

# The White Ribbon

For God, and home, and humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"Ah! when shall all men's good  
Be each man's rule, and Universal Peace  
Lie like a shaft of light across the land?"  
—Tennyson.

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## PEACE MONTH

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### MISS C. E. KIRK, Dominion President

In the retirement from the position of Dominion President of our much loved Mrs. Hiatt, after eleven years of devoted service and fine leadership, we realise that we have lost from our immediate, constant Union life, a contact which has been of very great value. We shall miss the wonderful "message" which was a feature of each month's "White Ribbon." In a way quite special to herself, Mrs. Hiatt touched the depths of our spiritual life, and communicated to us something which had a unique quality. Our thanks go to her from all parts of the Dominion.

In her successor we have one whose qualities and abilities are notable indeed; but who, to quote from her own words, "shall never be able to write as Mrs. Hiatt did; and can only hope that no one is expecting it of me."

Well, why should she? How strange it would seem if another pen produced Mrs. Hiatt's words and thoughts. One of the pleasures of such an organisation is to know and appreciate the wonderful variety of splendid women who comprise it. If we want to understand why we are all different, we should read again what St. Paul so perfectly put into his immortal words in 1st Corinthians, chapters 12, vs. 1-11, and 14, vs. 7-11.

Whether we have heard the harp or the trumpet or the pipe, in the past, we do not attempt to say; but we do know that the new voice is that of another instrument; and that it must keep its own identity, or fail in its task. God be thanked for the years now past and also for those yet to be.

In Miss Kirk we are proud to welcome one whose service to the Temper-

service have been dedicated to the abolition of the Liquor Traffic. She became the youngest member of the first "Y" branch formed in Wellington.

She had some experience of teaching, especially in isolated parts. For several years she was on the staff of the Maori College at Otaki. It was during this period that the 1918 post-war epidemic took its direful way through New Zealand. To meet the extraordinary conditions which developed here as in other parts, Miss Kirk organised and ran an Emergency Hospital of thirty beds, with only voluntary help. This was something of an achievement in days before V.A. work had become a sort of side-line for the hundreds of young women whom we have seen in action during the war. It took courage, organising ability and executive energy and initiative to carry out such an undertaking.

For sixteen years Miss Kirk held the position of Secretary to the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, only relinquishing it about seven years ago. Still, there are many who come to her for help and advice in their difficulties; and her interest in their welfare has not diminished. Many value still a friendship which began through their finding a helper and advisor in their time of need.

In 1926, when women Justices were first appointed in New Zealand, Miss Kirk was among the first four women chosen for that office.

She takes a keen interest in the work of the National Council of Women, and had the honour of serving a term as their Dominion President. In 1934 she represented New Zealand at the N.C.W. Conference held in Melbourne, which was attended by women from many parts of the world.

However, the W.C.T.U. is, and always has been, the organisation whose aims and ideals appeal to her



Miss C. E. Kirk, Dominion President.

ance cause is almost life-long. Born in Auckland, she was taken while still in infancy to Wellington, where her home has since been.

At the age of fifteen she once helped a woman who was endeavouring to take her drunken husband home. From the time of this incident her interest and

most—beyond all other societies; and to it she has given of her fine best.

Who, having watched and listened to her in Conventions, can forget the note of humour so skilfully used when discussions grew tedious, or feeling ran high. Real wit, and a happy knack of felicitous expression, caused all hearers to listen with a new look of expectation on their faces when Miss Kirk rose, and with a very charming courtesy, said just the very thing which would clear the air; bring to the tiring debate just the bit of information which was wanting; and a rustle of laughter would be heard all through the hall. But, more than this, her efficiency all through the years of her secretaryship has left an impression on our organisation which will always remain. Her tact, and her fearless approach to the problems inseparable from the work of such an association as ours, have shown her to be one whose work has fitted her for the position she now holds at the expressed desire of the members, who know her to be herself, and will not grumble at her for not being someone else.

One last word: Miss Kirk's paramount interest is the welfare of women and girls; also, her chief hobby is needlework.

April, 1946.

Dear Fellow-Workers,

Thank you so much for the great honour you have bestowed upon me in making me your Dominion President. I can assure you that I accept this high honour very humbly and with full appreciation of its responsibilities. I can only say, God helping me, I will do my best in the great work which lies before us.

There are so many plans of work coming forward from Convention that I am sure each Union, even the smallest, will find some plan which will be of interest and within its scope. However little, or much, each member is able to do that particular piece is needed for Victory. We need four things—Conviction, that our cause is just; Courage, to keep our Pledge "till Death or Victory"; Sacrifice—willingness to give time, service, money, and to forego pleasure cheerfully; so shall we welcome the Day of Victory.

May God's blessing rest upon each one of us as we strive to do His Will.

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK.

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## WHAT IS MODERATION?

The line between moderation and excess is unknown—cannot be clearly defined. The ability of the average man or woman to practise strict moderation recedes in proportion as alcohol affects his brain centres. His very desire to remain moderate is disorganised, as alcohol "puts to sleep" his centres of discrimination.—"Scientific Temperance Journal," 1944.

# Among the Departments

## PEACE DEPARTMENT

Dear White Ribboners,

As this is "Peace Month," I am asking you to do all in your power to extend the work for Peace. There are so many avenues of work in this direction. Indeed, we must do more than ever to change the outlook of War to Peace.

As it has so often been said, "We must build friendships, and not warships." With the latest scientific developments, such as the Atomic Bomb and other devices, life is on the altar of Moloch.

Within recent weeks, a man and a woman, just returned from the war zones, were interviewed over radio networks. The man was a war correspondent; the woman a released prisoner of war. Both had undergone harrowing experiences; besides observing at first hand the privations and hardships of others. So stirring were their stories that listeners felt that each interviewer was echoing his own deepest wish when asking, "What is there that we at home may do to help?" Both replied, "Whatever you are doing now, do better, to build a peaceful world."

That is what we must do in our work for Peace. We must "Do better."

This should at once become a part of every Christian's creed: "Whatever I am doing now, by God's help, I will do better." If what we are doing is what God would have us do, our daily occupation presents no difficulty that cannot be solved in the light of the teaching and example of our Saviour.

For each of us, the touchstone of service must be that specified by Christ Himself, when He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me."

I shall always be glad to get reports on what you are doing for Peace in your meetings; but gladder still to hear what you are doing between meetings.

In conclusion, I must apologise for a hurried letter.

Believe me,

Yours for Peace, Prohibition and Purity,

E. M. MACKIE,  
Dominion Peace Superintendent.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

### Duties of Superintendents of Departments

**Special Note:** This article, by Mrs. Kasper, is reprinted from a previous issue by special request, following on a conversation in Convention in which Superintendents were urged to encourage the work of their own departments by closer contact and more personal interest in the Unions. It was strongly

felt that this article would be most timely.

**World Superintendents:** It is the duty of Superintendents to originate, devise and direct plans of work relating to their several departments, to correspond with and aid National Superintendents in the carrying out of the same, and to report work accomplished and plans proposed to the Convention.

**Section 2:** Each World Superintendent, as soon as possible after her election, shall write to the National President of each country affiliated to the World's W.C.T.U. asking for the name and address of the Superintendent of the Department, compiling from the replies a Directory of those responsible for the department in each country; on the retirement of the Superintendent, this information shall be passed on to her successor.

**National Superintendents:** When a Dominion or National Superintendent is appointed, she shall write to the World Superintendent of her Department, notifying her of the appointment, and sending her name and address. She shall outline a Plan of Work for her department, and try to interest the Unions throughout the Dominion to appoint Superintendents, and carry out the work of the department. To enable a full report to be presented at Convention, a letter or a questionnaire should be sent out at the proper time.

**District or State Superintendents:** The Superintendent is a link between the Dominion Superintendent and the local Unions in her District. She shall notify the Dominion Superintendent of her appointment, and interest the local Unions to appoint Superintendents.

**Local Superintendents** carry out the work of the various departments in their Unions if possible, and report work done to the District Superintendent to enable her to compile a full report to be presented at the District Convention.

Members must not expect Superintendents to do all the work; they **devise** and **plan** the work, the members help to carry it out. So much more can be achieved by local team work.

