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I saw on the hills of the morning
The form of the New Year arise,
He stood like a statue adorning
The world with a background of
skies;
There were courage and grace in his
beautiful face,
And hope in his glorious eyes.

bring you more blessings than
terrors,
I bring you more sunlight than
gloom;
Tear out your page of old errors,
And hide them away in Time's
tomb.
I teach you clean hands, and lead on
to lands
Where the lilies of peace are in
bloom.

FORGETTING THE THINGS THAT ARE BEHIND.

Forget. Standing just within the
opening portals of another year, we
cast one backward look, ere we pass
on to the new.

1919 was a year of high endeavour,
and shall I say of failure? Nay, not
failure, only deferred hopes, for "they
never fail who dare to try again."
The year was a record one, in that we
had two Prohibition polls in it. Our
hopes soared high, but both times
victory was snatched from our grasp,
the first time by the compensation
hogeys; the second time by State Con-
trol as a third issue. Are we down-
hearted? No, we thank God for
what has been gained; we learn les-
sons from our defeat, and we take
courage for the future. We forget
the things that ought to be left be-

hind, the fears, the doubts, the fail-
ures of the past, and press forward to
the greater things that are to be won.
"Throw overboard toil misdirected,

Throw overboard ill-advised hope,
With aims which your soul has de-
tected,

Have self as their centre and scope.
Throw overboard useless regretting
For deeds which you cannot undo,
And learn the great art of forgetting
Old things which embitter the new."

Press Forward. Reaching forward
to these things which are before, I
press forward.

Our motto for the year, "Press
Forward."

We have no time to call a halt.
The fair garden of our Dominion
must be cleansed from the foul weed
of the licensed liquor bar. For many
years we cultivated this weed, licen-
sing bars, and encouraged the traffic.
First a few people, then an increasing
number, awoke to the fact that the
land was almost overgrown by this
foul, poisonous weed, and volunteers
were called to help clear it away.
The clearing process has gone on
more or less vigorously for over a
quarter of a century. We might have
succeeded last year, but alas! many
of our strong, vigorous young men
left their homes to fight in their de-
fence. We made no effort to protect
them from the profiteers who sowed
the seeds of this vile plant in their
hearts and lives. They returned to
us in many instances, slaves of the
poisonous weed, and fighting against
its uprooting. Now we have to face
another three year period, and we
must get busy at once, and make sure

work this time.

Have we learned any lessons from
the past year? Yes, we have learnt
the futility of organising only for the
immediate future. It is good to or-
ganise Young Women's Guilds and
Efficiency Leagues to help for each
poll; it is better to link up all our
women workers in our great White
Ribbon organisation, which works for
all time; it is best of all to unite every
temperance organisation into one
Great Federation, and present a unit-
ed and an irresistible front to the
enemy.

1. Go in for a great membership
campaign. Visit every woman in your
district, get them to join the Union;
if they refuse, try and induce them
to take the "White Ribbon" to study
the movement and learn about our or-
ganisation, so that you may win them
eventually as members.

2. Every member must be a worker.
There is work for each to do, and if
we wish for success we must pray for
it and work for it. Pray **definitely
every day** for the downfall of the
liquor trade, wait quietly upon God
(you are a co-worker together with
him) until He tell you what you are
to do, and then do it.

"Get into the fight for God and the
right,

The fight that is on to-day,
For church increased, in a land re-
leased

From rum's satanic sway.

Get into the fight with heart and
might,

For the sake of the weary throng
Of waifs unclad and women sad,
And brother men gone wrong.

Get into the fight. Time wings its flight,
Get into the fight to-day
There is work to do, and the call means you:
Get into the fight to stay."

3. Press for Scientific Temperance teaching to be compulsory in our schools and training colleges. Our children must be taught not fancies and isms, but facts. The medical profession know the facts, and are teaching them, as anyone reading the account of the Christchurch meeting in this issue can see. What our doctors tell us about alcohol must be taught to every child in this Dominion, and through our schools is the only way to reach practically every child.

We must start our New Year with definite plans of work. Let those be faithfully carried out, praying earnestly, working steadily, never omitting one opportunity to win another member. The new year is before us. Let us write upon its pages a record of loyalty and devotion to God and the Right.

"Sing who will of dead years departed,
I shroud them and bid them adieu,
And the song that I sing, happy hearted,
Is a song of the glorious new."

"THERE IS NO DEFEAT."

Words spoken by Lillian M. N. Stevens, September 10, 1911.

Katharine Lent Stevenson.

Written on the occasion of the Prohibition Victory in the House of Representatives, December 17, 1917.

O Prophet soul, rapt Seer, whose vision clear

Pierced through night's darkness to the coming day,

We give thee joy; thy radiant drea draws near,

Thy truth's great triumph sweeps its onward way;

In whatsoever far-off world thou art,

We know the joy-bells ring in thy great heart.

"Within a decade," spoke thy faith serene,

"This truth shall written be in our land's laws."

Was ever faith more built on things unseen,

Had ever courage less of outward cause?

A David 'gainst Goliath thou didst go,

And lo, Goliath meets his overthrow.

Four years are lacking of the decade still,

Yet now we read, writ by the nation's hand,

The confirmation of thy dauntless will,

The earnest of the long-sought Promised land.

Great Heart of faith, for this thou gavest thy life,

And thou art victor in the glorious strife.

We follow in the path trod by thy feet;

Our faith mounts up to meet thine on Heaven's height;

There shall be "no defeat"; no called retreat

Shall sound forth from the bugle of our right.

We pledge ourselves to God, and thee, anew;

Thy vision for our land we'll help make true.

The evolution of humanity, the democratic emancipation, is a long road. Imagine the time that must elapse before the same or similar forces that produce our organisations that fight or arbitrate to determine the allocation of the fruits of industry have operated upon the people of every country and evolved a universe of people whose lowest races are intelligent enough to insist upon justice being done to them. When that has come to pass will those who labour have the determining of the allocation. It would seem that no other persons would be so free from the partialities, and it would merely be the application of "He who pays the piper calls the tune." The question that is vital is this: Are there no means other than force—the accident of circumstances—to bring about the evolution of humanity?—"Education World Charter."

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

FAMINE IN VIENNA. THE CHILDREN SUFFERING. (To the Editor).

Madam,—The following are extracts from cabled news appearing in our newspapers, dated 10th November, 1919:—

Vienna, 6th November. Sir William Goode, British representative, telegraphed to Reuter, to the effect that conditions in Vienna are well nigh desperate. . . . There are absolutely no reserves of bread, meat and fats."

Another cable extract reads:—

"London, 6th November. Mr Philip Gibbs, writing from Vienna states: The vast majority are on the verge of starvation. Children are scrofulous, though the American Relief Committee has provided twenty million meals. . . . The British Mission is also doing splendid service."

I beg to suggest, Madam, that as winter is nigh in Europe, steps be taken at once to raise an Xmas Famine Fund to supply the Vienna children with food and later with warm clothing.

Our Mayors and State School teachers could receive donations, etc., I have proposed above for, the following reasons:—

(1) No great charity appeal has been made of late.

(2) England cannot spare food.

In any case an "Enquiry Cable" should be sent to Mr Lloyd George, and if help is needed I know that every Colonial boy and girl will assist to make the children of Vienna happy this year.—I am, etc.,

A BRITISH COLONIAL.

PROHIBITION THE ONLY REMEDY.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—We are as you know passing through a time pregnant with destiny in our fair land of New Zealand. I think that the liquor question needs even more emphasising than it is getting. The revenue is a weighty question at the present time, especially as world bankruptcy is staring us in the face. I know of no better solution of this problem than one given years ago by Sir Robert Stout, and his arguments are as weighty now as then. Some one interjected, "Where is the revenue to come from?" to which he replied, "Where does it come from now? Do you suppose that the brewers or publicans pay the revenue out of their own pockets? No, it is you, who go there drinking, who pay the revenue. For every £1 you spend in drink, the very most that goes to the revenue is 1/6. Would it not be better for you to pay that shilling to the

revenue and keep the other 19/- in your pocket.'

The speaker then enumerated things that could be bought for 19/- to improve the home and add to the comfort of wife and children, which again would extend the trade and business of the community, and bring in prosperity as well as improve the moral tone of the public as well.

Can anybody tell us what the real drink bill of a community is? If a man goes into town with say £30, and he drinks £1 worth (he surely could not drink more in one night), and the next day he is on his way back, without a cent in his pocket and with a muddled brain. Nor does he know what became of his cheque, when he sticks you up for 6d to take him across the ferry. Are those counted in the Drink Bill of the nation? I doubt it.

Years ago I found a man lying dead on the road. At the inquest it was proved that he had taken his wife to the Railway Station, and both had had a drink. After her departure he stayed at this bar about an hour, and consumed 11 glasses of beer and whisky, then he left for home, quite sober, according to the evidence of the barman. An outsider stated that the man left the hotel too drunk to mount his horse, and had to be assisted on by a large landholder of the district, who strangely enough also certified that the man was sober.

The wife of a drunkard was murdered not long ago, and the medical evidence given in the Supreme Court was that every part of this poor woman's body had been hammered violently until she succumbed.

Can we measure the price of the lives sacrificed to drink in cash? And year by year this is going on until the electors rise and vote the traffic out. I am, etc.,

EMANCIPATION.

JUVENILE CRIME.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—Mr McCarthy, Christchurch Magistrate, has stated that the increase of juvenile crime in New Zealand is due to our State Education System, which excludes the Bible; he also stated that all education should be on a religious basis. Permit me to suggest that the New Zealand W.C. T.U., who, like the American W.C. T.U., believe in the principle of Bible reading, and only disagree upon the system to be adopted—approach the Rev. R. S. Gray, the successful No License Organiser, and ask him to organise a private conference of delegates from all big churches, and the N.Z. Teachers' Association, for the purpose of formulating a Bible-in-Schools' plan like that in vogue in England, Scotland, and U.S.A., whereby every scholar will get some knowledge of the literature and high

moral teachings of the Bible without sectarian comment. I would advise interested readers to peruse the new work on education entitled "The Schools and Empire," by Gray, a "schoolman highly placed." He favours religious instruction. The above work is in most city libraries. With the growth of church or voluntary day schools our State System is being undermined, as most parents want their children educated in the Bible. —I am, etc.,

EDUCATION IN N.Z.

