

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Recreate in us the Soul of Service, the Spirit of Peace.
Renew in us the sense of Joy."—R. L. Stevenson.

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"OFFICIAL ORGAN"

Glibly though an "Official Organ" may be mentioned, it is doubtful whether all those who make use of the term are fully aware of its many implications. The dictionary has a whole column of material on the word "Organ" with its derivatives and compounds. It is quite an illuminating diversion to read through it.

Among other meanings given are these: "An instrument, or means; that which performs some duty, office, or function; a means of communication between one person or body of persons to another; a medium of conveying certain opinions; specifically, a newspaper." And, to carry the content of the word on to its derived verb, we find that "to organise" is "to arrange the several parts of for action or work."

Food for thought in all this, undoubtedly. It may be worth while to investigate the position with regard to our "organ"; and to see whether, small and modest though it be, it fulfils its "duty, office, or function."

Every effort is made to secure that power of "communication" between the members of our great movement. For the function to be fully exercised is, however, obviously, an equally shared responsibility between the producers and the readers of our paper. The meal may be prepared, and some effort

JUNE 15th WHITE RIBBON DAY

"But words are things, and a small drop of ink,
Falling, like dew, upon a thought, produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think."

—Lord Byron.



Mrs. V. Underhill,
Recently elected Recording Secretary.

towards making it appetising may be made; but if the appetite for it is not keen, if the diner is too busy to feel it incumbent upon her to accept what is offered, then this function cannot possibly be carried out so far as she is concerned. Full responsibility for the preparation of the feast is with one side; but its usefulness is in its value to the individual reader. As to the fare provided, it is good to receive contributions from those who feel that certain matters are worthy of a place on the menu. Thanks are due to many who help in this way.

As "a medium of exchange for certain opinions," we realise that, for fifty-one years, the "White Ribbon" has sounded a clear note of challenge to all the powers of evil in social, community, and national life in New Zealand. No one would dream of searching its pages for anything which would have effects other than uplifting. Casual readers are in no doubt as to the reason for its existence. No uncertain trumpet note trembles through it; but a definite call to service for God, Home, and Humanity is heard, constantly and urgently.

It may be questioned as to whether the duties of the "White Ribbon" can be held to include those of "arranging the several parts" of our organisation "for action or work." That is, perhaps, to assume an almost dictator-like position. Each Union has the right to plan and work along the lines best suited to its own circumstances; which means its locality, its numbers, the type of people in the neighbourhood, and various other features of its make-up. Suggestions as to what may be helpful, suitable subjects for study in meetings, fruitful and timely avenues for specialised effort, and carefully prepared plans for efficient performance of the duties arising from the fact of the existence of Unions are all supplied with the one aim of helping to keep interest keen; and to make the work easy to compass for those many busy officers whose lives are very full of work in home and community. That some attempt towards co-ordination of effort should be made through our pages is right; but it is not expected that all Unions should become identical, and lose their characteristic qualities.

Whatever may be the opinion as to the successful functioning of the

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AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

Dominion Superintendent: Mrs. Ross

With the General Election and Licensing Poll drawing nearer very quickly, it is wise for all Unions to supply themselves with stocks of literature. A new set of leaflets is in process of production and should be ready almost immediately. Every member should make a practice of distributing regularly. The methods are manifold. In letters; along with circulars; in letter boxes; distributed by hand from door to door; at Church meetings; and by "Householder" mail, now happily restored, these informative and challenging messages may be sent out to do their particular work. The knowledge that many of them will not be of much value keeps some people from using them; but if even one person is influenced to vote for the Abolition of the Liquor Traffic, a work well worth while has been accomplished.

We especially urge this form of service on the many of our members who feel that they have no special talents, or who have little time to spare. It does not make a great call on anyone to put a leaflet into circulation in some way. Very often, the sight of the printed word makes a sudden, sharp impression on the mind of a reader who does not take much trouble about his opinions really, and brings some aspect of the great Liquor question into prominence in his mind almost without his being aware of it.

It is like "Casting our bread upon the waters." We do not always know where it goes; but we do know that God can make use of the smallest effort to bring in the Kingdom of Righteousness. Let our effort go to swell the whole amount. Send to Headquarters for samples of leaflets.

SAILORS' RESTS

At this time of year comfort bags, with such contents as mittens, scarves, handkerchiefs, soap, writing paper, pencils, etc., are particularly acceptable. The New Plymouth "Rest" has been making an appeal through the District Executive for help in this very practical work. Ditty bags should be about twelve inches square; and have two drawstrings. They are greatly valued by the recipients.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	New Members
Masterton	7
Spreydon	1
Riccarton	2
Woolston	1
Total	11

C. TOOMER,
Corresponding Secretary.

SPECIAL REPORTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISS MCCALLUM

(Invercargill South)

A memorial service to the late greatly beloved Miss McCallum, whose death on January 16th caused much sorrow to all who knew her, was held recently in Invercargill. The unveiling of a plaque was a very touching ceremony, expressive of deep feeling, as was testified by the large number of friends present.

Miss McCallum was a very valued and faithful worker in all Church and missionary work, and this was shown in the beautiful eulogy given by the Right Reverend Mr. Howes to her name. Mrs. McKenzie, an old friend of the McCallum family, unveiled the tablet; and Miss Murray, a missionary from Egypt, also spoke in memory of Miss McCallum and her work. We thank God for her rich life, and the privilege of knowing her. It can be truly said of her that she spent her life "For God, Home, and Humanity."