**A Suggestion:** Some time ago it was decided to ask Superintendents of departments to write into a book an outline of the work of their departments; also anything pertaining to it; also a suggestive plan of work, this to be passed on to the next Superintendents on their retirement. In this way the work could be carried on and help the efficiency of each department.

Yours for service,

AMY KASPER,

World and Dominion Superintendent of Methods.

**L.T.L. DEPARTMENT****Duties of Officers**

**President:** Has charge of the meeting, guided by the Superintendent.

**Vice-President:** Assists the President, and takes the chair in his or her absence.

**Secretary:** Writes a correct account of each meeting, and attends to all letters and notices as directed by the meeting.

**Assistant Secretary:** Takes a correct rough account of the meeting for the Secretary to copy.

**Devotional Superintendent:** Leads or arranges for the Bible reading, hymns and prayers for each meeting. (The Superintendent can assist by writing prayers for the children to read.)

**Mistress or Master of Courtesies:** Introduces all visitors and new members to the Superintendent.

**Temperance Fact Superintendent:** Sees that a Temperance Fact is given at each meeting. (A good idea is to have a number of these written up into a booklet at once and kept up to date from the "White Ribbon," etc.)

**Entertainment Superintendent:** Arranges for an item at each meeting.

**Room Steward:** Sees that the room is arranged in proper order for the meeting, and left correctly after the meeting.

**Librarian:** Attends to the distributing and collecting of Hymn Books or any literature used during the meeting.

**Roll Superintendent:** Keeps a strict record of attendance of all members, reporting any sick to the Superintendent in charge.

**Hobbies Superintendent:** Delivers and collects paintings from the Supplements, and assists the Superintendent with any hobbies for the members.

(Some of these positions can be duplicated or made into committees according to the size of the meeting; e.g., Entertainment, Room Steward; Hobbies. A door-keeper would also be an advantage where meetings are held in a hall, and members arriving late disturb the opening devotions.)

**Treasurer:** Where money is handled. By giving each child a position, he or she is led to feel that each meeting must be attended and the duties carried out. Thus a greater interest is created in the meeting.

MRS. MOORE, Superintendent,  
Kurahuna L.T.L.

**ANTI-GAMBLING DEPARTMENT**

From an address given by Mrs. Grinstead at Wanganui Union meeting:—

"Gambling is a transaction between two parties whereby the transfer of something of value is made dependent upon chance in such a way that the whole gain of one party equals the total loss of the other. Seeing that

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Parcels for Britain:** Those Unions wishing to carry out the suggestion made at Convention will be interested in the following list of foodstuffs which may be sent:—

**Tinned Foods:** Lamb and green peas, pork brawn, corned beef hash, Camp pie, luncheonette, cheese spread, jam and honey.

**Also:** Malted milk, cornflour, jellies, fat, soap, soup powders, cakes in properly sealed tins.

It is only permitted to send one parcel per month to any one person. Only two lbs. of any one commodity may be included in a parcel. Parcels may be up to 7 lbs. in weight. It is wise to weigh each article separately so that the parcel may be as near to the maximum weight allowed as possible. Weights given on tins are often not quite reliable, and it is annoying to have made up a parcel for posting that is too heavy.

Weights of parcels and cost of postage:

**Old copies of "White Ribbon"** are urgently sought by Mr. F. T. Tate, Matata, Bay of Plenty, for distribution among the Maori population of the district. If your "W.R." is lying idle after being read, please post it to him. Any other temperance literature will be welcome.

**Handbooks for 1946** should be in the hands of all Union officers as soon as they are available. Have you ordered three copies for your Union? The cost is 1/3 per copy.

**OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO  
AUCKLAND MEMBERS**

**Mother's Day Service, Sunday,  
May 12th, 2.30 p.m.**

**Bi-Centenary Hall, Pitt Street.**  
Musical Items. Offering.

**Miss Appleby** will visit districts for organising work **if invited**. Requests should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Toomer, Monaca Road, Stoke, Nelson.

**Miss Andrews** will be available for Educational work during the year also, and early application should be made also to Mrs. Toomer.

all duties may be classified under the following headings, a man's duty to God, a man's duty to himself, a man's duty to his neighbours, a man's duty to society, we would affirm that gambling is a sin against God since it is the misuse of time, money and opportunity for which we are held responsible to God; a sin against self, since few vices so rapidly corrupt character, making men and women selfish and lazy, covetous and cruel; a sin against one's neighbour, since it is an effort to benefit at his expense; and a sin against society, since it inflicts numerous economic and social evils on the whole community."

**BEER-DRINKING  
COMPETITIONS**

A correspondent in a nearby East Coast town has sent particulars of a "beer-drinking" competition held in connection with a money-raising carnival for the funds of the Returned Soldiers' Association. Press cuttings accompany the letter, and the event held in one place is thus described: "It was a contest in speed, not in capacity, and took the form of relays between teams of six men. Two teams lined up, one either side of the table, with a glass of ambrosial liquid before each man. As the first man finished, the second commenced, and so on, the first team to finish entirely winning. Thirteen teams altogether entered. Unfortunately the Dairy Company, for some unexplained reason, did not compete."

Our correspondent also encloses a cutting of a letter published regarding the event. In it the question is asked: "Where is our civic pride? Has it dried up completely in the recent drought? What are our civic fathers dreaming about to permit such a method of raising funds for disabled soldiers and their families (or for any other purpose) as public beer-drinking competitions? The writer is a returned soldier, and as such is positively disgusted at such a method being countenanced by the R.S.A."

The writer goes on to state that this and similar actions of the R.S.A. have had the effect in his own case, and that of a much larger number than the Association realises, of causing the withdrawal of their support from the R.S.A. He adds: "We have not forgotten our stricken coppers; we are heart and soul in favour of raising funds for this particular purpose, but surely there is ample stimulus to give without including such a method as this."

When it is remembered that up and down the land, W.C.T.U. members have for many years assisted in the Poppy Day sales, one wonders whether we have not the right to enter our protest on behalf of those who are, like the above correspondent, keenly interested and anxious to help those who have suffered for their country in the last two wars, but who feel that they cannot condone such a proceeding by continuing to support the organisation responsible. It would seem that we have a definite case to present to the Association as a whole. That the local Dairy Company did not enter a team for the spectacle is not surprising. One realises that there is some self-respect which would utterly repudiate the whole thing among its members; and one can only wonder that any decent organisation could lend its name to it.

We are grateful to the writer of the newspaper cutting, who expressed the feelings of many of his fellow townsmen as well as of his wartime coppers.

In another part of the paper sent is an advertisement for a similar competition, which was held later.

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### SPECIAL REPORTS

#### ONEHUNGA

March 14th. Although it was the usual monthly meeting for Onehunga, it was of an unusually interesting character. The usual list of reports, business and plans for the future were attended to. Mention was made of a recent newspaper report of the marriage of a returned soldier when the officiating clergyman was the bride's grandfather, Canon P. S. Smallfield. As most older Christian workers, and those interested in the suppression of the liquor traffic, can remember the many years of service "for God, Home and Humanity" rendered by Mr. Smallfield; much gratitude and satisfaction were expressed that God has so richly blessed him and his wife, and a letter to this effect was to be sent, expressing the wish that they may continue to enjoy good health and that their eventide may be light.

A hearty and sincere welcome was accorded to Dr. Jeannie Craig, who sang two solos, afterwards giving an interesting and instructive address. She mentioned various aspects of the Invercargill Trust Control; also explaining Australia's effort to start "Model Hotels," thereby making drinking attractive and respectable. The meeting closed in the usual way.

#### CAMBRIDGE CRADLE ROLL PARTY

On March 28th the usual monthly meeting of the Cambridge Union took place, devotions being led by Mrs. Weston, who also gave a talk on "Pioneer Women." After a short business meeting, the Cradle Roll Superintendent took charge, and a large number of children and parents had a happy time. Mrs. Weston made an appeal for new members. Being a lovely, sunny day, games were played

on the lawn, where afternoon tea was served for adults and ice cream for the children, who all wore paper hats. Afterwards the children entertained in the hall with songs, recitations and a pianoforte solo. Four little girls sang two songs in Maori unaccompanied.

