

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds."

—Luther Burbank.

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FIRST DOMINION OFFICER

Probably some of you will receive your copy of this issue actually at Convention, if you are able to attend. Some may have had it in time to bring it with them.

The retirement from this office of our beloved president of the past eleven years makes the choice of a new president necessary. This choice is in the hands of the members of our unions. They should all send their delegates, with power to vote for them, having found out the wishes of the majority. It is to be hoped that they will all exercise their privilege. It is a comfort to know that both of the ladies nominated are experienced, ardent, able and highly esteemed throughout the Dominion in their own district and local unions. Either of them will have the most loyal support and gratitude of our members everywhere; for it is realised that much courage, much love, and much devotion to our great cause are demanded of those who stand in this high place at the call of their fellow-members. We know that the hand of God will direct and guide, and that both ladies accept the possibility of election, or non-election, in the true spirit of democratic belief that the will of the majority is the only rule by which our officers can be chosen. We earnestly pray that all delegates will understand the importance of their vote, not only

in this matter, but regarding the many things on which a decision will have to be made.

Those unrepresented unions can pray for the presence of God in all the meetings of the Convention, and their thoughts will be felt.

In Mrs. Hiatt we have had a president of most unusual gifts. In every way she was suited to the position.



Mrs. J. Hiatt

Her natural dignity and presence are such as to inspire the utmost respect and confidence. Tact and gentleness combined with firm handling of difficult situations, which are not always avoidable, have characterised her chairmanship. Her deep spirituality has pervaded the atmosphere and has been a very profound influence at each Convention, and we all owe her sincere thanks for this.

In her impassioned utterances on the occasions when public functions have required her to speak about our chosen work, and in her presidential addresses at Convention, we have been proud of and thankful for her. Splendidly she has represented us on these occasions, and her words have been eagerly awaited. Her fearless denunciation of

evil custom, her inspired and inspiring challenge to the powers of darkness have never failed. Her retirement will not erase them from our memories. Those who have heard her voice and seen her face illumined with the intensity of her convictions, will never forget.

Through yet another avenue her influence has been deeply felt. Who, reading her monthly message in our paper, could fail to be helped? It has been as though a strong hand had reached out from the darkness and lifted us to new planes of devotion and faith in our declared aims. How great this help has been, would be difficult to compute. In a day when we have had to face the defection of many whom we had hitherto regarded as staunch supporters of our platform, we have had very special need for just the kind of message which has come to us unfailingly each month.

God bless her! God keep her! And may He give her opportunity in His own way, for the exercise of her consecrated powers through the channel of the W.C.T.U. in the days yet to be.

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NECESSARY CONDITIONS

What is a "safe speed?" The National Safety Council answers that a safe speed takes into account the condition of the car, the condition of the highway, and the ability of the driver.

How about his condition? It might be well to check that also. If he happens to be a user of alcoholic beverages his normal ability is definitely impaired. Drinking does not spell safe driving.—From "The Union Signal," January 5, 1946.

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CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE

That he was not responsible for his actions because he had been drinking beer all afternoon and evening, was the excuse given by a University of Washington student after he attempted to assault a young woman in Seattle. The judge thought otherwise and sentenced him to six months in the county jail.—From "The Union Signal," January 5, 1946.

DEPARTMENTS CALLING

WORK AMONG SEAMEN

Report and Balance Sheet

Presented by W.C.T.U., Timaru, for
Year 1944-1945 as Trustees of South
Canterbury Sailors' Rest

The Timaru Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union presented with pleasure the report and balance-sheet for the year ending November 30, 1945, and in so doing, thank most sincerely all who have helped them in this most important branch of their work.

We give thanks to God that at last hostilities have ceased and we pray that after the strife and turmoil of these post-war months true peace may come to our troubled world.

The past year has seen a considerable increase of shipping in our port and this has meant a greater number of seamen and particularly gunners visiting the Timaru Rest, and taking advantage of its homelike comforts. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have been only too delighted to welcome all servicemen and our committee is deeply grateful for all they have done. Letters of thanks and appreciation are constantly coming to hand, not only from the men themselves, but also from appreciative wives and mothers. One says: "Here in England we are more than grateful to you and to others like you for your goodness to our servicemen." And another, "Thank you for making my husband so welcome in your home." We truly feel that the Timaru Rest is doing all its promoters planned.

During the year we celebrated duly the twenty-first anniversary of the present Rest building and to mark its majority and to give greater comfort and accommodation we have already accepted a tender for the glassing-in of the front verandah. We are sorry that this work could not be completed this year.

Our thanks are due to the Timaru Spinning Guild for woollen comforts, the Waimate Navy League for so often forwarding biscuits, to Mr. C. Martin, our honorary auditor, the "Timaru Herald" for interesting articles on the Rest and our work for the seamen, to local firms and organisations that have sent donations of goods and money and also to all those branches of the W.C.T.U. that show their interest and yearly forwarded gifts of comforts and money.

The following is the list of donors: Timaru Harbour Board; Timaru Borough Council; Timaru Gas Co.; Timaru Spinning Club; Westport Coal Co.; Linton Coal Co.; Canterbury Farmers' Association; Bruce's Ltd.; Wilson & Co.; Rattray & Co.; Waimate Navy League; W. Evans & Co.; Turnbull & Co.; Timaru Milling Co.; Mr. G. T. Dawson; Mr. C. G. Baker; Mrs. Norrie; Dr. Burns; Miss D. Austin; "Air-

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Financial Statement of Timaru Sailors' Rest

RECEIPTS

1944:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance—						
General Fund ..	202	3	5			
Special Fund ..	300	0	0			
				502	3	5
1944-45:						
Donations—						
General	26	13	0			
Unions	10	16	6			
				37	9	6
Interest—						
P.O.				4	5	10
Debentures				12	0	0
				£555	18	9

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
S.S. Stamps	4	10	0
Bonus, Mrs. Woodward	10	0	0
Telephone	7	10	0
Radio Licence	1	5	0
Stamps	0	13	6
Insurances	3	17	9
Reports	0	7	3
Mrs. Woodward, Chairs	6	0	0
Sundries	0	3	5
	34	6	11
Credit Balance	521	11	10
	£555	18	9
B.C. Debentures	300	0	0
Balance in P.O.	221	8	3
Cash in Hand	0	3	7
	£521	11	10

Audited and found correct.

A. C. MARTIN,

Public Accountant,

25/1/46.

Auditor.

PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES

Prisons: Do They Fulfil Their Objects?

In an article published in our October number, 1945, we saw that the function of the prison was to reduce crime by operating along three well-defined lines. The protection of the community, the just punishment of the offender against community laws, and the bringing about of a desire and will to live so that neither the crime nor its retribution will recur in the life of the criminal were the objects to be served.

The question we set ourselves to consider was whether these three aims were, in fact, fulfilled.

So diverse are the opinions of people as to this point that it can only be as

an individual that one can speak. Natural diffidence because of paucity of knowledge prevents anything in the least dogmatic from finding expression here. The words of L. N. Robinson, a U.S.A. authority on the subject of crime and punishment, apply particularly at this point: "No writer on prisons should depend solely on the words of others. He must see for himself and, if possible, take part in the work. . . . No one can know all there is to know about jails and the institutions that are now helping to bear the load of caring for misdemeanant prisoners." This writer also speaks of the extreme difficulty of obtaining any information from those in authority, and of the conflicting statements made by various people regarding the life of prisoners. What applies in his case is intensified for the ordinary investigator; who has no official status to give him the right to seek information.

To begin with, it comes as something of a surprise to find that a school of thought exists which asks the question,

"Why Prisons?"

