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FIRST ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

A unique event in the history of the women of India. It met in the great amphitheatre of the Ferguson College at Poona. There were 60 delegates present, who were the elected representatives of 21 constituent Conferences, the total attendance at which had exceeded seven thousand. They came from all parts of India, and included several Englishwomen, and Indians of all religions, castes and classes.

The Assembly was presided over by the Maharani of Baroda, whose presidential address was worthy of her great attainments. Her general theme centred round the thought: "Can man be free if woman be a slave?" She pleaded eloquently for a reform of the Marriage Laws and the education of the masses of Indian womanhood.

A Hindu visitor to that Conference wrote: "Seldom in any part of the world have I participated in an Assembly more delightful, more significant, or more fraught with rich and beneficent promise and achievement alike. Literally from the Himalayas to Cape Camorin, from the Indus to the Brahmaputra, there came the gifted representatives of Indian womanhood of all ranks, all races, all creeds; old women, young women, women signally successful in all departments of public life, in literature, art, science, education, law, medicine, philanthropy and social service administration; brave women, proud women, dedicated to

the regeneration of India, bound by an indivisible bond of Womanhood. What talent, what energy, what enthusiasm, what power, what hope, what prophecy of that larger day, when Indian Womanhood shall light the beacon fire of National Freedom!"

The Conference opened with three prayers, the first offered by a Mahomedan lady, the second by a Hindu, and the third by an English Missionary. This spirit of tolerance was maintained right through the gathering, even at meals served in an orthodox Hindu dining room, high caste Hindu women sat and dined, side-by-side, with their English, Mahomedan and Christian fellow-delegates.

The delegates were unanimous that the curse of early marriage could only be removed by the women of India themselves, and that the time had come to undertake a regular campaign against it.

Many resolutions were adopted in regard to the education of the girlhood of India. Moral training based upon religious ideals should be compulsory; so should a complete course of physical training; also medical inspection and where possible school clinics; the ideal of motherhood and making home attractive to be kept uppermost; special facilities for teaching those who observe purdah. Many other matters were dealt with, such as school for defective children; raising the salaries of teachers; their mother tongue to be the medium of instruction, English being a compulsory second subject.

It has been decided to make the Conference an annual one.

THROUGH MOHAMMEDAN EYES.

In her Presidential address, the Maharani of Baroda made the following thought-provoking remarks: It should awaken us to our responsibilities to hear it stated that Islam had raised womanhood, and that in so-called Christian lands it is being lowered.

"The unrestricted license which women in other countries have acquired is not based on such sense and propriety as to warrant our copying it. Before the advent of Islam, in all countries, whether they were civilised or barbarous and whether the rules of their society were complete or defective, woman was the most degraded being. It was Islam which dragged her out of that degradation, placed her in her right position, fixed and prescribed her rights, established her respect in society and the nation and held her to be equally entitled with men to enjoy a pure life. Modern women adopt such fashions and hold such views the very thought of which made one humble. In some countries the up-to-date view-point is to do away with dress even and women take nudity itself to be the best apparel. It is commonly seen that they are giving up the happiness of home and falling in respect and honour. They are becoming disgusted with matrimonial life, and in some countries the number of divorces exceed that of marriages in a year. They even are evading to be mothers."

DRY AREAS IN SCOTLAND.

A PAPER READ AT A MEETING OF WANGANUI EAST UNION.

Madam, President and Sisters,—

The cumulative experience of the dry areas in Scotland is overwhelmingly in favour of No-license. The facts and testimonials from official and accredited sources are absolute and convincing. There are 310 parishes in Scotland in which there are No-License houses by the will of the Landlord.

The Temperance (Scotland) Act of 1920 placed power of Local veto into the hands of the Ratepayers, and the dry areas now number 345. Before that date, the landlords only had the power.

The Areas which were made dry by the will of the Landlord are unassailed by the liquor interest for two good reasons.

The Landlord introduced a prohibitory Clause in the Land tenures against licensed premises, which binds the owners and occupier for all time. It is also an undoubted fact that no representation has been made to the Landlords by the residents of those Areas to repeal the prohibitory enactment. The Areas which have become dry since 1920 are in a different category.

A fresh poll may be taken every three years. The liquor interest therefore direct their resources financial and otherwise, to overthrow the verdict of the "Dry Areas," and win them back to wet conditions. A constant stream of misrepresentations is poured forth. The liquor traffickers fear the object lesson of the dry Areas.

They also fear the Temperance (Scotland) Act, which gives the people their lawful rights to protect the home and the community. They declare the Act to be a failure. One fact alone proves its success, and gives the reason for the deadly hatred of the local veto principle contained in the Act.

The Act was passed in 1913, but a time limit of seven years was given in lieu of compensation. The liquor sellers thereupon started a Mutual Insurance Scheme to compensate dispossessed License holders.

In 1920, 381 licenses were swept away by the first exercise of the power of the Electorate. It cost the Mutual Insurance Company £257,

752 13s. 5d. In 1923 further limitation cost them £26,850.

Three years working of the Act meant an inroad into the Mutual Insurance fund of £284,602. The intense dislike of the liquor traffic to the Temperance (Scotland) Act is shown in the fresh endeavour they are making in conjunction with false temperance reformers to suspend the operations of the Act for a period of eleven years, to secure compensation for the license holders, and to introduce improved public-houses and disinterested management, which are really camouflaged methods of entrenching the liquor business.

The remarkable and conclusive results of the dry Areas are the best answer to opponents of No-License. There is a note of joy in all reports.

In the Southern District of Scotland, the Burgh of Stewarton adopted a No-License Resolution in 1920, and after a determined attempt by the liquor interest to recapture the town for drink, reaffirmed the No-License Resolution in 1923. It is a town of about 3000 inhabitants, largely dependant on Hosiery manufacture. As a result of No-License: 1st.—The Burg taxes have been reduced 7d. per £; 2nd.—Arrests for drunkenness which totalled 43 in three wet years were only 15 in three dry years; 3rd.—Co-operative sales have increased by £6,000 per annum.

In the Midlands, Kilsyth, a mining centre with a population of 8,000, and Kirkintulloch an industrial area with a population of 12,000 became dry in 1920. The resources of the liquor traffic, not of Scotland only, but of the whole country, were concentrated on those towns—but they achieved a magnificent victory again in 1923.

Kirkintulloch.—The milk consumption goes up and infant mortality goes down. The taxes go down and Savings Bank deposits go up. The rates were reduced 18s. on every £11 rental. The Savings Bank deposits increased £13,000 in two years of No-License. A Municipal Savings Bank was also inaugurated when the town went dry, and £17,393 have been deposited.

A profitable kind of employment. Owing to more orderly community, the Town Council were applying for a reduction of the Police force by 25 per cent.

The foregoing are just examples of the great advantages that have come to dry areas through the closing of public-houses.

Cambuslang, one of the largest parishes in Scotland, with a population of 26,000, should not be forgotten, which has turned public-houses into banks, cleared the streets of drunken men and foul language, transformed hovels into homes.

Women and children first: That should be our main consideration. In the glorious victory won in the Whiteinch Ward of Glasgow, a populous Shipyard Centre, on December 2nd, 1924, a striking impression was made by a large procession of children on Saturday afternoon before the poll, who carried on their banners the appeal, "Vote No-License for me, Daddy." That constitutes an irresistible appeal. To all lovers of children I would say this, that it would be good to have a new generation of children growing up in more wholesome surroundings, who have never seen a public-house or drinking bar. I will now give you an outline of the work done by the B.W.T.A., namely the British Women's Temperance Association or Scottish Christian Union, of which I was a member.

Our Association was formed at Newcastle in 1876. From that point the Association grew, both extensively in new branches all over Scotland, and intensively in specialised forms of work, and through it and round it all the spirit of loyalty to, and service for Christ. That spirit is animating those to-day who are striving to build on the foundations so well and truly laid fifty years ago.

New lines of work were made necessary by the changed circumstances which arose after 1913. The passing of the Temperance (Scotland) Act, focussed the work towards 1920, the date on which the local veto Clauses became operative.

Members of the Association in their various branches had to share in the work of educating the electorate up to the point of voting. Then in 1918 came the Representation of the Peoples Act, giving votes to women. This completely changed the situation and increased the urgency of the B.W. work in every area that polled in 1920, and since then B.W. has

voted faithfully and intelligently and prayerfully.

It might have been thought that in this special work the energies of the Association would be entirely absorbed, but it is interesting to note that since 1913 a Cradle Roll Department has started, and they are now (Little White Ribboners) a British boys' and girls' Department. These with Y. work, now established with an Organiser of its own, make it possible for the young women of the country to be taught Temperance, and trained in the work, the carrying on of which will rest on their shoulders in the future.

As political events at home laid fresh work upon the Association in these departments, international politics, and particularly the effort internationally to suppress the traffic in strong drink among native races, have made our work through the department for Native Races and liquor traffic of fresh importance. By deputations, letters, and in every way possible, the Association has striven to make this attempted Prohibition effective, and will continue to work strongly in that direction with the altered political status of women. A new Department entitled Citizenship has been found advisable, the purpose of which is to educate women to make a full use of their opportunities as voters, particularly with a view to the abolition of the drink traffic and its attendant evils from our land.

From among our number we now count J.P's., members of Town and Parish Councils, striving for the uplift of the people.

The B.W.T.A. (S.C.U.) is affiliated to the Scottish Temperance Alliance, which unites all Temperance bodies for the purpose of No-License Campaigns.

The years between the Campaigns are filled with educative work, and the branch meetings, literature distributed, and public meetings held, count for much in preparing the ground for the intensive Campaigns.

The Scottish Women's Temperance News is increasing its circulation, and as a means of information on the general question of Temperance is increasingly influential. The future holds many battles for the women of the B.W.T.A. But if there is strife with evil, there is also much hope and a certain assurance that, though

our victory be delayed, "The enemy in the long run cannot win at all."

Ten years ago a Scottish Agricultural Society banished the liquor bar from its Annual Show. The other day one member moved that it be reinstated. His motion was defeated by a vote of 77 to 45, and it was agreed that no liquor be permitted in the directors' tent or anywhere within the Showyard. Temperance workers are jubilant over the boomerang effect of the motion of the wet.

MUKTI W.C.T.U.

Since the cold season came on we have climbed another rung in St. Peter's ladder (2 Peter 1:6), and adding "Temperance" or "Total Abstinence" to our activities here. Surrounded as our girls are by Mukti's protecting walls, they are safe from the temptation to intemperance. In the village of Kedgaon, owing to Pandita Ramabai's influence, there is no drink shop. When the girls get married or go out into the world for other reasons, they may meet this evil and be tempted, so to be forewarned is to be forearmed. To help us in this work, we have had visits from Miss Campbell, who is President of the W.C.T.U. for all India, and Miss Navalaker, of Poona. Five meetings have been held, and about 200 girls signed the total abstinence pledge. Over seventy of our girls are now wearing the White Ribbon Badge. All promise to be true and loyal to their pledge. A "Blue Ribbon" Branch was formed among the farm men and boys who attend school.

We would ask prayer for many Indian Christians who are being led into temptation and sin through the drink habit, which is a growing evil in this land, bringing reproach on the Name they profess to love and obey. Also pray that our girls, as they go outside our walls, may do all they can to "Rescue the perishing," lift up the fallen, and tell them of Jesus, the Mighty to save. A Branch of the W.C.T.U. has now been formed at Mukti, with an Indian lady as President.

The tissue of the Life to be

We weave with colours all our own;

And in the field of destiny

We reap as we have sown.

—Whittier.

WHO ARE THEY?

"They'll never carry it."

Haven't you heard this cheering prophecy? From good prohibitionists, too, or oftener, from old friends who have been good prohibitionists once, but have slipped gradually back from the vanguard, reliable voters and givers, but with no time left for personal work.

"Who are they?"

"Well, you," will be the answer. "You'll never carry it. I've seen too many attempts to have much faith now in your carrying it. The other side is waking up too well, has too much to spend."

"Then why don't you give more?"

"Don't I give enough? All I can manage in times like these."

"But it isn't your money we want. It's you. With your experience you'd be a tower of strength. "Don't say **they** or **you**, as if you were out of the fight, or on the shelf. It's all of us together, surely. Money can help pay for good printed stuff, but, however, good print is it can't have the arresting touch of spoken words. Print's often a stranger. But people know you, respect you. They'll remember what you say to them, if you say it often enough, anyhow.

"Look here, when did you last say a word about the job? Can't remember, eh? Then it isn't likely anyone else will remember hearing you either, is it?"