CRADLE ROLL PARTY

(Johnsonville)

A very enjoyable party was held at the house of Mrs. Davis on March 23rd. Fifteen C.R. children present, with four Band of Hope girls to assist; fifteen mothers and several W.C.T.U. members also present. Mrs. Reed, Secretary of Wellington Central Union, and Miss Appleby, addressed the mothers.

The Band of Hope girls, assisted by some of the Cradle Roll children, gave a short concert.

MOTHERS' DAY GATHERING

(Auckland District)

On Sunday, May 12th, the Auckland District Executive held a special "Mothers' Day" gathering in the Pitt Street Bi-Centenary Hall. The District President, Mrs. J. W. Long, presided over a good attendance of members and friends. The meeting opened with the singing of one verse of the National Anthem; after which the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians was recited by Mollie, from the Cleveland Road Hostel. A good programme of music was presented, among those contributing items being two Samoan girls from the Hostel, and the boy soprano, Maurice Turley, and also Mrs. MacMahon. The speaker was Miss L. H. Jenkins, the wife of the new Principal of the Baptist College in Auckland. At the close of the meeting the District Vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, thanked the speaker and the artists on behalf of the Executive.

OUR WHITE RIBBON BOW

Wear It And Greet It

During a holiday trip last summer, which included a visit to Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, I saw only two White Bows. One was worn by a Dominion officer, and the other by a Maori member from the West Coast. I was so glad to see them. Where are your bows?

They are easily lost, and the enamel ones cannot be replaced at present; but why not wear a small white silk ribbon bow? That was the original badge, and it became very popular. Narrow white bebe ribbon can now be obtained, and it looks very nice, being also easily renewed.

We must encourage each other in our work; and the bow is a fine method of introduction. A few weeks ago in a busy Auckland street my eye lighted on a W.R. bow in a motor car standing outside a shop door. I greeted the wearer; we recognised each other; had a little chat; and I went on my way gladdened by the greeting.

So DO wear your White Ribbon Bow.

C. M. McLAY.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

The Inter-Church Conference discussed the reduction of brewing to save grain during the time of need, and sent to the Cabinet a proposal that the experiment be made for a proposed time. This was refused as being "impracticable."

Since then news has been cabled that Britain has reduced brewing by 25 per cent., bringing present barrellage to 90 per cent. of pre-war amount. The U.S.A. has also made a good reduction. Both of these are definitely stated to be made to save grain for food as this is so urgently needed.

As Great Britain and U.S.A. are doing this, why is it "impracticable" (Mr. Fraser's word) in New Zealand? What does your local M.P. think of this?

KATHERINE MERCER

WHERE SUGAR WENT

"Since the war began, 4,200,000 tons of grain have gone to the breweries—and 11,008,000,000 lbs. of sugar. If at the outbreak of war the manufacture of beer had been restricted to 50 per cent., there would have been a store of 2,000,000 tons of grain and 250,000 tons of sugar for the feeding of the starving people of Europe."

Quoted from Church of Scotland monthly paper, at Karori W.C.T.U. meeting, by Mrs. C. Wood.

President's Message



Mrs. C. E. Kirk

June, 1946.

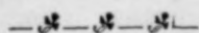
Dear Friends,

Now that Eastertide with all its wonderful message has passed it is time for reconsecration to our Lord and to our work. Surely there is no better proof of our belief in the love of Christ than that of redoubled effort to clear the evil of the Liquor Traffic from our land. On Easter Day I stood watching a glorious dawn and also looking out over the sleeping city; I could not but think how different Easter Dawn might be if there were no beverage alcohol. So many more people waking with clear brains and happy hearts. We CAN have such an Easter if we are prepared to pay the price in sacrifice and continuous service. J. R. Lowell said, "No man is born into this world whose work is not born with him; there is always work, and tools, to work withal for those who will," and Booker Washington said, "Nothing that is worth having ever comes to one except as the result of hard work." The battle is the Lord's, and strength in abundance will be the portion of those who "come to the help of the Lord."

With very cordial greetings from

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.



Let me tell you from the very outset, and speaking as a medical man, that I personally know of no greater curse on God's earth than alcohol; and medically speaking, there is no greater curse that we know of in the medical world.—Dr. L. P. Bosman, M.P.

National Council of Women

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

We are indebted to Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg for the very interesting report of the past year's activities of the Christchurch branch of the N.C.W. As this is probably indicative of much of the work of the average branch, we are glad to publish parts of general interest, so that we may have some idea of what is done by the organisation which has our representatives from the Dominion officers and from our local Unions in most places where both associations are functioning.

The number of delegates from women's societies in the Christchurch branch is 72; these representing 51 organisations. Miss C. Henderson, well-known to all W.C.T.U. members, is a Life Member.

A paragraph is devoted to the loss sustained by the branch in the loss of the much loved late President, Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Her gifts of character and personality are feelingly mentioned. Another loss was that of the late Mayoress, Miss E. Cousins, who was a former Vice-president of the branch.

The Dominion President, Miss Havelaar, J.P. is congratulated on having received the award of M.B.E., well deserved for the voluntary war work accomplished by her. Mesdames N. Banks and T. Taberner are congratulated on becoming J.P.'s.