Mrs. Kemsley, President, farewelled Mrs. Weston, who is leaving the district. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

The Auckland District Executive held a welcome afternoon at the Maori Girls' Hostel, Parnell, on Friday, March 29th, to extend a welcome to Dr. Jeannie Craig, who was at one time an officer in the Auckland District Executive; and now, after an absence of twelve years in Australia, had again returned to Auckland.

The District President, Mrs. J. W. Long, presided, and extended a warm welcome to Dr. Craig; and several other ladies voiced their pleasure at her return to Auckland. Dr. Craig suitably replied, and also sang for us, Mrs. Wanhill also contributing a solo. The meeting closed with devotions led by Mrs. V. A. Read.

### NELSON

#### "Eight-Year-Olds' Party"

A party for the eight-year-olds was arranged by the Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Neal. Owing to heavy rain, the attendance was small, but those present enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea, and were entertained by films shown by the Rev. Mr. Blampied, who also gave a short talk on "His Master's Voice." Mrs. Toomer thanked Mr. Blampied, and choruses were sung, after which the children's certificates were given out.

### R.K.O. PICTURES, INC.

#### Interesting Letter Received

The following was received by the Nelson Union in reply to a protest sent in regard to the portrayal in films of scenes of the use of alcohol as a beverage. It is well worth reading, and Nelson is to be congratulated on their

straightforward tackling of a matter which has given great concern to many.

### R.K.O. PICTURES, INC.

720 Gower Street,  
Los Angeles, 38,  
California.

Jan. 23rd, 1946.

Mrs. Constance Toomer,  
District President,  
Women's Christian Temperance Union,  
17 Wainui Street,  
Nelson, N.Z.

Dear Mrs. Toomer,

We are in receipt of your letter of October 15th, relative to the W.C.T.U. impression as to the undue picturisation of the use of alcoholic beverages in motion pictures. Your letter comes as a surprise inasmuch as it long has been the intention, not only of our studio, but of all producers, to minimise, as far as possible, excesses in drinking.

While, of course, we do not presume to know how complete a cross-section of pictures upon which you base your conclusion, we do feel that, owing to the effort made in this direction, we make a better showing, by and large, than is indicated in your report.

However, your letter has been received with respect; and you may be sure that it will tend to keep us all more alert to the necessity of adhering closely to our established policy in regard to this subject.

Thanking you very much for your communication,

We are, sincerely,

(Signed) WILLIAM GORDON.

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### CAFE DRINKING DOES NOT REDUCE LIQUOR CONSUMPTION

In Washington, D.C., the national capital of U.S.A., the law prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages at standing bars. Yet the District has the highest per capita consumption of distilled spirits of any part of the United States.

# LIQUID BREAD

Helen B. Montgomery, in "Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle."

"I am often reminded, when I hear the plea frequently advanced for the return of light wines and beer, of an article that I read in an English paper under the caption, 'Liquid Bread.' The phrase was used in the advertisement of a well-known brewing company in England, and one day a man saw a sign over a public-house door which read: 'Good Ale is Liquid Bread.' His story follows:

"I went into the house and said, 'Get me a quart of liquid bread.'

"The landlord said, 'Ah, first-rate sign, isn't it?'

"Yes," said I, 'if it's true.'

"Oh, it's true enough, my beer is all right.'

"Well, give me a bottle to take home." He gave me a bottle of this liquid bread. I took it to Dr. Samuelson, an analytical chemist, and I said to him, 'I want you to tell me how much bread there is in this bottle.' He smelled it and exclaimed, 'It's beer!'

"Well," he said, 'if you come again in a week, I'll tell you all about it.' He charged me three guineas. In a week's time I went to know all about the liquid bread. The first thing about it was that there was 93 per cent of water.

"It's liquid, anyhow," I said, 'we'll pass that. Now let's get onto the bread.'

"Alcohol, 5 per cent.'

"What's alcohol?" I asked.

"There's a dictionary, you can hunt it up for yourself.'

"I hunted it up and found alcohol described as a 'powerful poison.'

"Then he gave me a number of small percentages of curious things, which he had put carefully down on each corner of a white piece of paper and which amounted to about a quarter of a thimbleful of dirty-looking powder. That was the bread—2 per cent.

"And there would not be so much as that," said Doctor Samuelson, 'if it were Bass's or Allsops'. This is bad beer.'

"This is the simple, scientific truth with regard to beer, and the case is stronger with regard to wine and spirits. There is practically no nourishment in them at all.

"I think he has a rather low percentage of alcohol in his ale, but let it go at that—the point is that ale or beer is not a food, but a powerful narcotic poison.' To hear people talk, you would think that wine and beer were harmless beverages, hardly to be called intoxicating liquors. Have people forgotten so soon that 90 per cent. of all the liquid sold over the bar before the coming of the Eighteenth Amendment was beer?

"As you begin to study into the matter you find that all the drunkenness of the ancient world was beer and wine drunkenness. It was wine that

destroyed Greece and Rome. All the horrid accounts of the drunken banquets of the Roman Emperors are written about the use of wine. The same is true of Babylon and Assyria. All these nations were destroyed not by distilled alcoholic liquors like gin and rum, whisky and brandy, but by wine and beer. For it must never be forgotten that the process of distillation was not known for a thousand years after Christ. All the drunkards of the ancient world from Father Noah down were wine or beer drunkards. How terrible was the curse of fermented liquor in this ancient world, may be seen from the fact that Buddha forbade drink to his followers in the Sixth Century B.C., and Mohammed to those who embraced his new religion in the Sixth Century of the present era.

"The liquor of Mexico and South America is fermented; so is the liquor of Japan and Siam. In all those countries there is rising a strong movement against their own form of strong drink.

"I feel that people should be informed so that they may withstand the real menace of the plea that America allow these 'innocent beverages' back again. There never was a truer word said in the Bible than that which declares, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whoso is deceived thereby is not wise.'

Apropos of the above, one feels some wonder, not untouched by indignant horror, on learning that 39,000 tons of barley have been set aside for the brewers in Germany, according to an announcement made on January 31st in a Frankfurt dispatch.

The terrible stories of the sufferings of people in Germany due to the lack of food have moved the hearts of their late enemies to pity; and sacrifice is being asked, and even demanded, on their behalf. When it is remembered that people in England are suffering actual privation in order that the situation may be relieved, and this statement is made, the wonder is that so little is heard by way of protest.

For the assistance of any who may meet with the argument that beer provides nourishment, we republish the following extract from an Editorial in the issue of April 18th, 1942, which gives very helpful information:—

## A Contrast

Barley-Malt, grains.	"Pint of Beer," grains.
210.4	Body-building material 37.6
1019.0	Energy-yielding material 343.8
27.0	Fat 0.0
184.7	Cellulose 0.0
35.7	Mineral Ash 26.6
0.0	Acids 35.8
105.2	Water 8090.0
0.0	Alcohol 328.1
Rich Vitamins	Nil

(Verdict of Dr. C. Chapman, Chemist to Brewers' Society, in evidence before the Royal Commission—British.)

## NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

### China

An Associated Press report from Peiping, China, on January 26th, 1946, stated that "The smell of burning opium spread over Peiping today as 950,000 ounces of the contraband narcotic (opium), worth more than 2,000,000 dollars, were publicly burned by the command of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek."

### Scotland

The Shetland Islands went dry some time ago during a local option campaign, and remain dry. In a population of 26,000, there is almost no unemployment, no crime at all, and five policemen are sufficient to look after 800 square miles.

### Canada

Recently editorial pages have been voicing conscientious alarm about liquor conditions in Ontario. The "Toronto Telegram" recommended that women's beverage rooms be closed at once, and forever.

The "Toronto Daily Star" headed a leading editorial: "Government Control on Trial." The opening sentence was: "The feeling that the liquor control system of Ontario is not promoting community values as it should, is becoming pronounced." The editorial went on to state: "Drunkenness on street cars has become much more prevalent." "Passengers on crowded cars, particularly women and children, should not be incommode or endangered by intoxicated men."

Around beverage rooms, abuses are becoming more noticeable. Women's beverage rooms are becoming more and more obnoxious to the public. A reduction in the facilities for drinking brings a reduction in evils due to liquor drinking in almost the same mathematical proportion. — "The Voice," November, 1945.