"But if you do say it now, no, not to me, to the next person you meet on business, or just by chance, yours may be just the word wanted to set him thinking. Or it may fit into something else he has heard, and **win the last voter needed to carry the election**. Or it may be just the last suggestion to help someone give up an 'occasional drop,' or keep from starting the habit. You wouldn't miss the chance of that, would you?"

"Look here, I'm not an orator, one of your great speakers."

"Seriously, do you think any one of ever the best speakers can do more than the crowd behind, all made up of individuals? Don't say **they** or **you**, or think that way. It's all of us together will carry it. Come on into the fight, and say something to-day.

"If you can't speak verbally, wear the bow. That speaks."

KATHERINE MERCER.



EVANGELISTIC COLUMN.

There is no more wonderful image in nature of the glory of God than we find in the starry heavens. The telescopes, which are continually made more powerful, have long proclaimed the wonders of God's universe. And by means of photography, new wonders of that glory have been revealed. A photographic plate fixed below the telescope will reveal millions of stars, which could never have been seen by the eye through the best telescope.

What a lesson for the soul that longs to see the glory of God in His Word. Put aside your own efforts and thoughts. Let your heart be as a photographic plate that waits for God's glory to be revealed. The plate must be rightly prepared and clean; let your heart be prepared and purified by God's Spirit. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The plate must be immovable; let your heart be still before God. The plate must be exposed sometimes for seven or eight hours to receive the full impression of the farthest stars; let your heart take time in silent waiting upon God, and He will reveal His glory.

"Be still and know that I am God."
—Andrew Murray, D.D.

NOTHING GOOD COMES EASILY.

Unselfishness, even in its smallest acts and manifestations, costs some sacrifice. Work for others which costs us nothing is scarcely worth doing. It takes heart's blood to heal hearts. It is those who sow in tears that shall reap in joy. Take easy work if you will—work that costs you nothing; give only what you will not miss; spare yourself from self-denial,

and waste and sacrifice; but be not surprised if your hands are empty in the harvest time. We must give if we are to receive; we must sow if we would reap.—J. R. Miller, D.D.

What a sublime truth in the words: "He saved others, Himself He could not save." Christ could have saved Himself; He could save others. But even the Divine Son of God could not save both. So, with the unselfishness of a great love He sacrificed Himself to save others. Go, thou and do likewise.

GLEANINGS FROM MANY GARDENS.

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming convictions that I had nowhere else to go; my own wisdom and that of all around me seemed insufficient for the day."—Abraham Lincoln.

Prayer is neither chiefly begging for things, nor is it merely self-communion; it is that loftiest experience within the reach of any soul—communion with God.

There is nothing too great for the Creator to accomplish, and nothing too small for Him to attend to. The microscopic world is His, as well as the stars.

We must not conceive of prayer as an overcoming of God's reluctance, but as a laying hold of His highest willingness.

Not resignation to God's will, but co-operation with God's will is the truer expression of a Christian attitude. We are not resigned anywhere else. We find an arid desert

and so far from being resigned, we irrigate it until it blossoms like a garden. We find a thorny cactus, and commission Luther Burbank as speedily as possible to make of it a thornless plant for food. We find social evils like slavery, and from Moses to Lincoln all that are best among us are willing to surrender life rather than rest content with wrong. Resignation in the presence of things evil or imperfect is sin; and all the heroes of the race have been so far discontented and un-resigned that Blake's challenge has been kindred to their resolution.

"I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,

Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land."

A WHITE RIBBONER ON THE WING.

R.M.S. Niagara, April 26, 1927.

Dear Mrs Peryman,—

I thought you might like a line from Honolulu.

The President (Mrs Broughton) and Secretary (Dr. Bondi) met me at the boat and took me for a lovely drive, where the flowers are gorgeous in rich colours and scent. They took me to the Aquarium, where I saw fish of every colour conceivable, past description in variety and beauty, from silver to fishes that vied with the bird of paradise.

Dr. Bondi took me to a Chopin concert in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, which is splendidly equipped with music room, lounges, billiard rooms, cafeterias, and soda fountain library, reading rooms, as well as hostels, etc., etc. Certainly young men and women are well catered for here.

If all Prohibition towns look as prosperous as Honolulu, God grant that my dear New Zealand may soon have Prohibition.

I drove to the boat decorated with five Lei (garlands). This is the custom; each friend puts a garland round your neck, so I felt very rich with five new White Ribbon sisters.—Yours in W.R. bonds,

MARY LEASK.

President Napier W.C.T.U.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

Dear Sisters,—

I feel that Convention has honoured me by appointing me to the position of Superintendent of Good Citizenship. I realise that this is an important branch of our work, and I would urge upon all Unions who are not already working this department to appoint a local Superintendent without delay.

One can hardly define the boundaries of the Good Citizenship Department, for it seems to embrace all other branches of work. Perhaps I might just indicate a few directions in which work might well be taken up: League of Nations Union, Prison and Reformatory Work, Women on School Committees, Bible in State Schools, Fresh Air Schools League, Plunket Society, Kindergarten Societies; women's responsibility, too, towards the present serious industrial position, and the necessity of supporting and encouraging local and Dominion made goods is a big question, and one that I have felt for a long time should occupy a prominent place in our Good Citizenship Department. The fact that women exercise 75 per cent. of the spending power of wages goes to prove that their relation to the present position, with all its problems, including that of unemployment, is a very vital one.

I feel that our W.C.T.U. should be represented on every Society that is working in the interests of women and children, and also for the welfare and well-being of the community generally. If I can be of any assistance to any Union, at any time, I will be glad.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds.

NELLIE BLACKWELL,

Superintendent Good Citizenship.

447 Durham Street N., Christchurch,

May 31, 1927.

Dear Sisters,—

I should just like to write a line or two and tell you how much I have enjoyed my new office work. It has brought back to memory days of over 25 years ago, when I was in the New Zealand Alliance Office doing just the same work as I am called to do as the Literature Superintendent.

It has taken some little time to get things fixed up at my home for the supply on hand, but I have the best husband that was ever born and he got quite interested and enthusiastic, and was quite willing to give me a room

which he always has had for his work-room, so we have been so busy turning out and papering this room. Mr Chisholm has made cupboards, etc., and now the literature has been sorted out, and everything is in its place, and I am quite proud of our literature room; but I must not write too much about it, or else I'll have Mrs Peryman saying I had better have her "White Ribbon" back numbers here also.

Although it is all very nice, dear sisters, I never realised before the necessity was so urgent for a headquarters. There is hardly a mail without an order from some Union, sometimes two or three, for literature.

Perhaps if I give you one day's orders you will understand better. Let me give you last Friday's orders, so it will be right to date:—

- 6 dozen Pledge Cards.
- 11 dozen Handy Booklets.
- 1 dozen Constitution.
- 5 dozen Hymn Books.
- 1 Music Hymn Book.
- 5 dozen Pledge Slips.
- 3 packets of Envelopes.
- 6 Star of Honour.
- 2 Receipt Books.
- 1 dozen Brooches.
- 2 Writing Pads.

This is just one day's orders. Of course, every day is not so busy, but the postman hardly misses my door without an order from some Union.

If we want our work to grow we must have room to expand our wings.

Progress is like a bicycle: you must keep it moving along, or it will topple over. Our beloved leader, Francis Willard, said: "How grand a thing it was to work for something great."

Will we succeed? Let me answer in the words of Bishop Darlington:

"My friend, if you would fail succeed,

Four qualities you surely need:
Pluck to start the appointed work,
Grit to stand the wearing grind,
Strength to wait and never shrink,
Grace to keep a humble mind,
Then ask of God the glad reward,
In prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Send along your orders freely, dear sisters. I love to know the Unions are needing the literature, for it shows work is being done.

Power in God surpasses all limit.
Power in us is limited by faith.

God bless you all, is the genuine prayer of

Your loving Literature Su't.,

E. F. CHISHOLM.

9 Palm Grove,

Berhampore, Wellington.

Dear Sisters and Fellow-workers,

I thought I would like to send just a few lines to you as I retire from the office of General Literature Superintendent.

I shall miss your visits through the post very much after nine years' of correspondence with each other.

The work has been a pleasure to me, and my only regret is that I've not had the time that this work demands or the facilities at my disposal. Each year it has grown and developed as is evidenced by the fact that nine years ago I presented my first balance-sheet showing an income through Sales of £17 with an expenditure of £15. The balance-sheet presented at last Convention was Sales to the value of £106, with an expenditure of £124, thus you will see that this part of our work does not stand still; on the other hand much coming and going is represented by these figures.

I would like to offer a suggestion to the various Unions, that the District Treasurers order and hold stocks so that the Unions could apply to them for their supply. This would very much lessen the work of the Dominion Superintendent, and make it more manageable for the busy women who have to do these things.

I had hoped that long before this we would have had our Headquarters fully established, where all literature would be kept and operated on from there, but as this is still in the future, I have felt that I must ask to be relieved.

I thank you all for your co-operation and the pleasant associations we have had in fellow-service. May I bespeak for my successor the same kindly feeling—I know that will be so.

Orders still continue to come to me; this has been alright thus far, but now will all Unions please note the change of address and send your orders direct to Mrs Chisholm, 9 Palm Grove, Berhampore, Wellington, unless your District Treasurer or Secretary does it for you, then of course you will send to her. If I can

serve you still in any way, I shall be happy to do so.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours in happy service,

ALICE L. MOWLEM.

AGNES F. SLACK.—REMINISCENT AND TRIBUTE.

(By Blanche Read-Johnston.)

It is a high privilege to me to pay tribute to the life of my dear friend and co-worker in our World's Work, Miss Agnes Slack.

There is gratification in the thought that Miss Slack's life's story has been published. It is a biography of fascinating interest to her many friends and admirers, and, much more, a record of valuable information and important historical data concerning the International Movement to which Miss Slack has consecrated her life's service and her exceptional gifts and abilities.

I seem always to have known Agnes Slack. But in reality, I only met her personally in 1913. On that occasion she was the honoured guest and speaker at our National Convention, which was held in London, Ontario, Canada, in that year. It was after an interesting public address, sparkling with humour and striking incidents and facts. Miss Slack had been presented with magnificent floral sheaf, Lillies, I think, or Gladioli.

All Miss Slack's friends will know she is a lover of walking and open windows. At the close of her lecture, she refused all offers of a conveyance, assuring us that she preferred to walk—alone—to the home of her hostess. I called a carriage and had driven through the lovely autumn night to my temporary abode. After passing along some distance, I noticed a lady walking very quickly along the pavement in the beautiful Queen's Avenue. I am not absolutely sure now, but I think Miss Slack had become a little uncertain of her location in relation to her destination, so I was delighted when she, at the late hour, in a strange city, was persuaded to accept a place in the carriage for herself and flowers. And so commenced an acquaintance-

ship with one who is now a much-loved friend.

Afterwards at the Brooklyn World's Convention (1913), I had further opportunities of observing her, and I was impressed with her keenness of perception, her acute mental grasp of the great variety of problems seeking solution, and her readiness in comprehending a situation and realizing how each peculiar and separate one should be met.

We have met frequently since that time, and for almost ten years our correspondence has been constant and carried on in a most happy and harmonious way.

In 1920, during our World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention in London, England, the distinguished honour came to me of becoming associated with Miss Slack as co-honorary Secretary of the World's Union. The remembrance of her loving acceptance of me in that capacity will always live in my heart. The hours spent with her in counsel and conference in the home of our late esteemed and lamented President, Rosaline, Countess of Carlisle, cannot be obliterated from memory's rich storehouse. Lady Carlisle, in her clever and gracious way, initiated me in the problems, principles and tremendous potentialities and responsibilities of our World's Work. And upon those memorable occasions I was made aware of the warm affection of the Countess for Miss Slack, and her unlimited confidence in the future triumphs of our great world-wide organization, and of Miss Slack's important part in the leadership in achieving ultimate success. Of Miss Slack's zeal for and skillful devotion to the stupendous task of the world-wide banishment of the hydra-headed evil of strong drink, I have no words to give adequate expression. I would pay special tribute to her faith in God and that righteousness which exalts a nation, and her loyalty to her friends.

That the story of her self-sacrificial and brilliant life may carry a message of hopeful encouragement of inspiration and stimulus to her associates all round the world, I am confident, and I hope all White Ribbon Leaders may secure a copy, and that it may be placed in public libraries everywhere.

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

General: Mrs Chisholm, 9 Palm Grove, Berhampore, Wellington.

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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.

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

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REVIEW.