Three of the Christchurch members have been re-elected as Dominion Officers: Miss Havelaar, President; Mrs. W. Mackay, J.P., and Mrs. L. I. Cattell.

Special Meetings mentioned in the report include one for the consideration of the recommendations sent down from the Wellington branch regarding the Licensing Commission. While not in agreement with some of these, the Council expressed gratitude for the time and thought given to the matter by their sister branch.

Victory Loan. At the request of the Christchurch War Loan Committee the branch undertook to secure helpers and collectors.

The milk problem was the subject of another special meeting. An endeavour to assist in solving the difficulties caused at the Hospital through staff shortage resulted in the forming of an association named "The Friends of the Hospital." This is sponsored by the branch, and its executive officers are all members thereof. The report reads: "We are truly proud of the great work accomplished by the 'Friends' in the short space of time since Christmas. They have formed a branch in Ashburton, a weekly sewing Circle which does mending at the Hospital, a Sewing Circle at Waltham for the Waltham Orphanage, and have been responsible for finding a large number of part-time workers for the Hospital and its institutions."

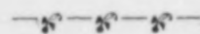
Reference is made to the Dominion Conference, of which a short report has already appeared in these pages.

Associate members have given much valuable assistance in many directions.

Special Committees set up within the branch are as follows: 1. Education and Child Welfare; 2. Food and Commodities; 3. Housing; 4. Pensions; 5. Reconstruction; 6. Social Welfare. Excellent work is reported by all of these.

Numerous deputations have been received and sent out by the branch.

It is illuminating to read this report and we congratulate the Christchurch Branch on its vigorous and healthy tone. To those of our readers who are not in touch with any branch of the Council, it will be very interesting to learn that its policy is in the direction of Good Citizenship all along the line.



LETTER FROM NUIE ISLAND

The following letter has been handed on by the Dominion President, and we publish it knowing that many readers will be greatly interested in news from our friend, Mrs. Head:—

Nuie Island,

April 23rd, 1946.

Dear Miss Kirk,

Very many thanks for your interest in our welfare, and for trying to purchase an organ for us. I realise the difficult task you are doing for us. I hope you will be able to purchase one even if it would cost more.

This is our Centenary. It is a hundred years this year since the Gospel was brought to Nuie (October 16th). Everyone is looking forward to its celebration. We hope to have our organ for the occasion.

Mrs. Beharell, our President, is starting a Girls' Brigade this year, which is another exciting event on the Island. The Boys' Brigade is progressing very well. We trust the girls' class will be the same.

The President has given us a new name, and is ordering a new badge. This will be the number two badge, to be worn above the white bow. F.C.W. are the letters, standing for "Federation of Christian Women." It is to be in blue and gold.

Our Easter passed away very quietly. It is three months now since we had a boat here. It is three months' scraping of the bottom of our supply tins and barrels. It is really Elijah's experience with us now.

All the Nuie Island members at our quarterly meeting convey to you their Christian greetings, and hope that all will be well with you.

We thank God for Peace, wherein we can serve Him without fear. Mr Head joins me in kindest regards to you. Kindly remember me to Mrs. Peryman, our dear friend in the Master's service.

Yours very sincerely,

MALAMA V. HEAD.

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THE NEED FOR NEW WORKERS

[The following very well written article is from the pen of a Scottish Union member, of over four score years, and is taken from the "Scottish Women's Temperance News." Its applicability to our own position is worthy of note.—Ed.]

It will be generally agreed that the most urgent need of the Temperance movement today—every section of it—is new workers, resolute, and convinced that "abstinence is best" as a way of life. To carry the movement forward in the difficult times that lie ahead, new life will be required to reinvigorate the work, and to initiate new methods and schemes of service. For this important task young men and women with a definite sense of vocation must be sought. This need not be a fruitless search. Let us consider the position and its implications. Remembering that the word vocation bears a wide and varying definition, it will be helpful if we start with clear understanding of the sense in which it is used, namely, a calling by the will of God; acceptance of responsibility for work in which we seek to serve the coming of the Kingdom of Righteousness, Justice and Truth among men. It is no exaggeration to say that it is in that spirit and from that motive that the most fruitful Temperance work has been accomplished.

A Master Destroyer

The drink evil is recognised as a master-destroyer of human happiness and moral worth. A stumbling-block

in the path of little children, and the ally of all the forces that combine to hinder men and women realising their highest destiny. The gigantic organisation known as "the Trade" is deeply entrenched in the life of the community. Vested interests are reinforced daily by the growing profits of the drink purveyors and the mendacious publicity methods employed. All that is enough, but it is not all. The conspiracy of silence on the part of many members of the medical profession who know the facts, added to the complacency of religious leaders, for whom there can be no excuse of ignorance, make the task of the total abstinence advocate more difficult. Nor has wartime experience made things easier. High in the national life there has been all too frequently a lamentable patronage of drinking customs. Flippant references to beer as food by members of the Government, who ought to know better, combine with the drink barrage of the B.B.C. to invest drinking with a glamorous aspect. The main-brace is still spliced on British warships; the calendar of crime associated with drink grows daily; recommendations of the Licensing Royal Commission presented to Parliament twelve years ago are still interred in official pigeon-holes (if they have not already gone the way of salvage), and promises made to deputations have not been kept. This is only a brief list of some of the facts in relation to drink confronting us today. As we contemplate the forces arrayed against us we realise afresh that it is not within our power to match weapon with weapon in the struggle for a drink-free nation. The ultimate decisive factor in any movement for righteousness is spiritual power, and this is also fundamental to our cause. A full recognition of this fact will enable us to see all our problems in a clear light. Considerations of finance, organisation and methods are not the first essentials, important though they be.