### Result of Season's Beach Meetings

With the meetings at Geraldton and Dongarra, the season's "Happy Hour" beach meetings of the W.A. Temperance League and Cobbers' Club came to an end. In all 51 meetings were held and there was an approximate attendance of some 4,000. Seven hundred new members joined the Cobbers' Club and were each presented with an attractive membership card. This campaign entailed several thousand miles of travel. It is the most extensive effort of the kind in the Commonwealth.

To take nourishing barley and convert it into a narcotic poison is decidedly no service to the community. But alcohol is also a racial poison. The late Dr. Saleeby, the world's greatest eugenicist, wrote: "The poisoning of the race, of the germ plasm, is the worst thing alcohol does against mankind."

The facts given below were read also at Dominion Convention, and are worth studying (Ed.).

## Mrs. Agnes Slack-Saunders

In the passing of Mrs. Agnes Slack-Saunders, an epoch has been marked in the annals of the World W.C.T.U. As World Secretary for over fifty years, she was one of the group of splendid women whose names will live as long as there is a Temperance worker left. As one of Miss Willard's earliest fellow-workers, she held a special place in the heart and mind of the army of seekers after the freeing of the nations from the slavery of the drink traffic. But, what of the personality of this woman? Was there anything outstanding about her in herself, or was it just that she had the necessary knowledge and ability for the positions she occupied?

There is no doubt that Mrs. Slack-Saunders had unique gifts of character, upbringing, education and environment. Born at Ripley, Derbyshire, into a home rich in the tradition of the finest type of Methodism, every opportunity for the development of natural mental and spiritual powers was present. The early consecration of her life to the service of God led her into paths of usefulness in her own neighbourhood, and for the Wesleyan Church. She edited for many years the Sunday School magazine, and prepared the teaching notes for the lessons. Her sturdy commonsense, always finding its expression in gracious, pleasant ways, soon showed her that by far the greatest force for evil in the world was the Drink Traffic. The story of the gradual concentration of her powers on the fight for the overturn of this enemy of all good is very interesting, and should be read by all W.C.T.U. members.

A gifted musician, and yet a clear thinker; a woman who dressed beautifully and who looked beautiful, but whose position in society meant only what it could do for her great work; a magnificent organiser, a convincing and even brilliant speaker; educated, travelled, and filled with Christian zeal, her place in the temple of fame was secured many years ago. It was not that she had to wait for the end before she was acclaimed as one of the great leaders of our movement for

Miss Willard recognised her value, and claimed for her world office.

A wonderful organising work was carried out by her, which took her into Africa, Asia, Australia, and America. Experiences during these periods of travel make delightful reading. Wherever she went, she won the affection and high regard of her hearers, and her work is still remembered with pleasure and admiration.



Mrs. Agnes Slack-Saunders

Her marriage late in life to Mr. Charles Saunders brought her a time of quiet, domestic happiness which was only too soon broken into by the war. Her house at Golders Green was bombed and she shared in the sufferings of so many in the London area. Her letters were cheery even then; for she was not of the army of self-pitiers. The news of her death has come; and we would join with all those who have done homage to her memory, realising that work such as hers will never die, and pray that we may raise up others of her grand type to carry on our task.

### SOME TEMPERANCE FACTS

The following was included in an address given by Mr. Lopdell at the Lower Hutt Union's March meeting: "5,000 houses could have been built with what it had cost in sugar for beer in the last year. Wherever Prohibition had been in force, very considerable decreases in crime had been noted; and when liquor had been introduced, crime increased fourfold."

### REMARKABLE, BUT TRUE

Given at Palmerston North, April 2nd:

If the pendulum of a clock were moved in the slow direction one thousandth part of a second, in a week's time it would cause a man to be ten minutes late for his train. One thou-

andth part of a second seems a small amount; yet as the days go by it makes a difference.

The effect of a small amount of alcohol may be so slight as to be unnoticed for one day, but when taken habitually it gradually slows down a person's working capacity.

Moral: Beware of the small amount.

### Given at Auckland's April Meeting:

Taken from the "Herald," April 9th. That sixteen Scotch distilleries which normally produced 60,000 gallons weekly will be closed down this month owing to grain shortage, and will not reopen till the Minister of Food, Sir Ben Smith, increases the quota for whisky distilling.

## PEACE DEPARTMENT

The following is from the departmental report prepared by Mrs. Mackie, Dominion Superintendent, which was not in time to be included in the Report Book (Editor).

### PEACE REPORT

Since my last report to you major hostilities have been ended by the military victory of the "United Nations," and we should give our heartfelt thanks that over most of the world men are no longer engaged in killing one another.

Our organisation has given us much scope for peace work, and many unions have reported on the part they have undertaken in this great cause. Many have begun each meeting with special prayers for peace; others have responded to the roll call with a Biblical text touching on peace. "Home meetings" have been called with a speaker who has made this subject an all-important one. Interesting questions at such gatherings prove of great value to speaker and members alike.

Then again, papers have been prepared and sent out to unions requesting them. Study groups have also proved an important factor. I understand that peace plays have been prepared and presented. I congratulate those who have taken so much trouble in this way as there is no doubt that plays, by appealing to both eyes and ears, present the message we wish to convey in an effective way. As your peace superintendent I have always willingly attended meetings when asked, and if not able to be at two meetings the same day, I have sent good speakers out to the unions. It has been a great help to me to have suitable men and women who have so ably assisted me during the Peace Month (May).

Books have been willingly loaned at all times and our Linwood Peace Library has been very widely used, books having been loaned to young men's societies, and to Scouts and Bible class members. We have been told that these books have proved very useful and educational.

May I suggest we join all organisations working in the interests of universal peace?

I must thank all members who have so ably co-operated with me in my work, for without this it would have been impossible for me to carry on. Many of our women have helped by sending food to the starving millions. Others have had sewing circles in their homes, and in this way we have been able to send cases of beautifully made clothes to the little children in Europe, who through no fault of their own have been made homeless during this tragic war.

"The drunken driver is not the greatest menace on the road. The driver who has had 'a few' drinks will take chances he would never take without alcohol."—*"The Voice,"* Oct., 1945.

## Some Facts About "The Trade"

Notes on an Address given at the  
Northland District Convention by  
Captain Smith (S.A.)

The effects of the use of alcoholic drinks in countries, homes and lives, are too well known for it to be necessary for me to describe them here, but perhaps these few facts taken from the Government Statistical Book for 1945 will be of interest.

Only a few of the things we class as essential to healthy living will be mentioned, and it must be remembered that the figures are production ones in the middle of this last war, when every man, woman and child who could work was expected to, and in the majority of cases did work.

To every pound of butter made, to every pound of cheese made, to every pound of bacon made, and to every brick made, ale and stout were brewed.

To every pair of shoes made eleven gallons of ale and stout were brewed.

To every blanket made 10 gallons of ale and stout were brewed.

To every ton of coal mined 10 gallons of ale and stout were brewed.

I do not mean that it took ten gallons of ale or stout to lift a ton of coal. These statistics are found on page 65. Let this one perhaps complete the list:

For every carcase of frozen meat, one and a half gallons of ale and stout were brewed.

### Imports

We have heard such a lot about shipping space during the war years. The comparison between 1938 and 1942 is drawn in regard to consumers' goods. Food: £2,145,000 in 1938 to £1,104,000 in 1942; a 50 per cent. decrease. Beverages increased at the rate that food decreased in importation. I am assuming, of course, that "beverages" are mainly intoxicating liquors. These figures exempt equip-

ment, etc., for our allies in the country.

Page 79 is very interesting. They talked of man-power shortage, yet pages 62-63 reveal this:—

There are 46 brewing and malting firms employing 1,191 men. There are 410 butter and cheese factories, employing 3,983 men. Roughly nine times the number of butter and cheese factories, but only three times the number of employees.

Compare this with the grain milling, with its 45 factories—only one less than the breweries, with only 765 employees. There are 40 per cent. more men in the breweries than the grain mills. Only in one thing does the man-power exceed that of the breweries, and that is the freezing and preserving works, which have 38 factories employing 10,137 people.