We have probably never dreamed of a civilisation in which the prison has no place. From the time of Joseph's incarceration in the king's prison by Potiphar, and probably earlier than that, imprisonment has been an easy and ready means of dealing with offenders. In long-past days in England the feudal lords were at liberty to imprison any of their serfs for as long as they chose, without any reason except that of having been offended in some way by the unfortunate culprit. Dungeons were a part of every feudal castle, and strange it is to wander down the ancient stone stairways into the darkness and airlessness of these dreadful places. The Apostles of the early Christian Church knew what imprisonment meant. Our Lord spoke of those "in prison" on many occasions. And so we have grown up in the tradition that the prison is an indispensable adjunct to the preservation of law and order. The very idea of its being abolished is revolutionary, yet it is true that some very far-seeing, able students of the question feel that a case exists for this very thing to happen.

Does the Community Benefit?

In the matter of the first purpose supposed to be served, that of the protection of the community, it is plain that the shutting away of offenders for periods of varying length is, in itself, a protection, but of a very temporary nature. To be sure, the criminal can do nothing to injure his fellow-citizens during his incarceration; but we all know that when he returns to ordinary life eventually, unless some lasting change in his outlook and powers of self-government has occurred, he is as much of a danger as ever. So that, at its face value the mere fact of his having been placed where he could do no harm for a while, is not justified by its results as an effective

way of protecting the community. Doubtless, much more could be said on the subject. This is merely touching on one aspect of the matter.

The Punishment of the Offender

This second object for which the prison exists presents a very much more complicated problem. In the early days of history the prison was usually only used to keep offenders in custody in readiness for their punishment. This, in many cases, was torture, maiming and death; while such means of inducing a better frame of mind in the culprit as the stocks, the pillory, the ducking stool, and the "Scold's Bridle," were resorted to in less heinous cases. The use of the prison as a place of authorised punishment gradually arose from a variety of causes.

As stated in the article above referred to, there is a strong natural feeling in the minds of most people that the person who has caused injury and suffering to another by wanton evil-doing should be made to suffer in some proportionate way. It is natural, without doubt; natural law fulfilling itself thus every day. The obvious danger is, of course, that this urge for the prisoner to suffer is very apt to degenerate into a mere desire for revenge. The fact that the crime committed is the result of something else, which needs to be discovered and dealt with, may very easily be completely ignored, and it may be imagined that all has been done in the matter when the offender has been put where he will have a thoroughly unhappy and uncomfortable and hard time lasting long enough to make him very sorry for himself and very much afraid of repeating the experience. For the difference between justice and revenge the student is recommended to read an essay by G. K. Chesterton entitled "The Twelve Men," contained in a collection called "Tremendous Trifles."

The great difficulty about punishment is that of making any discrimination between those guilty of the same crime because of some difference in motive, or circumstances, or physical conditions. The same crime, however caused, involves the same hardship for the sufferer from it, and it is not easy to differentiate in the treatment of the criminal. In fairness let it be said that much is done to avoid injustice in this regard. Mental illness, previous records, and other circumstances are taken into account when sentence is pronounced, and this is a great advance on the procedure of earlier days. But, it is not yet the rule for every prisoner to be the subject of close study so that the punishment may have more effect than merely to make him suffer in his turn. How pointless such punishment becomes without some understanding of the criminal's individuality. A great deal has been written and spoken on this subject. Its ramifications are endless because human beings are so various. So far as our observa-

tions go for the purposes of our study, it would seem that, whether the punishment suffered in prison has the effect of deterring the prisoner from further crime or not, some more definite attempt to bring him to a better mind is needed. In any case, the numbers of "recidivists" make for a sceptical attitude as to the value of punishment alone.

The Prisoner's Attitude

What is the attitude of the prisoner to life as it is to be when his term is ended? The individuality factor is of course, the deciding one. The same treatment, the same general circumstances, may cause quite different reactions in different people. It would be good if there could be any certainty that his imprisonment would bring about in any man the desire to live so that his experience would not recur. But no such certainty exists. Our concern should be as to whether his treatment in prison has been directed towards this end, or whether the mere punishment was all that influenced those that administered it. This is too complex to be dealt with here; but a quotation from an article by John A. F. Watson, J.P., vice-president of the National Association of Prison Visitors, and chairman of the London Juvenile Courts, may give us something to consider in the meantime. He says: "The history of the English prison is the history of a war between two schools of thought. On the one side were those who regarded all criminals as social outcasts, and who believed that the best way to combat crime was to inflict a retributive punishment so horrible that people would be frightened into good behaviour; on the other were those who believed that the interests of the community were better served by a penal system which, though unpleasant enough to remain a deterrent, made some attempt to reform the offender."

If we can bring ourselves really to think of the criminal as a possible asset rather than a liability to the community, we shall be interested to learn something of the steps taken to produce the change. Our own attitude is important enough to be well examined.

METHODS

Poll Year Suggestions

Dear White Ribboners,

This is election year. Every member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will, I know, be willing to do her part in winning votes for the abolition of the liquor traffic.

Let us start our campaign now by first organising meetings for prayer. If each union, no matter how small, would meet and pray for **God's help** what a sure foundation that would be to build a strong organisation for the campaign.

Then, begin now to enclose literature in letters, to paste temperance facts on envelopes. The public needs educating. When you give or write medical temperance facts, always give the name of the doctor or scientist responsible for it. It will carry more weight.

A valuable method of gaining more votes would be to increase the names on our L.W.R. Cradle Roll, and to form L.T.L. or Bands of Hope. In this way we would have the opportunity of contacting the parents.

Are we giving as much help to the "Y" branches as we could? Our "Y" branches need building up. We know there will be thousands of first-voters this year. What are we doing to catch their votes? If we are going to succeed let us start now.

Every month your officers and superintendent will try to make some plans of work for the poll, and I would like to suggest that unions be asked to report how many they carried out at the end of the year.

Yours in the Master's service,

AMY KASPER,

Superintendent,

Methods Department.

A further suggestion as to our efforts for this momentous year is sent in anonymously:—

At each meeting of the union let the following questions be asked: "Have you attempted any definite temperance work during the past month? Are you trying to influence a child, or an adolescent, to become a total abstainer? Hands up for an affirmative answer?" And if not, why not?

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INTERESTING

COMPILATION

Officials of the Office of Price Administration in Newark, New Jersey, allotted 5,459,997 pounds of sugar for home canning from April 1 to October 27. After careful study of this figure, the officials declared that if all this sugar had been used for fruit canning, it would have made 21,839,988 quart jars and, laid end to end, these jars would have covered the distance from Newark to London, England. This would have given eight and a half quarts of canned fruit to every man, woman, and child in the 21 North Jersey counties covered by this board.

Adding the sugar allotted to the manufacture of alcoholic beverages in the State, many families in Europe who have not tasted canned fruit for many years, could have been bountifully supplied. — From "The Union Signal," January 5, 1946.

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"THE CHILD ENTHRONED"

In the picture a magnificent golden throne inlaid with jewels was occupied by a lovely child. Gorgeous, flower- and foliage-embroidered draperies, splendid wall decorations, and a radiant crown served as the glorious setting for one who was all the children of the world. Her thoughtful, mystical expression; innocent, wondering eyes; the calm trustfulness shown in her unperturbed, restful attitude; and the pure beauty of the little face, drew the eye and held it long before the marvellous art which had gone into the painting of the exquisite fabrics, the carved ivory and jade, and the whole build-up of the picture were perceived. They were almost lost sight of. The Child was all one could at first realise.

As I gazed, other pictures came before my inward eye. A dear old one of a long-past fashion was among them. This was of "His Majesty the Baby" being solemnly guarded in his passage across a crowded thoroughfare by a burly policeman while cabbies and bus-drivers grinned their entire approval at being "held up" for the chubby infant. Another flickered through the mists of memory, and I felt the old catch of the breath as I saw the heart-breaking face of the child appearing in court for "His First Offence." More pictures came and went as I mused. Long-quiet memories stirred to life again.