The Master Builder

There is an inescapable summons for all who would put a hand upon the plough of total abstinence work: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things will be added unto you." In "Remaking the World" to which we are encouraged to look forward there will be great opportunities for the men and

women who are prepared to face life in this spirit, who accept service as an act of faith, determined to sublimate the task, however hard it seems to be. Therefore it behoves each one of us to search our hearts, and examine ourselves in the light of our responsibilities. All the circumstances laid bare in the present position, and all the prospects opening before us in a changing world, call for a re-dedication of our powers and fuller devotion to the cause that has won our allegiance. Primarily the movement is dependent for its quality and standard upon the men and women doing the work. We have succeeded to a goodly heritage. As we remember the example and work of the founders and pioneers of the movement, and recall the memory of those with whom we have served in other days, we offer our tribute of thankfulness and praise. From time to time proposals have been made for more ambitious aims in training, and we can continue to hope that the necessity for this will find practical expression in the near future. But whatever plans are ultimately formulated, nothing can be of more importance for the movement and the workers than the realisation of the spiritual forces made available for all. Energy and organisation can accomplish much, but who among us does not know that work without prayer is presumption. Not infrequently conferences terminate with a sense of frustration. The fellowship is helpful and the addresses informative, but deeper things seem to elude us, and we miss the quickening of the spirit which alone brings true enrichment of our life and work. This need is expressed in the words: "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." In the coming days of new programmes and reconstruction we must put first things first, and that means dedication in our work. We shall know a richer quality of service in so far as we experience the vocational sense of our service. A great opportunity lies before us. There are hopeful signs that in the field of education, and in the realm of legislation, Temperance reformers will be able to carry their cause forward on the mighty impulse of the coming peace. On us rests the responsibility of inspiring the projected changes by our witness, and by stern resolution that God helping us we shall not be found wanting.

C. KIRBY.

June 1, 1946.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Dargaville

"Dignity is one of the many nice things you can't preserve in alcohol."

Alcohol and Genius

Edgar Allan Poe drank, to his own ruin, but he did his work during periods of sobriety. One of his friends said of him, "One drink with him was like hitting a fine Swiss watch with a hatchet."

Edwin Booth was a periodical drinker, but he was incapable of mental concentration after one drink of brandy.

Jack London drank himself into despair and a suicide's grave.

Burns, the poet, was a victim of alcoholism.

No wonder that Upton Sinclair says, "Alcohol is the greatest trap which life has set for the feet of genius."

—"The Voice," Aug., 1945.

"There is only one safe and sure way to prevent the evils brought about by drink, and that is total abstinence."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

"Liquor breeds disrespect for all law, civil, criminal, and the law of love. It has wrecked countless useful lives."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

"If you want your brain, your muscles, and your nerves in the best possible condition, total abstinence is essential."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

"Alcohol never increases the vital energy of the body. On the contrary, this energy is decreased through the action of alcohol on the cells."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

Quoted at Dargaville Meeting

"While women weep as they do now, we'll fight.

While little children go hungry as they do now, we'll fight.

While men and women go in prison and out, in and out, we'll fight.

While young girls are lost in the street, we'll fight.

While there is a drunkard left, we'll fight.

While there is a poor lost soul without the light we'll fight."

(General Booth.)



SPECIAL FOR REPORTERS

Please Note.—As the fifteenth of June falls on a Saturday, all reports should be sent to arrive by the 14th, otherwise they will not reach the Editor till evening of the 17th, which is too late for inclusion in the July issue.

ESSAY AND POSTER COMPETITIONS

ESSAY COMPETITION

(For Post-Primary School Girls and Boys)

Subject: "Beverage Alcohol; prime enemy of Good Citizenship."

Prize: £10.

Length: Not more than 2,000 words (may be somewhat shorter).

Other Conditions:

Must be certified by Principal as having been written in school, under supervision.

Name of competitor and school to be put at the head of the essay.

The judge's decision will be final.

Closing Date: July 31st, 1946.

Where to Send: Mrs. Toomer, Monaco Road, Nelson.

What to Study: Booklet entitled "Scientific Temperance Instruction," price 6d.; obtainable from Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington.

POSTER COMPETITION

(For Post-Primary School Girls and Boys)

Subject:

Comparative value of Grains, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., and Alcoholic Beverages; OR

Alcohol: Its Uses and abuses.

Size: 2ft. 6in. by 1ft. 6in. (approximately).

Prize: £—

Style: Black and White (pen and ink), or water colour.

Other Conditions:

Name of competitor and school to be written on back of poster. More than one entry may be submitted by competitor.

To be done in school and certified by Principal as having been done under supervision.

Closing Date and Where to Send: As for Essay Competition.

PLEASE DO ALL POSSIBLE TO INTEREST CHILDREN OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THESE COMPETITIONS.



SOME RESULTS OF REPEAL

REPEAL INCREASES CRIME

In the first ten years after Repeal in the U.S.A. the general crime rate increased from 59 per 1,000 in 1932 to 155 per 1,000 in 1942; drunkenness increased 174 per cent., and drunken driving 97 per cent.