I would like, in finishing, to note the remark on page 65. The only comparison that can be given is from the years 1932-33, and 1942-43.

Frozen mutton decreased in production.

Frozen lamb increased about 19 per cent.

Frozen beef increased about 200 per cent.

Preserved meats increased about 900 per cent.

Hams and bacons increased about 202 per cent.

Flour increased about 7 per cent.

Boots and shoes increased about 200 per cent.

Butter and cheese decreased slightly.

BUT, ale and stout increased over 250 per cent.

You will see that only preserved meat exceeded ale and stout in increased production, and this is accounted for by the soldiers and allies we supplied with food.

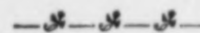
As a final sum-up, if you want to go further, study the Government Statistical Book for yourselves. You will find that the breweries have been an expensive luxury during the most critical years of our history.

child of having the very roots of his faith in his mother or father torn away, and other similar conditions, for which he is in no way responsible, are causes for grief and anxiety to all who care for and seek to help the delinquent child.

It is a matter for gratitude that our Child Welfare Department reports a considerable decrease in the figures for child delinquency for the past year. From a statement prepared by Mr. J. F. McClune, whose retirement after a very long period as Superintendent of the Department has just taken place, we learn that "there are several factors which may help to account for the present position. There has been a lessening of war tension and an increase in the number of fathers returned to their homes; visiting teachers have been working in seven centres in co-operation with the schools and the Child Welfare Branch for about two years; and, in addition, the preventive work of the branch has been broadened and intensified. This year's figures indicate, I hope, a returning to more normal conditions."

In an interview Mr. McClune said also: "An increasing number of parents were applying to the district officers for advice or guidance with their children. In cases of special difficulty, use was made of the clinics which existed in several centres. . . . The preventive side of child welfare work gains very little publicity, but its value to the community cannot be overstated. It aims at preserving the ties of family life, at solving behaviour problems, and correcting delinquent tendencies in children without recourse to the courts or to institutions, at assisting parents with their domestic problems, and generally at dealing with all phases of children's well-being, physical, mental and moral. In my opinion, the work for the future should be still further extended along these preventive lines, with a progressive policy of child guidance, and not centred around courts, where action should only be taken as a last resort."

As so many of our members are Honorary Child Welfare Officers, it may be of interest to others to know that their work is very well in line with our W.C.T.U. slogan: "For God, Home and Humanity."



## ABOUT CHILD WELFARE

In connection with the study of the prison system, and its aims in regard to the lessening of crime, the statement is often made that the actual prevention of crime should be the leading idea in all work done; and that childhood is the time in which such help and guidance as will tend to keep the growing child in the path of right should be available.

It is recognised by students of the question that the most vitally important thing is the training of the child. Home atmosphere and environ-

ment play an enormous part in the development of his attitude towards society. And it is a lamentable thing that so many homes are exercising just the wrong kind of influence on the poor children being brought up in them. A wrong adjustment between the parents, with the consequent unrest, bickering, and sometimes worse things, is enough to produce effects in the hidden mental life of the child that may lead him to strange acts of delinquency at an early age. The separation of parents, the shocks to the

There is a great deal of disagreement as to what should be done about the alcohol problem, but surely upon this one thing all well-meaning people may agree—"Let the facts be known."

Many of the facts are not only basic, but they cannot be challenged. Any attempt to challenge them only discredits the challenger.

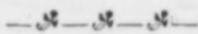
And so we say: "Learn the facts and help to make the facts known all across this broad land—all round the world. The facts will make people think, and when they think, they will act, and act wisely."

### SPREAD THE FACTS

## IN MEMORIAM

MISS MARY MILLIGAN,  
Oamaru Union

It is with deep regret that we record the passing from our midst of an esteemed and loved member of our Union in the late Miss Mary Milligan. Miss Milligan was one of our foundation members at Oamaru, and held various offices, including that of Flower Secretary, which gave her opportunity for many gracious acts of kindness to sick members. While health permitted, she came to the meetings and helped in every possible way the cause she had so much at heart. She was known in her Church as a bright Christian worker, who gave herself freely for the Master she loved to serve. Though Miss Milligan is no longer with us, her works do follow her, and she has left a fragrant memory with all her friends, and a great example to follow in consecrated zeal for the temperance cause and every good work. May the Divine Comforter be with and comfort all who mourn the loss of a loving sister and friend.



## MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12th

Coming as it does in our Peace month, Mother's Day has an added significance. Peace is the intense desire of every mother the world over. In wartime mothers endure in silence every agony that may come, as well as those that actually do come. Their sufferings can never be expressed in words. The longing to be able only to take the load on their own shoulders, to bear the privations, the sufferings of their sons, is in itself a martyrdom. And when we pray and work for Peace, we think almost unconsciously of the mothers of the world. All honour to them. And all love and understanding of all for them.

For those who wish to make some special feature for the day, we remind readers of the very nice service sent in by Mrs. Kasper for the occasion last year. It appeared in the May "Y.P. Supplement" and was very suitable for Junior Choirs in Church services.



Modern Temperance teaching must concern itself above all with the harmful effects of small doses of alcohol. These effects are often not apparent—an additional reason why the teacher should point them out.—Dr. Ivan Bolin, Department of Public Instruction, Stockholm, Sweden.



"Total abstinence makes for brighter homes, happier children, healthier lives and better citizens."—"The Voice," October, 1945.

## Home Makers' Column

## Economy Recipes for Rationed Days

## WASTE NOT, WANT NOT SOUP

Put into a saucepan any scraps of toast, porridge left from breakfast, cooked vegetables, drops of gravy and unsweetened white sauce, with any bones you may have from cooked or uncooked meat. Cover with water and simmer for an hour, adding an onion cut small. Put all through a sieve or colander, pressing the vegetables through. Add a good teaspoonful of celery salt, or some leaves of celery, pepper and a small pinch of mixed herbs. Mix a teaspoonful of butter and a dessert spoonful of flour; and use to thicken. If liked, add half a cup of good milk. An excellent and economical recipe.

## WINTER SALAD

- 1 carrot
- 1 large apple
- 1 small head of celery
- 1 slice of onion cut very small
- 1 lettuce or tender heart of cabbage
- 6 walnuts
- 1 hard-boiled egg
- Cooked beetroot

Clean the carrot, and grate it and the apple (unpeeled) on the large grater. Cut up celery into small pieces. Wash and dry the lettuce, and place in bowl; or wash and finely cut the cabbage. Mix prepared vegetables well with the onion; place all on bed of green in bowl. Sprinkle chopped

walnuts over all, and decorate with egg and chopped beetroot. Serve with a good dressing. Very satisfying.

## LENTIL SAUSAGES (Delicious)

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 large cup lentils, well washed
- 1 onion

Boil together till soft. Then mash with one good cup wholemeal bread crumbs, 1 teaspoon dried sage, pepper and salt and one egg to bind. Allow to cool somewhat, then form into sausage shapes, dip in egg and bread crumbs, and fry in very hot fat till browned; drain and serve hot.

## GOOD DRIPPING PASTRY (Short)

- 1 lb. good dripping
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 large cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Milk to mix

Cream dripping, then add vinegar and beat well. Add flour and powder sifted and mix, using milk to make rather stiff dough. Roll once only and have moderate oven for cooking. Nice for fruit tarts and pies.