"Thinking It Out. Present Day aspects of Prohibition." Price 3½d. posted.

This is the title of a succinct little pamphlet, written by Guy Hayler, the Hon. President of the World Prohibition Federation. The main title, "Thinking It Out," is apparently suggested by a quotation from John G. Woolley, who says: "The one thing the liquor traffic cannot endure is to be thought about. When good men think about it they kill it."

The aim in this booklet is to induce the reader to "think out" this great problem, and to furnish reasons why we should "vote out" the liquor traffic. The twenty pages of this small, yet excellent work are full of questions and suggestions concerning Prohibition, which will well repay careful perusal. Here are a few quotations which will indicate the character of the book.

"The Prohibitionists send out this challenge: Democracy must dare to do without Drink or die."

"No prohibitive act, based on the principle of human betterment, has ever meant less liberty for the individual or less freedom for the state. What is for the common good is only counted slavery by the selfish. Prevent waste, provide legitimately for energy, and a highway has been constructed along which in safety the feet of unborn generations will march in triumph."

"Where the bar has been closed, the bakehouse has been opened without much delay."

"The task is big, but men and women are big enough for the task if they will allow themselves to be swayed by what will be best for the community rather than by what will gratify their personal desires."

"Prohibition is on the doorstep of the world. It is being let into the statute books of the nations. It is working out a new social revolution. New days for all are breaking on a dry horizon."

"Every known system of regulation has been tried somewhere, and always—let this ever be remembered—with the same result. It is **what** men drink, not **how nor where** they drink, that causes the trouble and brings the ruin."

MAORI PAGE.



MAORI COLUMN.

Enga teina engu tuakana iroto ite Ariki tena koutou. Kua marama mai koutou keite whiri whiria nga ture ma tana mate Maori Inga whiri whiri ano ioti ite hui ki Akarana ia Maehe nei. Te kahi mate mema kitona Uniana 2s. 6d. ite tau 6d. katu kua kite roopu ote Motu hei awhina inga raru-raru ote Uniana kite taha Maori. Kote 2s. kite peeke ake ano ote Uniana hei awhina inga raru-raru katoa iraro inga ture ate W.C.T.U. Kite hia-hia tetahi Uniana kite awhina ite W.C.T.U. ote Motu keite hia-hia kote 6d. anahe e mana ana.

Kite hui-hui te Uniana me mahi tahi mete Kia—karakia ote takiwa hei whakahaere tahi ite mitini. Hei whai korero ano iana mitini.

12/4/27.—Katae mana kote "Y." Organiser kite mitini ate W.C.T.U. Pakeha o Helensville e Pakeha whakauru. Easter Sunday Kahaere ki Orakei Keite whiri-whiri tera iwi itenei take.

1/5/27.—Ite kohanga he pai toru taku mitini e 8 ihaina ite Pledge Book. Nuku atu ite wiki ahau inohoi itera iwi mete whakamarama ano inga tikanga ate W.C.T.U. te wahi etaea etana ete Maori. Keite whakaaro ano ahau mehoki ano ki

reira taihoa. Tuku Maori literatures.

6/5/27.—Tuakau 12 ihaina ite Pledge Book. Tuku Maori literature.

10/5/27.—Whakauru mema mote Uniana o Frankton.

11/5/27.—Kawhia whakatu ite W.C.T.U. mete tuku Maori literature.

13/5/27.—Hauturu Te Awaroa, Te Kauri, Kawhia taone Aratanira and Maketu paa. 10 Mema ihaina mote W.C.T.U. 8 ihaina ite Pledge Book.

26/5/27.—Te Mitini ate Uniana a Frankton 1 mema iwhakauru.

31/5/27.—Te mitini o Te Awamutu e 3 mema iwhakauru e 2 wahine 1 tane.

Kote kupu ienei ra kinga Uniana Maori kia kaha kite iwi whakaatunua te mahi rapua nga teina katoa angokore ana ite kai nei ia **Waipiro**. Awhinatia mate matua ite Rangitatu katoa ewhaka kaha kinga mahi etika ana kitana titiro.

Nate koutou teina mokai nei,

HIMERANGI SIMONS,

9 Keddell Street,
P.O., Frankton Junction.

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CORRECTION.

Will all Secretaries of Unions please make three alterations in the Official List of Officers, appearing in Convention Number of White Ribbon and in Hand-Book.

Gore: Treasurer, Mrs McAskill.

Waikato District: Treasurer, Mrs E. G. Davey, London Street, Hamilton.

Paparoa:

Pres., Mrs Josiah Hames; Sec., Mrs Birtles; Treas., Miss Stella Hames. Membership, 18.

Owing to Printer's errors in the Hand-Book, the membership figures for a number of Unions are incomplete. The correct numbers are as follows:—

Taranaki District:

Hawera, 82; Inglewood, 32;
Manaia, 19; New Plymouth, 214;
Stratford, 78; Waitara, 38.

North Canterbury:

Lincoln-Springston, 20; Brighton, 94; North Brighton, 23; Opawa-Woolston, 25; Oxford, 40; Papanui, 32.

South Canterbury:

Pleasant Point, 46.

Otago:

N.E. Valley, 152.

Southland:

South Invercargill, 100.

The White Ribbon.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

WELLINGTON, JUNE 18, 1927.

OUR PETITION.

Once more the W.C.T.U. has been at its old game—canvassing for signatures for Petition. Splendid work of a two-fold kind. Educative to workers—brings them in touch with public sentiment in their district. Helpful for service. Lets us know where women are lonely and needing help which we can give.

We have marvelled at the courage and devotion of our workers; we have grieved for our shirkers—what they have missed of the joy of service.

RENEWAL OF HOTEL LICENSES.

We note that in several places the Police have been complaining that bookmakers do business at hotels. This is not to be wondered at. A trade which is the greatest law-breaker in the world, will quite naturally assist law-breakers.

In Dunedin, the Bench instructed publicans to discourage women with children coming into licensed premises.

Why not discourage father also, from spending his wages on licensed premises?

INTOXICATED BUT NOT DRUNK.

A Police Sergeant put the matter tersely in a court case lately. A man was up for being drunk in charge of a car. He admitted taking several drinks, but said he was not drunk. Several witnesses testified that he could walk alright. The police said he was unfit to have charge of a car, and the sergeant summed up. I say he was intoxicated, but I don't swear he was drunk. Intoxicated! poisoned! The sergeant has scientific opinion

on his side. Long before a man has reached the staggering stage of drunkenness his brain is poisoned, and he is quite unfit to be in charge of a motor car in a crowded thoroughfare. We wish the Courts would furnish a correct record of the number of cases of accidents happening when neither party has touched alcoholic drink. We think it would prove an interesting, if not a lengthy document.

"NEW ZEALAND MADE."

Preference League.

A League with the above name has been formed with the object of encouraging the purchase of New Zealand made goods. Hon George Fowlds is its President, and its Headquarters are Empire Buildings, Swanson Street, Auckland.

The objects of the League are to benefit our industries by encouraging people to purchase New Zealand products. They urge increased production, so that employment may be created. They point out that New Zealand has the raw material, it has the labour, and if there is an increased demand for home goods, we can easily become a self-supporting country.

They are also out to encourage scientific research to develop our natural resources, and to urge New Zealand workers to make New Zealand goods known by the excellence of their workmanship.

GREAT BRITAIN'S LIQUOR BILL.

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Expenditure for Alcoholic Drinks in 1923	307,500,000
Interest on National Debt.	307,000,000
Taxes Collected in 1923-24	162,000,000
Approximate Expenditure for Empire Defence	132,000,000
Approximate Expenditure for Education	89,000,000
War Pensions	75,000,000
Poor Relief	48,000,000
Old-Age Pensions	24,000,000

OBITUARY.

In the death of Mr A. C. Broad, who fell asleep at his residence, Cozy Dell, Dunedin, on June 5th, we have lost a stalwart Advocate. From the time of his arrival in 1880, until the hour of his death, he was an out-and-out worker for Prohibition. When he established the Otago Brush Works, he hung a card in the office window with the words: "Friends, step inside and sign the Pledge," and though the stubbs of the Pledge Book show how many accepted the invitation to sign, no record will show how many were repeatedly helped until safe on the way of Total Abstinence.

Mrs Broad, who died several years ago, was one of the first six to join the W.C.T.U., and from that time her husband was the unfailing friend of the Organisation. He was one of several gentlemen elected as an Advisory Board, when the Union was working for the Franchise. The Hon. Mark Cohen and Professor Saunders, of Dunedin, are the only two remaining. On the day the Women were enfranchised, Mr Broad, as a memorial of the event, presented his wife with a beautiful new residence which was named "Willard" after Frances Willard, and ever since, that home had always open doors for workers in the Temperance Cause. Quite a host to-day happily and gratefully recall the hospitality, and privilege of meeting in Willard such veterans as the late John Jago, T. E. Taylor, Frank Graham, Rev. Frank Isitt, Rev. L. Isitt, Judge Adams and others.

In spite of failing health, Mr Broad retained to the last, keen interest in every phase of the Temperance work. For some months at his own expense, he was responsible for a weekly Temperance Column in the press, and his interest in it was continued almost to the day when he entered the life immortal. Money, time and energy was given unceasingly to the Union, Band of Hopes and Youth Work, who will ever remember the strength of his counsel and his generosity. To-day we grieve that the earthly activities of this honoured and beloved comrade are ended, and extend our sympathy to the bereaved sons and daughters.

He is not dead who leaves behind rich legacies of heart and soul and

mind. Noble deeds live on, flooding the earth like sunrise at the dawn.

THE LATE MRS OGG.

And she was not, for God took her. On Tuesday, May 17th, there passed away, with tragic suddenness, a valued member of the N.E. Valley W.C.T.U.

Mrs Ogg was canvassing for signatures for the Women's Petition re Licensing Legislation, and when calling on a fellow-member of the Union, asked for a drink of water as she felt faint. Mrs Hinkley took her in and did all she could for her, but before the doctor arrived, Mrs Ogg had passed away. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved family.

It would be hard to tell just how great a work our late Sister did. She was one of those retiring, devoted workers who keep out of the lime-light, but who, in her quiet way, influenced for good all with whom she came in contact. She was ever ready to help in the Church, Dorcas Society, W.C.T.U., indeed in any good work as far as her indifferent health would allow.

We shall miss her much, but may the memory of her unfaltering faith in the final issue of the Prohibition Cause, urge us on to renewed zeal.

MISS RUTH ATKINSON.

On Thursday, May 19th, there passed to her rest the dearly loved President of the Nelson Union, Miss Ruth Atkinson. Her health had been failing for some months, and the doctors persuaded her to go to Hanmer, but heart trouble ensued and the end came suddenly—a great shock to her many friends.

Miss Atkinson was a daughter of the late Arthur S. Atkinson, for many years a well-known solicitor in Nelson, and as the Rev. A. Armstrong mentioned in his impressive tribute to her memory in the Methodist Church, "her mother was a woman of courage and strong endurance—the first white woman to climb Mt. Egmont in the pioneering days before tracks were made in the primeval bush on the mountain slopes."

Miss Atkinson was born in Auckland, but removed with her parents in her early girlhood to Nelson.

She was one of the early pioneers in Temperance Reform, and one of the Founders of the Union in Nelson.

She possessed keen, mental alertness and high literary culture, and to these were added the gift of high, moral courage and strong convictions, fitting her for Leadership in helping forward movements in social reform for the uplift of the community.

She never spared herself when she felt she could do anything that would help anyone in trouble, be it to the benefit of women and children, or to assist in civic progress.

Her strong individuality, her quaint humour, her outspokenness in the cause of right and good, her large hospitality and her interest in every good work endeared her to her fellow-workers and many friends.

Much sympathy is extended to her adopted daughter Faith, to her sisters, Mrs Fell and Miss Mabel Atkinson, her brother, A. R. Atkinson, and other relatives.

The officers of the Nelson Women's Christian Temperance Union took part in a beautiful, brief service at the Nelson Cemetery, and a large number of members showed their respect to her memory by attending the impressive service held in Methodist Church, on Sunday evening, June 5th.

THE EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON THE HUMAN BODY.

In an interesting address on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body," Dr. A. B. O'Brien said:—

"Alcohol, as we know, has a great affinity for water, and the brain, containing a larger percentage of water than any other part of the body is quickly affected by alcohol. Recent discoveries show that in the brain there is one particular nerve whose function is to regulate the beating of the heart in the same way as the 'governor' regulates the speed of the steam-engine. When alcohol is imbibed, this motor nerve is immediately affected; the nerve being narcotised, does not function properly, and the heart races in the same way as the steam-engine would if the 'governor' was not in action. This pumping of the heart gives the exhilaration and leads to the erroneous idea that alcohol had stimulated the person. If the narcotising is continued the effect will be increasing until the man is helpless, or dead drunk, and the heart will be more exhausted than ever after the so-called 'stimulant.'"