"Enthroned"

In a half-dream I saw children. Some were lovely in health and happiness. Some were weary with toil, and thin and haggard for want of food. Some bore evidence of shock and terrors borne through long months of fear and overwhelming tumult. Poor, little, suffering ones of the world! And yet, how much love and care was given for them? In hearts and homes, they

occupied the throne, and even in communities, their rule was the guiding factor. Heirs of the royal throne, of the splendid regalia of sovereignty, they were. Only, the robes were worn and crushed, and the gold had tarnished. They were still, in the person of the beautiful child on the throne, royal.

The Royal Bodyguard

In my waking dream I saw a uniformed woman holding converse with one about to become a mother. Serious faces and anxious voices told of keen desire for all to be well for the coming of the child. And then, I saw the young mother with her lovely babe in her arms; and another uniformed woman smilingly instructing her and guarding the well-being of the child. Later, yet another uniformed woman was examining his teeth. He was now grown from babyhood and able to walk to the "dental clinic." Then, he was going to school, and a whole army of people co-operated in the task of fitting him for his own work in the world. His physical condition was a cause of almost hysterical concern. Games, physical culture, hygiene, medical attention, apples and milk, were all employed to provide a perfect health and equipment for his permanent possession. His safety in the street was provided for by lectures given by highly qualified people who made a fascinating game of the precautions he must learn to take in his perilous passings to and fro among the speeding traffic. Swimming was made a matter of immense importance, and life-saving was taught him so that he could help in preserving the safety of his fellows. Every possible help was at his call in his studies. Opportunities were given for his higher education. In a trailing cloud of glory he triumphed his way to the university.

The Vulnerable Point

My dream became more involved. I seemed to see women whose heads were bowed and whose eyes were dim with tears. They were weeping for their sons who had once been lovely babes in their arms—their sons whose faces were marred by disease, and hardened with vice, whose lives, so full of promise, had turned into the wrong channels, and decency with honour had fled. Some were in prison; some were lost to all sense of shame and had abandoned themselves to their ghastly

fate. And the mothers wept. The fathers groaned to see the sons in whom they had so rejoiced, degraded and brought to ruin. Someone cried out: "We were guarded at all points but one. No one told us what could happen there if we were not armed and prepared." Another voice cried: "O how could we be left to find out for ourselves that all the things our education, our training, our development, had brought to us could become as nothing if that one place were not guarded?" "We did not know"; "We only thought we were being manly"; "No warning was given us." The sad, bitter voice echoed through my dream and I awoke with tears falling down.

Only a Dream?

It had only been a dream, but I thought of that vulnerable place left in the armour of the youth of our land. For every other danger and contingency, he is equipped and prepared, but for the greatest and most powerful foe, he is unprotected, except where home upbringing and Christian influences have been brought to bear upon his developing character. "Enthroned"—oh, yes! Yet betrayed by a culpable refusal to teach him in his school life while yet his mind is plastic and his ideals high with that wondrous illumined glory that never returns when once it is dimmed; that in strong drink a most terrible force will be encountered which can overturn and ruin the whole structure of beautiful life so carefully erected through the years of childhood. What words can express the crass stupidity that allows the feeble statement to be made that "Temperance education is really compulsory, but that it is left to the individual teacher to carry it out if he wishes." With what indignation such a statement with regard to physical education, or arithmetic, or anything else, would be received. Yet it has been made for many years.

Our Task

Can it be that we have not shouldered our responsibility either? Have we grasped our opportunities? Does every union feel that whatever else is or is not undertaken, this should be faced?

We are looking to the future. What it will be depends on the present. In this year of the poll, let us take up

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Friends,

I want to thank Mrs. Christian for her sympathetic mention in the "W.R." of the passing of my beloved sister.

"We loved her well, but Jesus loved her best." She was a stalwart for temperance, and for "Whatsoever things were honest, just and pure, whatsoever things were lovely and of good report." She is now with her Saviour Whom she loved and served from girlhood. Will all my "W.R." friends please accept the thanks and appreciation of my sister and myself for the expressions of sympathy and love which have helped us to face up to our loss?

When our comrades reach up to cloudless day, it is for us to win more votes for righteousness; that God's cause shall not diminish because He has called some of His workers home. May He give us more courage this year to work more earnestly for Him than ever.

I hope to meet many of you at Convention. Pray for Convention. Pray for the new leaders, whoever they may be. It is God's cause. No one should be in His work for their own glorification. I do pray that we may see Jesus only, and work for His glory and for the destruction of all that hinders the progress of the Gospel of Peace and Goodwill.

Yours with heartfelt thanks for all the loyalty and good fellowship which I have enjoyed as your president for eleven years.

JESSIE HIETT.



READERS' VIEWS

Dear Editor,

I was interested in "Readers' Views" in the February "White Ribbon" and as a president who has passed the fifty-five mark some years ago, I would like to pass on the opinion of the late John Buchan, author of "Memory Holds the Door."

"As we age, the mystery of time more and more dominates the mind. We live less in the present, which no longer has the solidity it had in youth, less in the future, for the future every day narrows its span. The abiding things lie in the past . . . have no new theory of time to propound; but I would declare my belief that it preserves and quickens rather than destroys. An experience, especially in youth, is quickly overlaid by others, and is not at the moment fully comprehended. Time hurries it from us, but also keeps it in store, and it can interpret its meaning and enjoy its savour."

Yours sincerely,

JESSIE HIETT.

CAMPAIGNING IDEAS

Several suggestions have been made for our work this year. The importance of beginning early with any special work cannot be over-estimated. The year flies and when polling day is imminent, we wish we had begun months before. Well-laid plans are half the battle.

Here are some of the plans suggested.

Work Among Children.—Unions are urged to awake interest by having the "Y.P. Supplement" distributed in Sunday schools. In some cases, the day schools can be contacted through the children themselves, who can pass out the "Supplements" among their friends who do not go to Sunday school. The "Supplement" is supplied separately from the "W.R." at the cost of 2/- per hundred. A useful piece of work can be undertaken perhaps by a member who does not hold any office, in seeing to the sending of the approximate number required to Sunday schools and young people's organisations. Then, of course, the organisation of L.T.L. or Band of Hope should be started **now**. Committees should be formed and every effort made to secure a good start. We reprint below a letter received last year from which much help can be gained. We know that splendid work was done at Opotiki last year, the Band of Hope meetings being crowded each time of meeting.

Other work indicated includes the use of literature in letters, and on sundry occasions as they occur. This involves having a good supply of leaflets, stickers, slogans, etc., always on hand. Get your literature superintendent to go into this and be ready to finance her work generously.

Then, we have the idea of having temperance facts printed in our local newspapers. One place we know of has a new fact advertised each week, and the cost is not very great. This has led to more than one interesting development in regard to changes of thought among readers. The cinema can also be used. Slides are available on loan from the Alliance. The cost is fairly high for this but even a little now and then touches a large number of people otherwise unlikely to be contacted.

Work among church members is felt to be very much needed. The laxity of thought manifesting itself here and there gives us the gravest feelings of apprehension. If we could arrange with our own guilds to have at least one talk between now and the poll, on the temperance question as it affects our vote, and have a very carefully prepared address to give with answers for questioners well authenticated, good results would be assured. Have personal visits planned for between our members and church members. Arrange home meetings inviting church members along. But always be sure of your ammunition; that is, your

supply of information, as well as your abstract grounds of approach.