Director Hoover said in Michigan before the war (June 14, 1937) that criminologists had to cope with 4,300,000 criminals actively at work in the U.S.A. Whether war has increased or decreased the criminal element has yet to be shown statistically, but for certain liquor has been and will continue to be a major contributing cause to crime both in the United States and wherever it is consumed. No country ever had liquor without crime, but those countries who are without liquor are almost without crime. This at least is significant.

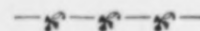
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handbooks are now on hand, and if not already ordered, are to be obtained from Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington, price 1/3. Each Union is advised to supply at least three for the use of the officers. Members may also order them, sending payment with the order.

Nuie Island Organ. Our Union on Nuie Island badly needs an organ. The letter on page 3 speaks for itself. Anyone possessing an organ who feels like donating it to these lonely people, or who would sell it at a reasonable price, is asked to communicate with Miss Kirk, Dominion President, 57 Pitt Street, Wadestown, Wellington.

Literature. Samples of new leaflets, etc., for use in preparation for the Poll are obtainable from Mrs. Ross.

Scientific Temperance Examinations. The date for these has been fixed for September 28th, 1946. Entries should reach the Superintendent, Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert Street, Palmerston North, by September 7th.



"WE ACCUSE OURSELVES"

German Church Leaders' Statement

The newly-formed Evangelical Church in Germany has become affiliated to the World Council of Churches in the presence of representatives from British, American, Swiss, Dutch and French Churches. At the first meeting of its own Council, the following statement was issued by the German Church leaders:—

"We, with our people, know ourselves to be in a great company of suffering, but also in a great solidarity of guilt. With great pain do we say that through us has endless suffering been brought to many peoples and countries. What we have often borne witness to before our congregations, we declare in the name of the whole Church. True, we have struggled for many years in the name of Jesus Christ against a spirit which has found its terrible expression in the National Socialist regime of violence, but we accuse ourselves for not witnessing more courageously, for not praying more faithfully, for not believing more joyously and for not loving more ardently."

—"Life and Work," December, 1945.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE IN THE HOME

ALCOHOL BEFORE AND DURING PNEUMONIA

The increasing success with the new methods used in treating pneumonia has created renewed interest in that disease, and it is not surprising to find that a late book on the subject, "Pneumonia: With Special Reference to Pneumococcus Lobar Pneumonia," by Roderick Heffron, M.D., gives an exhaustive treatise, bringing to light the modern methods of treatment. Much of value is to be found in its pages regarding the influence of alcohol in pneumonia. A review of Dr. Heffron's opinions and findings in regard to the use of alcohol in pneumonia, together with those of other authorities as found in recent books, follows. The use of alcohol as a therapeutic measure in pneumonia will be considered, as well as the relation of alcoholism and pneumonia.

About 1850, an Irish physician named Todd decided that internal administration of whisky was valuable in the treatment of pneumonia. The idea spread to England, and it was not long before the Germans also accepted this method of treatment, which reached its height of popularity about 1880. By 1883, the assertions of the eminent German pharmacologist, Schmiedeberg, caused the value of alcohol in treatment of infections to be reconsidered. Since that time its use has lessened gradually until today in most of the best hospitals and by the greater number of physicians alcohol is used very little.

The reasons why some physicians give alcohol in pneumonia are listed by Dr. Courtenay C. Weeks, the distinguished British authority, as follows:

1. Because of its alleged food value.
2. Because of its mildly narcotic action.
3. Because, by lowering blood pressure, it may relieve the right side of the heart.
4. Because it is easy to yield to inertia and custom and the imagined or real wishes of patients and friends.

Formerly given for its food value, the use of whisky in infectious disease, especially in pneumonia, has been supplanted by glucose, a remarkably good source of energy and an easily assimilated food. The food value of alcohol is now questioned.* In the Norman Kerr Memorial Lecture for 1938, Dr. Edward Mapother, of England, stated that while alcohol is destroyed and oxidised in the blood, thus producing heat, there is no proof that it enters into the metabolism of the muscle in the sense that sugar does.

Other Sedatives

The chief therapeutic use of alcohol seems to be for its sedative effect. In the early stages of pneumonia, it may quiet a restless patient and induce sleep, says Dr. W. H. Wynn, writing in the "British Medical Journal," but he points out that morphine will do this more effectively.

Because its action is not constant and of only short duration, Dr. Joseph Miller does not consider whisky of value in lowering blood pressure. Small, half-ounce doses cause a "transitory rise" in pressure, while two-ounce doses have the opposite effect. There are more desirable drugs for this purpose, says Dr. Miller in "Alcohol and Man."

According to Dr. Heffron, there seems to be no evidence that alcohol has any value in the treatment of pneumonia, although it often is given in some form to those who are chronic alcoholics. Some authorities oppose such practice, but others allow it in conditions of marked toxemia, or advanced age, or lessened food intake.

Dr. C. P. Howard ("Oxford Monographs") considers alcohol without much value and perhaps harmful as a cardiovascular stimulant in treating pneumonia. Dr. Wynn says: "(Alcohol's) reputation as a cardiac stimulant probably arose from its familiar use as a remedy for fainting. . . . The effect on the circulation is then due to reflex action from its irritant effect upon the upper part of the alimentary canal. This action is fleeting, and it does not follow that the same effect will be produced in gradual circulatory failure in acute fevers."