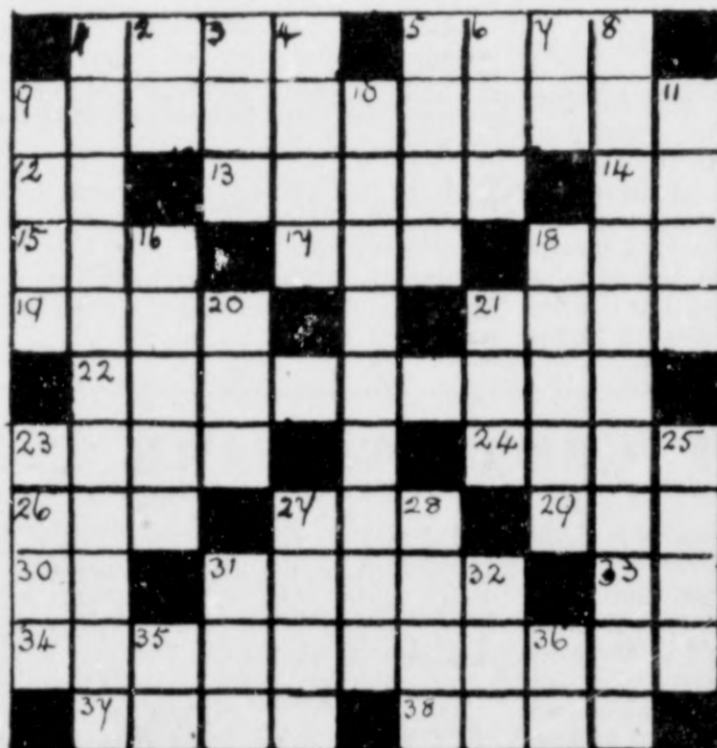
## DELICIOUS PUDDING

(Butterless and Eggless)

- 1 large cup flour
- 1 tablespoon dripping
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 small cup any jam or marmalade
- 1 teaspoon baking soda in 1/2 cup boiling water

Mix and steam in mould for 1 1/2 hours. Serve with thin lemon sauce.

## "W.R. CROSSWORD"



## CLUES

## Across

- 1. A skin crack.
- 5. Female member of the Army.

- 9. Famous emblem (two words).

- 12. Exclamation.
- 13. Delete.
- 14. Not you.
- 15. Many a time.

- 17. Cold sweet.
- 18. Behind.
- 19. Distant.
- 21. May be small, but can be dangerous.
- 22. Burglars' tools.
- 23. Organ.
- 24. Wiles.
- 26. Pronoun.
- 27. Beheaded enemies.
- 29. Off and on.
- 30. Holy title (Abb.).
- 31. Sense.
- 33. Exist.
- 34. The right way to live.
- 37. Animal sound.
- 38. Part song.

## Down

- 1. Farm implement.
- 2. Call.
- 3. Consumed.
- 4. Fairy.
- 5. Sagacious.
- 6. Hebrew nickname.
- 7. Seaman.
- 8. Easy.
- 9. Driver's call.
- 10. He runs a Racket.
- 11. Without discount.
- 16. Lakes.
- 18. Divided.
- 20. Outfit.
- 21. Expanse.
- 23. Soil felt.
- 25. Scotch river.
- 27. Hebrew measure.
- 28. Mining refuse.
- 31. Resort.
- 32. Well known Youth organisation.
- 35. Another Hebrew nickname.
- 36. Errors excepted.

# Bulletin of Union News

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**North Canterbury:** Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg presided at the monthly meeting of the North Canterbury Executive, at which there was a good attendance of town and country members. Mrs. Gainsford took devotions, stressing the urgent need for more prayer. It was reported the Convention meetings held in Durham Street Methodist Sunday School had been most successful. A letter was received from Mrs. McGibbon enclosing a donation of £2/5/- towards Convention expenses from women of the Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were made for the Reformatory Concert in April. Interesting reports were given by Mrs. McLean, "White Ribbon" superintendent, and by secretaries of Unions. Mrs. Grigg read a tribute written by Miss Havelaar, Dominion president of the National Council of Women, on the life and work of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell.

**Auckland:** Held in the Temperance Room, Queen Street, on April 1st. Mrs. Long, District President, in the chair; and devotions led by Miss A. M. McLay. Members were asked to help in the Poppy Day street appeal to be held on Thursday, April 18th. Several members reported having attended the Women's World Day of Prayer. Arrangements were finalised for having a "Mother's Day" gathering on Sunday, May 12th. It was decided to hold a monthly prayer meeting for Poll work in the interests of Temperance until after the election. Mrs. Long and Mrs. Joiner were appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. at a Civic Reception to be tendered to Admiral Louis and Lady Mountbatten, to be held in the Auckland Town Hall on April 15th. The report of the Dominion Convention was given by Mrs. Long.

**Wellington:** April 11th: Meeting held at Lower Hutt, Miss Kirk presiding, and devotions led by Miss Appleby. Mrs. Spencer welcomed all delegates. A letter from the N.Z. Alliance stated that they were working for Abolition, and not for Trust Control. Mrs. Reed reported that the projector would soon arrive. Greetings were to be sent to Miss Lovell-Smith, Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Lopdell. Literature arranged for distribution at each meeting through Mrs. Ross. A paper stating the true position of Prohibition in the U.S.A. was on sale. The Treasurer reported £16/17/- in hand for the projector; and £2/18/- also in hand. Miss Appleby reported on her work in the Wellington district; asking all Unions to help her by preparing the way for her. The Masterton delegate reported that they had twenty members of the Band of Hope who had signed the Pledge; others attending but not counted as members till they sign. Mrs. Reed gave a splendid report of the Dominion Convention. The matter of questionnaires was discussed; and it was decided that Unions should report on the Departments they are working and no others. Mrs. M. Maurice spoke on the people of Manila, and how they are following on in Temperance work. The Hutt Union was thanked for their hospitality, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

## UNION REPORTS

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Kohi-St. Heliers,** March 21st: First meeting of the year. In the absence of Mrs. Farr, Evangelical Supt., Mrs. Kasper read an article, "Are we living by the standards of Jesus today?" The Churches were shown to be not standing foursquare against the liquor traffic. A letter was received from Mrs. Lee-Cowie on "Liquor Ads. must go." Mrs. Kasper gave a most interesting talk on the lately held Convention, for which she was warmly thanked. Benediction.

**Otahuhu,** March 21st: Opening meeting for 1946. Mrs. W. Taylor presided over a goodly gathering of members and interested friends. The meeting took the form of a social afternoon. Musical items were rendered; and then a talk on "Good Citizenship," given by Mrs. Mountjoy, was listened to with much interest, and proved a very helpful message to all present.

**Onehunga,** March 14th: See special reports. March 28th: Very successful Home meeting held at the home of Mrs. Chappell. Solos by Dr. Jeannie Craig, and address by Miss McLay, who told of the recent annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance and their future arrangements. All very interesting and informative.

**Ponsonby,** March 21st: Mrs. Joiner, President, in the chair. Mrs. Read led Devotions, and dealt with "The Peace of Christ," by which we are all surrounded. President welcomed all members and visitors, among whom was Dr. Jeannie Craig and Mrs. and Miss Prussing. Members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy and regret in the passing on of Miss Read, a past President, and very faithful worker of the Ponsonby Union. Letter received from Mrs. Lee-Cowie donating £10 for the purchase of Memorial to be placed in the Maori Girls' Hostel. Temperance fact given by Miss Runciman. Dr. Jeannie Craig rendered a solo very beautifully, and was also the speaker for the afternoon, giving a most interesting and challenging address. Mrs. Joiner thanked the speaker on behalf of all present. Meeting closed with the repeating of the Pledge and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

**Auckland,** April 9th: Mrs. Long presided. Temperance fact given by Mrs. Holmes. Reports of District Executive and National Council of Women were given. An interesting report of the Dominion Convention was given by the district delegate, Mrs. Massam. Mrs. Long gave a comprehensive report of the Conference of the N.Z. Alliance held in Wellington. Votes of thanks given to both ladies. Mrs. Long also reported on the Maori Girls' Hostel and the useful training the girls are receiving. The Benediction, pronounced by Mrs. Long, closed a most interesting and profitable meeting.

**Henderson,** March 27th: Very pleasant afternoon spent at the home of Mrs. Chadwick to entertain the children of Cradle Roll and their mothers. Good attendance. Miss McLay told the story of the birth and childhood of Moses, and also gave a very interesting account of the beginning of the W.C.T.U. Literature was distributed to the mothers, and several children were enrolled.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Tauranga,** April 2nd: Mrs. Christian presided over a good attendance, leading Devotions in the absence of the Evangelical Supt. Pledge. Reports of Garden Party and Executive meeting given. Band of Hope arrangements made for early start. Literature distributed. Dominion Convention report given by the delegate, Mrs. Foxcroft, and much appreciated. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

**Hamilton,** April 4th: Mrs. Gatman presided. Good attendance. Miss Gagen conducted Devotions, speaking on Praise being Prayer. Mrs. Lewis, of Cambridge, District Secretary, was present, and gave report on Dominion Convention; most informative and lucid on the business, covering achievements, planning and future vision. The aim of nothing less than Total Abolition of the Liquor Traffic was still the goal. The importance of this year being Poll year was stressed. A vote of thanks to the speaker was passed, and the Benediction closed the meeting.