NOTABLE DAYS.



MISS ALICE WEBB, DOMINION
SUPERINTENDENT FOR NOTABLE
DAYS.

This month we celebrated our White Ribbon Day. Read paper and letter sent to every Union, and do your best to reach your quota.

Quota reached: Warkworth, 5.

The following appeared in "Union Signal." By substituting White Ribbon for Union Signal, it will be very suitable to read at your meeting.

The question of the hour in W.C.T.U. circles: Have you reached your Quota?

 JUST SUBSCRIBE.

I've written subscribe, and I've talked
subscribe,

And I'm tired as tired can be,
But I'll never stop till the quota's
reached.

So listen once more to my plea.
To be efficient we must be informed,
We must know the plans of State;
We must know them now, for another
year

May be just a year too late.
No soldier would think of going to
war,

Who was not equipped for the fray,
Within shining armour and sword in
hand.

Triumphant he wins the day.

If he failed to use every offered help,
That his services might ring true,
He'd be called a slacker in Govern-
ment terms,

For to country your best is due.
We are soldiers in the W.C.T.U.

We have pledged our heart and
hand,

To battle with all our might and
strength,

The foes that menace our land.
We must know the tactics of these
our foes,

To put up an intelligent fight;
We need education to teach us the
way,

To give telling blows for the right.

And the Union Signal supplies this
need,

Shows us just where the danger
lies,

Makes of every woman a soldier
brave,

Who reads the paper and tries.
Our commander-in-chief is with us
to-day,

And she's hoping with all her
heart,

That all the members will feel the
urge,

And every state do her part;
And finish the quota so well begun.

To-day's leader, one of the best,
Gives a slogan that points the
way—

Hold Fast and Go Forward. The
goal is in sight

And as soldiers we must obey.
But we cannot hold fast if we have
not the facts,

Nor advance if we know not the
way,

The Union Signal makes every step
plain,

So subscribe, and do it to-day.

 IS GOUT DISAPPEARING.

In a lecture before the Bath Clinical Society, Dr. C. E. S. Fleming, of Bradford-on-Avon, said that "classical gout" was rarely seen to-day. He suggested the decline might be due to the decreased consumption of port wine and beer. "One of the most outstanding facts in the survey of the last few decades of medical practice," he said, "is the decrease in alcoholism and all its associated morbid conditions."

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

An Executive meeting of the Wellington District was held in Foxton, on May 26th and 27th, Miss Oates presiding. Miss Kirk, Secretary, read a letter of greeting from Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Dominion President. Besides the District Officers there were present, Mrs. Peryman, Mrs. Evans and twelve delegates. A discussion re Invalid Pensions took place, and it was considered advisable that some scheme should be arranged whereby a family may receive assistance when the bread-winner is laid up, ordinarily called social insurance, and that it should be a universal pension for invalids.

Some discussion also took place re compulsory Dominion Superannuation, but no action was taken, as it was considered rather an unworkable scheme, and that it would be a better plan to teach children thrift, and encourage them and their parents to make more use of the Savings Bank.

A resolution to the effect that Widows be allowed to work and earn as much as they can to subsidise their pensions, is to be brought forward at the District Convention at Palmerston North.

Reports on the work in connection with the Petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, showed satisfactory results up to the present time.

On Thursday night, a public meeting was held in the Methodist Church, when there was a large attendance. A musical programme was rendered by the Foxton friends, and much appreciated by the visitors.

Miss Kirk, J.P., addressed the meeting on Social work as carried out in Wellington, also on Prison Reform and Domestic Courts. The speaker compared the courts here with those in America, and again emphasised the need for a more private method of dealing with affiliation cases, and the more intimate domestic affairs which come up so frequently and are listened to by a crowd of idle onlookers.

In the speaker's opinion, the housing shortage was very often the cause of much of the trouble between married couples. In many cases where a separation is asked for, the families are found to be living in a room or rooms, and the men and

women become dissatisfied through having so little to occupy their time.

Miss Kirk described the Prison Reform work as carried out in the Borstal Institute, and said that although it was a great improvement on the old-time form of punishment, there was still room for more improvement. While in the Institute, the women and girls are engaged in house-work, gardening, sewing and laundry work, and are taught home nursing, and their time is fully occupied. But many of the girls get into trouble again soon after their release, through having no one to care for them. While they are kept under constraint all may go well, but as soon as they are free, many are at a loss to know what to do with themselves, and are unable to get immediate employment. It was suggested that the establishment of a Hostel where their freedom would come more gradually, would be a great benefit to these unfortunate girls. Also it was thought that there are many women in better circumstances who could take these girls into their homes for a short time, and give them help and encouragement till suitable employment could be found. In 1925, 85 per cent. of the Borstal cases which came under Miss Kirk's notice, were brought about through drink.

On Friday morning, a discussion took place about Maori work, and it was decided that where the number of Maoris warrants it, Unions should be formed, and each delegate was asked to make enquiries about the Maoris in her town and report to the Secretary on the matter, and Mrs Peryman and Mrs Evans will make arrangements for Organisation if possible.

A circular letter re White Ribbon Day was explained by Mrs Peryman, and delegates were impressed with the necessity to get busy and win more subscribers to our paper, as it was mentioned that only half the members of the Unions were taking the paper, and it was considered impossible to work branches successfully if members did not acquaint themselves with what is going on in other Unions, and this information can be had only by the officers taking the White Ribbon regularly.

Unions were asked to make a special effort to help raise funds for

the Willard Home, as it was explained that in future grants from the McCarthy Trust will not be asked for by the Palmerston Union.

Remits:—From Wellington Central: "That no person be allowed to address Convention without the permission of the Convention, was dropped for want of a seconder.

(2) "That no Union should accept money or funds from any trust, company or other body, without first consulting the Dominion Officers. Carried.

(3) "That every death occurring within two months of child-birth, be a matter of Magisterial enquiry." Carried.

After the close of the meetings, Mrs Peryman invited the delegates to the Parsonage, where they were entertained with music, and afternoon tea was dispensed.

ADDRESS IN SCOTLAND AT W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

(By James Cavender, Chief of Police,
Des Moines, U.S.A.)

Another thing I told them: In Iowa—and this I believe is true of most states—we have at least four different law-enforcing bodies, each absolutely independent of the others, and quite often a little bit jealous. There are the police, the sheriff and his force, the Federal officers and the state agents. Sometimes the Anti-Saloon League and the W.C.T.U. will engage workers to help. To say that liquor could be sold openly in the presence of all of these forces would be to challenge the integrity of each separate branch of our government. It is too ridiculous to discuss.

"WASN'T OFFERED A DRINK ANYWHERE," SAID EDINBURGH'S CHIEF OF POLICE.

The chief of police of Edinburgh, Scotland, had attended an International Police Conference in New York City in May of this year. He got back to Edinburgh just a few days before I reached there. I went to see him. I said: "Mr Ross, you were in New York City a couple of weeks, up and down, in hotels, up the Hudson River, in Central Park, attended the banquets and functions that go with a Police Conference. Did you see any drinking of intoxicating liquors

anywhere? Did you see many drunken men? Did you see alcohol being sold openly? Were you offered it socially or otherwise?"

I do not know Chief Ross intimately, of course. I would guess he is the ordinary type of British police officer, holding his job for life, doing his duty as he sees it, acceptably to his employers, not taking part in any public discussions. I would not have been at all surprised if he had refused to answer, but he said at once: "I never saw any drinking of intoxicating liquors anywhere, never saw a drunken man in New York City, and wasn't offered a drink anywhere." Now, if there is a suspicious wet spot in the United States, it is surely New York City, for reasons I need not elaborate. **But it is not sold openly.**

I gave many other evidences to show that liquor is really outlawed in the United States, that we no longer have the open saloon where Bill could call to Tom and Jack, as they passed, to come in and be good fellows; that while we have bootlegging here, it is done with great secrecy, just like other crimes.

While in England, it was reported in American newspapers that I said Des Moines was "bone dry," but I never said anything so foolish. It is true that we have not stopped bootlegging altogether, and there are many other crimes we have not stopped.

THREE CLASSES OF CITIZENS WHO HELP SUPPORT BOOTLEGGERS.

There are three kinds of citizens to-day who are not able, as yet, to get along without alcohol. These people are well-known to all bootleggers as being perfectly safe to deal with. (Drug fiends will never tell where they get their dope, and it is very seldom, either, that we can get alcohol users to tell us). In the first place, we have business men of "liberal" leanings, they like to shine among their friends because of a reputation for possessing the "real stuff," and they will pay big money for it. More often than not they are fooled with faked, forged labels, but they can not afford to squeal. The bootlegger knows he is safe with them and they are his best customers.

The second group is composed of those poor fellows who got an awful thirst when the saloons were opera-

ting. They drink the cheapest and most poisonous kinds of stuff, including denatured alcohol, bay rum, hair tonic, essence of peppermint, jamaica ginger and spirits of ammonia. The reaper, death, is the only one who will relieve that situation.

ALCOHOL NECESSITY FOR BROTHELS.

Then we have the operators of road-houses and brothels. Alcohol seems to be an absolute necessity to the brothel business. One of the greatest blessings prohibition brought about was the set-back it gave to commercialized prostitution. Alcohol and narcotic drugs will always be found in brothels. These three groups will give the police trouble for many years to come. The first group will sooner or later be lost to the bootlegger under the condemnation of enlightened public opinion. Time and death will take care of the second group. The third lot, being as old as history, will be the last to go.

If one is not a member of any of the groups or can not procure a proper introduction, it is almost impossible to procure alcohol. I pay five dollars a day and expenses to anyone who can purchase for me an average of one half-pint of alcohol a day, but it cannot be done. We are forced to make a raid after the first two or three purchases and after that the word is hurriedly passed round and our booze-buyer finds all doors closed against him and that he is in personal danger. Can anyone say that alcohol is flowing freely under those conditions?

WHEN THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Thirty-three States were already dry, three more necessary to ratify.

Forty-six States ratified.

Total vote for amendment in States' assemblies, 3942, or 80 per cent. dry.

Total vote in State Senates, 1925, or 86 per cent. dry.

All amendments to United States Constitution were adopted in the same way.

U.S.A.

The National Institute of Arts and Letters has for the first time admitted women to membership. Four authors are the first women members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

At the meeting held on May 16th, 1927, Mrs Birdsell, Secretary of the Willard Home Board of Management, reported on the discussion that took place at the 1927 Conference, held at Auckland, on the Willard Home Board making application to the Macarthy Trust for a donation from their Charity Fund. Since the time the first appeal was made, the personnel of the Board had considerably changed, and it was found that quite a number did not know that the Macarthy Trust was a Brewery Trust, and was still in activity.

There was a considerable difference of opinion as to the necessity for not accepting any further donation, but after a very amicable and open discussion, it was decided to no longer apply for assistance from the Trust, and to withdraw the application form for this year.

Mrs Pacey moved that her former resolution be rescinded, which was carried.

Mrs Burgess moved: "That the Willard Home Board no longer make application for a donation to the Willard Home funds."—Carried, with only one dissentient voice.

During the last six months the Board has refused a bequest of £300 because the members considered the family of the deceased had not been sufficiently considered and with this later decision the funds of the Willard Home will be considerably reduced, and the members of the Board are hoping that when the annual appeal is circulated that the Branches will do their best to raise something to help the children, seven of whom at the present time are destitute.

The Board felt it would not be fair to sever the Home from the W.C.T.U., as it was due to the efforts of the local Union, in raising money, that this activity was organised, and is now being carried on successfully. I am sure that the W.C.T.U. members will be pleased to know that their Children's Home, though small, is classed one of the best in the Dominion for being run on ideal conditions, which shows how fortunate we are in our competent staff.

—Sincerely your co-worker,

PRISCA CRABB.

128 College Street, Palmerston N.,
29th May, 1927.

SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER.

(By Cora Frances Stoddard.)

Alcoholic fermentation changes good foods into injurious drinks..

Even moderate amounts of beer, wine, or other alcoholic drinks have been found to impair ability to do good work.

Alcohol reduces endurance for sports or hard work.

Alcohol impairs the skill and precision required in doing fine work.

The drinker's power of self-control is diminished by alcohol.