Admitting that alcohol may have some sedative action, Dr. John Hay, Professor of Medicine at Liverpool University, in speaking before the British Medical Association in 1927, warned that "to give alcohol in the belief that it is a cardiac tonic or stimulant is opposed to scientific teaching and clinical experience. Alcohol is not only futile but detrimental when administered in repeated doses to help a failing heart." Dr. Heffron asserts that reflex stimulation of the heart and medullary centres may be brought about by administering small doses of aromatic spirits of ammonia or brandy or whisky, but he suggests that the inhalation of ammonia or smelling salts may do the same thing.

Although Dr. Emil Bogen speaks of sudden withdrawal of alcohol in the case of pneumonia patients weakened by drunken debauch as productive of delirium tremens, and Dr. George Wallace in "Alcohol and Man" concurs with this view, the generally accepted opinion seems to be that alcohol no longer is thought to play an important therapeutic role in the treatment of pneumonia: that for nearly all its supposed therapeutic effects, there are safer and more efficient agents.

It seems to be a recognised observation among the medical profession that alcoholics do not withstand severe infections so well as abstainers do. The work of Thomas, Abbott, and Laitinen concur with this idea. This opinion is upheld also by the fact that in cholera epidemics, an unusually high mortality rate is found among heavy drinkers.

Dr. Heffron notes that the "general immunity" of infected experimental animals is acted upon unfavourably by alcohol, and frequently its use allows the development of infections which may even prove fatal, infections which are not found in controlled animals. He cites Goodners' observation on rabbits which had been traditionally infected. These animals, placed on their backs for several hours after infection, developed septicæmia rather than the anticipated local infection.

Pneumonia is one of the infections in which previous alcoholic indulgence seems to play a fatal role. "In the experience of many physicians it has been observed that the habitual use of alcohol in excess renders a person more susceptible to pneumonia and increases the fatality of the disease," says Waddell and Haag in "Alcohol in Moderation and Excess." Dr. (Joseph) Miller acknowledges that less resistance to pneumonia is shown by those who imbibe than by total abstainers. He notes that during or immediately after a drinking bout individuals frequently contract pneumonia, which is evidence, he affirms, that alcohol lowers bodily resistance to this particular infection. Langmead and Hunt, as quoted, says that the constitution is undermined, and the power of both resisting and combating infections is lessened by extended use of alcoholic drinks and by chronic alcoholism.

For the above very informative article we are indebted to our "Exchange," the "Scottish Women's Temperance News." We hope to include similar "Health" articles regularly in future.—Editor.

ALCOHOL A NARCOTIC

In the social and political world, alcohol is a perennial subject of debate, but men who have authority in the world of science agree that alcohol is a narcotic. It depresses the higher centres of the brain, removing inhibitions, and this is responsible for the mistaken belief that it is a stimulant.

The injurious effect of alcohol upon body functions is principally due to its affinity for water and its affinity for fats. It interferes particularly with the functioning of the digestive tract and the nervous system; and it distinctly impairs judgment and the power of reasoning. Its habitual use, even in moderate quantities, tends to decrease longevity. — "Australian Temperance Advocate" (April, 1946).

*Depending upon the scientific interpretation of the word **food**.

Repeal Boosts Alcoholic Mental Cases

It is a fact long accepted and testified to by authorities in the field of mental ills that alcohol is a never failing but rather a steadily increasing factor as shown by the official records.

One of the most significant surveys in this regard was that recently detailed in an interview with Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, President of the National W.C.T.U.

Briefly, the survey finds that yearly first admissions of alcoholics, as such, with and without psychosis, to mental institutions in the United States more than tripled, and the number of women so confined increased $4\frac{1}{2}$ times, in the 21 years beginning in 1922, "peak year of prohibition enforcement," and ending in 1942, latest year in which statistics are available.

With the exception of 1922, alcoholics are shown consistently by the census bureau to be the largest group among those classed without psychosis admitted to mental institutions. In 1922, mental deficient were listed first, and alcoholics second.

Alcoholism is additionally the sixth leading cause of confinement in the groups listed as with psychosis. In this position, it ranks next in number of cases to dementia praecox, cerebral arteriosclerosis, manic-depressive, senile and general paresis.

No census bureau reports on mental confinement were issued from 1923 through 1925. Those from 1926 to 1933, last year of general prohibition, show only confinements to state hospitals, which, however, in 1922 received about 73.1 per cent. of first admissions to all institutions. In state hospitals, the number of alcoholics did not reach 4,000 per year until 1931, when law enforcement became notoriously indifferent and lax.

It is pointed out that the census reports do not show the total alcoholic inmates, as distinguished from admissions, in mental institutions, year by year. The resident alcoholics in all asylums is shown at the year-end, 1939, to have been 13,555, including 11,536 men and 1,960 women, with the sex of 59 patients unstated.

Commenting upon the relationship of mental cases among women to the alcohol factor, Mrs. Colvin said: "Mid-forties appear to be the most dangerous ages, alcoholically, for men, and the early forties for women. Median age for first admissions with psychosis in 1942 was 45 for men and 41.5 for women, and in cases without psychosis, 'The Foundation' says (Oct., 1945), 43.1 for men and 40 for women."

THE PRISON SYSTEM

"RECIDIVISM"

One of the most difficult things to understand is how and why people, even after great suffering as the result of certain actions, come to repeat them, thus incurring, or at any rate inviting, a repetition of the suffering. One sees it in all sorts of places. One of the most common examples is that of the girl who, after all the trouble and suffering caused by having a child while still unmarried, before very long goes through it all again. The poor drunkard, who may come before the Bench for his hundredth conviction, is yet another.