**Thames,** April 3rd: Well attended meeting in the Methodist school-room. Convention delegate presented "Plans of work for Poll year" as decided on at Convention. Members decided to start immediately by advertising slogans, etc., in the local newspapers as funds permit. A resolution to be sent to Thames Ministers' Association asking that the evils of intemperance be emphasised at the Bible in Schools lessons, and also in the pulpit.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT

**Hawera,** March 26th: A very well attended meeting. Mrs. K. Thayer in the chair as president; also took Devotions. Temperance fact given. A detailed report of Dominion Convention was given by the delegate, Mrs. Barron. Meeting closed with prayer and Benediction by the President.

### MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Feilding,** April 3rd: Mrs. Spence in the chair. Mrs. Kendall led Devotions and spoke on Faith, and trusting more. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Tremaine for a splendid and inspiring report of Dominion Convention. Decided to see about getting Temperance Education into Bible Class Camps. An effort to be made to have Miss Appleby to give a talk at our next meeting. A bright meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Stewart.

### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Hastings,** February: First meeting for the year was well attended. Mrs. Hickmott, again president, was presented with a birthday posy, with all good wishes for the coming year of work for God. Molly Wakefield was presented with the gold medal for the Temperance Examination. Mrs. Murtagh, treasurer for five years, has resigned. Appreciation of her faithful work was expressed in words and flowers.

March: Good gathering of members and friends to hear Mrs. Lewis report on the Dominion Convention. She told of the doings day by day with great enthusiasm, inspiring the members to seize every opportunity for the Temperance cause. Collectors were appointed for the street collection for "Relief for Greece."

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Lower Hutt,** March 27th: Mr. Lopdell gave a very forceful address on Temperance, giving statistics showing how the evils of drink are on the increase, and suggesting as a means of helping to educate the young on the subject that a good temperance article should be included each month in the School Journal; the use of temperance films in the schools; and that an itinerant lecturer should visit the schools to teach the evils of alcoholic drinking. Benediction.

**Brooklyn,** March 26th: Mrs. Sawden presided. Fifteen present. Pledge. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. A short resume of Miss Kirk's talk at last Executive meeting from the chair. Mrs. Brewer presented Mrs. Gillings with a handbag in recognition of many years' service as Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Sawden elected in her place. An interesting and comprehensive report of Christchurch Convention given by the delegate, Mrs. Pearce. Much enjoyed; and matter noted for discussion at next meeting. Successful "Bring and Buy." Sigil prayer and Benediction.

**Wellington Central,** March 20th: Attendance fair. Sick visiting reported. Birthday posies presented. Convention report received. Very helpful and educational. We must be on the watch-tower this Poll year. Delegate for district meeting appointed.

### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Springlands,** March 19th: Mrs. Underhill presided. Sympathy expressed with members and friends who had suffered bereavement. Devotions, Mrs. Gascoigne. Roll call well responded to. Congratulations to President on being elected to Dominion office. Bouquets of flowers to be sent with good wishes to two overseas brides and to a mother with first babe. President passed on few thoughts on Convention and proudly presented the L.W.R. Banner. Delegate's report next meeting. Mrs. L. Green consented to accept Recording Secretary position and Mrs. J. Herd that of Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Gascoigne read a most interesting chapter from Rita Snowden's book, "A Thousand Sunrises," which was much enjoyed.

**Blenheim,** April 2nd: Mrs. N. Forbes presided over a good attendance. Mrs. A. J. Milgrew took Devotions, reading from St. Luke's Gospel, and from the book, "Starting Afresh," by Pat McCormack. Letters to be sent to Mrs. Goslin, Mrs. J. S. White, in Wellington Hospital; and congratulations to Mrs. V. Underhill on her appointment as Dominion Recording Secretary. Mrs. N. Forbes gave a splendid and interesting report of Convention. Vote of thanks to her proposed by Mrs. Goslin and carried by acclamation. Benediction.

### NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson,** March 12th: Mrs. Walker presided in the absence of Mrs. Toomer at Convention, and spoke on God's gifts to us, and our use and abuse of them. Agreed to ask Mrs. Gardiner, of the Wellington Union, to represent us at the Alliance Conference in Wellington. Mrs. Rankin, Health and Nutrition Superintendent, gave a most able talk on "Health, the birthright of all"; giving as the three main causes of ill-health, (1) wrong eating, (2) wrong thinking, and (3) wrong living. Mrs. Rankin was thanked for her talk, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

April 9th: Mrs. Toomer presided and welcomed members and visitors. Verses of favourite hymns were sung, the pledge repeated, and prayer offered by the President. Flowers and letters to be sent to two sick members. Mesdames Doel and Hay reported interestingly on Dominion Convention. Mrs. Toomer, who was congratulated on having been elected Corresponding Secretary, thanked members, urging them to pray unceasingly for the

year's work. Reply received to protest sent to American picture producers (see special report). Convention numbers taken for distribution. Collection for Alliance funds. Benediction.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Papanui, March 20th:** Mrs. Tillman presided over a fair attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Malcolm. Temperance fact given by Mrs. Tillman. Reports of Dominion Convention given by Mesdames Tillman and Hodder. "Bring and Buy" arranged for next meeting, and speaker for Maori Day.

**Riccarton, March 14th:** Mrs. Griffiths, President, in the chair. Twenty-one members present, and four apologies received. Mrs. Savage appointed Birthday League Superintendent, and Mrs. Evans' resignation of this office received with regret. President thanked members who had extended hospitality to Convention delegates, and requested all to study the "Constitution" before next meeting. A very interesting talk was given by Miss G. Musgrove on her world tour, and a vivid description of the "Queen Mary" was also enjoyed. Votes of thanks passed to speakers, and meeting closed with prayer.

**March 20th:** Special Home meeting held at the residence of the President to hear the report of Dominion Convention, which proved most interesting and instructive, and was well discussed. A vote of thanks to our delegate, Mrs. Harris, was passed. Fifteen present. Meeting opened and closed with hymns and prayer.

**Christchurch, March 13th:** Miss C. Henderson presided, and welcomed the newly elected Dominion President, Miss C. E. Kirk, who later spoke on the harm of Trust Control. Pleasure expressed on learning that the Union had again won "White Ribbon" Banner (for greatest number of new subscribers gained in one year), and also the silver vase (for the greatest number of subscribers in N.Z.).

**March 27th:** Miss Henderson presided. Members offered to assist in street collection for Tuberculosis Association. Resolution passed, "That we urge Government to take steps to secure large quantities of rabbits and other wild animals to send overseas to supplement food supplies." Mrs. B. James then gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention.

**Reefton, March 12th:** Mrs. Thompson presided. Frances Willard Day observed, Mrs. Leaning reading a paper on the life of Frances Willard. Collection for World Missionary Fund.

**March 21st:** Successful Cradle Roll party held in Wesley Sunday School grounds. Beautiful weather. Twenty-two children and twenty mothers attended. The children were kept happy with games, ice cream and soft drinks; the mothers partaking of afternoon tea.

**Linwood, March 30th:** Mrs. Mackie presided. Breezy, good report of Convention given by Mrs. Dunlop, who had been delegate for the first time. Reports on Band of Hope, which has made an encouraging beginning, and is passing on two members to the "Y" branch. Three new "W.R." subscribers. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

**New Brighton, April 4th:** Devotions led by Mrs. Edward. Pledge reaffirmed. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell and Mrs. W. Pepperell, a local member. A short prayer was offered by Mrs. Hall. A picnic was held in February, where a "Bring and Buy" stall realised £1/14/- for Headquarters Fund. Pleasing report read by our three delegates to the recent Convention. The ladies were thanked. Mr. Ancell was nominated as District Vice-President. Presentation made to Mrs. Edward for her service as our former Secretary.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote, March 26th,** at Heathcote: Mrs. Tredennick, President, in the chair. Good attendance. Captain Norman, of the Salvation Army, gave an interesting talk on the work done on the Island of Roto Roa, where her father, a Salvation Army officer, was one time in charge. In 39 years, 3,000 men have been treated there. An encouraging part of the work is that 77 per cent. have been cured, and some have become fine Christians. The Methodist minister, the Rev. Mr. Brown, joined us for afternoon tea.

