was read by Mrs Grigg, and much enjoyed. Afternoon tea was handed round, and musical items were rendered by Misses Jackson (2); Grigg and McCallum. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Apr. 29. The Cradle Roll Afternoon was held, but owing to very cold weather, only three children attended, and one new baby enrolled. They were each presented with a toy. Afternoon tea was partaken of, but the usual games, etc., were not held. The function closed early. We hope to arrange to have this day held in the summer time in future.

FENCOURT.

Apr. 14. Mrs Simpson presided over a good attendance. Delegate gave a full and splendid report of the Convention. Mention was made of the "Willard Home" and its Headquarters Fund. After discussion, it was decided to hold a Tennis Afternoon, and take up a collection for Headquarters Fund. Two new members were initiated. Closed a bright and interesting meeting with afternoon tea.

WANGANUI EAST.

Apr. Mrs Duxfield presided over a good attendance of members. Miss Marshall gave a most inspiring and helpful address. Miss Sanson, Mrs Duxfield, and Mrs Hopkirk, delegates to the Convention at Auckland, gave excellent reports of the work done. They reported that the Convention had decided to support the Bible-in-Schools Movement; to urge the establishment of Domestic Courts where separation, affiliation, and kindred cases may be heard; to advocate a six-day week for Nurses in Hospitals, and to approach Parliament to legislate for the employment of Women Police, and for the inclusion of women on Juries. They reported further that the Convention had recommended that the Education Department be requested to have printed in the School Journal, articles on the Constitution of the League of Nations. The delegates were heartily thanked for their interesting reports of Convention. It was decided to unite with the Wanganui Central Branch to celebrate Peace Day.

EPSOM.

Apr. 28. Monthly meeting well-attended; good spirit prevailed. Balance sheet read by our Treasurer; encouraging small balance in hand. A full report of Convention was read by Mrs Pirrett, our delegate, and our best thanks extended to her for her very complete and able account. Discussion re petition followed, and instruction given to workers. All are doing their utmost to make our Parnell Petition a very large one indeed.

BIRKENHEAD.

Mar. 17. Mrs Jory presided. Mrs Mackay, our delegate to Convention, was instructed to vote for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. The President said there were many hopeful signs. Mrs Mackay kindly dispensed afternoon tea.

Apr. 21. A large and cheerful gathering. Mrs Jory presided. Mrs Mackay gave a most interesting report of the Convention. She said we had a busy but interesting year in front of us. She enthused us with her impressions—That we get more to subscribe and read the White Ribbon; Work for getting the Bible in Schools; also for a Dominion Headquarters. Secretary to write

for petitions for signatures in favour of the Two-Issue Ballot. Delegates were appointed for the District Convention on May 21st. Mrs Usher spoke of the good work for Prohibition among the Girl Guides in Birkdale. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was kindly dispensed by the Birkdale ladies.

MASTERTON.

May 5. Mrs Cocker presided over fair attendance. Decided to send full amount of levy due to Organising Fund this year. £2 voted to L.C.L. Department to establish them as separate organisation as far as finance is concerned. Mrs Ross appointed to represent Union at District Executive Meeting, to be held at Foxton on 26th May. The work of organising the Masterton Electorate to carry out the petition for Two-Issue Ballot Paper was put in hand, members and friends entering willingly into the work of canvassing the district.

RIVERTON.

Apr. 29. A most successful Social for the Young People, fully 70 being present. Rev. Fordyce presiding, called on the following friends for items:—Misses R. Ashley and G. Green, Violin and Piano Duet; Miss Jean Playfair, Recitation; Miss Annie Playfair, Piano Solo; Rev. Fordyce and Miss M. Prosser, solos. The various games and competitions were entered into most heartily. Miss Green winning the prize for an unpunctuated reading. Mr Prosser gave a most instructive and interesting address on the W.C.T.U. motto, "For God, and Home and Humanity." After supper, Mrs Gray, President, briefly addressed the young people, welcoming them, and urging the claims of Temperance.

PLEASANT POINT.

May 4. Miss Neilson presided over small attendance, owing to bereavement and sickness. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs and Miss Halstead, also Miss Munro, in their recent bereavements. Mrs Felton appointed delegate for Executive Meeting, May 8th. Resignation of Secretary, Mrs Smith received. Decided to hold over in meantime, Mrs Felton to act temporarily. Vote of sympathy, Miss Bishop, on account of her father's illness. Meeting then adjourned on account of funeral, Miss Munro's (Treasurer) late brother.

BELFAST.