WOMEN'S EFFICIENCY LEAGUE.

During the months since Convention Mrs Kinton Parkes has been engaged in forming Branches of the Women's Efficiency League. We are sure our readers will be interested in the following list of North Island branches and officers:—

Masterton.—President, Mrs McRae; Vice-President, Mrs Cully; Secretary, Miss Vallance, 107, Cole Street.

Carterton.—President, Miss Inglis.

Wellington.—President Lady Stout; Vice-President, Mrs Gill; Secretary, Mrs Thoms, 190, The Terrace; Treasurer, Miss Maitland.

Wanganui.—President, Mrs A. C. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs Atkinson; Secretary, Mrs Bannister, The College.

Hawera.—President, Mrs Powdrell; Secretary, Mrs Howlett, Hawera.

Stratford.—President, Mrs Budge; Secretary, Mrs C. W. Sole, P.O. Box 35.

Manaia.—President, Mrs Tye; Secretary, Mrs Taylor.

Kaponga.—President, Miss Clough; Secretary, Mrs G. Patterson.

Inglewood.—President, Mrs Sutherland; Secretary, Mrs Brown.

Hamilton.—President, Dr. Sophia De la Mare; Secretary, Miss Graham, The Lodge, Hamilton.

Thames.—President, Mrs Miller (Mayoress); Vice-President, Mrs Beck; Treasurer, Mrs Derrick; Secretary, Mrs Mitchell, The Parsonage, Queen Street.

Gisborne.—President, Mrs Donner; Secretary, Miss Kathleen Stuckey.

Wairoa.—President, Mrs Fred Foot; Vice-President, Mrs Somerville; Treasurer, Mrs West; Secretary, Mrs Shaw, Wairoa.

Napier.—President, Mrs Kelly; Secretary, Miss Ruth Herrick, Lighthouse Road.

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Hastings.—President, Lady Russell; Secretary, Mrs Perrin, Gray's Road, Hastings.

Havelock North.—President, Mrs Cooper; Secretary, Miss M. Cooper, Havelock North.

Palmerston North.—President, Lady Chaytor; Secretary, Miss McCheyne; Vice-President, Mrs Blackburn.

Waipukurau.—President, Mrs Stace; Secretary, Mrs E. A. Goodger (Mayor-ess).

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A committee has also been appointed in each town, and in some cases these are very large.

GOOD WORK BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following extracts from the report presented by the Rector of the Feilding High School will be of great interest to our readers.

The School Committee has done much welcome work for the good of the children during the year, notably in enabling lunch to be taken in an orderly manner in the quad by providing urns and gas fittings for heating the water. During the winter months every child having lunch is provided with a cup of hot cocoa. Our thanks are specially due to the mothers who sent us milk throughout the winter, at a time when it was often very scarce. The children were never without a certain amount of milk, and often it was in good supply. In general 120 to 140 children take lunch in the Quad.

For the first time in the school's history, ladies have been on the School Committee, and it is right and fitting, and a thing to be proud of, and one of the ladies is an old pupil of the school. Ladies are eminently in their right place on school committees, and I hope each year will see some elected, and trust that the old pupils of the school will become committee members, and see that the school carries on for others in a still better way the work which it did for them.

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.

(Extract from "Lyttelton Times,"
December 16th.)

The effect of alcohol on health was the subject of a remarkable Prohibition rally in the King's Theatre last night, at which many of the leading city doctors took the platform on behalf of the Prohibition cause. Dr. Lester presided, and on the platform were Drs. Orchard, Acland, Fenwick, Pearson, Hand, Newton, Simpson, Sandston, Wallis, Slater, Brownlee, Currie, Gossett, and Irving. There was a crowded audience, including many ladies.

DR. LESTER'S INTRODUCTION.

Dr. Lester said that he had received a number of apologies for absence from medical men who, although whole-heartedly in favour of the cause of Prohibition, had been prevented by various duties from attending. Dr. Stanley Foster regretted his absence on account of an unavoidable prior engagement, but stated that he was with them in the cause. Dr. Blackmore, one of the busiest men in the city, also regretted his absence; Dr. T. L. Crooke apologised on account of another special meeting, but was in full sympathy with the cause. Dr. McGibbon also expressed full sympathy with the meeting. Dr. A. Tempe was absent through illness, but the cause had his whole-hearted support. Dr. Brown was kept away by professional duties. Dr. Lester added that it gave him great pleasure to appear on the platform in the cause of Prohibition. He would have been on the platform a year ago but for ill-health. He was glad now to be able to state his settled conviction that Prohibition was right and good. He had been a prohibitionist for the last three years, and he would be a prohibitionist until prohibition had been tried in all the civilised countries of the world and found wanting, but he regarded that as a very remote contingency. In introducing Dr. O'Brien, the Chairman said that he was an athlete and a doctor, and had shone considerably as both, and was also Catholic, and had many firm friends. Dr. Lester went on to refer to the great strides that had been made in the Prohibition cause, especially in the rallying of men quite outside the wild, pale-faced, narrow-chested enthusiast (more honour to him) who

used to be so prominent. Nowadays they got real good beefy sportsmen, who had shone in the fields of sport, and there was hardly one of the medical men behind him who had not been more or less distinguished in the athletic field. Moreover, on the previous evening there had been on the Prohibition platform leading men in commerce, and the Church of England, coming down from the fence for once, was represented by its leading dignitary, who was supported by all the other elements which made up civic and national life. There had been a great broadening of the outlook. The appeal for Prohibition now was made to men as rational beings on a broad basis as a necessary thing for any nation that wanted to go ahead, and it was up to the nation to make the sacrifice. (Applause.) He would have liked to give a lecture on the red herrings that had been drawn across the trail, and on the bogeys of the beer barrel—the bogeys about the liberty of the subject, and the miserable gloom-sodden world Mr A. Boyle prophesied if they gave up liquor. (Laughter.)

DR. O'BRIEN.

Dr. O'Brien, who was very enthusiastically received, said that it was easy to-day for anyone to speak on the Prohibition platform, for they knew, in the ordinary economy of life, that alcohol was no good. It was useful in commerce, as a preservative, and as a drug up to a certain extent, but as a beverage it was totally and absolutely discredited by every reasonable scientific man. He regarded it as unique in the history of New Zealand that a body of medical men should be the sole occupants of a platform in any cause at all, and he thought that the meeting would mark a new era, in which other men, who had been a little timid, would come out in various parts of the country and join with the medical men of Christchurch in expressing a similar view. (Applause.)

SOME MEDICAL ADVICE.

A year ago, Dr. O'Brien said, the epidemic began to gain ground, and the representative men called together the doctors, and offered to do what they ordered. Similarly alcohol had to be met, and the community must look to their medical men again. "We as representative of the majority of Canterbury doctors," the speaker continued, "tell you what to do, and we look to you to do it." He added that

the ordering of alcohol in the epidemic was really a feather in the cap of the profession, for it showed that while totally opposed to it as a beverage, they were reasonable-minded enough to order it when people needed it. It might be replied that alcohol must be some good. He did not say that it was no good, but as it was taken in New Zealand it was no good, and even in medicine there were better remedies, but alcohol was used occasionally because it was handy. But even under Prohibition alcohol would be available when wanted, but it was by no means the universal panacea it was represented to be. The slave trade, like the drink trade, had been carried on from time immemorial, and it had been supported in England by the upper classes, and even by the clergy. Thus the liquor trade was supported by persons who, in smug self-satisfaction, from their birth had not enquired into the circumstances, and were in a position that enabled them not to be dragged in the mud when drunkenness arose in their families. With the spread of knowledge, however, the people would triumph, and the slavery of drink would be abolished.

Just as they were thankful that the slave trade had gone, so they would be glad when the drink trade had gone. (Applause.)

EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL.

Alcohol had little food or heating value, and destroyed health and impaired efficiency, Dr. O'Brien added. In health, the man who swallowed alcohol had a feeling of warmth and well-being, and digestion was stimulated, but if the process was repeated it had a contrary effect, and the engorged stomach secreted mucus, and catarrh of the stomach followed. To put alcohol into an empty stomach caused the stomach to engorge itself to secrete when there was nothing to do, and it was like whipping a tired horse. It had been found that man could live without a stomach, but he could not live without a liver, and alcohol taken even once or twice was stored in the liver, causing an engorging or enlarging, and there was an overgrowth of the fibrous tissues, causing the liver, normally about 3½ lb., to become 8 lb. or 10 lb. in weight. Nature was inexorable in its reaction, and the overgrowth of fibrous tissue shrinking eventually destroyed the living cells of the liver, bringing the hobnailed state. There

was only one hope in cirrhosis of the liver, and that was total abstinence. Jaundice and dropsy of the stomach followed cirrhosis, and then a man's life was worth about three months, and death often came in violent delirium. In the use of alcohol the heart and kidneys were hampered, but above all, the effect was most marked in the brain. The one thing that distinguished human beings was their ability to judge and reason, but if a man habituated himself to alcohol he impaired the higher senses of the brain. Stimulation came first, and then came reaction, and judgment and reasoning powers were depressed, but the lower centres became excited. A man in every other respect rational would take a drink of alcohol and act like a silly goat. His lower brute passions were also stimulated, and he went home and knocked his wife and children about. The constant plea when an accident, or very often a murder happened, was "The man must have been drunk."

A Voice: Murders are committed by sober men and wowsers.

Dr. O'Brien: Yes, that is so, and the sober man should be condemned the more; but the poor drunkard is to be pitied, for he strikes the person he loves when he does not know about it. I do not condemn the drunkard, because he is past his own help, or your help either. (Applause.) I have yet to see a chronic alcoholic reformed; it is the moderate drinker that we have to look after. No man sprang into a drunkard suddenly; it was the moderate drinker of to-day who will be the drunkard of to-morrow; it is the drunkard of to-day who was the moderate drinker of a year or two ago. Nobody, he added, liked to think themselves a drunkard, and if all drinkers were drunkards, drink would not be tolerated in the community two days. There were a few people who got through life as moderate drinkers, and very often because they could not take much of it because it did not agree with them. In retaining drink for the man who only took it once in a couple of weeks they were keeping the temptation before men who could not keep away from it. To give a tired man a drink of alcohol did not make him less tired; it made him forget his tiredness. It was like giving drink to a man with a big overdraft; it made him feel as if he owned the world.