And the greatest power of all, which will make any and all of these plans effective, is that of prayer. Individual and corporate prayer will strengthen our hands and will put our work on the high level it should attain. The continued sense of God's blessing and the placing of ourselves and our planning in His hands are so necessary that this should occupy the first place in our planning. Our evangelistic superintendents will gladly make provision for this in connection with our meetings and, as is done by some unions, special days of prayer or meetings for prayer can also be arranged. But let us not think that we can do without this power behind and around all we do.

Here is the letter referred to above:

"The last meeting was very successful, and such a wet, cold night; but we had to bring in extra seating. The foundation of our procedure is prayer. Then I have done visiting at homes to create an interest, which it always does, but it is an effort. Then the meeting begins with hymn and prayer. Then comes a chorus, and this makes a singing competition for boys and girls as a solo. A high school teacher judges, and a small prize is given to the best boy and girl. Then comes a "tongue twister" dealing with strong drink, and these are also judged and small prizes, mostly donated by W.C.T.U. members, are given. Then we have an elocution competition, well arranged beforehand, and for this marks are recorded, and a silver cup is awarded at the end of the year for the one with most points. Everything is either gospel or strong-drink lessons. Then we have one or two items contributed by visitors. The vicar brought his junior choir along, and a classical ballet was produced by a local teacher. This means new children hearing great truths. We have a ten-minute address and this is always very good. The headmaster gives out the announcements I send along to the school. The scoutmaster puts off his parade on our nights. To give an idea of the numbers attending, our last collection, almost all in pennies, amounted to £1 10/3. Mrs. Sinclair, as pianist, is a tower of strength."

Pledge-signing

All our efforts should have as their ultimate objective the securing of recruits to the cause of temperance. And should be worked for systematically. There is a great returning to this as a positive and constructive way of building up our ranks. In our next issue more will be said about it, but for the present the suggestion is made that Temperance Sunday, which is in September, should be made a focal point for this. It is so easy for the date to be overlooked and even forgotten that we are planning to keep it before our readers.

Watch this section each month.

REGARDING - MRS. IDA B. WISE SMITH

Ex-National President, U.S.A.
W.C.T.U.

An article of quite peculiar interest to W.C.T.U. members the world over appeared in a "Readers' Digest" last year, entitled "God's Angry Lady." This referred to the then national president, U.S.A., Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, who retired from office at the 1944 convention after eleven years as president.

In the article, the writer drew a graphic picture of Mrs. Smith's methods in dealing openly with all her energy with the hosts of evil in their activities connected with the liquor traffic. The article is certainly illuminating.

"Once," says the writer, "when Iowa's liquor dealers held their convention in Cedar Rapids and were greeted officially by the mayor, the doughty Mrs. Smith prepared her own 'greetings.'"

"Shall we greet you as those who wreck homes, debauch manhood, prostitute womanhood, disgrace and impoverish childhood?" she asked in a pamphlet that has since been translated into twelve languages. "Shall we greet you as those who place upon the tax-payer the heaviest burden in caring for the results of your traffic?"

"The pamphlets showered down upon Cedar Rapids like rain, and the conventioners were felled like ninepins by her broadside."

Reference is made to the fact that through her "legions" Mrs. Smith is able to have temperance gospel "trumpeted on the air and in the newspapers," and evidently there is little trouble in having temperance dramas and speeches put over the air, when she provides the transcriptions free.

"As a twenty-year-old lass she burned when she read that Chicago saloon-keepers had invited children into an adjoining room and given them a mixture of whiskey and lemonade," continues the writer. "Mrs. Smith's slogan-makers coin signs that people remember, to the sorrow of the liquor dealers, who have ceased laughing her off as 'just one of these reformers.' 'A Friendly Glass May Cause An Un-Friendly Crash!' is a typical road sign erected by local branches of the W.C.T.U."

"One of the W.C.T.U.'s many pamphlets is called 'How to have Fun without Hangovers.' An habitual drunkard in Detroit picked up the piece and found to his surprise that he could have fun without drinking. He attributes his happy home life today to the cheerful advice in the pamphlet."

"In Massachusetts the influence of the W.C.T.U. is so profound that liquor advertisers are forbidden by law to use pictures, names, characters or phrases lifted from the Bible."

"Ida Smith has no patience with polite hush-hushing of any social evils, especially those she attributes to the

operations of 400,000 retail liquor outlets. 'I say, talk about it,' she says cracklingly. 'When thousands of women set out to talk about a thing, it's apt to come about. The same elements responsible for repeal may bring about the repeal of repeal.'"

Some years ago, Mrs. Smith backed the city fathers of Rochester into a corner by asking why they allowed relief clients to cash checks in saloons. "So taxpayers are now setting up the drinks to persons on relief!" she purred. The situation was soon changed.

In Dallas, a group of high school disciples of the W.C.T.U. went out and bought 170 bottles of whiskey, wine and beer, although all were under age. Mrs. Smith's organ published their photograph revealing them standing next to a table laden with their illicit purchases. Worried Dallas "cops" tightened up on such illegal sales after that.

Getting back to the liquor people—their mood is positively indigo, thanks to Mrs. Smith's sorties. As one Chicago distributor mourned: "If only she'd have stayed in Iowa, everything would have been jake!"

So the article concludes. As W.C.T.U. members, we are proud to realise something of the effect produced by the devotion to the cause of Mrs. Smith and her "legions." Inspiration follows on the reading of such a story. Opportunity awaits us here in New Zealand to use some of the weapons indicated in this article. We have a "slogan" competition and a leaflet competition in progress now, but there is no need for our ideas to remain dormant even when the closing date is past, for our Dominion officers are always delighted to receive suggestions along these lines.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Cradle Roll Banner which has been held since 1944 should be sent at once to Mrs. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale Street, New Brighton. It will be needed at Convention.

For Reporters and Contributors. Owing to Convention, the editor asks that all reports sent after February 28 should be addressed to Mrs. Christian, W.C.T.U. Convention, Durham Street Methodist Church, Christchurch.

Two Hundred Band of Hope Recitations

The second thousand copies of the book of 200 Band of Hope recitations written by Mr. George Dash, and published as a gift from him to Youth is now in the press. The first thousand were given as follows:—

W.C.T.U., 150 copies; workers and temperance friends in New Zealand, 230 copies; New Zealand Bands of Hope, boys' and girls' homes, Sunday schools, etc., 320 copies.

Overseas, 300; mainly in Australia, but going as far as Nova Scotia.

Copies from the second thousand are available on application to Mr. George Dash, Box 27, Waimate, New Zealand.

FROM OUR "EXCHANGES"

The "New Zealand Baptist," January issue, 1946, says, speaking on the Liquor Commission:—

People should not forget that the whole set-up of the liquor trade in the Dominion has been scrutinised by a Royal Commission. A mass of evidence has been collated and argued over by learned counsel. Till the Commission pronounces, through Mr. Justice Smith, on the whole issue, it would be improper to comment. The public should, however, recognise that when the report comes forth it will not be legislation. If drastic proposals are made—and we have every right to expect that they will be—the lobbies of the House will buzz with intrigue. The trade will fight against everything but innocuous reform. But who, that has casually read the evidence through the past few months, will doubt that the interests of the country demand "root and branch" treatment. We have been very impressed with the care and skill shown by Mr. H. W. Milner in collating evidence, and in displaying vital points in the "Vanguard." This is especially so in the issue for August-October, on the Maori issue. The honour of the country is at stake. Most solemn imperial pledges guaranteed the Maori race from the incursions of the vulture trade. It should be remembered that the chieftains who brought the great expedition to New Zealand deliberately renounced the secret of distillation, well enough known in the Islands. They established a nation, singularly powerful and healthy, beyond all others, as Captain Cook bore witness. But "fire water," introduced by Sydney traders and by whalers, played havoc with the natives. The despoiling of lands, under the whiskey lure, was a scandal that cried to Heaven. We have no desire to enlarge on the matter here, beyond saying that the recent pact regarding the King Country makes the New Zealand Government solemnly responsible for the exclusion of liquor from the central territory. We wait, with some impatience, to hear what the commission will say and how the Government will react.