May 5. Special invitations had been sent out to members and their friends, and thirty ladies were present. President introduced Mrs Taylor, who gave a lovely, appealing and stirring address. She made a special appeal to all the women present to sign the petition re a Two-Issue Ballot Paper, and to also get their friends to do likewise. Five new members were initiated. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Taylor. A solo was sung by Miss Black, and afternoon tea was handed round.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

May 6. The President, Mrs Young, presided over a good muster. We had much pleasure in welcoming several members of the Feilding Branch. The Feilding President, Mrs Pack, gave a short, but interesting talk. Mrs Tremaine gave a reading, "Angels without wings." Miss Walton gave two musical items which were much enjoyed. Mr Kingston kindly attended, and gave advice as to the best way of canvassing the town for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. We thank him for his help. A hearty vote of thanks was given the visitors. Two members were admitted.

ASHBURTON.

May 3. A large attendance, Mrs W. H. Robinson presiding. An extract showing the effects of alcohol upon the mental powers of the race, was read by Mrs Gallagher. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs W. W. White and family, also with Mesdames Pethick, McLean, and Frampton, in sickness. Correspondence was received and dealt with. Miss Henderson wrote re "Women's Petition" to M.P.s, urging them to support the "Two-Issue Ballot." A very courteous reply in connection therewith was received from Hon. W. Nosworthy, Postmaster General. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mesdames J. Thompson, D. F. Keir, and G. V. Porter, for wreaths made on Anzac Day; also, to Mrs Glassey for use of home on April 2nd,

when a "Welcome" was extended to Miss Bradshaw, Dominion Organiser. Miss Bradshaw was the recipient of a handsome bouquet of roses. Musical items were contributed, and an interesting address by Miss Bradshaw. A dainty afternoon tea was served by Mrs Glassey, and Misses Muirhead and Glassey. Greetings were received from Mrs Lill, Ex-Pres. The Pres. extended a very warm welcome to Miss Harrison, home from China on furlough, after 28 years residence there as Missionary. A much-appreciated solo was enjoyed, after which the President introduced Miss Bradshaw. A very interesting address on "The Origin and Progress of the W.C.T.U. Movement," was given by Miss Bradshaw. Two new members were enrolled, and monies passed for payment. With a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bradshaw, the meeting closed with the benediction.

CHEVIOT.

Apr. 6. A small, but enthusiastic meeting. Mrs Walmsley presiding. A paper on League of Nations, Prohibition and other subjects, read by President, after which followed considerable discussion. A motion of sympathy with Mrs Anderson was passed. After the Benediction, afternoon tea was dispensed.

SPREYDON.

Apr. 12. Attendance good, Mrs Nairn presided. Decided that at each meeting there will be: The Roll Call; the Repetition of the Pledge, and ten minutes Temperance Instruction. Mrs Houston addressed the meeting, speaking on the extreme intoxication in the Homeland. Two new members.

AUCKLAND.

Apr. 12. Meeting in the Central Mission Hall, Mrs Cook presided. Mrs Evans and several visiting delegates from South were welcomed to the meeting. Sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr McDermott, the Veteran Temperance worker and Secretary of the N.Z. Alliance in Auckland for many years, also to Mrs Full-James, on the death of her Sister, Mrs Cargo. An appeal was made for volunteers to canvas for signatures for the petition. Mesdames Rosser and Sims were appointed delegates to the Prohibition Convention in May. Miss Paul gave a most interesting report of the Dominion Convention. Mrs Dowling, our Treasurer, who has been on the sick list for many months, was welcomed back to the meeting. The Union is to take charge of a station on Poppy Day.

PETONE.

Apr. 5. Twenty ladies present. The report by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Cole, who had attended the Annual Convention at Auckland, was read and received, after which the meeting closed with the Benediction and repeating of Pledge.

RAETIHI.

May 6. Mrs Sandford presided over good attendance. Mrs Stanley and Mrs Godly read extracts relating to our subject "The Bible." One new member received. Decided to take up collection on alternate meeting days for Dominion and District Funds. The Two-Issue Ballot Paper was discussed, and petition papers assigned.

ONEHUNGA.

Mar. 10. An enjoyable Cradle Roll Afternoon was spent at the home of our President. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a short address while the little ones played in another room. Tea and general conversation followed. Two new subscribers were secured for White Ribbon. Each child was given a basket of sweets when leaving. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Lee-Cowie for her address and to Mrs Stacey for the use of her home. On April 7th, arrangements were made for "Bring and Buy" Sale in May. Mesdames Stacey and Ashby sang a duet, the hymn which was sung at Convention during the noontide hour. Our President then gave a very full and interesting report of the work done at Convention.

PONSONBY.