ALCOHOL IN DISEASE.

The public and emissaries of the trade, Dr. O'Brien continued, wondered what the community was going to do in disease. The people who did not go to church and who would not much mind if every church was burned down were most terribly solicitous that there should be sacramental wine. Alcohol was not indispensable in pneumonia, although advocates for any cause could be found always. It was a hopeless bogey to say that alcohol would not be available in disease, and those on the platform were there to say that Prohibitionists were on sound lines. (Applause.)

A MORAL ASPECT.

There was one moral aspect in which alcohol did harm, even when taken in moderation, Dr. O'Brien continued, and that was when young men saw respectable gentlemen taking a small quantity, and they were led, out of a spirit of emulation, to take alcohol also. The young fellow got a taste for it, and did not know where to stop. Alcohol had little effect as a food. An ounce and a half could be absorbed a day, and those who took weak alcohol consistently got corpulent, while those who took it excessively got thin. If a man was cold and took a glass of whisky, he felt warmer, but he was not really warmer. It was not like hot milk, for it was cold, and could not add heat. A man shivered because he had no heat to spare, and alcohol merely caused radiation, and the man became cooler. This was well known among Arctic explorers, none of whom were allowed to take alcohol. Alcohol was a foreign substance, and no child would take it willingly; and it was well known in society that a young man very often took a drink because it was easier to take it than to refuse it. Afterwards came the liking for it. Alcohol was not necessary to happiness. The human being was not naturally miserable. Take the thirty boys who met at Rugby every year from High School and College. These boys, total abstainers, were full of the vim and vigour and joy of life. If there was no alcohol in the country, why should they ever become miserable killjoys? Why not remain the happy, vigorous, British boys they were now?

A Voice: What about the Ail Blacks?

Dr. O'Brien: You will find it was the men who did not take drink that carried through most of the games. "We members of the medical profession," Dr. O'Brien added, "come as citizens who live among you to point out the medical point of view and leave it to your judgment. On this platform with me are some of the most eminent men in Christchurch. If any of you were suddenly seized with acute appendicitis, you would be thoroughly glad to place your lives in the hands of some of these gentlemen here. Now, for the sake of the children who have not yet learned to drink, for the sake of those who have never been got down, put your judgment in the hands of the medical men of Christchurch, and go to the poll with the conviction that we are only doing this thing for your good and for the good of the oncoming generation. (Continued applause.)

DR. ORCHARD.

Dr. A. J. Orchard, who was warmly applauded, said that he felt intensely proud to find himself on the same platform as Dr. O'Brien, for whom the whole profession had the greatest admiration. It was unprecedented in Christchurch to find a temperance meeting run absolutely by medical men, but it was the natural sequel to the meeting of the Association at which the medical men present, by 18 votes to 3, had declared that alcohol was unsafe, and not justified at all. The great majority of doctors in Canterbury intended to strike out the two top lines, and he was certain that they were fairly representative of the whole body of doctors in New Zealand. Those on the platform were not a body of fanatics. They all had a University education, and were trained in scientific methods. They classed the alcohol habit with other drug habits. It got its victims in just the same way, because as it increased the craving it decreased the will power, and medical men scarcely ever saw cases of recovery. This was why the medical men realised that a drastic remedy was needed. There could be no cure, and therefore there must be absolute prevention. With the present system, there were thousands of young people doomed yearly to go down before drink. For years it had been an ordinary every day thing to see drunkards, but the people had come to believe that it was worth a big

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effort to clear the thing away. The people to-day were the pioneers of the twenty millions that would soon populate the country, and he was sure that with the amount of wastage ahead it was well worth while to try the experiment of Prohibition. He knew quite well that some of his descendants might be broken by alcohol the present licensed houses were not closed, and this was absolutely sufficient for him. (Applause.)

VOTES OF THANKS.

Dr. Sandston, in moving a vote of thanks to Drs. O'Brien and Orchard, said that their addresses had been brilliant. The doctors had a good deal to lose in one way, from their presence there, because if Prohibition was carried the general health and social life of the community must be so greatly improved that more than half of the doctor's work must come to an end. (Applause.) To say that drink strengthened the power to resist temptation was a spurious argument.

Dr. Hand Newton, in seconding the motion, said that numerous remarks had been made about returned soldiers and rum. He had served with the Forces from the beginning to the end—(applause)—in Gallipoli, Sinai, Palestine, and France. One would gather from interrupters that every man, before he went over the top, had to have a nip of whisky. There were times in the desert when this would have been very nice, but rum was not issued to the mounted troops as a routine. What was given was lime juice. The two most distinguished soldiers New Zealand had produced were General Russell and General Chaytor, and what was good enough for them should be good enough for any other digger.

FROM OUR AUSTRALIAN SISTERS ON POLLING DAY.

"West Australia comrades praying for victory."—Beresford Jones.

"Victoria wishes success."—Rees.

TEMPERANCE ESSAY COMPETITION.

NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL.

Standard VI.: First Prize awarded to Robert Frame.

National Prohibition.

To have National Prohibition would mean a great deal for New Zealand. As she is still a young country, it is easier now to abolish the drink traffic than if left to the future. Not long ago we had a great deal of talk about Prohibition. Many of the returned soldiers voted for Continuance, but we do not know until the end of the next poll whether Prohibition is carried. If Prohibition were carried the amount of money spent in the drink trade could be used in far better occupations than in brewing and selling spirits. Vodka was prohibited in Russia before the war, but since the revolution the making of it has been resumed. The Americans have abolished the drink, and why can't a small country like ours have power to resist the temptation. The man who votes for Continuance does so in ignorance of the harm it does to his body. He earns a week's wages, but half of it is spent at the bar of a hotel that stands in his way as he goes home from work. It is not only he who suffers from the effects of drink, but also his wife and children, who are in need of food, which is so dear.

The money saved by Prohibition would enable the Government to pay off the National Debt, or to provide cheaper necessities for the working class. The sugar and other materials used in brewing liquor would become cheaper. One big brewery in America was turned into a flour mill when the country went "dry."

The Bishop of London said that more than half the crime in Great Britain is done through drink, which also causes about a quarter of the deaths. Then why do so many of New Zealand's people still vote for Continuance?

BRITISH DOMINIONS' WOMEN CITIZENS' UNION.

19, Buckingham Street, Strand,
London, W.C. 2,

October 21st, 1919.

To the Chairman, Joint Select Committee, Government of India Bill, House of Lords.

Sir,—

I am authorised by the constituent societies of this Union to write to you upon the following question:—

With the single exception of South Africa we are all enfranchised women citizens of the Empire. We know by experience as well as by theory that equality between men and women is fundamental to the well-being of every state. The women of South Africa are within measurable distance of securing the recognition of this principle in the case of their own political enfranchisement.

We therefore venture to inform you that in the four great self-governing Dominions of the Empire, women have but one opinion as regards the claim of the women of India to the same electoral rights as the men.

We are well aware that as self-governing Dominions, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Canada have no voice in the internal affairs of any other part of the Empire. But the principle for which we contend has been recognised by the League of Nations. It is impossible that the British Empire, itself a League of Nations within the greater League, can take a lower moral stand.

We therefore beg that in the truest and most far-reaching interests of the Empire, the Joint Select Committee will secure that the Government of India Bill shall include the granting of the franchise to the women of India on the same terms as it is to be granted to men.

Signed on behalf of the constituent societies of the British Dominions' Women Citizens' Union,

HARRIET C. NEWCOMB,
Hon. Secretary.

THE RED BLOOD OF THE THE NATION.

(By Nurse Chappell.)

Ruskin says: "It may be discovered that the true veins of wealth are purple—and not in rock, but in flesh—perhaps even that the final outcome and consummation of all wealth is in the producing as many as possible full-blooded, bright-eyed, happy-hearted human creatures." Even then, Ruskin perceived wherein lay the true wealth of nations. It has needed the stupendous war to teach us, and still we are like the mythical Van Winkle, slowly, shaking ourselves and rubbing our eyes. Motherhood, we have at last decided, is the corner stone of the future Empire, but whilst we dally mothers perish. The "life builders" are undoubtedly the Empire builders of the future. The first step, it seems to me, is to relieve the physical strain which is not only crushing the higher attributes of motherhood out of so many mothers, but is making them physically unfit for this high office. The more "life-building" mothers do, the more manual labour is thrust upon them; and whilst the finest type of mothers respond willingly, this fact still remains that, generally speaking, the human "life builders" have the smallest chance of all workers to concentrate their best efforts to produce the most perfect building, and no preparatory knowledge or training is given as to the best methods. It has become so common in our eyes—this "life" being "built," which is so "fearfully and wonderfully made" that the glory of it has been dragged in the dust. For our Empire's sake, if for no higher motive, we must lift it into the place of honour and dignity which is due to the greatest of all miracles that has ever been or ever can be.

To alter this, the mental vision of what can be and what ought to be must be given to each man and woman. One writer says: "As a mother my dignity is supreme, for I am sculptress of the race, the architect of humanity. My body is the temple, the holy of holies wherein are fashioned into indelible shape, for weal or woe, the children who are to come. My part is difficult, but I will not flinch. I must be as strong as the oak on the bleakest hill, and tender and sweet and pure as the flower that blooms in the valley below. For

freedom's sake I must be free, for I am sculptress, architect of humanity, its citadel, its oak, its blossom. I am woman, mother and moulder of the race." Note the words—"For freedom's sake I must be free." No true woman wants a freedom which is contrary to the higher good of the future race. But every true woman, in her soul, demands the freedom which will ensure the best for the coming generation. Governments and laws can never produce this. They can assist by giving knowledge and freedom to this end, but as surely as nations are built up on homes—true homes—so surely are true homes built up on the conditions which will produce the kind of children of Ruskin's vision.