Alcohol makes the drinker more reckless in taking chances involving danger.

Beer may disorder a man's thinking or acting without making him drunk.

The normal man thinks before he acts. The man with alcohol in his brain is likely to act before he thinks.

Even a moderate amount of alcohol impairs the drinker's ability to judge correctly the quality of his own work.

Alcohol is not a stimulant but a narcotic.

A man doing hard work needs good food, hot or nourishing drinks, not beer.

Alcoholic drink is dangerous to one exposed to cold.

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

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

Modern high power machinery cannot be safely managed by a brain even slightly dulled by alcohol.

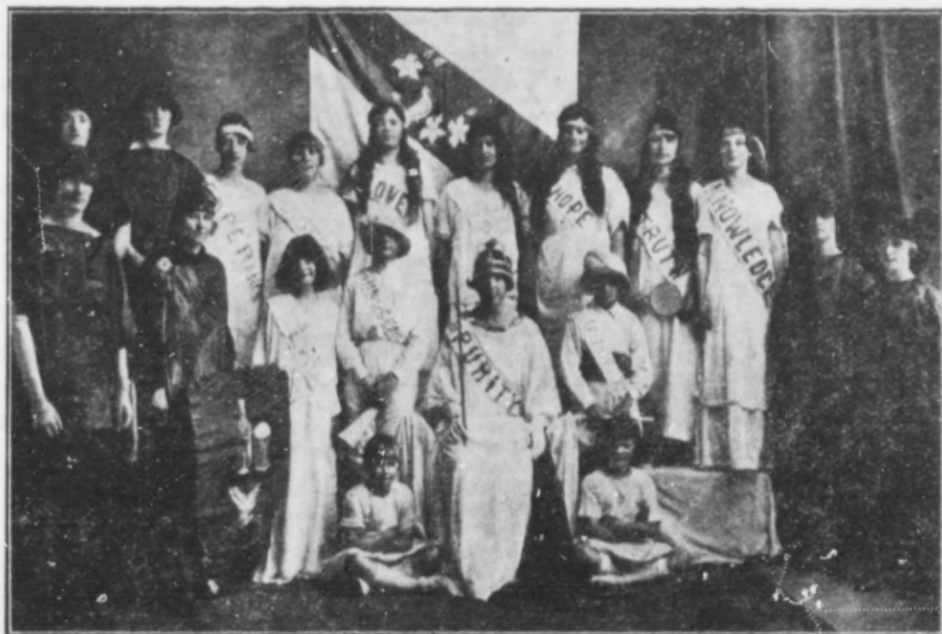
Alcohol is a habit-forming drug which has the power of setting up the craving which makes the drunkard.

The drinker is more liable to have infectious diseases because alcohol lessens the power of the body to kill germs.

Life insurance companies have found that the average insured person who is an abstainer from alcoholic liquors lives longer than one who drinks any alcoholic liquor even moderately.

The man who spends for drink, money needed by his wife and children for food, diminishes their chances for good health.

Y PAGE



"THE WHITE QUEEN'S COURT."

(Given by Nelson Y.P's.)

AS OTHERS SEE US.

My dear Y's,—

It is instructive to see ourselves as other people see us. The poet sang:

"Oh wad some fairy the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as others see us."

Our Sisters in the U.S.A. at their Convention held a luncheon at which they entertained many noted women. On behalf of the W.C.T.U., Mrs Ella Boole, the National President, introduced the guests, who responded in brief sentences of appreciation of the work of the W.C.T.U., and gave testimony to the benefits of prohibition: I thought these opinions would be of great interest to our Y's, and let them know how our Union appears to leading women in U.S.A., and I here transcribe some of them.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney-General of the U.S.A.: "One thought is foremost in my mind. I've been thinking of the W.C.T.U. 50 years ago, and harmonising it with the organisation today, when you are hostesses to the Federal Executives. The W.C.T.U. was the first avenue outside the Church for women to express themselves. I confess faith in and pay my tribute to it to-day."

Grace Abbott, Chief of the Children's Bureau: "Prohibition is a child welfare measure. It ought to be

fostered and upheld. It has brought new problems, but we are prepared to work together. It is a long, long, road, but the W.C.T.U. will always be found on the way."

Mary Anderson, Director of the Women's Bureau: "I am always thrilled to realise that so many of the better things of life are able to get to the family through your work. Instead of going to the saloon, the money is now going for the movie, the auto, for food and clothing for the family. I am sure your good work will succeed."

Mary Stewart, Director Junior Division, U.S. Employment Service: "The W.C.T.U. has done more than the world realises to give the children a chance. I want to thank them for making things better."

Anita Phipps, Women's Relations, War Department: "The Army has always appreciated the work done by the W.C.T.U. for the soldiers, and it hopes the interest will continue."

Mina Van Winkle, Head of the Women's Bureau, Washington Police: "Every Policewoman is grateful to you for moral support. She is not looked on with favour by those who want to break the law. The Policewoman spells better law enforcement."

Lucy Minnegerode, Superintendent Nurses' Public Health Service: "The Public Health Department is glad to testify to the tremendous influence of

prohibition over all the United States."

Mary Hickey, Supt. of Nurses U.S. Veterans' Bureau: "I represent 1,700 nurses for ex-service men and women. I want to testify to great improvement since prohibition. The morale has improved immensely. We attribute that to your work."

Mrs Herbert Hoover, President of Girl Scouts of America: "I like the principles and methods of the W.C.T.U."

Charl Williams, National Educational Association: "The National Education Association and the W.C.T.U. have all the years stood together. I was taught the W.C.T.U. principles, and in turn I taught them. Education is materially indebted to prohibition. More money is released for education because of prohibition."

Ethel M. Smith: "The Woman's Trade Union League knows its needs, and gives assistance to the W.C.T.U."

Helen W. Atwater, President Home Economics Association: "We welcome the kind of improvement in home life the W.C.T.U. stands for."

Marion Pankhurst, Secretary Committee for National Department of Education: "We could hardly live without Lenna Lowe Yost, and all the help you are giving us."

Maude Wood Park, Legislative Counsellor: "The League of Women Voters and the W.C.T.U. should be one, for the enemies we have made."

Valeria H. Parker, President National Council of Women: "Frances Willard was President of the Council of Women. In this organisation are 35 Sisters, and you may count on 100 per cent. of us to co-operate."

J. Beatrice Bowman, Superintendent Nurses of U.S. Navy Department: "In 1908 we used to see the sailors drunk half the time. I have seen the men change wonderfully under prohibition, and you may well be proud of the navy now."

Louise Ross: "The Homeopathic physicians are with you decidedly for law enforcement, individually and collectively."

Prayer is simply giving the wise and good God an opportunity to do what His wisdom and love want done.

ONEHUNGA SENIOR LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

A suggestion to form a Senior Branch of L.T.L. for girls and boys unable to attend day meetings, emanated from the alert brain of our L.T.L. Ex-President, Kyra Shepherd. She also circularised all old members, which resulted in an enthusiastic meeting for the purpose of forming a Senior Club, being held at Mrs Shepherd's home, on Saturday, May 14th.

Fourteen old members and two new ones were present, Mrs Hunter (Legion Leader) in chair.

Proposed by Kyra Shepherd and seconded by Beth Armstrong, that Senior L.T.L. be formed, meetings to be held monthly, on Saturdays, from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Carried unanimously. Proposed membership fee of 3d. per member (entrance fee) and 1d. per month be charged. Carried.

Officers were then elected by ballot (the young folks training in Junior Society, in this being plainly evident). Election resulted as follows:—President, Kyra Shepherd; Vice-President, Beth Armstrong; Rec. Sec., Jean West; Cor. Sec., Evelyn Phyn; Treasurer, Keith Mushet.

The office of Secretary was the only one in which the nominating ballot was not decisive, and being re-balloted, resulted in 8 votes each for two girls. Leader being appealed to for casting vote, could only suggest having two Secretaries, which seems to be working out satisfactorily.

Club colours, "Blue and Black" decided on.

Hearty thanks were accorded Mrs Shepherd (our President's mother) for her generous offer to present Society with Minute Book.

Cor. Secretary asked to write to Mrs West, thanking her for kind offer of use of room for meetings if required, also to write to Methodist Sunday School Secretary re use of Gym Hall.

Arrangements for Social, to be held May 28th, discussed.

BURMA

Has just enrolled the first lady as an Advocate of the High Court.

Y REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.

June 2. Miss M. Pyle presided. Miss Read read an interesting paper on "The Origin of the White Ribbon." Miss Appleby gave an able report on the recent Alliance Convention. Miss Hatcher gave an inspiring address. During the evening, several musical items were rendered. The President made an appeal for new members to the Society, and also subscribers to "The White Ribbon." Four new members were initiated. An enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the Temperance Doxology, and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

May 30. At Mrs Leaver's home, Miss Leaver presiding over a good attendance. Correspondence was received re White Ribbon Day. Reports from the Entertainment Committee, said that Mrs and Miss Hull had offered their services to train the members. Their help was gratefully accepted. Decided to have a Birthday Party, for which Mrs Leaver kindly offered to provide the Birthday Cake. Two Shakespearean scenes, one from "The Merchant of Venice," the other from "As You Like It," which were arranged by Misses Betty Scott and Molly Norrie, were contributed by members. After supper, community singing was enjoyed, and a successful meeting was brought to a close by a hymn and the Benediction.

DUNEDIN.

Pleasant evening spent. Miss McLay, Organiser, spoke on Preparing ourselves for Leaders, and also on the benefits of speakers' Class. Our President read her report of Convention. We are sorry to lose from our number, Miss Annie McLean, who has been transferred to Christchurch. We trust she will be connected with "Y." work in the Cathedral City. Miss C. Thompson has gone on a visit to Auckland. May she return feeling refreshed and ready for action again. Interesting letter from Miss Ada Gwyn, who at present is in Melbourne, was read. Next meeting to be held at Mrs McCartney's residence.

HAMILTON.

May 23. Seven members were present, and the President presided. The meeting opened with the usual hymn, prayer and Scripture reading. Mrs Jones, the District President of the W.C.T.U., gave a most interesting report of the Annual Convention, and talked about Union work generally. The members expressed their thanks and appreciation, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

ASHBURTON.

We are glad to report that the young people in Ashburton are not behind the times. A combined Bible Class Rally was held in Victoria Hall, Ashburton, on Sunday, May 1st, Miss Bradshaw addressing the girls. After her address, 76 girls rose voluntarily, desiring to help in our great movement against Alcohol. In consequence of this gathering, a "Y." Branch will be formed in the near future.

Go ahead, Young People,
Fight the good fight with all your might.

MADRAS PROVINCE (India.)

The first Province in India to enfranchise women to its Legislature, the first in which a woman was nominated to it, also has the honour of being first to unanimously elect a woman as Deputy President of the Legislative Council. Madras University has five lady members on its Senate.

NEWS FROM NIEUW ISLAND.

Dear Sisters,

Thinking that you would be interested to know of the progress of the work and the effect of the little White Bow over in Nieuw Island, I quote from a letter received from their Vice-President, Mrs Violet Head she says: "This White Ribbon is only a new thing here, but they are working well and hard at it too."

"The Mothers' meetings are getting on very well. They have done great work; all put together so well so that good work is done."

"At the time of drought, I announced that we should help Rev. Beharell, L.M.S., during the scarcity of food; they did try hard, and two women undertook to send some supply every week and they did—of course we stopped as soon as the boat arrived with a supply."

"We now have our Star of Honour Badge. I wonder if it would cost too much if we had a band stamped with the Badge, something like a book mark?"

"I would like to encourage them to do good work and to live pure lives. It is a great change since the Badge was worn by these people."

"Mrs Beharell is President and I am Vice-President. I am so thankful the Lord has chosen me to help lead my own people, and my prayer is that I may be kept faithful."

The women send kind regards to you.

P.S.—Last year no less than 600 Badges and 60 Star of Honour Badges were supplied to these far-away Islanders.

Alice L. Mowlem.

CHINA.

The Governor of Shantung has forbidden early marriages. No boy under 18 or girl under 16, shall be allowed to marry. The Chinese Kwomintang Council adopted resolutions in favour of equal political, economic, and education rights between men and women.

The drinker brings injury upon others as well as upon himself.

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 CENTRAL.