Once I had a nice cat, who found herself the delighted mother of a family of kittens. She was quite happy with them in a shed outside for some days; and then, one morning, she staidly walked past me in the kitchen carrying one of her infants in her mouth. Without any hesitation she went into a room where a large cupboard was. The door of this was never quite closed, the catch being defective. Puss poked it wide open, and laid her baby down on the floor among some rag bags kept there. I picked up the kitten and carried it out again. Within three minutes the performance was repeated. I shut the door of the kitchen. Like magic, puss was in at the window of a room on the other side of the house, again steadfastly making her way to the cupboard. Exasperated, I scolded her; and taking the baby out again, helped puss out with a lift of my slipper to emphasise my irritation. Believe me, that cat spent the whole morning doing the same thing. I smacked her, scolded, stamped and stormed, even threw water over her and her infant; but nothing could stop her weary, constant return to the attack. I forget just what happened in the end, but the incident made me think. Something in the mind, or the instinct of the animal, was responsible for the blind, unrelenting determination to put her offspring inside the house; and nothing I could do made any difference. She was completely the slave of the impulse to ensure safety for her child.

Some criminals are just like that. Reading some of the literature on American prisons, one is completely horrified by the severity of the punishments meted out for some offences. Horrors are not quite a thing of the past in the States, although great efforts are being made to eliminate them, and to bring the prison system into line with the most enlightened ideas; but in some of the separate State prisons there is much to deplore. The question is asked, "Do those who undergo such terrible misery, and even agony, ever risk a repetition of it?" And the answer is, "There is a fifty-five per cent. recidivism."

What are we to make of that? A good deal suggests itself. One is almost forced to the conclusion that

the poor wretches are driven by some force within themselves which is beyond their ability to deal with. It is just like my cat; who really could not help herself. It is worth while to try to find out, if we can, what causes this oblivion to consequences, dreadful though experience has shown them to be.

Science, medical and psychological, has gone into the problem very deeply.

In many instances some pressure on a part of the brain, some purely physical cause, has been at work, perhaps all through the man's life. If this can be located, and perhaps, as is sometimes, mercifully, the case, dealt with effectively, the man becomes normal, readjusts himself to ordinary life, and his strange tendency is gone. In other cases, the trouble is one to be investigated by the psychiatrist. Deep waters, these; but justice demands that everything possible should be done for the man who "keeps on keeping on," even against his own wish and will.

Recently I heard of a man who said that he would advocate that all men guilty of offences against little girls and women should be flogged, and told that in about six weeks the dose would be repeated, after they had got over the first one. "That would stop them," he declared. How easy! The facts are all opposed to this course, or any similar one, being a remedy. As a matter of fact, it is stated, by those who know, that such treatment is exactly the kind to produce such reactions in the culprit as will infallibly end in the repetition of the crime.

We speak of wanting our system to be a protection for the community. Let us then make up our minds to one fact. This is that the mere infliction of suffering and misery is not enough to ensure that a man who has done a terrible thing in the community will not do it again. Some would say, "Then let them be kept in jail so that they will not be able to do the same thing again." Common sense shows that in a few years there would not be room in the country to build jails large enough to accommodate the numbers. Nor would there be money enough to provide for their safe keeping.

Surely some better way suggests itself. The way of understanding, and of removing the cause of the criminal impulse if this can be ascertained to be capable of elimination.

In one state in the U.S.A., a board of no less than eleven specialists investigates the circumstances, physical, mental, hereditary, economic, spiritual, educational, environmental, etc., of each person who is to undergo trial for crime. Each specialist makes his report, and everything learned is at the disposal of those who are to pronounce sentence.

It is worth thinking about, is it not?

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were carried at the 1946 Convention:—

That where children are allowed to sell raffle tickets in aid of school funds, the attention of Education Boards be called to the fact that the practice is illegal.

As the Department of Health is giving advice through the newspapers re the danger of smoking while young, the Department be asked to draw attention also to the danger of the use of beverage alcohol.

That the Executive of the W.C.T.U. strive urgently and continuously to secure the privilege of broadcasting Temperance instruction as is permitted in Australia and U.S.A.

That a strong protest be made against the continued rationing of sugar while so much is being wasted in New Zealand in the manufacture of alcoholic drinks.

That building materials should not be used for constructing hotels when the housing problem is so acute.

That W.C.T.U. strongly protest against any proposal urging the Government to establish a National Lottery.

That provision of 40-hour week be applied to hotel bars.

That there is urgent need for the establishment of a Chair of Psychiatry in connection with our Medical School.

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“White Ribbon” along the lines herein considered, every W.C.T.U. member owes it at least the duty of reading it, of subscribing to it, and of seeking to extend its sphere of influence. Certain new features are being included in its pages; and it must be noted that its production becomes more expensive thereby. It is hoped that this expense will be justified by results. We make a very earnest appeal for a real campaign for new subscribers. Also, we remind all Unions of the need for generous donations from the collections taken up at June meetings when the “Notable Day” is that of Our Official Organ.

THE EDITOR.

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S “W.R.” CROSSWORD

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Home Makers' Column

SOME EGGLESS RECIPES

TREACLE SPONGE PUDDING

- ¾ cup dripping
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup golden syrup
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda

Warm syrup, milk and soda on stove. Rub dripping into flour. Stir in other ingredients. Steam in greased basin 2½ hours.