There is too much honour given to the patriotism shown by flag-flying, brass bands, and sitting on this committee or the other, and too little honour given to the patriotism of a good father who nobly helps his overburdened wife and trains his children that they may be good citizens in the future. He is called a "milk sop" or "is tied to his wife's apron strings." Both kinds of patriotism are needed, but the home kind brings the soundest returns in the long run, both in his own happiness and in the welfare of the nation, and his children will know how to honour all women because of the honour they have seen their father give to the Queen of the home, their mother. Many a mother has said to me: "I love my children, but I have no time to enjoy them and train them as I would like. It is just a scramble from early morning to late at night to do what is absolutely necessary for a family. By the time I have cooked and washed and done the necessary house work, attending to the baby and children in between,

I am that fagged and irritable that I am thankful to bundle them into bed as quickly as possible to get a few minutes' space. I used to be quite a good-natured person. I don't know what has come to me." Then a few tears steal quickly down her cheeks, which she quickly wipes away, hoping I haven't seen them, and she goes on: "Then I try to do their patching and mending, or make a few things whilst they are in bed—often into the small hours of the morning." "But," I have said, "you need your rest. In fact, you cannot successfully nurse your baby unless you have nourishing food and proper rest." "Oh! Yes.

I know that is so," she replied, "because when I have a bit of a spell, like when my sister comes and feeds me, I have plenty of good milk, and baby is that good I don't know what to make of it. Still, it can't be helped. It's got to be done. I must try to send the children decent to school, so it's no use talking about it. If baby won't thrive while I work like this, then I must put him on the bottle—that's all. How one's heart aches for such mothers, silently, bravely pegging on, with no human eye to see, often, and no human voice to applaud! Added to these things is the torture of mind because they have "not time" to be the kind of mothers they would like to be. Just as it needs leisure to be cultured, so it needs leisure to give the fine culture of motherhood to their children.

The mental picture which some of us treasure is in sharp contrast to that of children being "bundled into bed as quickly as possible." A white bed, a sweet mother face, a gentle voice, a white-robed tiny figure kneeling down at the shrine of that mother's knees, hands clasped, eyes closed, the gentle voice is heard to say—"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child." The childish voice repeats it word for word. Then comes the more intimate part of the prayer. The childish naughtiness of the day is confessed and followed by the prayer for forgiveness. With the "Amen!" all sense of wrong has fled. Gentle hands tuck that little one safe and snug in bed, followed by the good-night kiss from that gentle, wise mother. No king on his throne could compare in happiness with that child.

Let me assure you, the sweet motherliness is in most of these work-driven mothers, though in different degrees, according to character, and it adds to her burden, because the mother has not the leisure to give it expression. Think of the love-starved children, robbed of their birthright of love! Childhood is the time to forge the chains of love and confidence, and every link in that chain will need to be sound and true when the time of temptation comes to hold them steady and secure.

Mothers, have a set time when you "down your tools," and give your children their birthright of love, if all the world has to stand still and wait whilst you do so. Bedtime is the most seductive time for childish confidences, and when little restless

creatures are weary with their play and ready to be loved and caressed. Fathers, I plead, don't lose your share in this precious time, when most of the character-building is done of the men and women to be. Your gold, if got at the expense of this, will be as dust and ashes in your mouth in the years to come.

In giving a lecture to mothers in Central Otago, I said, the Bible talks about the joyful mothers of children: that is what we ought to have, and what the Plunket Society is trying to bring about—joyful mothers of healthy and normal children. "Do you know any joyful mothers of children?" I asked. A pause, and then one mother said: "I know one, but she lives at St. Clair." I was very interested in this joyful mother, and inquired what kind of a husband she had. I found he is a lover still. Is this one of the secret causes of so little joy in motherhood—that husbands have ceased to be lovers? When one remembers that childhood is the most impressionable time of one's whole life, we ought to realise how imperative it is that children should be surrounded by joyousness, rightness, and brightness, that they might drink it in as the flowers the dew.

One writer says: "Yet the first seven years! Oh, the ineffable, ineradicable memories of these earlier years, cut deep into the plastic mind of a little child! Those who guide and mould the cutting should remember they are moulding for eternity, and cut high and holy things which are noble and true. Half a century hence, when what has intervened has faded and been forgotten, the men of to-morrow will look back and remember the good or ill—the most passing thing said to the child of to-day." Thomas Bracken, in his poem on "Woman's Rights," says:

'Tis woman's right, ere we prepare
To battle in life's van,
To shape our future destinies
And mould the mind of men;
And here, where we're erecting on
Pacific's breath, a State,
The mothers of our rising race
Can make it poor or great.

If we realised more the power of the moulding of the mind, as well as of the body, during this building period, there would be fewer problems for our future statesmen to solve. If the mind is so plastic and impressionable during early childhood, how much more so during the period referred to? Is not mind the product of mind, even

if not so materially. Mind influences mind. Therefore it is incumbent on those responsible—in the nature of things—to ensure that the mind of the mother is peaceful, joyous, and happy.

Then, we should not be blaming our dead and gone ancestors who cannot stand up and defend themselves—poor things—for many of the contrary, resentful, and inexplicable characteristics to be seen in some children. We do not dream of exonerating our ancestors from blame—neither will future generations exonerate us—but our ancestry have enough blame due to them without giving them that which they have not earned.

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WELLINGTON, JANUARY 19, 1920.

Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of
the N.Z. W.C.T.U.

To be held in Wellington on March
 10th and following days, in Wesley
 Hall, Taranaki Street.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th, 10 a.m.
 Meeting of Executive Committee
 N.Z. officers and District Presi-
 dents).

THURSDAY, MARCH 11th.

9 a.m. Convention opened by Act-
 ing-President. Crusade Hymn,
 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears." Cru-
 sade Psalm, read responsively as fol-
 lows:—

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the
 Lord, O my soul. While I live will
 I praise the Lord. I will sing
 praises unto my God while I have
 my being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor
 in the son of man, in whom there is
 no help.

His breath goeth forth, he re-
 turneth to his earth; in that very
 day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of
 Jacob for his help, whose hope is
 in the Lord his God;

Which made heaven and earth, the
 sea, and all that in them is; which
 keepeth truth forever;

Which executeth judgment for the
 oppressed; which giveth food to the
 hungry. The Lord looseth the
 prisoners,

The Lord openeth the eyes of the
 blind; the Lord raiseth them that
 are bowed down: the Lord loveth
 the righteous.

The Lord preserveth the stran-
 gers; He relieveth the fatherless
 and widow; but the way of the
 wicked He turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign forever, even
 thy God, O Zion, unto all genera-
 tions.

Praise ye the Lord.

Prayer.

9.45 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes.

Report of Executive Committee.

Appointment of Committees of Cour-
 tesies and Resolutions, Convention

Letter-Writer and Press Reporters.

Appointment of Proxies. Letters of

Sympathy. Corresponding Secre-

tary's Report. Correspondence. Do-

minion Travelling Secretary's Report.

12 o'clock. Noontide Devotions.

Treasurer's Report and Balance-
 sheet and Organising Treasurer's Re-
 port.

Mrs Field's notice of motion re Do-
 minion Superintendents of Depart-
 ments having seat on Executive.

12.30. Adjournment for lunch.

2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes.

Organisers' Reports. Y Organ-
 iser's Report.

3 p.m. President's Address.

Departmental Reports. Report on
 Maori Work (Mrs Walker); Medical
 Temperance (Mrs Neal), Evangelistic,
 Home and Mothers Meetings (Mrs
 Johnston Wright), Narcotics (Mrs
 Boxall), Educational Bureau (Mrs
 Young).

5.30 p.m. Adjournment.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12th.

9.30 a.m. Devotions.

10 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes.

Discussion on Programmes of Work
 for forthcoming years.

12 o'clock. Noontide Prayer.

12.30. Adjournment.

2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes.

Departmental Reports: Scientific
 Temperance Instruction (Miss Hel-
 yer), Work Among Seamen (Mrs

Nimmo), Prison and Reformatory
 Work (Sister Moody-Bell), Social and
 Moral Hygiene (Miss A. Webb),
 Literature (Mrs Mowlem), Peace and
 Arbitration, Home Science (Mrs Mac-
 donald), Bible in Schools and Sabbath
 Observance (Mrs Cobb).

5.30. Adjournment.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th.

9.30 a.m. Devotions.

9.45 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes.

Departmental Reports: Flower Mis-
 sion and Relief Work (Miss Pery-
 man), Rest and Refreshment Booths
 (Mrs Upton), Back Blocks and Work
 Among Railway Men (Mrs Moyes),
 Notable Days (Mrs X. Jones), Press
 (Miss Jessie Mackay), Military
 Camps (Mrs Whincop).

12 o'clock. Noontide Prayer.

12.30. Adjournment.

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 14th.

Convention Sermon.

MONDAY, MARCH 15th.

9.30 a.m. Devotions (Favourite
 Hymns).

9.45 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes.

Report of "White Ribbon" Editor
 and Business Manager. Appointment
 of Editor, Associate Editor, and Busi-
 ness Manager. Resolutions.

12 o'clock. Noontide Prayer.

Report of Sub-Committee on Scheme
 for Superannuation of Organisers.
 Any unfinished business. Resolu-
 tions.

12.30. Adjournment.

2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes.

Reports. L.T.L. and Cradle Roll,
 and Band of Mercy (Mrs Neal); Y's
 and Medal Contests (Mrs Perritt).

Special discussion on "Y" Work,
 and all matters relating to Y Branch-
 es.

Resolutions.

5.30 p.m. Adjournment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16th.

9.30 a.m. Devotions.

9.45. Roll Call. Minutes.

Reports. Good Citizenship (Mrs
 Phillips); Legal and Parliamentary
 and Anti-Gambling (Miss Hender-
 son); Discussion on Programmes of
 Work. Resolutions.

12 o'clock. Noontide Prayer. Re-
 solutions.

12.30. Adjournment.

2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes. Resolutions. Unfinished
 Business.

5.30 p.m. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th.

9.30 a.m. Devotions (Quotations).
 9.45 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes.
 Resolutions. Mrs Peryman's Notice
 of Motion, re Proxies. Question Box.
 12 o'clock. Noontide Prayer.
 12.30 p.m. Adjournment.
 2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes. Resolutions. Notices of
 Motion. Unfinished Business.
 5.30 p.m. Adjournment.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18th.

9.30 a.m. Devotions.
 9.45 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes. Ap-
 pointment of Tellers. Election of
 N.Z. Officers and Superintendents of
 Departments. Resolutions.
 12 o'clock. Noontide Prayer.
 12.30 p.m. Adjournment.
 2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes. Unfinished Business. Votes
 of thanks. Conclusion.

Social Functions.**WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 10, 8 p.m.**

Civic Reception in the Concert
 Chamber of the Town Hall, tendered
 by His Worship the Mayor, and wel-
 come from other Temperance organi-
 sations.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Mar. 13.