From the "Scottish Women's Temperance News":—

The "Monthly Bulletin" of July, 1945, has accurately summed up the difference between the liquor trade and temperance activities, by stating that the trade is "pressing its own interests whereas the temperance party is always urging a moral cause." It is this "moral cause" which calls for the continued devotion and energy of all who would save the nation from a return of those "bad old days," to remedy which the temperance movement came into being. We need to recapture some of the spirit and enthusiasm of those early pioneers. The country can never repay the debt it owes to them, but we, in the movement, can at least discharge part of our obligation by carrying to a successful issue the work they started.

March 1, 1946.

SPECIAL REPORTS

CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Palmerston North

The annual party was held on Saturday afternoon, February 9, in St. Andrews' Hall, and was attended by about 70 children and 40 adults.

* Proceedings began with a verse of "Jesus Loves Me," and a short prayer, after which each child was presented with a paper cap, the work of Mrs. E. Carter. The opportunity was taken of presenting Mrs. Carter with a posy and small gift as a token of thanks for having made the caps for many years in succession.

The programme began with songs and recitations by the children, after which a story was told by Miss L. C. Thompson, who was mistress of ceremonies. It was about some foolish geese who ate some fermented jam thrown out by the housewife. It was fermented to such an extent that the geese became drunk, and fell down and went to sleep. The housewife, thinking they were dead, plucked out all their feathers, but, to her amazement, after a few hours they became alive again! Many people were more foolish than the geese, for they drank fermented liquor, and should know better.

After the story came a few games and afternoon tea. On departing, each child was presented with a gift and some sweets, while the mothers were each given a temperance leaflet called "To Mothers."

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Something of a controversy is going on in health enthusiast circles as to whether wholemeal bread is all that is sometimes claimed for it. The writer had the privilege of hearing a very interesting story the other day, and in the interests of those who are anxious to do what is best for their families in the matter of diet, passes it on.

Some time ago at the Auckland Zoo disease manifested itself among some of the captive animals. Tuberculosis, blindness, and skin troubles of a very serious nature were among the many manifestations of something being wrong. Several animals had to be destroyed. The Zoo was closed for some time while investigations were made. A little bear, blind, his skin in a very bad state with sores, and without any hair at all on his body, was put under close care and observation. Previously the animals had been given a good deal of stale white bread to eat. This was now replaced for them all with stale wholemeal bread. In the case of the little bear, the bread was smeared with codliver oil. In one month the sores had dried up on the

SIT DOWN AND PURL

All sorts of sit-down strikes seem to be quite in order. Even the lovelorn Swain has copied the labouring man's technique, and refused to budge from his self-imposed sit-down-on-the-floor until his heart's choice responded to his proposal with a somewhat deferred "Yes." Indeed, the sit-down protest is fast becoming as popular as mah jong and crossword puzzles in their heyday—but it is not new.

Back in Indiana more than one hundred years ago the righteous women of Mooresville sat down and knitted to show their determined opposition to the sale of liquor in their town. They did not sit down in their own homes, or in a church or some other highly respectable place. No, they invaded the only saloon in town and took possession of, and purled the hours away.

And was the proprietor's face red? He had a full house, but no customers. The "boys" simply would not patronise that bar as long as the ladies were present. As for the ladies, they worked in relays or shifts, all day and all night, purling in the most zealous manner. The women labelled their action "a strike for decency."

That saloon-keeper of 1831 gnashed his teeth and argued a bit, and stood his ground for several days. Somehow he could not get the knitters to listen to his reasoning. They refused to gather up their needles and yarn, and go home. Finally the man agreed to get out of town, and take his stock of liquor along; but the ladies remained until he had fulfilled his promise.—From "Stop Press."

skin. In two months Master Bruin had begun to see enough to be able to find his food when it was thrown to him, and in six months he was able to see as well as any other animal or human. He had grown a good coat of fur; and now stood on his hind legs and caught the food when it was thrown to him in traditional bear fashion. Other animals not too far gone reacted similarly and the trouble was pretty well remedied. Brown, unpolished rice, now unobtainable, was also a great part of the little bear's diet.

"So what?"

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IN MEMORIAM

Miss M. McCallum, Invercargill South

It was with deep sorrow that the news of the passing on of our beloved friend and comrade, Miss Mary McCallum, was received. Her work as "Bulletin" agent brought her into contact with many of us, and her bright, cheerful personality made her an outstanding figure. The following is contributed by Mrs. Reidy, secretary of the Invercargill South Union.

"Our sympathy goes out to the relatives of our beloved and valuable sister, Miss Mary McCallum, from the Invercargill South W.C.T.U. Although in very frail health for some time, she really died in harness as it were. She had a broad Christian outlook and was ever ready and willing to help others in need of the truth. She was a great idealist, seeing visions and dreaming dreams. The best feature of her was her ideal of citizenship. She was one of those who saw that citizenship had widened its horizon to include the whole world. Did the Creative Purpose create and fashion that fine human life only to end it all in the frustration and futility of death? Death cannot be the Creator's last word. That the future life will surely be not less than this life, we know; but it will be greater and richer. Transplanted human work will bloom to profit everywhere."

Miss L. M. Read, Ponsonby

On Sunday, January 20, one of the best-known and best-loved of the members of the W.C.T.U. was called to higher service, in the person of Miss L. M. Read. Very quiet was her passing, she just fell asleep to awake in the Heavenly Father's home.

The late Miss Read was one of the first members of the Ponsonby Union when it was reorganised by Mrs. Lee Cowie in 1923. Miss Read had, previous to this, been a member of the Auckland Union. She was for some years the secretary of Ponsonby, and when Mrs. Lee Cowie resigned the presidency in 1928, Miss Read succeeded her, holding the position for fourteen years. Miss Read also held all the offices in the district at different times, being district president for two years, vice-president for five years. She will be greatly missed for her loyal and faithful service to the W.C.T.U. over a long period of years.—Contributed by Mrs. R. A. Joiner.

The Child Enthroned—from page 4.

the challenge. It is not possible to know how far the influence of our efforts may be felt. Evidence is not wanting that the children can and do wield a direct influence in the home by what they learn elsewhere.

Difficulties? Of course there are. They rise on every hand. But surely we of the W.C.T.U. have seen how these can disappear before the mighty power of our God?

Let the Child be enthroned in our unions. God help us all as we plan,

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

September 11-13, 1945, at St. Andrew's Hall, Durban, Natal

1. Peace

That as citizens we desire to place on record our deep sense of gratitude and thanks to Almighty God that the European and Eastern conflicts have ended in complete victory for the freedom-loving nations of the world.

2. Religious Influence

Because the home is the foundation of our South African democracy, we emphasise the need for greater religious influence in the home in character building, and in the education of parents to the dangers inherent in alcohol.

3. Cinema Advertisements

That in accordance with the recommendations of important commissions and the action of governments in other countries, we urge that the advertising of liquor on the radio and the screen and elsewhere be abolished or severely restricted in numbers.

4. Matinee Advertisements

That all unions are urged to approach their local cinema managers with a request that in the interest of our young people all liquor advertisements be banned from matinee performances.

5. Film Drinking Scenes

That the S.A.W.C.T.U. request the National W.C.T.U. in those countries which produce motion pictures to use their influence to eliminate the portrayal of drinking scenes and drunken characters from the films, since we are opposed to any medium which conveys the false impression that the drinking of intoxicating liquor is a correct or approved method of conduct.



Is There More Bootlegging Now Than During Prohibition?