June 2. Mrs Stewart presided. Miss Sanson gave a talk on A Call to Service. Report of the Two-Issue Ballot Petition was very satisfactory. Decided we send a delegate to District Convention. A letter was received from Mrs Peryman. After a talk, it was decided that Wanganui East Branch and Wanganui Central visit Aramohe Branch, 4th Tuesday in July, and hold a "White Ribbon Day." Mrs Christie, one of our valued and esteemed workers, has been called to higher service. A vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved family. A letter was received from Mrs Goody, saying that owing to sickness, she was obliged to hand in her resignation as President; the resignation was accepted with very deep regret. Mrs Stewart, of Gonville, was unanimously elected to that office. July meeting is to be a Gift Afternoon. Decided that the afternoon in aid of Headquarters Fund be held on Thursday, June 9th, at Mrs Emmett's, 17 Spier Street.

ONEHUNGA.

May 12. A most successful "Bring and Buy" Social was held from 1 to 5 p.m. During the afternoon, the Rev. Jackson gave an encouraging address, offering suggestions for obtaining signatures for the Petition.

NGAERE.

May 5. Eleven members present; President, Mrs Gilliver, presided. Correspondence read re Petition forms, etc., asking members of Parliament to support Two-Issue Ballot. Decided that members of our Union canvas district and help in any way possible in this great work. Special meeting arranged for the 12th, when our District President, Mrs Phillips, will be present, and give us an account of Dominion Convention, etc., also decided that donation be sent to Willard Home.

June 2. Ten members present and one visitor; President in chair. Correspondence was read from Mrs Phillips, stating that she was trying to arrange an afternoon, when combined Unions could present Petitions to our M.P., Mr Walter. As District Convention is this month, Union will not hold meeting on White Ribbon Day, but papers be read at next meeting. Delegates were elected for Convention. One new member initiated.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

May 10. A very satisfactory attendance. Miss McLay, the Y. Organiser, gave a very inspiring address, which was followed by a comprehensive and instructive report on the Dominion Convention, by Mrs Gilmour. Much interest was taken in the work that had been accomplished, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speakers.

PLEASANT POINT.

May 31. Miss Neilson presiding over small attendance. Vote of sympathy with President, Miss Bishop, in the loss of her father carried in silence, members standing. Resignation of Miss Bishop, owing to leaving the district received with regret. Report of Executive meeting read by acting Secretary, Mrs Felton. Paper on White Ribbon Day read. Decided to write Christchurch Union re establishment of "Temperance Column" in a daily paper of that city.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

May 17. Celebrated its first Birthday as a Union. The Secretary's report showed an increase of twenty members for the year, the establishment of a "Y." Branch with 32 members, and a Cradle Roll of 40. The following Officers were elected:—Pres., Miss

B. M. Harband; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. M. Leaver; Sec., Mrs Parker; Treas., Mrs Eames; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs McGillivray; W.R. Agent, Mrs Henry and Evangelistic Supt., Mrs C. Dixon. Progress reports received from canvassers re Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Two members of Union elected on Local School Committee, and help given in obtaining Parents' Plebiscite for Religious Exercises Bill. Congratulatory greetings received from Mrs T. E. Taylor and Mrs Peryman, while Christchurch, Sydenham, Riccarton, Spreydon, Central Brighton and South Brighton Unions all sent specially-appointed delegates to offer their cordial good wishes to their little one-year-old Sister. Two special features of the afternoon were the cutting of the Birthday Cake, which had been made by the Secretary of the Union, and most artistically iced and decorated by Miss Isabel Thompson, Secretary of the "Y." Branch, and the dedication to White Ribbon service of the infant daughter of Mrs Eames, and the baby boy of Mrs Cresswell. The babies were placed in the White Ribbon Cot, by their young mothers, and the dedication service was read by the President.

A special feature at the annual meeting and first Birthday Anniversary, was the dedication of two new members of the Cradle Roll, Frances Isabel Eames and Douglas Cresswell, aged respectively 2½ months and 6 months. They were placed side-by-side in the snow-white Plunket cot, with its beautiful coverlet lined in pale blue and large white satin bow at foot. Our President, Miss Harband, in well-chosen words, with Biblical References and Prayer, dedicated these two young lives to the service of God, Home and Humanity of Peace, Purity and Prohibition. During the service, wee Douglas touched Frances' face, and she, in her baby way, said: "Ah." It seemed they knew it was an important occasion for them. Seeing those two innocent babes lying amidst snow-white draperies, caused one to long that their lives might be surrounded in such Purity, but we realise that as they grow older, they must come into contact with temptations, but we pray that God will give their mothers the wisdom to train them to fight always for the Right, that they may grow up to be His faithful servants and ardent workers for our great Temperance Cause. Nine months ago, we started our Cradle Roll with eleven members; it now numbers 32.

June 2. Officers of the Union and a few members visited the home of one of the members to initiate her mother as a White Ribboner. Mrs Warnock has passed her four score years, and because of her daughters' interest in Union work, greatly desired to don the White Bow also.

CARTERTON.

May 25. Mrs Every presided over a good attendance of members. A letter was read thanking the Carterton Branch for the money which had been sent for the Headquarters Fund. A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Blind in Heathen Lands, re the annual donation. There was also read an "In Memoriam" to Mr Byers, the Founder, who has passed away. A collection was taken up for the blind, which amounted to 14s. Decided to hold a Special Day on June 17th, and to make it "White Ribbon Day." Miss Kirk is being asked to be the speaker for that day. The Rev. W. Raine, who was the speaker for the afternoon, was then called upon. He spoke upon "Bible-in-Schools," and was heartily thanked.

HAVELOCK SOUTH.

April 11. All members present. Owing to indisposition of Mrs Brown (President), Mrs Mitchell presided and led devotions. The Two-Issue-Ballot was fully discussed, and it was unanimously decided to canvas district for supporters. It was resolved to personally invite mothers in the district to attend a Social to celebrate Mothers' Day, to be held on the 10th May. Mrs Mitchell, delegate to Convention, gave an account of the good work done there.

May 10. Mothers' meeting was held to celebrate "Mothers' Day." Mrs Brown presiding, and Mrs Mitchell led devotions. Mrs D. Reader read a beautiful paper on "Motherhood," which was greatly appreciated and applauded. Mrs Mitchell gave a brief talk on the origin of "Mother's Day." A competition was held and supper served.

A successful meeting was closed with a hymn and prayer.

EPSOM.

July 26. President, Officers, and 8 members present. Decided to hold next meeting as "White Ribbon Day," each trying to find a new subscriber, and to bring at least one friend to the meeting, which would take the form of a Social Afternoon. Much encouraging discussion followed re the Petition, all agreeing to do their utmost to secure more signatures. Good reports were handed in from the workers.

MAUNGATUROTO.

May 18. Pay-Up meetings held; fair attendance. Decided to make annual appeal for left-off clothing for Maoris in North. Effort to be made to revive Band of Hope, first meeting to be held June 10th. Petitions for the Two-Issue Ballot in circulation, canvassers report great success so far. Secretary read short paper. Mrs H. Flower to read paper next meeting.

TAKAPUNA.

June 2. Mrs Richards was in the chair. Arrangements were made for a Bring and Buy Social, to be held the next meeting day, in aid of the Willard Home, and the Secretary was instructed to invite a lady who knew about the Willard Home to come and address the meeting. One new member. A letter from Mrs Peryman was read, asking the Union to get new subscribers to the White Ribbon. It being White Ribbon Day, a paper was read by Mrs Winstone. Mrs McLeod, the delegate to Convention, read her report which was well received; a very interesting meeting concluded with prayer.

GERALDINE.

May 10. Mrs Neutze presiding. Rev. H. Ford conducted devotions, and Mrs Doig, of Ashburton, gave an interesting address on the work accomplished by the Union, and spoke also of its contemplated work. During the afternoon songs were contributed by Mrs Madill and Mrs Cowie, and a piano-forte solo by Miss H. Smith. Afternoon tea was served, and hearty thanks accorded all who helped.

DUNEDIN.

May 11. Peace Prayer meeting. Although the day was rough and stormy, several members met in an upper room to pray. Mrs Didham, Evangelistic Superintendent, took charge, and after a Scripture reading and some very earnest words on Prayer, a hallowed time was spent around the Mercy Seat. Prayer was made for the League of Nations, for all Missionaries proclaiming the Gospel of peace, for rulers, and parliaments, and for White Ribboners everywhere to be ever Peace makers. Workers weary with petition work were refreshed and strengthened to go forth and do more for God, for home and for humanity.

TAUMARUNUI.

This Branch has recently lost its President, Mrs Wainwright, through her removal to Auckland. Captain Smith, Vice-President, occupied the chair at last meeting. Rev. L. A. Brooks addressed the members on "The value of the Trivial," emphasising the diversity of work undertaken by the Union, the scope of its enterprise, and the accomplishment of great results. Convention handbooks were distributed, and arrangements made to meet the Area Organiser of the New Zealand Alliance.

HENDERSON.

May 18. Peace Day. Mrs Platt presided over a good number of members and friends. A scientific fact on the drinking of beer, to quench thirst and the effect on the body was read. Our President then introduced Rev. Wrigley, who based some of his talk on the first two verses, James 4th, pointing out the spirit of greed, which in nearly every case prompts War, and urged very strongly a more loving and tolerant spirit towards each other and our neighbour, whoever he may be. Some of his remarks were taken up and questions led to a very "live" discussion, several ladies taking part and expressing their views. It was a most interesting afternoon, and at the close a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Wrigley for his address, and the kind way he answered questions,

and gave his views on the different aspects of the cases that were discussed. A new member was initiated, and members reported on their work of canvassing with Petition. We were glad to welcome our Secretary (Mrs McKay) among us again. Thanks to Miss K. Duncan for relieving her for three months. Rev. Wrigley closed meeting with prayer and Benediction. Pay-Up Social next month in Methodist Church.

WANGANUI EAST.

May. Correspondence was received from the Area Headquarters of the New Zealand Alliance, and from Miss Joll, and an apology for absence was read from Mrs Brown. Satisfactory reports were received from Miss Sutton (Cradle Roll), and from the canvassers with the Petition. Mrs Duxfield reported the holding of enthusiastic meetings at Marton, Turakina and Fordell. One new member was initiated, and the Benediction brought a bright and encouraging meeting to a close.

WAIMATE.

May 11. Mrs J. Clarke presided, and apologised for the absence of the Organiser, Miss Bradshaw, who is doing good work in the Timaru District, and who may visit Waimate later. A short musical programme was proceeded with. Miss Elliott sang "Sunshine and Rain;" Miss Buchanan "Harvester's Night Song;" Miss Lewis sang "Invitation" and took part also with Miss McCarthy in a duet, "Ivory Palaces;" Robert and Ruthie Hurst contributed a piano duet "The Palms;" Miss S. Dohrmann sang "Queen of Heaven." Mrs Clarke, Vice-Pres., explained the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. It was announced that Mrs Vigers had secured 50 signatures, other members having filled petitions. The Churches of Waimate and outlying districts also are rendering valuable help. Miss Kippenberger then read the resolutions passed at Convention. Two ladies were received as members.

THAMES.

May 10. Seven members present, presided over by our President, Mrs Heard. Arrangements were made for the obtaining of signatures to the Petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Mrs Cocks, wife of our Area Organiser for the Alliance, gave a nice little talk on Prohibition.

PORT ALBERT.

We have had three meetings since last report, which have all proved both helpful and enjoyable. Our President, Mrs Grindlay, has been present at each meeting, also all other officers. A week ago we travelled out to Wharehine, four miles distant, and held our meeting there, there being quite a number of Wharehine ladies present, several becoming members. We are still gaining new members in our own district, our roll numbering over thirty now.

SPREYDON.

May 10. Attendance good. Mrs Nairn welcomed Mrs Liversedge and other friends present. A motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs Burley in the illness of her husband. The resignation of the Secretary was referred to the Executive of the Union. Mrs Barrell, President of Riccarton Union, gave an interesting and comprehensive report of Convention, which was much enjoyed. One new member.

AUCKLAND.

May 10. Mrs Cook presided, a good attendance of members. Arrangements were made to canvas the Auckland City Electorate with the Petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, the members undertaking the streets. The President announced that the station undertaken by the Auckland Union on Poppy Day, had received the highest amount. Willard Day was celebrated, and a collection taken up for the World's Missionary Fund. Mrs Hutchinson gave a most interesting paper on the Life of Frances Willard. It was decided to hold the Pay-Up Social in June.

TE KUITI.

Mar. Decided to buy 100 leaflets at 2/- for Band of Hope. Two new White Ribbon subscribers. Decided to support Two-Issue Ballot Paper.