Garden Party at Lower Hutt.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

To be arranged, including a Welcome
 to Miss Ruth Atkinson.

IMPORTANT.**THE 1920 CONVENTION.**

Dear Sisters,—

Again the time has come round for
 making preparations for the Annual
 Dominion Convention. This year it
 is to be held in the Capital City, com-
 mencing on March 10th, with the
 usual preliminary meeting of the Ex-
 ecutive. At this, in addition to the
 N.Z. Officers, District Presidents have
 a seat, or in the absence of the Presi-
 dent, the District Secretary, or failing
 her, the District Treasurer.

The ex-officio members of Conven-
 tion include all District Presidents,
 Secretaries and Treasurers, all Do-
 minion Superintendents of Depart-
 ments, all Organisers and Organising
 Treasurers, and the Dominion Travel-
 ling Secretary. Unions are entitled to
 send delegates to the number of one

for every 100 members, or fraction of
 100. As the Convention is being held
 in the Central City, every Union
 should be able to have direct repre-
 sentation, without depending on prox-
 ies. If any Union is unable to send
 one of its own members, it may ap-
 point any member of the District in
 which it is situated, or if this is im-
 possible, it may apply for a proxy.
 In this latter case it is imperative that
 directions—preferably sealed—as to
 voting for the Dominion officers, and
 on the two Notices of Motion, should
 be forwarded to me.

The Notices of Motion are as fol-
 low: 1. Moved by Mrs Field: That all
 Dominion Superintendents of Depart-
 ments present at Convention shall have
 a seat on the Executive, except at
 the meeting at which they are nomi-
 nated.

For the past two years efforts have
 been made to enlarge the Executive by
 the inclusion of some or all of the
 Superintendents of Departments, for
 the sake of giving to them a better in-
 sight into the working of the Union,
 and especially of their own respective
 Departments. At the same time there
 is always the possibility of so enlarg-
 ing the Executive as to make it un-
 wieldy. The present suggestion may
 perhaps prove to be the happy mean.

2. Moved by Mrs Peryman: That as
 Unions may now choose as their dele-
 gate any member in their own dis-
 trict, Article III. of the Constitution,
 be amended by deleting the words "no
 proxy shall be appointed, etc." to the
 end. The effect of passing this would
 be to do away with proxies altogether.

Unions are reminded that they now
 have the power of sending in Nomi-
 nations for the Superintendents of De-
 partment. If no nominations are sent
 in, the Executive will nominate as
 heretofore, but the officers would be
 glad to receive the names of any mem-
 bers that Unions thought specially
 suitable for any Department.

Will delegates also notice that the
 White Ribbon Hymnal (English edi-
 tion) is now always used at Conven-
 tion, so any who have copies of their
 own may like to bring them, especial-
 ly if they have the music.

Each Union must forward as early
 as convenient the names and status of
 delegates or officers intending to be
 present at Convention to me, also, if
 hospitality is desired, to Mrs Webb,
 37 Hall Street, Wellington South.

Delegates are requested to hand in
 credentials not later than the first ses-

ion. Strictly speaking, no delegate
 has a right to take her seat, until her
 credentials have been given in.

Trusting that the approaching Con-
 vention will be the source of new in-
 spiration, and wishing each Union
 success and vigorous life.—I am,

Yours in the cause of World-wide
 Prohibition,

KATE M. EVANS,

Dom. Rec. Sec.

19, Hiropi Street, Wellington South,
 January 15th, 1920.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments (excluding
 capitation fees) have been received
 since last report:—

New Zealand Fund.

Ashburton and Nelson L.T.L.—£1
 each.

Organising Fund.

Napier, £5 9s; Nelson, £5; Gis-
 borne, £2 16s; Wanganui East, £2
 10s; Wanganui L.T.L., £2 5s 10d;
 Oxford and Palmerston North, £1
 each; Pahiatua, £1 16s; New Bright-
 on, £1 4s 6d; Henderson, Invercar-
 gill South, Mosgiel, Nelson L.T.L.,
 Opatiki, and a Friend (per Mrs Pery-
 man), £1 each; Aramoho Y., 10s.
 Total, £31 11s 4d. Expenditure, £34
 15s 9d.

World's Missionary Fund.

Palmerston North, £1; New Brig-
 ton, 11s 4d.

**Fund for Expenses of N.Z. President
as Delegate to World's Convention.**

Dunedin, £10 10s; Nelson, £10 7s
 6d; Invercargill, £10; Ashburton, £5;
 Wanganui East, £4; Wellington Cen-
 tral, £3 7s; Gisborne and Hawera,
 £3 each; New Brighton, £2 11s;
 Eden, Opatiki, Oxford and Takapuna,
 £2 each; Birkenhead, Kaiapoi, Kaitan-
 gata and Lower Hutt, £1 10s each;
 Norsewood, £1 6s; Greytown and Pe-
 tone, £1 5s each; Avondale, Bluff,
 Lyttelton, Matamata, Mataura, Mor-
 rinsville, Mosgiel, Ngauruawahia, Pape-
 toetoe, Picton, Richmond, Riverton,
 Stratford, Taoroa, Wakapuaka Sub.,
 Invercargill Y., and M.S.P., £1 each;
 Ngaere and Waipi, 12s 6d each; Eden-
 dale, Tinwald, Tuatapere and Tura-
 kina, 10s each; South Dunedin, 7s 6d.
 Total, £90 4s. Previously acknowl-
 edged, £45 13s.

Our young auxiliaries have helped
 us well this month; congratulations
 and thanks to them.

Nellie Bendaly,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,
 10th January, 1920.

Storyteller.

COMRADES EVER.

CHAPTER V.

Swiftly the passing months brought Gipsy Lewis to the opening day of Parliament. She had not passed the interval in idleness. Like most of the leaders in Social Reform she had felt keenly their failure to secure National Prohibition. But she belonged to the victorious White Ribbon Army, which never accepts defeat, and knew surely, by Faith's intuition, that though another battle in the long campaign had gone against them, yet in the end success was sure. Their Annual Convention met in the Empire City, and as the time of defeat is just the time to increase your efforts they planned a vigorous campaign. Mrs Lewis had spent her time going round their various branches, urging and inspiring them to prepare for their long struggle. Three years of preparation they had, they could not afford to waste a minute of it, therefore let them get busy at once.

Now the fateful day had arrived, and she stood in the Legislative Hall of her Fatherland, and took the oath to loyally serve her King and Country. The Prime Minister spoke kind and courteous words of welcome, and several members expressed pleasure at greeting their first woman M.P. The majority of members showed a kindly desire to make her feel at home in her new sphere, but well she knew that some of the old school bitterly resented the intrusion of her sex into politics.

In a few dignified words, very nervously spoken, she thanked the Premier and her fellow-members for their kindly welcome, and expressed the wish that they might find her so useful in the House that they would at next election secure the return of more women members.

For the first few weeks, Mrs Lewis listened, watched and learned. Her quick brain and ready observation enabled her in a comparatively short time to master the rules, regulations and forms of etiquette observed by members and Speaker. She was a member of one Parliamentary Committee, and there won golden opinions from the male members, because she never spoke unless she had something to say, and then expressed herself with brevity and clearness. Events moved rapidly in the political world. The majority of the Reform Party was too

slender to give stability to their Government, also they were without capable men for several portfolios. The Liberals were disorganised owing to the defeat of their leader, who, being rejected by his own constituency, had retired from the hurly-burly of politics to the aristocratic seclusion of the Dominion's representative at the capital of the Empire. The Labour Party, returned with increased strength, were well organised, extremely active and aggressive, and had one or two men who were well qualified to act as Ministers of the Crown.

Mr Morton had absorbed many progressive ideas from the statesmen with whom he had sat around the Board at the great Peace Conference. Moreover, he did most earnestly desire to do his very best for the country during the period of reconstruction. He therefore urged upon the Cabinet that they allow him to try for a modified coalition Government. He pointed out the need for capable and expert men at the head of every department, irrespective of party shibboleths; that the time was ripe for a forward movement in the direction of an Elective Executive, which was fast coming within the region of practical politics. He proposed to bring in three Ministers from outside their own ranks, thus leaving them a strong majority in the Cabinet.

The debate was long, and at times acrimonious. Even his old friend and colleague, Sir Walter Ross, opposed him bitterly, and demanded whom he proposed to bring into the Cabinet.

"Well," said Mr Morton, "I propose to offer the portfolios of Health and Education to our lady member. I have watched her closely; she has a quick brain, a ready grasp of all questions, a great willingness to learn, and, moreover, is an admitted expert on the question of Education. We are often told that the health and education of the rising generation is the work of women."

"I think you are in your dotage," hastily interrupted Sir Walter. "A woman in the Cabinet!"

"Yes, my old friend, a woman in Cabinet. Both in England and America women have been put in responsible positions, and have proved themselves quite as capable as men; some politicians say more so. And I firmly believe that Mrs Lewis will do as good work as any man we could put into the position."

"And I presume Mr Dutch" (naming a famous Labour agitator) "will be Minister of Labour."

"Well, not exactly," smiled the Premier. "I thought of Mr Ford for that portfolio. He is sensible and modest, and has the confidence of the great body of workers."

"It might have been worse," admitted Sir Walter. "And who's the third addition?"

"Mr George as Minister of Railways. He is a Liberal-Labourite, and he knows our railway system from A to Z. And I'm sure," said Mr Morton, looking around the circle, "that you'll all admit that this branch of the service is in great need of improvement."

After much discussion, both Cabinet and Caucus agreed to give their Leader a free hand, and the minority promised a loyal support to the three "while they behave themselves," one stalwart grunted out.

Next afternoon Mr Morton stopped Mrs Lewis as she was leaving the Chamber, and with his winning smile, said, "Will you allow me the pleasure of taking you for a cup of tea?"

Wondering much, Gipsy followed the Leader of the House to his private room. While the attendant prepared the tea table, Mr Morton looked at his visitor, and marvelled that this woman, whose brain and ability equalled that of any of his male supporters, and exceeded most of them, yet in her simple, well-cut gown, relieved with pale silk collar, looked the ideal of a wife and mother. Her husband had loved and trusted her, her children adored her, and now in her wider sphere, the same kindly courtesy and comradeship was making her popular in the House. With the intellect to grasp the statesman's ideals, she had the mother heart to feel for all, to work for all.