Apr. 21. Good attendance, Mrs Lee-Cowie presiding. A special Committee consisting of the officers was asked to meet on Saturday, to plan out the working of the Two-Issue Petition Campaign. Two new members were initiated. A collection was taken up for Cradle Roll Afternoon. Afternoon tea was served.

May 5. Being Cradle Roll Afternoon, there was a large attendance of mothers and children. A few games were arranged for the children, after which they received a present. After a little talk by Mrs Cowie, the President, afternoon tea was served to all. Three new members were initiated; the meeting concluded by members joining hands and singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," as a farewell to Mrs Cowie, who is leaving for Honolulu for the winter.

DUNEDIN.

May 3. Good attendance of members. Miss McLay, Organiser, was welcomed to our Southern City; she starts work in Green Island right away. Mrs McLean, transferred from Balclutha, was also welcomed. Votes of sympathy were passed with two of our members who had suffered bereavement since we last met. Mrs Macartney gave a very interesting report of Convention. The Two-Issue Ballot Paper was discussed, each member present was prepared to work certain districts and do her part in getting names for the petition. Congratulations to two of our members, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Travener, and Miss Runciman, J.P., who has been appointed on the Hospital Board. Decided to help Headquarters Fund with American Tea, etc.

THAMES.

Apr. 12. Our new President, Mrs Heard, presided over an attendance of eleven ladies. Decided to do our utmost to help with the petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Our President, who was delegate to Convention in Auckland, read a very fine report. Two new members were received into the Union.

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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.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss M. Pyle, 7a. Hamilton Road, Herne Bay; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Appleby, Mr Polson; Rec. Sec., Miss I. Davison, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss F. Hullah, Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Mr A. I. Davison, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Supt., Miss L. Reed, "Whittaker Place," Symonds Street.

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

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.

BLIENHEIM, 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., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs. Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Blakely, 23 Epsilon Street, Roslyn; Maori, Mrs. Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs. Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs. Gain; Cradle Roll, Miss Bryant; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs. Hutton.

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

DEVONPORT, 2nd Thursday, 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. Phny; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, London Street.

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

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

EPSOM, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs. Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Sec., Mrs. Carr, 16 Pomona 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 Tunncliffe; 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 pm., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs. Hayward, 27 Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs. Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

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

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

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

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. 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, Lindisfarne; Assistant Treasurer, Miss A. Swale, Grace Street.

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

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Garrett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Pryde, Pasley, McGregor; Cor. Sec., Mrs. McGregor, 266 Crinan Street, Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Callum; Treas., 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. Langskail, 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, Knox 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 Taieri; Treas., Mrs. S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs. M. H. Wilson, corner of Inver's 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. Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs Moyes, Grove Street; Y's., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Doris Wilkinson, Examiner Street.

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

NORMANBY, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Hall. President, Mrs W. Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gang, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Meull, 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, 65 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.

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

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

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

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Greenwood, Station Road; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs McNarey, Nikau Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Panmure 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 236; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd, Nelson Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Corner, Collins, Battersby, and Cole; Treas., Mrs Doneghue, 31 Vivian St., Wellington; Asst. Treas., Mrs Woolford, Beach Street; Sec., Mrs Cole, C/o. Mrs Corner, 89 Nelson Street; Assistant Sec., Mrs Silberry, Richmond Street; Supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street.

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

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point; Sec., Mrs S. Smith, Hazelburn; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro, Pleasant Point; W.R. Agent, Miss A. 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 Rangī," 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, Fittall, and Oliver Sutton; Sec., Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs B. Cropp, Salisbury Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Althorpe."

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

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Fawcett, Juliet St., South; Vice-Pres., Mrs Phillips, Mrs McCallum; Rec. Sec., Mrs McCallum, Orlando St., North; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. M. Clarke, P.O. Box 105, Stratford; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet St., North; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs 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 the month, in Methodist Schoolroom, Brougham Street. Pres., Mrs Odell, Brougham Street West; Sec., Mrs Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street; Treas., Mrs Gilard, Brougham Street East; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hancock, King Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs 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, in Knox Church, third Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Clayton, Warre Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Andrews, Buxton; Sec., Miss A. Bicheno, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Craecroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

WAIKAWA, 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.

WAIKURAU, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Smiles; 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, Okola; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson, C/o. Mrs Duxfield, Okola; Treas., Miss Frances Brown, 162, No. 3 Line, Wanganui East; W.R. Agent, Miss D. Melvin, Helmore St., Wanganui East; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Sanson, Okola; 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. Johnstone.

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

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 60 Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cres., 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 Hilford, 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, Eglinton 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 Lopedell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.