Apr. Mrs Jones, of Hamilton, presided. One new member initiated. Decided to get 12 Petition forms, also some Hand-books and White Ribbon Badges. Mrs Cole thanked Mrs Jones for her very able report of Convention. A very interesting and instructive afternoon was spent. Mrs Bowick provided afternoon tea.

May 11. Ten members present. Decided to have Mothers' Day on June 14th. One new White Ribbon subscriber. Several Petition forms were distributed for signatures. Sister Gittoes is starting a Union among the Maoris. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs Bennett.

PAPAROA.

May 13. Mrs Hames, President, presided; fair attendance. The President gave a very interesting talk on the "Book of Esther." A splendid report of the Convention was given by our delegate, Mrs J. Hames. We felt inspired by the wonderful events that happened each day during Convention. Mrs Hames said the Convention was a time of education, and expounding ideas, one became conscious of the power we held, in the company of 127 delegates "all fine working women." A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Hames.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Quite a pleasant afternoon was spent among old members and new friends on Tuesday afternoon at a "Pay-Up" Social, at which Mrs Pasley, President, presided, extending a warm welcome, particularly to old members, who, through the beautiful weather, attended in large numbers. The social part of the programme was taken first. This included a competition won by Mrs Bain, and a sweetly-sung solo by Miss Blakie, Miss Parker (Pianist) accompanying. Afternoon tea was served, and the meeting settled down to the task of appointing workers and supervisors for the Tea Rooms at the Winter Show—the public to be catered for in the best manner possible. The Union appreciates the courtesy and patronage shown them by the Association in approaching them to carry out this work. Mrs Pasley spoke a few words on the Two-Issue Ballot Paper.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

Mar. Vice-President, Mrs Simpson, presiding over a fair attendance. Mrs Simpson was elected as representative to fill the vacant seat on the National Council of Women. A donation of half-a-guinea was given towards our funds. Mrs Rountree gave a splendid address on the Duties of Women, both in the Home and to the Nation, specially stressing the need for our hearty co-operation. Mrs Rountree was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Apr. Vice-President, Mrs Simpson, presiding. Two members were appointed to visit the sick and absent members for the month; two new members to be appointed each month. Moved a letter of sympathy be sent the President in her prolonged illness. Moved that a roll be called at each meeting to mark the attendance of members during the year—carried. One new member initiated.

May. The President, Mrs Jenkins, presiding; a good attendance. Miss Harband told of the great enthusiasm among the delegates at the Convention in Auckland, then proceeded to explain the need for the Two-Issue Ballot at next election. This was the first our Union heard of the proposed house-to-house canvas; it caused much discussion on how to get all the canvassing done in so short a time, each member present offering to do all possible in the time. Miss Harband was thanked for her address. Invitations were given to all members to attend the First Anniversary of the North Brighton Union. Two new members joined us.

OTAHUHU.

June 2. Mrs Greenwood presided over a good attendance. Our President introduced Mrs Wakelin, who had come to speak to us, also the paper which you sent on the White Ribbon Day was read, also those that had been house-to-house with the Two-Issue Ballot Paper brought them in; if there had been more time, I feel sure we should have got more forms filled. We managed to get 18 forms filled with just a handful of workers for Otahuhu township. Mrs Greenwood had the pleasure at the end of the

meeting of initiating two new members; this brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

GORE.

May. Mrs Rhodes presided. Good attendance to hear an address by Miss C. M. McLay, "Y." Organiser for the Dominion, who pressed the claims of the Y's, and there is every prospect of her forming a Branch in Gore. Miss McLay was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, and we are looking forward to this extension of W.C.T.U. work in our midst.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

June 3. Mrs Young presided over a very good attendance. Mrs Collins read the correspondence, which was discussed. A full report of District Executive, held at Foxton, was given by Mrs Young, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given. Decided to hold the next meeting on White Ribbon Day, June 24th. One new member was admitted. Supper was handed round.

BELFAST.

June 2. Mrs Roxburgh presided over a very good attendance of members. After members had repeated Pledge, President read a paper on Well-Digging, showing how the Wells which our fathers digged were being filled in with all kinds of rubbish. Those who had Petition forms, handed them in, telling of some of their experiences while canvassing for signatures. Decided to change place of meeting to Presbyterian and Methodist Vestries, if permission could be got. Resignation of our Treasurer, Mrs Barnes, received with regret, owing to her leaving the district. Mrs Wilson elected in her place.

PONSONBY.

May 19. Mrs Hayr presided over a good attendance. After some discussion upon more education of the young on the evils of the Liquor Traffic (Mrs Kasper having spoken of a special moving-picture film she had seen used in England during her recent visit) it was moved and seconded that she write and get information, and see if it would be possible for us to obtain it for use here in the Bands of Hope and Y. meetings. Mrs Wakelin read some letters of appreciation from men whom she had visited when in goal, she being Prisons and Reformatory Superintendent.

June 2. This meeting took the form of a Pay-Up Social. Mrs Hayr presided over a fair attendance, a great number of apologies being sent for absence. A pleasant and sociable afternoon was spent, with songs and afternoon tea. Mrs Kasper reported having taken about 15 in subscriptions, 23 having paid up. Mrs Bragg was made Notable Day Superintendent in place of Mrs Watt, who was unable to act. Four new members were added to the Social Committee.

TIMARU.

May 16. Peace Day Prayer meeting. Devotions. Motions of sympathy with relatives of late Mr Gilchrist and Mrs Penke, one of the oldest members of the Union; wreath with large white bow sent. Mrs Low, Peace and Arbitration Superintendent, gave a most instructive address on disarmament, and as the attendance was not very good, consented to repeat it at a later meeting. Miss Law, National Secretary Y.W.C.A., spoke briefly on her work, and Mr Mackesy, Area Organiser N.Z. Alliance, outlined a plan for obtaining signatures for the Two-Issue Ballot Petition.

May 31. Bring and Buy Social Afternoon and Evening, and was attended by a very large number of members and friends. Those in charge kept busy receiving, marking, and then disposing of gifts. Beautiful music enlivened the proceedings. Afternoon tea and supper supplied at nominal fee, and day's takings resulted in very satisfactory sum of £19 10s, being raised for delegates' expenses to Convention and other needy objects. During the evening, the Y's were presented with the banner, brought for them from Convention. Business transacted when opportunity offered. Motion of sympathy with Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point. Decided that Union would give morning and afternoon tea to delegates at Alliance Area Convention on June 3rd, and that Mrs Butcher be Union's delegate. Very busy month at Rest: six overseas boats, 165 visitors paying about 380 visits. Three Sunday Teas and services.

and three Social Evenings were all well-attended. Secretary stated that a deputation had awaited on the member for the district, and had been very well received.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.

May 10. Mrs Webb presided. The Petition forms re Two-Issue Ballot Paper were distributed. A vote of congratulation was passed to Mrs Stallworthy, Senr., on the occasion of her son (Mr Arthur Stallworthy's) election on the Auckland City Council. The President proposed that each member should make a garment each month for the poor children in the North and on the gum-fields—Carried. The Secretary then read the remainder of her report as delegate to Convention, and the President proposed a vote of thanks upon the way in which she had carried out her duties—Carried.

May 16. Peace Day. A pleasant afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs Morgan, Aratapu. Miss Cullen presided in the absence of the President. After the reading and prayer for "World" Harmony, a splendid paper on "Peace" was read by Miss Cullen, who said: "We do not realize the power of prayer, our desires should be expressed simply and in faith in order to bring results." The Secretary also read an extract from an address delivered by Dr. F. W. Norwood, on "War," appearing in the February number of the "White Ribbon." A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Morgan for her kind invitation and hospitality.

N.E. VALLEY.

Apr. 28. The President, Mrs Peart, gave a short Anzac address, after which Miss Benfell gave a recitation. The delegate to the Auckland Convention gave her report, then Mrs Hiett, from the Dunedin Union, spoke more fully on the Petition to be presented to our M.P.s. It was agreed to go on with the Petition. Motions of sympathy with the members who had lost relatives during the last month were passed. Mrs Peart and Mrs G. B. Elliott were congratulated on their re-election to the School Committee. A letter of congratulation was sent to Mrs Ross on her election to the Hospital Board, and satisfaction was also expressed that Miss Runciman too, had secured a seat on the Hospital Board.

May 26. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Peart. After the opening exercises and the reading of the minutes, correspondence was read from Mrs Ross, thanking the Union for its congratulations, from Mr Gain, asking for volunteers to join the Temperance Choir, which is being started under the leadership of Mr Davidson, from Mrs Peryman, re White Ribbon. Then the matter of the new beverage on the menu of some restaurants, "Coffee flavoured with Rum" was discussed, and of course condemned. The President stated that a small Committee had been set up to investigate the matter, and see if anything could be done. The rest of the meeting took the form of a memorial to the late Mrs Ogg. Mrs Peart gave an impressive address from Heb. 9:27, speaking of the different aspects of death, and referring to the work Mrs Ogg had always been so willing to do. Mrs Ogg died while performing her duty in getting signatures for the Petition.

STRATFORD.

May. In spite of the downpour of rain a good number was present. Vice-President, Mrs McCallum, in the chair. Petition forms were handed in, and arrangements were made for several members to take the usual monthly afternoon tea to the patients in the Public Hospital. Arrangements were made for a Bring and Buy Social, to be held on White Ribbon Day. Delegate was chosen to represent Union at the District Convention, to be held at Hawera, next month. Meeting closed with the Benediction. On May 16th, we held the special Prayer meeting for Peace, the hour from 3 to 4 being spent in prayer, and a short, inspiring address, was given by the Rev. G. Cook, Methodist Minister.

HAWERA.

May 15. Peace Day. A large number present. Mrs Exley presided and welcomed visitors from Manahā and Normanby. Revs. Curran and Fletcher took part in the meeting, and Adjutant Brown, of the Salvation Army, gave an address on "Peace," saying the only lasting peace was the Christianity of Jesus Christ. Mrs Exley thanked the

speaker for his encouraging address. Musical items were given by the following:—Songs, Mrs L. Curtis and Mrs Hartman and Mr Jones; Piano Solo, Miss Hawken, and a Violin Solo by her Sister; Recitation by Miss Gunderson. A collection was taken up, and the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Fletcher. All present stayed for a cup of tea, provided by Union members.

May 27. A good number present, although a very wet day. Mrs Exley presided, all repeating the pledge. A vote of sympathy passed to our Sister, Mrs Curtis, who has just lost her father, all standing for a moment in silence. Letter read from the Editor of White Ribbon, hoping for an increase of 1000 new subscribers for the Union paper during the present year. Arrangements were discussed re the forthcoming District Convention, to be held at Hawera, on 21st and 22nd of June. All looking forward to a most successful time during those two days. Report read from Superintendent of the L.T.L., showing a good number on the roll. Several members brought in their well-filled Two-Issue Ballot Paper Petitions.

WELLINGTON.

June. Mrs Mowlem presided. Decided to observe White Ribbon Day, when it was expected that one of the Dominion Officers would be with us. To augment the funds of the Union, it was resolved to hold a Bring and Buy Social at the August meeting, when it was hoped that all members would assist. All those who had done such good work in canvassing for names for the Petition were heartily thanked, and asked to continue for another fortnight, as the time was extended. Mrs Keen then spoke on Nehemiah rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem, and compared the work with building up a sober people. Enemies, conspiracies, difficulties and opposition, both from within and without, being applicable to the reformer of to-day.

CANVASTOWN.

May 16. Peace Day; Mrs Murray presided over a fair attendance. After the usual preliminaries hymns were sung, and prayer, both audible and silent were observed. After the prayer meeting, an earnest discussion took place on Sabbath Observance. On the previous day (the Sabbath) the 8th N.Z. Mounted Rifles Regiment were called to parade into camp, a matter of some 30 or 40 miles. The following motion was brought forward by Mrs Flower, seconded by Mrs Murray, and passed unanimously "That this Union places on record its sincere regret that the Military Authorities who were responsible for the parading of the 8th N.Z.M.R. Regiment, should have found it necessary to parade on the Sabbath Day, May 15th, 1927." Mrs Pike and Miss Lily Bown paid tribute to their President and Secretary for their efforts in connection with the Anniversary Rally. Doxology and afternoon tea.

KUMEU.

May 11. Five members present and three Auckland visitors. Mrs Davis was elected President. Mrs Benfell, Auckland District President, gave a splendid address on Peace, Purity and Prohibition. We decided to form a Cradle Roll with Miss Hodson as Superintendent. Mrs Kasper, of Auckland, sang a solo. Three new members were enrolled, and a bright meeting closed with the Benediction. Afternoon tea was served and enjoyed by all.