At length Mr Morton broke the silence with: "Mrs Lewis, I have heard you say that woman's point of view should be heard in the House; I want your point of view on the question of party politics. Would you step over party lines to be of use to your country?"

"I don't quite understand you. What do you wish me to do?"

"To speak plainly, would you be willing to take the portfolios of Health and Education under my leadership? You have specially studied these subjects, and I feel convinced would make a capable and efficient Minister."

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Gipsy was too absolutely astonished to speak. At length she gasped, "Mr Morton, I am very new to the work; my heart is certainly in it, but I fear I am sadly lacking in technical knowledge."

"Perhaps so," he replied, "though I am by no means sure of that. This is a period of reconstruction, and I want to reconstruct my Cabinet on broader lines. Old customs must give way to the needs of this time. As Minister of Health and Education you will have largely in your hands the care of the rising generation, and that, you will agree with me, is woman's work. Inexperienced in the administrative details you are, but the Chief Health Officer and the Commissioner of Education are there to advise and instruct you in any way you require."

"But, Mr Morton, I fear I am too much of a Radical to enlist under so conservative a banner as yours."

"Kindly note that I bear a Reform banner. You desire reforms, so do I. I shall not make too severe demands upon your loyalty."

"I am neither politician nor party woman, but I must be straight with you. You know my views on the Liquor Trade, upon Prison and Educational Reforms. I can not be false to my principles. Can I be true to them and to you?"

"I think so. You have practically a free hand in your own department, except that Cabinet must be consulted before any sweeping change is made. In other matters I promise never to ask you to vote against your conscience. Try it, Mrs Lewis; treat me with candour, as I know you will, and we shall get on."

"I should like to consult one or two of my leading supporters, and if these gentlemen think I can do this and be true to my election promises, I will try it."

Mrs Lewis went at once to her old friend and chairman, Mr Grant, and laid the position before him. He agreed to talk it over with her old committee, and let her know the result. After consultation, he again sought her with the judgment of her supporters.

"You went in," he said, "pledged to principles, not to party. The old Liberal Party is dead. We believe in you, believe that you will be true to your pledge. We would not like to take the responsibility of depriving the Dominion of so capable a Minister of these departments as you will make."

A Coalition Government was therefore formed, and for the first time under normal circumstances, portfolios were given to three members, not because they obeyed the crack of the party whip, but because they were each experts in the departments they were to be the Ministerial heads of.

Mrs Lewis took a hurried trip to Dunedin to consult with her son. Will heartily approved of his mother's new dignity.

"Mum, you've beaten me. Here have I been grinding for years exams, and now at one bound you land at the top of the Death Department, and no exam. required. Politics for me, every time," and he laughed gaily.

"Hurry up, my son, and become a fully qualified M.D., and then I can have the benefit of your knowledge."

So quietly Gipsy stepped into her new position, bringing to it the same care and attention as she gave to all her other duties.

Returning home from the House one evening, she found her brother and his daughter waiting to greet her.

"Tell me, Auntie," said Zeta, "how does it feel to be a Minister of the Crown?"

"It feels a great responsibility, and I am finding out fast how ignorant I am."

Her brother smiled. "Most politicians feel capable of running the universe. You must be quite an oddity among them."

"I'm going to do my best, Jack."

"You'll do all right, old girl. Why, bless me, you looked after my health and education, and see what a shining example of physical fitness and brain vigour I am."

And so in pleasant chat the evening wore away.

Alone in her room that night, Gipsy gazed on the photos of her loved ones, and murmured, "If only you were here to help and advise me."

Then kneeling, she committed herself and her cares to the keeping of that Father of whom it had been said, "He giveth wisdom to them that ask Him."

(To be continued.)

PERSONAL.

We are sure all our readers will regret to hear that owing to health reasons, we are to lose the services of Miss Weymouth for a time. In order to recuperate, Miss Weymouth is to leave New Zealand by the *Ruthine* at the end of this month, and will represent our Y Branches at the World's Convention. She hopes to return restored in health, early next year.

A pleasant voyage, a happy, restful We wish this indefatigable worker holiday a safe return, and renewed strength.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

In response to the appeal for the starving children of Europe we received the following amounts: F.W.R., £10; British Colonial, £3 12s; Special for Vienna children, £4 7s 3d.

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

NELSON.

Dec. 9. Mrs Watson in the chair. Fair attendance. Devotional services conducted by Mrs Dickson. An initiatory service was held, one new member being admitted. Mrs Jamieson, a visitor from Auckland, was welcomed. The sum of £5 was voted for N.Z. Organising Fund, and £3 for Maori Fund. Officers for next year were elected.

Dec. 12. Small attendance at the annual meeting. Mrs Watson presided, and devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs Patchett. Short session was spent in prayer for the success of the Prohibition cause. Annual reports of Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents were read and adopted, and vote of thanks passed to each respectively. Decided to send letter of thanks and appreciation to City Council for rest room, etc., they have provided for women. Vote of sympathy passed to all members who had been ill during year, and Christmas greetings to Mrs Judson. Meeting closed with Benediction.

LEIGH.

Nov. Usual attendance. Mrs Wyatt in the chair. Officers elected: Mrs R. Matheson, Pres.; Mrs J. C. Wyatt and Mrs D. Matheson, Vice-Pres.; Mrs Gozar, Sec.; Miss E. Matheson, Treas.; Mrs J. Torkington, Press Reporter. The special collection for the Prohibition Campaign Fund amounted to £3 15s 6d. Correspondence was read re the Widows' Pensions. A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring President, and expressions of regret were passed that she was not able to retain office.

Dec. 15. Mrs Nelson, of Little Barrier, addressed a large meeting on the "Effects of Alcohol," as she has witnessed in Scotland. It was much appreciated.

NEW BRIGHTON.

October 16. Mrs Hall presided. Attendance good. Revs. Walker and Tennent being present. Mr Roberts, of Kaiapoi, gave stirring address on Prohibition. Decided to hold annual meeting in November. Seven members assisted Christchurch Union at the Annual Show. Mrs Hall and Bruce were delegates to Convention. Afternoon tea served.

November. Annual meeting; attendance good. Questions decided at Convention were sent to Parliamentary candidates. Temperance essays were awarded to 5th and 6th standard, the subject being National Pro-

hibition. Mr Opie judged the essays.

December. Miss McCorkingdale, of Queensland, gave an address to women on campaign work, in Pier Hall. Good attendance. The President on behalf of the Union, thanked her heartily. The address was most helpful to all.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

December 10. Annual meeting. Mrs Cook presided. Reports were received from the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was presented. The following Superintendents of Departments also gave reports showing that good work had been done: Evangelistic (Mrs Bailey), Prison Visitor (Adjutant Gordon), Home Meetings (Mrs Cook), White Ribbon Agency (N. Dewar, pro. tem.), Visiting Sisters (Mesdames Taylor and Pirret), Maori Sabbath Observance (Mrs Rosser), Press (N. Dewar). The election of officers resulted in the present officers being re-elected: President, Mrs J. Cook; Rec. Secretary, Mrs J. W. Taylor; Cor. Secretary, Miss N. Dewar; Asst. Secretary, Miss Little; Treasurer, Mrs Pirret. On Mrs Cook resuming the Presidential Chair, she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses as a small token of appreciation of her splendid work as President. The Superintendents of Departments were then elected. Decided that Mesdames Bailey and H. Brown be sent as representatives to the Dominion Convention, to be held in Wellington in March. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Keane in her bereavement. Replies were received from six of the twelve Parliamentary candidates to whom we presented questions. The report of the recent garden party was presented, and the members expressed pleasure at the success financially in face of the many counter attractions. Decided to adjourn till fourth week in February.

PETONE.

December 2. Annual meeting. Mrs Johnston Wright addressed the meeting and congratulated the Branch on the results of the year's work. Decided to agree to the suggestion of the Dominion Executive that Mrs Don be appointed to represent the Union at the World's Convention. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd; Vice-Pres. Mesdames Corner, McPherson and Collins; Rec. Sec., Mrs Byrd; Cor. Sec., Mrs Phillips; Treas., Mrs Johnston. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to Mrs Johnston Wright and the Press brought the meeting to a close.

CHRISTCHURCH.

December. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided over a good attendance. Decided to take no official part in the procession to be held the Saturday before the poll, as so many members were otherwise engaged in duties for the great day. The yearly report showed that owing to the energies of the members being fully taken up in working for two polls in one year, the

departmental work of the Union had suffered. The luncheon rooms at the Show Ground were most successful. During the year 40 petrol tins of fruit were canned for use at the luncheon rooms, and a quantity of jam and chutney made and sold, the proceeds going towards new crockery for the luncheon rooms. Decided to hold annual meeting on January 28th. Arrangements made for an all day prayer meeting on polling day.

RAKAI.

December 10. Mrs Boag in the chair; record attendance. Three visitors. One member initiated. Reply received from the Liberal Candidate to questions asked by the Union. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Boag; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Mrs R. Beach; Treas., Mrs Judkins. Since August nine meetings have been held: on the whole they were well attended. Meetings addressed by Miss McCorkindale were held at Pendarves and Lauriston. Miss McKee spoke at Chertsey, Mrs Miller at Rokeby, and Mrs Williams, of Sumner, at Barhill.

MATAURA.

December 5. Mrs Galt presided; nine members present, also a visitor from Edendale. Mrs Rose, the Treasurer resigned, and her resignation was accepted with regret and Mrs Beaumont appointed Treasurer. A rest room was procured for Polling Day, and members appointed to assist.

EDEN.

Dec. 10. Miss Wilson presided over a good gathering. Devotions were conducted by Mrs Ramsey, our new Evangelistic Superintendent. Arrangements were made to hold an all day of prayer on December 17th (Polling Day). Notice of motions to be brought forward at Convention were discussed, members being in favour of Mrs Peryman's motion, but disapproved of Mrs Field's, the difficulty being numbers; the Dominion Executive would be too large. The appointment of a Delegate to Convention was postponed till next meeting. Four new members were initiated, three for the adult union and one for the Y's.

ASHBURTON.