**Sydenham, April 14th:** Our President, Mrs. Filer, presided over an attendance of fourteen. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies. Motion of sympathy passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell, our much loved North Canterbury President. The Secretary

stated that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Barrell. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Mesdames Davies and Drewitt presented reports on the recent Dominion Convention, these members sharing in the duties of delegate on behalf of the branch.

**North Brighton, March 19th:** Mrs. McIlwraith led Devotions. Seven members and one visitor present. Agreed to celebrate 20th birthday. A beautiful paua shell brooch was presented to Mrs. D. Goldman for loyal and devoted service as President for eight years. Departmental Superintendents were appointed.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Timaru, March 26th.** Mrs. Densem presided. The resignation of the President, Miss Fyfe, was received with regret, this being due to ill-health. The caretaker reported a busy month at the "Sailors' Rest." Mrs. Densem reported on the Dominion Convention, and a full discussion followed. It was suggested that Guides and Brigades be urged to study Temperance.

**Temuka, April 4th.** Mrs. H. Grocott presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Prattley. A detailed report on Dominion Convention given by Mrs. J. Holliday. Arrangements in hand for a Cradle Roll party. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Hiatt on the death of a brother. Doxology.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Oamaru, April 7th:** Mrs. Winn, in the chair, led in prayer. Devotions led by Mrs. Burgess. Mrs. Winn thanked members who had helped with Cradle Roll and Band of Hope picnic. Members asked to assist with funds for literature for election year. Arrangement for mothers' evening next month. Miss Thompson gave a report on Convention, for which she was heartily thanked. Mention was made of the passing of the late Mrs. Bridgman, who was a valiant worker for the temperance cause for many years. A duet was contributed. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

**March 11th:** Mrs. Winn presided and led in prayer. Devotions were taken by Miss Cowan. A Memorial Minute was included regarding the late Miss Mary Milligan. Mrs. Winn expressed thanks to all the members who had assisted with the Plunket street collection. Invitation from the Baptist Church to attend a special service was accepted. A letter of welcome to be sent to returning sons of members. Letters of thanks for congratulations on honours received from the King received from Miss B. Wilson and Mr. Harkness. A letter of thanks for sympathy received from Mrs. Weston. One new member enrolled. Solo, and afternoon tea.

**Dunedin South: Fourth Thursday.** Mrs. Rippin presided. Mrs. Smith led Devotions. Apologies from four members. President announced that in future secretaries would be expected to prepare quarterly reports for District Conference. Mrs. Rippin delivered a full and comprehensive report of the Annual Convention, for which she was thanked by Mrs. Williamson.

**North East Valley, March 28th:** Comprehensive reports on Convention business given by Miss Gibbs. Decided to hold an afternoon tea concert on April 30th to raise funds for the work of the Union.

**Lawrence, April 4th:** Attendance fair. President gave a talk on "Ye are the salt of the earth." Extracts from "White Ribbon" read. Mrs. McNeilly gave a paper on "The Road to Emmaus." Reference was made to the death of a member. Recitation by Mrs. Duguid. Decided to ask District Secretary for a report of Convention.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

**Winton, March 9th:** First meeting for the year. Mrs. T. A. Thomas presided. Pledge repeated. Devotions led by President. Apologies received and sympathy letter sent to Mrs. Bryce. Mrs. Edgerton gave suitable and helpful temperance readings. The President also read some interesting records of the past work done by the W.C.T.U. Benediction.

**Invercargill, April 3rd:** Mrs. Watson, Vice-President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Brown, who also gave a report of the Dominion Convention. Letters of sympathy sent to the Dobie family in the death of their mother, who was one of the original members of our Union; and to Mrs. Cameron on the death of her brother.

#### FOR ME

The Lenten days move slowly by;  
The Holy Week again is nigh.  
An aching holds the heart in thrall;  
Suspense hangs heavy over all.

The solemn Cross will tower again  
Over the hills across the plain;  
Gethsemane once more will come;  
And anguish make the soul its home.

Oh, darkened days and hours of Lent!  
Oh, sorrows deep! Oh, dark portent!  
How can it be that Love must lie  
All bleeding 'neath the shuddering sky?

How can it be? Poor human fool!  
Make of your tears a healing pool.  
For You the wounds again have bled;  
For You the life again has sped.

Oh, Easter Day that dawns at last!  
Oh, rapture of the broken fast!  
Oh, Heaven, that opens in the morn  
Of resurrection light new born!

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

**ASHBURTON**, 1st Tuesday, in Baring Sq. Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Adj. Smith, Cameron St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Holmes, 78 Chalmers St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Tullock, 23 Peter St. W.; "W.R.", Mrs. Tinker, 152 Aitken St.; C.R., Mrs. Lion; Seamen, Miss C. Jackson and Mrs. Tilly.

**AUCKLAND**, 2nd Tuesday, at Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St., at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungarei Rd., Remuera, S.E.2; W.R., Mrs. Holmes, 100 Arney Rd., Remuera, S.E.2.

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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.

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**BRYNDWR**, Christchurch, 4th Wednesday, St. John's Church. Pres., Mrs. E. R. Clarke; Sec., Mrs. G. Robinson, 12 Warkworth Rd., Fendalton; Treas., Mrs. L. R. Pugh, 65 Hartley Av., Papanui; C.R., Mrs. E. Freeman; "Y" Supt., Mrs. E. R. Clarke.

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**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.

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**PAHIATUA**, 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. F. Ryan, Tyndall St.; Treas., Mrs. Griffiths, Main St.; W.R., Mrs. Pringle, Princess St.

**PALMERSTON NORTH**, 1st Tuesday, Baptist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. D. H. Coles, 70 Oxford St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sexton, 315 Broadway Av.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Claridge; Treas., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; C.R., Miss Connelly and Mrs. McIvor; W.R., Mrs. Carter; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames White and Webb.

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

**PICTON**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Methodist S.S. Hall; Pres., Mrs. Millen; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Leadley and Potter; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. S. E. Wells, Milton Terrace; W.R., Mrs. Martien; Band of Hope and Y's, Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

**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.

**PONSONBY**, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Joiner; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Read, Mrs. Olds, Sister Jessie; Sec., Mrs. J. Osborn; Treas., Mrs. Christopher; White Ribbon, Mrs. Wood; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Millar; Maori Work, Sister Jessie; Evangelistic, Mrs. Read.

**PUKEKOHE** meets 1st Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in alternate Churches. President, Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Terrace; Secretary, Mrs. Davies, Harris Street; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellis, Seddon Street.

**REEFTON**, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. Gilnaour, Buller Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Hallaran, Buller Rd.; Vice-Pres. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Absalom, Sherman St.; C.R., Mrs. Sara, Sherman St.

**RAETIHI**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Sandford; Sec., Miss G. Scarrow; Treas., Mrs. J. Seerup; W.R., Mrs. M. Bernard; C.R., Mrs. McLean.

**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.

**SYDENHAM**, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. J. Filer, 30 Leitch St., S.W.1; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker St., S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Seivers; W.R., Mrs. Julius, 137 Rose St., S.W.1; C.R., Mrs. Garlick.

**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., S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. E. Grocott, Davey St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. W. Hewson, Hamilton St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. T. 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, Wymard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

**TE KOPURU**, 3rd Wednesday, by-monthly from February, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Hill-Taylor; W.R., Miss Taylor, L.W.R., Miss F. Wordsworth.

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

**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. Ross, Martin St.; Sec., Mrs. Purser, Main Rd.

**WAIPAWA**, 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.

**WAIPIKURAU**, 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, Okaia; 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 Coombe; 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**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., "Evening Post" Building. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Rd., E.1; Sec., Mrs. Reed, 6 Bruce Ave., Brooklyn, S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 338 Oriental Bay, E.1.

**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. R. G. McKenzie, The Manse, Browns; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.