MANAIA.

Mrs Phillips, the District President, took the chair. The Secretary gave a report of a Mothers' Social Afternoon, a successful meeting held during the month. The President gave a brief report of the quarter's work, which had resulted in 12 new members, making the membership roll stand at 53, as did the Cradle Roll. Sick visiting had been carried on, literature taken to two local Hospitals, and a Pa, and sent to the New Plymouth Gaol. The Union's financial standing had risen from a credit balance of £2 9s. 11d. to £7 15s. 4d. The whole report was considered very satisfactory. Mrs Phillips urged the need of solitary communion with God, individual gain of strength from that, as distinguished from the social power resulting from prayer in fellowship. The Hawera Union having sent an invitation

to join them in their Prayer meeting on Peace Day, it was decided that such members as could would do that, instead of holding a meeting at Manaia. Mrs Phillips then gave a vivid account of the Auckland Convention, at which she had acted as delegate for Manaia. Vote of thanks was passed to her, also to Mrs McCallum and Mrs Clarke, who had accompanied her. Two new members were initiated. The papers for signatures for the Women's Petition for a Two-Issue Ballot were given out to be filled in, but unfortunately only three had arrived.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

May 17. An audience of fifty members and friends listened with much interest to a debate, the subject of which was: "Is environment a more potent factor in the moulding of character than heredity?" The affirmative was taken by the President, Mrs Gilmour, supported by Miss Dewar, and the negative by Mrs R. R. Macgregor, supported by Mrs Reidy and members of the South Union. The Rev. Wm. Tanner acted as judge, and complimented the speakers on the telling arguments brought forward for their respective sides, and at the same time, in a candid way, indicated the defects and technical errors in the conduct of the debate. For the best arrangement of matter, the most points were awarded to the North Union. A vote of condolence with Mrs Kennedy in her recent bereavement was passed. A Sale of goods, cakes and produce, was announced to take place on Wednesday, June 1st. A pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent.

ARAMOHO.

May 24. Miss Sanson gave a very helpful address. Mrs Gilmour in the chair. A letter was read from Mrs Upton asking that a special appeal might be made for District Funds. Mrs Good reported that the Band of Hope had made a good beginning, and it is hoped that a good number will attend at the next meeting. Delegates were appointed to attend the Conference at Hawera next month. Miss Sanson then read her report on the Convention, held in Auckland last March, and it was much appreciated. Mrs Duxfield then gave a short address, dealing with the Two-Issue Ballot question. Afternoon tea was served.

HASTINGS.

May 26. Mrs Banks in the chair; 19 present. Progress of Petition work reported; further work urged. Peace Day Prayer meeting reported, also organising of Temperance Rally in connection with "Y.s" Sunday, May 29th. District Executive report and letter received. Headquarters Fund Committee elected, also Committee to work upon meeting in Havelock. Pledge and Scientific Temperance fact repeated. Apologies for absence received from 11 members. Devotional paper entitled "God's Meddlers," read by Mrs Hickmott. Hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs Darby and Miss McKeown.

KAIAPOI.

Apr. 27. Good attendance to hear Convention reports. Mrs Vickery had secured the report of Miss Lovell-Smith, of the Christchurch Union, and the Secretary had asked Mrs Cole, of the Petone Union for hers, so between the two we had a most interesting report of the doings at Convention. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Afternoon next meeting.

May 25. An extra good attendance; special invitations being sent out for the Bring and Buy Afternoon, which resulted in a substantial sum, which was handed over to the Hall Treasurer. Mrs White gave a very interesting paper on China and the League of Nations. One new member received. The Petition papers for the Two-Issue Ballot were handed in, almost all being full.

RANGIORA.

May 27. Mrs Thwaites presided over a good attendance. The Scientific Temperance reading was "Disuse of Alcohol in Hospitals and in Surgery." Two new members were initiated. As "Peace Day" is celebrated in May, the Secretary read a paper on the League of Nations, written by one of the Kaiapoi members, and published in a recent issue of the local paper.

CHRISTCHURCH.

May 11. Peace Day, Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance of members. Mrs Richards gave an interesting address on the origin and work of the League of Nations, and impressed upon members the importance of joining the League of Nations Union, and urged them to read the literature which the Union was entitled to, being affiliated to the local branch. Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, spoke on a deputation from the League of Nations Union, that had waited on the Canterbury Members of Parliament Committee on May 11th, which had pointed out the great importance of New Zealand being fully represented at the League meetings—its full quota was three delegates. A wider knowledge of the work of the League was needed, and that could be gained best through the ordinary educational channels of the schools. Mrs Taylor dealt with the subject from the humanitarian viewpoint. The League of Nations was supported by all the women's organisations throughout the world, and the fullest possible representation was favoured at the League Assembly, and also in the Labour Organisation. Miss B. Harband, President of the North Brighton Union, wrote asking that the Christchurch Union be represented at their first Anniversary on March 17th. Miss Thomas and Mrs Glen were appointed to attend the meeting.

May 25. Miss Henderson presided over good attendance. Reports from the Superintendents of Departments of work were read. The Fresh Air Home Committee had sent several parcels of children's clothing to the Home, and received grateful letters of acknowledgment from the Matron. Mrs Suckling, the Superintendent, asked for more members to attend the sewing meeting, and more material was required. Mrs Pedler reported regular visits to Jubilee Home, the Concert being given early in the year. Miss Blackwell's report on Good Citizenship and Bible-in-Schools, showed that good work had been done in the election of School Committees, on Fresh Air Schools League, and the sum of £3 15s. been collected for the Bible-in-Schools Campaign. Mrs Simcox, Superintendent of Cradle Roll, had gained twelve babies for the roll. Miss Henderson spoke for a short time on the Legal and Parliamentary Department, and impressed members with the necessity of getting signatures to the petitions before the end of the month. A vote of sympathy was passed with the friends of Miss Ruth Atkinson, for many years President of the Nelson W.C.T.U., and who had also filled the position of National Vice-President. In moving this vote, Miss Henderson spoke of the great loss sustained by the Union by the passing of our late comrade and friend. A vote of sympathy was also passed with Miss Bishop, on the passing of her brother at Pleasant Point. A "Bring and Buy" Sale was held during the afternoon, and proved very successful. Donations were received from Mrs R. Malcolm and Mrs Harris.

NORMANBY.

May 11. At the residence of Mrs Fletcher; attendance fair. President in the chair. Correspondence re Two-Issue Ballot Paper read, members taking petitions to get signed. A discussion took place re the upkeep of Willard Home; left over until members receive more information. Delegates for the Wanganui-Taranaki Convention to be appointed at June meeting. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Fletcher for her hospitality.

GREEN ISLAND (Otago District).

May 12. At a meeting held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Miss A. M. McLay, Organiser, formed a new Union. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, the reading of the Crusade Psalm and Prayer. Mrs Hiett, Otago District President, addressed the meeting, giving a brief account of the events which led to the formation of the W.C.T.U., of the growth of the work and its aims and objects, emphasising its world-wide importance and mission. A deep interest was shown in the work, and twelve members were initiated; one was also received by transfer from Grey-mouth. Afternoon tea was very kindly provided by Mrs Kilpatrick, wife of the Presbyterian Minister. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Syder, Miller Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bennett and Mrs Matheson; Sec., Mrs McAnan, Runciman Street, Abbotsford; Treas., Mrs Wilden, George Street, Green Island.

CHEVIOT.

May 5. Meeting small, but enthusiastic. A new member joined. Extracts from Convention were read and discussed. Cradle Roll showed satisfactory results, and a few subscribers gained for the White Ribbon. The meeting closed, and afternoon tea was handed round.

TAURANGA.

A small but enthusiastic meeting. Mrs Carlton Smith in the chair. Decided to distribute Temperance leaflets. Decided that the Secretary write to Major Moore, asking him to give an address on the work among the Maoris at our June meeting. It was also thought well to ask Miss McLay's help, to try and stir up interest in the work for the young people, among the new-comers to the town. Refreshments were handed round.

PETONE.

May 3. Mrs Murgatroyd presiding. 17 ladies present. Petition forms were handed out for members to get signatures for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, which is going very satisfactorily.

May 18. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the residence of Mrs Murgatroyd. It was rather unfortunate that the weather was bad. Those who did attend, were rewarded by a splendid lecture given by Rev. Lochore, on "Hospital Work," which was much appreciated and enjoyed. Apologies were received from Mrs Doneghue and Mrs Bradbury, who were both ill. Rev. Lochore approached the ladies about helping with supper at "Prohibition League Social" on Tuesday 31st, agreed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the hostess and speakers.

FENCOURT.

May 12. Mrs Simpson presided over an excellent attendance. Three new members were initiated. Resolved to donate 10s. annually from this Branch to the maintenance of the Willard Home. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs H. Jamieson for her kindness in holding a Tennis Afternoon at her residence on April 20th. It proved a great success, and a collection was taken up on that day for W.C.T.U. Headquarters Fund, amounting to £1. Decided to send greetings to Kumeu, a new Union, the Secretary there being a friend and connection of the Fencourt members. At the request of some of our members that were absent from the last meeting, the delegate again read her report of the Annual Convention. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and reflects great credit on the delegate. Closed an interesting meeting with afternoon tea.

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S.O.S. FROM CANVASTOWN.

"Mother in nursing home with seventh baby; father, a returned soldier, high pensions, demented with drink; gentleman White Ribboner up all night to protect the children from the drunken father." Such was the message received last week over the wire, with the request that the Union should do something in the matter. Could only tell the enquirer, the before-mentioned male member, to ring the police, which advice was taken, and a promise given to look into the matter and have a prohibition order made. Nothing could be done to the publican who sold the man the drink when he was already drunk.

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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 Cations, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. K. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew street.

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

BLENHEIM, 1st 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, Ashwood St.; Literature, Mrs W. Church, Sanford St.; Libraries, Mesdames Lane (Ashwood 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 M. 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 Rame, 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 3.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs Bath Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Sec. Sec., Miss Thomas, 34 Crammer Square, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Street, 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 Berry, Garrison St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Raine, Wearage, High St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Kennerley, Belvedere Rd.; Treas., Mrs Tappin, Hilton Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss Watson, Pembroke Rd.; Evangelistic, Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Pepperell.

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

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

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiett, Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 30 Cliffs Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Douglas, 35 Brighton St., Kalkoral; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maller 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 Bain; Cradle Roll, Miss Bryant; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton.

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

DEVONPORT, 2nd Thursday, Congregation Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs M. Finch, Allenby Av., Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Devurza, Victoria Rd., Takapuna; Treas., Mrs T. Fraser, Narrow Neck, Devonport; W.R. Agent, Mrs Watson, 15 Kerr Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Maitenham, Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mrs Belmont, 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 P. Panny; W.R. Agent, Mrs Streeter, Long Street.

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

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

EPSOM, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Sec., Mrs Carr, 16 Momona Road, Green Lane; Treas., Mrs Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Arch Hill; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood, 8 Kipling Avenue, Epsom.

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

FAIRLIE meets every second Wednesday of the month in Presbyterian Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs Wilcox; Vice-Pres., Mrs C. H. Holland and Mrs S. Brad-dick; Treas., Mrs A. Hammond; Sec., Mrs J. Sangster; W.R. Agent, Mrs Barwood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOSGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taleri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inella Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Forth 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, Chancer 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. Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Sec., Mrs F. W. O. Smith, "Brookleigh," Brook St.; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner St.; L.T.L. Mrs Moyes, Grove St.; Y's., Miss K. Moyes, Grove St.; W.R. Agent, Miss D. Williams, Halifax St.

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

NORMANBY, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Hall. President, Mrs W. Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Meuli, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs Beaton; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o. Miss Larcum, 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. Beag, 45 Selwyn Road; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Agnes Gray, 17 Grey Street.

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

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

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

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. 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, Collis, 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 Olliver, 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.

RAETHI, 1st Friday, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Sandford, Duncan St.; Sec., Mrs Godby, "Te Rangl," 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 Gillard, 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. Hancock, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

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

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

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Robinson; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters Terrace; Treas., Mrs Wakelin; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hight.

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

WAITARA, in Knox Church, third Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Clayton, Warre Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Andrews, Buxton; Sec., Miss A. Bichen, 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 Smalles; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Major and Taylor; Sec., Mrs Reid; Treas., Mrs Robinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Duckworth.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Stewart, 9 Moore Avenue, Gonville; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 215 Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Irwin, Garrett St., Durie Hill; Treas., Mrs Warwick, Great North Road, St. John's Hill; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth Street.

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

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