Nov. 9. Mrs G. Miller, Vice-President presided over a good attendance of members. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of Mrs F. H. Steel and Mrs N. Johns in their bereavements. Mesdames W. White and J. Thompson were appointed to represent the Union at the meetings called for the Ashburton No License Council. Mrs J. Baker submitted a comprehensive report of recent Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Miss McCorkindale, Organizer of Queensland W.C.T.U., was present, and conveyed greeting from the Federal and Queensland Branches, coupled with the best wishes of Australian sisters for victory on December 17th. An interesting address was

given by Miss McCorkindale on "Work for the Poll." Four new members were enrolled. A number of Xmas bags for sailors were handed in, and a collection in aid of B. and F. Fund taken up.

Dec. Mrs J. Thompson presided over a large gathering. Votes of sympathy were passed with the following in their recent bereavement: Mrs W. H. McDonald, Mrs C. Baker, and the Misses Watson. Also with Miss W. T. Lill in her prolonged illness. Replies were received in the affirmative from Messrs W. Nosworthy and H. M. Jones, Parliamentary candidates. Election of officers was postponed till February, those in office to remain in charge in the meantime. Miss Trevurza was appointed auditor. Decided to take part in the Temperance Demonstration on Saturday, December 13th, and arrangements were made for same. A committee was appointed to supervise the catering for the workers on Polling Day, Mrs Stone, convener.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting. Mrs Hiatt presided. The Secretary's report, which was read and adopted, included reports from North East Valley, Sawyer's Bay, Port Chalmers, Balclutha, Kaitangata, South Dunedin, and Kai-korai Branch Unions. These told of increased membership and good work done throughout the year. Mrs Young (Treasurer) read the balance-sheet, which showed a small credit balance, received and adopted. The membership of the Union is 228, with five honorary members. Nine new members have joined during the year. The Cradle Roll has been increased by 19, bringing the total up to 42. The following officers were re-elected: President Mrs Hiatt; Recording Secretary, Nurse Williamson, Treasurer, Mrs F. Young.

L.T.L. Reports.

ARAMOHO.

Dec. 13. The happy Legioners were entertained by the Y's. Forty children took their places round the tables. After-tea games were indulged in. Rev. Dudley gave a few bright, helpful remarks. Jessie Christie, L.T.L. President, was in the chair, assisted by Elsie Dudley, President of Band of Mercy. Dialogues and recitations were given. The event of the evening was a Xmas tree, presided over by Father Xmas and each Legioner received a gift from the Y. girls. Cheers were given for Father Xmas; the leader of the Y's. A very pretty photo frame was presented to Mrs Bathgate by the L.T.L. members, and was lovingly appreciated by her.

Y's Reports.

OXFORD.

Dec. 3. Annual meeting. Nine members present. It was decided that the Band of Hope account be paid this time, and that we bring before the Union whether we should join again. Thanks of the Union were received for the management of Band of Hope during the past year. Mr Foot was elected Auditor for accounts. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss N. Waterman (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Miss H. Waterman, Miss R. Ryde, Miss A. Dalley (re-elected); Treasurer, Miss Foot (re-elected); Secretary, Miss Kippenberger. It was decided to call a meeting on the following Wednesday, 10th December.

ARAMOHO.

Dec. Attendance fair. Secretary read most encouraging report. Two members passed first aid and home nursing. Mr Scott presented with a thermometer from the class. A concert was given during the month to the Old Folk at the Jubilee Home. Officers were elected: President, Miss O. Garner; Vice-Presidents, Misses Campbell and Waterhouse; Secretary, Miss E. Taylor; Treasurer, Miss O. Garner; Rec. Secretary, Miss H. Anderson; Cradle Roll, Miss F. Jenkins; Press, Miss Ashwin; Evangelistic, Miss L. Campbell; Hospital, Miss Taylor; Social, Misses Christie and White; White Ribbon, Miss F. Christie; Supt., Mrs A. Bathgate. Much regret expressed at the retirement of Miss Christie owing to ill health, and hearty wishes expressed for her recovery. Two new members and one honorary. Votes of thanks to all officers and Superintendents.

INVERCARGILL.

Dec. 1. Annual meeting. Office-bearers elected: Pres., Miss Seed; Rec. Sec., Miss Finlayson; Treas., Miss Stewart; Assist. Treas., Mrs Morgan; Vice-Pres., Miss Birss, Miss A. Finlayson, Mrs Skipworth, and Mrs Matheson. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Birss, our late President.

A group of railroad magnates once met to discuss a financial scheme. When the spokesman outlined the proposition one of his colleagues remonstrated by saying: "That won't do, the American people will not stand for it." Like a flash came this reply: "To hell with the American people. Give me money enough, and I can hire one-half of the American people to shoot down the other half."—"Railroad Telegrapher."

GOODBYE TO MESDAMES DON AND COWIE.

FAREWELL SOCIAL.

On December 15th a social gathering in connection with the Dunedin District W.C.T.U. was held in Hanover Street Baptist Hall, to bid farewell to Mrs Don and Mrs Lee-Cowie, who intend leaving in January to pay a visit to the Old Country.

Mrs Hiatt presided, and in her introductory remarks, spoke of the great work done in the cause of Prohibition by the guests of the evening, and said that all hoped that both ladies would benefit greatly in health by their trip. Mr A. S. Adams, on behalf of the N.Z. Alliance, spoke eulogistically of Mrs Don's work and influence for good in New Zealand, and wished both ladies a pleasant and prosperous voyage.

Mrs Peryman, on behalf of the W.C.T.U., expressed a similar wish, and the hope that Mrs Don would return with renewed health.

On behalf of the W.C.T.U., Mrs Hislop presented Mrs Don with an embossed leather purse, made by a returned soldier, and Mrs Dick made a similar presentation to Mrs Lee-Cowie.

Mrs Lee-Cowie expressed thanks for the gift, and spoke of the pleasure with which she was looking forward to going through the Panama Canal—through a country that from being the most unhealthy in the world had become the most healthy, and that by banishing the mosquito, the sandfly, and strong drink.

Mrs Don also expressed thanks, and said that she was glad to go Home as the representative of New Zealand at the W.C.T.U. Conference, to be held in London, and doubly glad because she would be the first New Zealand born delegate who had ever attended a Conference. She was going with eyes and ears open, and hoped to learn something by her trip.

During the evening songs and recitations were rendered by several members and friends, and later opportunity was given for social chat, during which refreshments were handed round.

The singing of the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction brought a very successful evening to a close.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Every local Union is urged to arrange for a gathering of some kind—a parlour social, an evening meeting in a hall, a picnic, or a garden party—on or near 17th February, in commemoration of Frances Willard, for it seems fitting that in all countries we should remember the Founder of the World's W.C.T.U.

Red Letter days are useful as means for gaining fresh members and for advertising the aims and objects of our organisation, and to this end personal invitations might be sent out to those who are not interested in, or, it may be, are even prejudiced against the work.

Collections go to the Missionary Fund for the extension and perpetuation of the principles and work of the W.C.T.U.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year,

A. C. JONES,

Dom. Supt. Notable Days.

QUOTATIONS FROM MISS WILLARD.

"Everything is not in the Temperance Reform, but the Temperance Reform should be in everything."

"Remember that only the Golden Rule of Christ can bring the golden age of man."

"The happiest thing in life is doing good according to a plan."

"The human brain, with its fair, delicate, mystical filaments, is God's night-blooming cereus, its white radiance forever enclosed and shut away from sight, within the close crypt of the skull, but exhaling its fragrance in poetry, and revealing its deep, pure heart, in science, philosophy, religion. Keep that sacred blossom ever pure, fair, and fragrant, with God's truth and heaven's immortality."

"Alcoholic drinks introduce added friction into the machinery of body and mind; by their use the individual is handicapped in the race toward a higher and more perfect individuality, and what hinders one in this race hinders us all."

"Let us be great-hearted, royal-natured, superior to all pettiness and narrowness, patient and steadfast—for this we all may be."

"The teaching of hygiene in the public schools will steadily become a

means of grace, and the fight for a clear brain which the temperance reform is making, will help to usher in a more religious age than the world has ever seen. For only when the cobwebs are all swept away from the soul's skylight can a man really think God's thoughts after Him."

"You must not dream yourself into a character. You must hammer and forge yourself into one."

"I can not help believing that the world will be a better and happier place when people are praised more and blamed less; when we utter in their hearing the good we think, and also gently indicate the criticisms we hope may be of service."

"Resolved, That I will utter no word and convey no thought unworthy of a Christian disciple."

"God made woman with her faculties, her traits, her way of looking at all great questions from the highest to the lowest, and He made her to be a helpmeet for man, and He made man to be a helpmeet for her; He made them to stand side by side, sun-crowned; He made them to stand in a republic, as I believe, bearing equally its magnificent burdens."

"The only medical faculty which will be recognised by the happy people of that future which hurries smiling on is Dr. Diet, Dr. Sleep, Dr. Exercise, and Dr. Dress Reform. Commend me to this blessed quartet, who are to-day the heaven-sent allies of the temperance reform."

"Character is habit crystallized."

"All strife, in manner, word and deed, grows out of worldliness; and to this there is but just one antidote, and that is other-worldliness."

"It makes more difference what sort of comrades young folks have than what sort of teachers."

"Prohibition is sure to win, and to win by votes; may God speed the day of its blessed victory."

"Women, young or old, who can speak, write, conduct meetings, organise, keep accounts, interest children, talk with the drinking man, get up entertainments, or carry flowers to the sick or imprisoned, are all pressed into service."

"Agitate, Educate, Organise, these are the deathless watchwords of success."

"If God be with us, we can save our country as surely as Joan of Arc crowned her king."

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne St.); Pres., Mrs. Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pampallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs. Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; "W.R." Agent, Miss Davies, Onslow Rd., Mt. Roskill.

Avondale, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Proctor; Treas., Mrs. Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Morgan.

Auckland, Y's.,—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Pres., Miss I. Sussex; Vice-Presidents, Misses I. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs. Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; Rec. Secretary, Miss L. Street; Cor. Secretary, Miss M. Bottrill, 31 Arthur St., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss D. Stubbs, Shoal Bay Rd., Devonport; "W.R." Supt., Miss Budd.