The "United States News," published in Washington, D.C., recently had this to say on the bootlegging issue: "With repeal it was hoped the bootlegger would go, but Uncle Sam's battle to put him out of business continues on an enlarged scale, with increased forces in the fray."

According to the same item, 2,000 more men are employed to fight bootleggers than were on the job during prohibition. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, said: "Repeal hasn't put a dent in the operation of large-scale moonshiners and bootleggers."—"Our Message," Mass.

The wet propaganda under prohibition was that jails and prisons were crowded and the states were having to build more jails to take care of the in-

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

[Contributions to this column will be appreciated.—Ed.]

At the February meeting of the Palmerston North Union Miss Jamieson, delegate to the National Council of Women, gave a talk on the work of the council, stating that there were now fourteen affiliated societies in the Manawatu branch, representing over 4,000 women. The motto was "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." The council served to unite the women of the various organisations so that they could work together for the common good. An example of how this could be done had been given recently in a united effort made by women's organisations in collecting money to be spent on food parcels for Britain as a mark of appreciation from the women of New Zealand of the wonderful spirit and courage shown by British women during the war. Manawatu had raised £375, but the highest amount had been £1,000, raised by Invercargill, while Dunedin came second with £940.

Another enterprise in which women could work together for the common good was the raising of £100,000 for a Chair of Obstetrics to be established in Auckland. Why was it necessary to have a professor at the head of maternity work in New Zealand? There were far too many still-born babies, and far too many women dying in childbirth, and these things could only be prevented by knowledge and more knowledge. Therefore, the very best brains were to be requisitioned, and the man with ability and expert knowledge would require a good salary, hence the necessity for raising the above-named sum, so that his income would be assured. It was up to the women of New Zealand to do their very best for the women of their generation and for those to come after.

Another good work in which women of various organisations could unite was in providing food for the starving people of Europe. This was being done by the organisation known as "CORSO" (Council of Relief Organisations Overseas), and it deserved every support. To assist stricken humanity was the first duty of every Christian.

crease in crime due to prohibition. The truth is that Judge Gammill, who collected the prison statistics from a number of leading states, did not find a single state or a single prison where there was not a marked decrease in prison population in 1919-1920.

In nineteen large cities, each over 300,000 population, the reported deaths from alcoholism fell from a total of 1,954 in 1916 to 321 in 1920, a decrease of 83 per cent.

—Both from "W.R. Ensign," California.

Domestic Interlude

FOR THE CATERER
HEALTHFUL SUMMER DRINKS

These temperance drinks may be useful when parties are being arranged. Delicious, invigorating and unusual, they are sure to be very popular.

Peach Cocktail

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy peach syrup
3 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ginger ale.
Serve with crushed ice.

Strawberry or Raspberry Punch

Squeeze the juice from ripe berries, and pour two cups of it on 1 cup of sugar. When dissolved add the juice of one lemon and 1 quart of ice water. Serve with crushed ice and a few whole berries.

Spice Iced Tea

Put into teapot—
6 teaspoons tea
12 cloves, and add
3 cups boiling water.
Steep four minutes. Strain into glasses one-third full of cracked ice. Sweeten to taste and serve with a thin slice of lemon in each glass.

Mint Cup

Mix—
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
juice of 5 lemons
leaves of a bunch of mint.
Cover and let stand 30 minutes.
Strain into punch bowl. Add ice and 3 bottles ginger ale.

Charleston Punch

Juice of—
2 dozen lemons
2 dozen limes
1 large pineapple finely chopped
3 cups sugar
2 quarts soda water
2 quarts ginger ale.

Unfermented Grape Juice

Heat 10lb. grapes with one cup water till stones and pulp separate. Strain through jelly bag. Add 1 cup sugar. Heat to boiling point and bottle. Makes one gallon. When serving dilute to half with water.

Ginger Beer (Plant)

To start plant, dissolve three-quarter cup of sugar in hot water.

Add—
1 tablespoon ground ginger
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, sliced.

Put in screw-top jar and fill with water (cold). Seal lightly and leave for two days. Then strain liquid off and bottle. Thereafter, strain liquid off daily and add—

1 teaspoon ginger
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, sliced.

Remove some of the grounds occasionally to keep from becoming too hot.

Fruit Punch—1

(Serves twenty people)

Boil 2 cups sugar with 3 cups water.
Add—

- 1 cup strong tea
- 1 cup strained orange juice
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup strained lemon juice
- 1 cup strained passion fruit juice
- 1 bottle apple juice.

Just before serving add 3 bottles ginger ale and ice.

Fruit Punch—2

- 3 lemons, juice and grated rind
- 1 orange, juice and grated rind
- 12 lemons, juice only
- 6 oranges, juice only
- Juice from one pineapple, or 1 tin pineapple

- 2 cups sugar boiled with
- 4 cups water.

Serve with 2 quarts soda water.

Cocoa Syrup

(A time economy)

Mix to a paste—

- 1 cup cocoa
- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cups water

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt in top of double boiler. Cook till thick. Will keep in screw-top jar at least two weeks, or indefinitely in a refrigerator. Use in proportion of 1 dessert spoon to 1 cup milk. May be hot or cold, with or without ice-cream or whipped cream.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

A correspondent suggests that as our organisation is for "God, Home and Humanity" a little space for the woman who as a good home-maker is interested in new, nice cookery recipes, in our paper is a good idea. Well, anything is worth trying if it will add interest to our columns, but it must always be remembered that while space is so limited, we must be sure that our material is really helpful to our great cause. A great many periodicals provide homecraft helps, but we are the only one to supply the special fare needed for our work. It is nice to have these recipes as a sort of surprise now and then, and we are glad to publish them.

MALT BISCUITS

4 oz. butter, 1 large tablespoonful each of sugar, plain malt, and golden syrup. Beat well together, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of flour and 1 teaspoonful of baking soda sifted together. Mix well. Roll into small balls with the hands. Place on greased slide; press down with fork and bake in moderate oven a golden brown.

BRAN GEMS.

1 Cup each of bran and flour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1 cup raisins, 2 tablespoonfuls golden syrup, 1 level teaspoon baking soda dissolved in one cup of milk. Do not have mixture too dry. Fill hot buttered gem irons and bake in good oven about twenty minutes.

ULTIMATE VALUES

'Tis not the things which are close at hand

Which we seek for day by day,
Which will build up treasure for us in heaven

For that bright Eternal Day.

'Tis not the selfish longing for that Vain wish to be fulfilled;

But the toiling and striving and sowing;

And the soil which has been well tilled.

That will bring a plenteous harvest In the vintage of our Lord;

'Tis the tender smile and the loving deed

And the faithfully proclaimed Word.

'Tis not the wealth that we gather here

But all that we spend for Him

That the Lord will take into account that day

When the things of earth grow dim.

As Abraham looked by faith afar

He could see the Lamb of God

Who was to be slain for the sin of the World,

So in God's strength he trod.

His earthly treasure he gladly gave

At his Father's command;

Depending on God's promise

That his seed should inherit the land.

And, God, Who saw that faith so strong

Of one by His wisdom led

Wrote down in His "Book of Remembrance"

The "Ultimate Values" ahead.

And Paul—who the wonderful letters wrote

That we might know our God

Was unknowingly walking the evil path

Till God's voice showed the way he trod.

But once he saw and turned about

To follow the Lord—To adore;

God opened his eyes—revealing the truth

And teaching him more and more.

So Paul—whom we love for bringing near

Him Who was raised from the dead;

And the wonderful Holy Spirit's power,
Saw the Ultimate Values ahead.

The sower who goes forth to sow,

The field to prepare and spread;

Does not only see the well-tilled soil
But the ultimate value ahead.

So when God saves a soul from sin,

And revives a man once dead;

He digs and harrows and breaks to bits;

Then with seeds of truth He'll spread.

And the fruits of the spirit will soon be seen

As he reads God's Word; and will pray

The Ultimate Values ahead again,
Are showing from day to day.

As Christ hung upon the Cross of shame

To redeem a world from sin,

God not only saw His Son crucified
But the state of His heart within.

He saw that picture in all its truth;

Not one point escaped our God;

He knew how the world derided with hate

The One who so fearlessly trod

This hard, hard path—He saw the thorns

Of the crown upon His head

But He saw the triumph of Right over Wrong

And the "Ultimate Values" ahead.

He knew that this life and death of His Son

Uplifted for man to die;

Would remain uplifted the ages through;

And He, with His far-seeing eye

Could see those who would follow their glorious Lord,

Whom God hath raised from the dead

To life everlasting -- Let us always press on

To the "Ultimate Values" ahead.

—"Ultimate Values" by Veeda.

This poem is from the pen of "Veeda," who advertises prayer calendars, booklets, etc., suitable for gifts, with a special discount to unions. A sample parcel has come to hand and we can recommend unions to send for some of these very charming little productions. There will be a ready sale on "bring and buy" tables. Particulars of discounts, etc., will be supplied on application to "Veeda and Co.," 350 Dominion Road, Auckland.



SOME TEMPERANCE FACTS

From Kohi-St. Heliers: "Vitamins are stored sunshine. There are none in alcohol."

"Beer has no place in the training of athletes."—Coach Harry Hughes.

A drive to abolish all liquor advertisements in the province has been initiated by Socialist members of the Parliament of British Columbia. Drink advertisements on hoardings are already prohibited by law. We wish they were in New Zealand.—From Brooklyn Union.

BACK TO THE FOLD

By Mrs. Lee-Cowie

'Twas a sheep not a lamb that strayed away
In the parable Jesus told;
A grown-up sheep had gone astray
From the ninety-nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought,
And back to the flock, safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,
And-as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger. If they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go wrong, it will not take long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep, we earnestly plead
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

The above poem has been received from Mrs. Lee-Cowie with several interesting programmes of Church services of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Los Angeles, California.

It is good to know that our dear old friend is still energetic in the service of her Master, as is shown by various notices in the programme announcing her as the speaker or preacher for different occasions.

We wish her continued health and joy in the work she is carrying on.



CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Fencourt

A very enjoyable Cradle Roll Party was held in the Fencourt Sunday School Hall on February 9th. Mrs. Clark, President, presided; and Miss P. Rickard took the Devotional period. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Roberts, Miss E. Turner, Miss A. Archer, and the Misses G. and O. Clark; Miss J. Archer rendering a pianoforte solo. Mrs. Clark extended a cordial welcome to all present; and also expressed her sorrow that the speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Gatman, was unable to be present owing to illness. Mrs. A. Wiseman, C.R. Superintendent, and Miss G. Clark presented each child under eight years of age with a gift from the tree. Mrs. Kemsley, President of the Cambridge Union, initiated two new members for our Union. The singing of a hymn, serving of tea, and the Benediction brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Auckland, February 4: The first meeting for the new year. Mrs. J. W. Long, district president, in the chair. Good attendance. Mrs. Long was appointed to represent the district at the forthcoming Dominion Convention. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Miss L. M. Read, who was at one time district president. A letter from the world president, Miss Ella Boole, was read, telling of the postponement of the World Convention till 1947. The report on the work being done at our Maori Hostel, given by Mrs. Long, showed that at present 24 girls are in residence there. Tentative plans were made for poll work for the election which will take place towards the end of the year.

UNION REPORTS

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, January 30: First meeting of the year. President, Mrs. Haywood took devotions. Treasurer reported on district executive meeting held at Eltham in December. Plans and arrangements in preparation for the district convention to be held at Hawera in February. President closed meeting with prayer and Benediction.

New Plymouth, January 30: Monthly meeting. Small attendance. Devotions. Temperance fact. Sympathy with sick, and in the passing of Miss Ashworth, an aged, but interested member. District convention, February 14. Delegate appointed for Dominion Convention. Accounts passed. Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, February meeting: Good attendance to start the year, nineteen being present. Devotions led by Mrs. Wadsworth on the keynote of combining faith with work. Only small "bring and buy" as superintendent absent. Thanks received for donations towards the Maori Hostel and the Royal Commission expenses. Full discussion of remits for Convention to enable delegate, Mrs. Prince, to vote according to the opinions of the majority of the branch. Welcome to Miss Ogg after long illness and to Mrs. Phizacklea. Routine business.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, February 5th: Mrs. Coles in the chair, spoke of CORSO, mentioning a meeting convened by the mayor who hoped all would help; decided to leave arrangements to the committee. Miss Jamieson gave a talk on the National Council of Women. Delegate appointed to Dominion Convention was Mrs. Coles. Announcement made of competition arranged by Dominion executive for temperance leaflets.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Lower Hutt, January 23: Mrs. Heyes presided and Mrs. Swift led devotions, taking the message for the New Year of "Consecration." A syllabus was drawn up for the year and plans of work were discussed. Items of interest were read from the "Vanguard" and "The Challenge." A "bring and buy" held monthly helps considerably with funds which will be needed during election year. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, February 5: First meeting for 1946. Quarter-hour session of prayer and intercession prior to meeting. Special prayers for U.N.O. conference in London. An old member, Mrs. Goslin, welcomed back. Minute's silence observed for Mrs. Digby Jenkins. Letters to be sent to two sick members in hospital. Miss E. M. Tarrant appointed as delegate to Dominion Convention. Band of Hope meetings to be postponed to the spring. Mrs. Forbes, president, gave an inspiring talk. Interesting articles, "Whither Love?" and "Bitter Bread of Old Age," were read by Mrs. Girling and Mrs. Rodgers respectively. Devotions were taken by Mrs. A. J. Milgrew, who read verses 1 to 11 of psalm 70. Meeting closed by Mrs. Bailey with prayer and Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

New Brighton, February 7: Mrs. Flower presided and conducted the devotions. A donation of 10/- was made to assist the Band of Hope picnic. Members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy to those bereaved. Letters and floral tributes were sent. Arrangements made for hospitality to Convention delegates. Visit made to mental hospital with Christmas cheer. Satisfactory balance sheet presented by treasurer.

Sydenham, February 7: Our president, Mrs. J. Filer, presided over an attendance of ten members. The usual routine business was transacted. Arrangements were made for our branch to be represented at the forthcoming Dominion Convention and the syllabus for the year 1946 was drawn up.



General Dwight D. Eisenhower, on whom has been conferred the Freedom of the City of London, constantly warned his troops against excessive drinking. Last summer, when he christened the flying fortress "General Ike," in England, he did it by smashing a bottle of Mississippi River water against the baffles of her guns.

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ARAMOHO, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. Chesswas, 7 Feild St.; Rev. Sec., Mrs. Bish; Cor. Sec., Mr. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. G. Sudaby, 20 Cumbrae Place.

ASHBURNTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Robinson; Rec. Sec., Mesdames Buchler and Harwood; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. G. Tulloch, 23 Peter St. West; "White Ribbon," Miss Andrews; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Lion; Seamen, Miss C. Jackson and Mrs. Tilley.

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BLENHEIM, 1st Tues., 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Treas., Miss E. M. Tarrant, Park Tce.; C.R., Miss I. Sheridan, South St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson St.

BLUFF, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Roke, Elizabeth St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Vickery, 36 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 43 Foyle St.

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CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Tyler; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas., Mrs. Peters; Cradle Roll, Miss Edwards; Devotions, Mrs. Every; W.R. Miss Waterson.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th Thursday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Kemsley, 23 Bryce St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. F. Bycroft, Bryce St.; Sec., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, c/o 23 Bryce St.; Treas., Mrs. W. Hooker, 60 Queen St.