Ashburton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Victoria Hall; Pres., Mrs. W. T. Lill, Willowby; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. Bowman, Peter St., E.; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Avondale Y's., 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m., in Road Board Room, Blake Street. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens, Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russell & Rowley; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Cottrill, New Wind-or Rd., Avondale; Treas. Miss M. McCarthy, Station Rd.; W.R. Supt., Miss R. Thomas; Y. Supt., Mrs. Pirratt, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., Pres. Mrs. A. J. Litchfield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs. H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. A. T. Watson; Sec., Mrs. G. Beer; Treas., Mrs. C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 217 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, on the third Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Day, Milford St., St. Albans.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Richards; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McPhee, Princes St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms Moray Place, 3 p.m., Pres., Mrs. Hiatt, 264, George Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs. Chisholm, Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs. Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Mrs. Young, Bishopscourt, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m., Pres., Mrs. Barr, Victoria Rd., Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Budd, Elliot, Sheppard, George and Young; Sec., Mrs. Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Eden, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Rd. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Rd., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Scanlan, 2 Mrs. Avenue, Edendale N.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Fowles, 270 Balmoral Rd., Edendale N.; Treas., Mrs. Cartwright, Huia Villa, Dominion Rd.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hudson, Richmond Rd., Mt. Eden.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Barton, "Brabourne," Monmouth St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clara Neal, Manchester St.; Rec. Sec., Miss R. Mayo, "Nga-Kuri-Nui"; Treas., Miss Svendsen, East St.; "W.R." Agent, Miss Svendsen; Pres., Mrs. Reeve; Evangelistic, Mrs. Emerson; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mai; L.T.L., Miss Thompson.

Gisborne District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Miss W. J. Rosie, 256 Stout Street; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, Business only last Tuesday, Prayer Meeting second Tuesday in February. Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs. Gaskin; Sec., Mrs. Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs. A. Parkinson, Tarapuhi St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. T. Brown; Vice-Presidents, Sister Moody Bell and Mrs. Parkinson.

Hamilton District, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. T. Horne, Clifton Road; Sec., Mrs W. H. Paul, Clarendon; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gaulton, Rousevevor Street

Hamilton East—3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs Gillies, Nixon St.; Sec., Mrs Ogilvie, Fifth St.; Treas., Mrs Jack, McFarlane St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mears; W.R. Agent, Mrs Day

Hastings, 2nd and 4th Thursday, Methodist Hall 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Mrs Wilson, 703 Hastings St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Boyle, Mrs Barr; Mrs Moore; Rec. Sec., Mrs Gloyd, Cook Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Lovell-Smith, 612 Hereunga Street; Treas., Mrs Rossiter, Lyndon Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Martindale, Southland Road

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, Regent Street on the last Thursday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. S. Young, Cameron Street; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, Liversedge, and Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Taruturu Rd; Treas., Miss Maunders c/o Mrs Johnson, Morrissey St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Tait, Nelson St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Attwood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Wright and Miss Duncan; Secretary, Mrs McKay, Great North Rd.; Treas., Mrs W. Williams, Gt. North Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. rooms; Pres., Mrs F. Lillcrap, 75 Earn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Hunter and Miss Birss; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rowland Lewis; Asst. Treas., Mrs A. Dewe; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Gladstone; Treas., Mrs F. Blakie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lillcrap, Earn St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Methodist School room, Ythan Street, at 2.45 p.m.; Pres. Mrs Pasley, Centre St. Gorge-town; Rec. Sec., Mrs Garrett, 195 Ness St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Smart, Morris and Fairbairn; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pate; Treasurer, Mrs Aitken; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parkin, Fowmont Street

Kaipoi W.C.T.U. Assembly Rooms. Union meets last Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "The Willows"; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; W.R. Supt., Mrs Ward.

Kati-Kati 2nd Wednesdays, 2 p.m. in Public Hall. Pres. Mrs Baines, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume Treas., Mrs Woolford, Sec., Mrs Jack Hume, W.R. Sp. Miss McCutcheon, Cradle Roll, Misses Dickey and Andrews, Organist, Mrs N. Johnston.

Lower Hutt, first Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs Balgert, Kings Rd; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mrs W. Knight, Knights Rd.

Lyttelton, 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian School-room; Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Wanatah." W. Lyttelton

Leigh, last Thursday, Leigh Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs R. Matheson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames C. Wyatt and D. Matheson; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss E. Matheson; Cradle Roll, Miss J. Wyatt; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Matheson; Press, Mrs J. Torkington.

Maniaia, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs J. J. Paterson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Odell and Smith; Sec., Mrs C. Hansen; Treas., Mrs Aitken; W.R. Agent, Miss Patterson; Cradle Roll Mrs Sandford, Kaupokonui.

Masterton, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Rec. Sec., Mrs M. Jackson, Cor. Sec., Mrs M. Wingate; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High St.

Matakana, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., & Rec. Sec., Mrs Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Eyton; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. Roke.

Morrinsville, meets 2nd Thursday in Methodist Vestry. Pres. Mrs Richards, The Manse, Allen St.; Sec. Miss Wills, "Carrisbrooke," Allen St. Treas., Mrs A. T. Scrivener, Moorehouse Street, W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnston, Hamilton Road.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs Nicholas, 34, Brooke St., Bexley; Treas., Mrs Gibson, Union Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Walker, Union Street, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Whitley, Nelson St., N.B.

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. V. Venables, Ashbridge Rd; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds and Findlay; Sec., Mrs Foote, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Wellesley Road; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames J. Walker and W. Findlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens.

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; President, Mrs Bycroft; Vice-Pres., Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs J. S. Colhoun; Treas., Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs Nicholson

New Plymouth District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Sec., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

Normanby, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Secretary, Mrs Chapman; Treasurer, Mrs Linnand; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; White Ribbon, Mrs Gane.

Norsewood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Gatman; Sec., Mrs A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Frederickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park"; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gatman; Evangelistic, Mrs Todd; Home Meetings, Mrs Jensen.

North East Valley, fourth Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4, Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45, Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Acting Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Edmonds, Tory St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hooker, Collingwood Street; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Ormondville, 2nd Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Wesleyan Church. Pres., Miss Alice Webb; Vice Pres., Mrs Snail; Sec., Mrs Wilson; Treas., Mrs T. Fothergill; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Newling.

Opoitiki, 2nd Friday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon Treas., Mrs Holman; "W.R." Mrs Francis; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Pearson.

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Roy; Evangelistic, Mrs R. Osborne; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Lewis.

Pakiri, 1st Saturday, Pakiri Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Rennie; Vice Pres., Mrs Salt; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss Dyer; W.R. Agent, Mrs Witton

Palmerston N District, 1st & 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 123 College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, 64, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan St.; Treas., Miss Hodder, Allan St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Palmerston N., Y's.—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands, 21 Victoria Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Winnie Crabb, 123 College Street; Treas., Miss Maud Randall; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Cassie Bruce

Petone, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd, 34 Britannia St.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Corner, McPherson, and Collins; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burd, 37 Cuba St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Phillips, 6 Heretaunga St., Treas., and White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Johnston, 19 Britannia St

Picton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church. Pres. Mrs Arthur Broadway; Vice Pres. Mesdames Smith and Miller; Sec. & Treas. Mrs Wilkes, York St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Dry, Wai-kana; W.R. Agent, Mrs Jacques, York St; President Band of Hope, Rev. G. K. Stowell.

Ponsonby, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Church of Christ Schoolroom, Ponsonby Rd. Acting-President, Mrs C. R. Vickers, Millais Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Thorne; Sec., Mrs Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Plummer; Treas., Mrs T. Walker, Rose Rd.

Papatoetoe, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Porter; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Leonard; Sec., Mrs J. Bryant; Treas., Mrs Hallberry; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dausley.

Rakaia meets on the 2nd Thursday in the month in the Methodist Church, Anglican S.S., and the Presbyterian S.S. alternately; Mrs Bong, Pres.; Mrs Judkins, Treas.; Mrs Hopwood Sec.

Richmond (Nelson), 2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs L. Sutton, Upper Queen Street; Vice pres. Mesdames Hunt, Field and Price; Sec., Mrs Crapp, Salisbury Rd.; Treas., Mrs Burrough, Hill St; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Pitt, Salisbury Rd.

Sawyer's Bay, 2nd Wednesday in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Allen; Sec., Mrs Wallis; Treasurer, Mrs Findlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supt Home Meetings, Mrs Horn.

Sheffield, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road House Office; Pres., Mrs McIlraith, Annat; Sec., Mrs P. Pitt, Kirwee; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annat.

Stratford, 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Phillips, Brecon Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs Madill and Mrs Foster; Sec., Mrs Fenwick, Cloton Road; Treas., Miss Everiss, Jublet Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs McMillan.

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fullames, East Coast Rd.; Vice Pres., Mrs Veats, Hurstmere Rd.; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd; Treas., Mrs Penning, East Coast Rd.

Tauranga, Meets in Wesley Hall, on third Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 6th Ave. W.; Sec., Mrs Weston, 3rd Ave.; Cor. Sec., Secretary, Mrs Pritchell; Treasurer, Mrs A. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Christensen, 5th Ave.; Cradle Roll, Mrs A. Christensen, 5th Avenue.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Sailor's Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs King, Bank Street; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Trott, Cane Street.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; President, Mrs G. Dash, Naylor St.; Sec., Mrs R. Smith, Edward Street; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangit," Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Foster, Bott and Robertson; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Fose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; "Okioia," Wanganui E.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and McLeod; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett, Nixon St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

Wanganui Dist., 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Emmett; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 165 Victoria Ave.; Rec. Sec., Mrs McKenzie, Wickstead St.; Treas., Mrs Heatley; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Winchmore, 2nd Wednesday alternately at Greenstreet and Winchmore. Pres., Mrs Robinson; Sec., Miss McKay; Treas., Miss Preeble; Vice-President, Mrs McIlroy; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Wright, 127 Constable St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Ball Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, 19 Hiropi St.; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St. L.T.L. Rooms, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Y Branch, Rooms, alternate Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Acting Pres., Mrs McDonald, 8 Huia Rd., Hataitai; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonks Grove; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treas., Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austin Street.

Waipukurau, 2nd Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding Nurse Murphy; Sec., Mrs Reid; W.R. Supt., Mrs Bungay; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Evangelistic, Mrs Stace.

Woodville, meets last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. in Forrester's Hall. Pres., Mrs Shearman, Ormond Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs H. Mills, Gorge Road; Treas., Miss Fastier; Cradle Roll, Mrs Forrest; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.