DARGAVILLE, 2nd Tuesday, in Presbyterian S.S. Hall, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly; Sec., Miss Edmed, 27 River Rd., Mangawhare; Treas., Mrs. Moorhead, Junr., Awakino Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Noble; C.R., Miss Edmed.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott, 45 Swinburn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Paviour-Smith and Collins; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 27 Swinburn St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Jones; W.R., Mrs. Paviour-Smith.

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ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cocker, Stanners St.; Sec., Mrs. Chamberlain, 4 Taylor St.; Treas., Mrs. Holly; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, London St.

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, from March to November, Walter's Rd. Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. V. A. Read, 355 Dominion Rd.; Sec., Mrs. G. G. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd., S.2; Treas., Mrs. L. Powley, 3 Shorwell St., Mt. Albert, S.W.1.

FENCOURT, 1st Thursday, in Sunday School Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Clark, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. Holdaway, C/o Hautatu Factory, Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R., Miss E. Turner; C.R., Mrs. A. Wiseman.

FEILDING, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Spence, Grey St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stewart and Tremaine; Sec., Mrs. Whisker, Kawa-Kawa Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Kenavan, Grey St.; C.R., Mrs. Hesketh, Grey St.; W.R., Miss Watt, 17 Grey St.; Devotional, Mrs. Kendall; Press Reporter, Mrs. Tremaine; Pianiste, Mrs. Cummin.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffie; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Road; Treas., Mrs. Coles, 8 Mangapapa Road; C.R., Mrs. Stockman; W.R., Mrs. Mackintosh, 1 Salisbury Road.

GORE, 4th Tues., 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Alton St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Alton St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Canning St.

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GREY LYNN, 2nd Wednesday, S.A. Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Cook, 3 Mohau St., W.1; Sec., Miss Lovatt, 26 Webber St., W.2; Treas., Mrs. Watson, 7 Sherwood Ave., W.2; W.R., Mrs. Webber, 26 Webber St., W.2.

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HAWERA, last Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Major Lavis, 52 Disraeli St.; Sec., Mrs. F. Baker, 23 Disraeli St.; Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 Collins St.; C.R., Mrs. Burton, Tawhiti Rd.; "W.R." Mrs. Barker, Fantham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

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KARORI, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Wood, 316 Main Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson, 2 Shirley St.; Treas., Mrs. Watchman, 78 Campbell St. W.R., Mrs. Horne; C.R., Mrs. Coombe.

LEVIN, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Andricksen, Oxford St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. Plaster; Treas., Mrs. Burnham, Oxford St. Nth.; C.R., Mrs. V. Hudson; W.R., Mrs. Storey.

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LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m., Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laings Road. Pres., Mrs. Lopdell, 58 Waterloo Road; Sec., Mrs. Crawford, 48 Waterloo Road; Treas., Mrs. Cooper, 27 Maire Street; C.R., Mrs. Aldersley, High Street; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Aldersley; W.R., Mrs. Heyes, Melling Road, and Mrs. Teasdill, Kauri Street.

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MT. EDEN, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 5a Oaklands Road, Mt. Eden, S.1; Sec., Miss L. Elder, 5a Oaklands Road, Mt. Eden, S.1; Treas., Mrs. Dunham; W.R., Mrs. Carter; CR., Miss McKinney.

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MAUNGATUROTO, 2nd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. Flower; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. A. Cullen, "Gladwyn"; C.R., Miss June Flower; W.R., Mrs. H. Flower; Birthday League, Mrs. Knightbridge.

MORNINGTON, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of Christ, Argyle St. Pres., Mrs. Pelling; Sec., Mrs. Wrightson, 10 Roseberry St., Belleknoves; Treas., Mrs. Telfer, 4 Roseberry St., Belleknoves; W.R., Mrs. Elder, 21 Preston Cres.

MOSGIEL, meets 3rd Tuesday every month, at 2.30 p.m. in Baptist Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Captain Rix, Lanark St.

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PAPATOETOE, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Rd. Pres., Mrs. Bartlett, St. George St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Wilscr; Sec., Miss Kimpton, East Tamaki Rd.; Treas., Miss Heaven; W.R., Mrs. Harris.

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PORT CHALMERS, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. Sutherland; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Watson, Bowman and Taylor; Sec., Mrs. G. Taylor, 5 Currie St.; Treas., Mrs. Buchan; "W.R." Mrs. Jenkins; C.R., Mesdames Sutherland and Tressider.

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RANGIORA, last Friday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hodges, 204 King St.; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Smith, 14 Albert St.; Treas., Mrs. Stan Watkins, Southbrook; C.R., Mrs. Hunt, 50 Newnham St.; W.R., Mrs. James, Percival St.

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Cropp; Sec., Mrs. W. A. Lightband, Salisbury Rd.; Treas., Miss E. J. Tarrant; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Althorpe."

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 2nd Monday, 2.30 p.m., in Women's Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. A. F. Walker; Vice-Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson; Sec., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Treas., Miss Griffiths, 235 Crinan St.

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TAURANGA, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian; Sec., Mrs. York, 1st Ave.; Treas., Mrs. Maunder, Roberts St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, Cameron Rd.

TAKAPUNA, 1st Wednesday, Takapuna Methodist and Milford Baptist Halls alternately. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Winstone and Miss Read; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Maori, Miss Read; Evang., Miss Cullen; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards.

TEMUKA, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. H. Grocott, Davey St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. W. Hewson, Hamilton St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. T. N. Lovatt; Devotions, Mrs. R. Smart; Restroom, Mrs. Buck.

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera, R.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wynyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

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THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay Street Schoolroom, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Paul; Sec., Mrs. E. Scown, 185 Richmond St.; Treas., Mrs. Gooder, Pollen St.; W.R., Mrs. Whiteside, Karaka Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Riley.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Miss Fyfe; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; C.R., Mrs. Heywood; W.R., Mrs. Howe, Otupua Rd.; Supt. for Seamen, Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon St.

TINWALD, 4th Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Miller; Sec., Mrs. J. Oakley, 156 Victoria Street, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Harkness, McMurdo Street; W.R. and C.R., Mrs. A. C. Wakelin, McMurdo Street.

UPPER HUTT, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Watt; Sec., Mrs. Purser, Main Rd.

WAIKAWA, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ford; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Carson, Victoria Street; Notable Days, Miss Bibby; C.R., Mrs. Carson.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, Knox Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Duckett, Mary St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hobbs, Hoare and Kippenberger; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt St.; Treas., Mrs. Simpson, "Rylands"; Assist. Treas., Mrs. P. Tooley; W.R., Mrs. Ashton, Belt St.; C.R., Mesdames Dow and T. Hoare.

WAIKURAU, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres. and Acting Sec., Mrs. Smales, Bedford Terrace.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Duxfield, Okoia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames R. Wilson and Goodey; Treas., Mrs. Goodey, 26 College St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ogg; W.R., Miss Wadsworth, 51 Keith St.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Mrs. Shute, No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Conybeer; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; Y. Supt., Mrs. Bloor.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church at 2.0 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught and Coombbridge; Sec., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, "The Briers," R.D. Kaipara Flats; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Constable St. Hall. Pres., Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Tce., Wadestown; W.R., Mrs. Duncanson, 70 Derwent St., S.2.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2 p.m., "Evening Post" Building. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Road, E.1; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cullen, 17 Lawrence St., S.1.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hayman; W.R. Agents, Mesdames Hayman and Weldon; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 388A Oriental Bay.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Cheesman, 167 Kamo Rd.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 12 Norfolk St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinniss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. Cheesman.

WINTON, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Mrs. A. McIntosh, South Hillend R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Essex St.; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.