APPLES IN JELLY

- 6 apples
- 2 cups water
- Sugar
- 1 lemon
- 1 packet jelly crystals

Peel and core apples. Fill centre with sugar. Put in a piedish with a little more sugar, lemon juice and water. Cover and bake.

When apples are cooked but still whole, place in glass dish, using liquid, made up to a pint with hot water, to make up jelly. Pour over apples, and set. Serve with cream or custard.

DATE CAKE

- ¼ lb. butter
- ¼ lb. lard
- 1 lb. flour
- 1 lb. dates
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon vinegar
- 2 ozs. nuts
- 2 teaspoons cocoa
- 2 teaspoons soda dissolved in 1 cup milk

Cream fat and sugar. Add vinegar after dry ingredients. Bake an hour or longer in moderate oven in shallow tin. Chocolate icing.

RAISIN BREAD

- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup golden syrup
- 1 cup raisins
- Salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1½ cups milk

Sift all dry ingredients together. Add raisins, then warmed syrup, and mix well with milk. Bake 1 hour in fairly good oven, not too much top heat.

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- 9. Grievances, distresses
- 12. Pertaining to
- 14. Sometimes the forerunner of 18 across

Down

- 15. First person, plural
- 15. Confused rent
- 18. See 14 across
- 19. Shortened names of one who encountered the vendor of 23 down

- 20. General mix-up
- 22. East Indian island
- 23. Pictures often hang on them (two words)
- 24. Wind-blown rain or spray
- 25. The property of a notorious Maori
- 26. Mound
- 27. Material
- 29. A kind of angle
- 30. Royal Society (ab.)
- 31. Ape
- 32. Word of supplication
- 34. A campers' delicacy
- 36. Withdrawal

Down

- 2. Beheaded Ted
- 3. Crowd
- 4. Malodorous
- 5. Awkward occurrence
- 6. Covers
- 7. Exost
- 8. Civil Service (ab.)
- 9. Deceitful argument
- 11. No ire, miss
- 13. and 15 down. A great Leader
- 17. Emerge
- 19. "... d'amour" (Elgar)
- 21. Concealed
- 22. Place of danger
- 27. "The ... of the Ancient Mariner"
- 28. Coveted by 19 across
- 31. Scotch abbreviation
- 32. "Le dernier ..." (French)
- 34. The negro's definite article
- 35. Therefore

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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Auckland: Held in the Temperance Room, Monday, May 6th. Mrs. Long, District President, in the chair, and also led devotions. An invitation was received, and accepted from the N.C.W. for members to attend a social evening to welcome to Auckland Miss Havelaar, Dominion President of the N.C.W. Mrs. Long reported on the work of the Maori Hostel, 26 being now in residence.

Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy was appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. at the Educational Conference at present being held in Auckland. Very interesting letter received from Mrs. Head, of Nuie Island, telling of life on the island, with reference specially to the work of the W.C.T.U. there. Quite a number of suggestions were received and discussed for Poll work, and final arrangements were made for the gathering to be held on Mother's Day.

South Auckland: Held in St. Paul's Ladies' Parlour, Hamilton. Mrs. Christian, acting-president, presided. Apologies received from Mrs. C. Clark, District Treasurer, and Mrs. Kemsley, Cambridge. Devotions led by chairman. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Weston, whose resignation from the district presidency was received with regret, in the long period of ill-health through which she had passed. Her removal from the district to Oxford made her resignation final. Correspondence from Mrs. Toomer discussed. Mrs. Lewis's (District Secretary) appointment as delegate to the N.C.W. made at an extraordinary meeting approved. Decided to send out a circular to Presidents of Unions calling attention to the importance of Executive meetings, and urging better attendance. Discussion on best plans to make in connection with visits to Unions. Agreed to ask Miss Kirk to attend District Convention, and to visit Unions in the more isolated places. Agreed that next meeting begin in the morning, to allow more time for full attention to necessary planning. Benediction.

Taranaki: Meeting held at Stratford on Thursday, May 2nd, in the Presbyterian Hall, morning and afternoon sessions being held. A very full representation attended, all branches sending delegates. Mrs. J. T. Herrell, District President, presided, and led the devotions. The morning session opened with the singing of "The King of Love." Mrs. Arthur Inglewood led in prayer. The lesson and talk were by Mrs. Holly, Eltham. The President thanked Mrs. Holly and then welcomed the delegates. Several apologies were received from those who had hoped to attend. Mrs. Arthur, letter writer, to write a letter of sympathy and one of cheer. Letter from Mrs. Toomer much appreciated. Convention remits as passed were discussed. Drinking among young people in the streets and at dances was spoken of. Members to make firm stand wherever possible against smoking in non-smoking carriages on trains. Mrs. Arthur to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Christian on her good work with the "White Ribbon." Miss Drew made an appeal for scarves and ditty bags for the New Plymouth Sailors' Rest, telling of one seaman, who had been all over the world, and said he had never before seen such a fine place for seamen. A report and impressions gained at Dominion Convention were given by the three delegates, Mesdames Cox, Eltham, Wood (New Plymouth), and Barron (Hawera). Noonday prayer was taken by Mrs. Holly. As this is election year, members thought we must get busy with literature; Mrs. Simpson, District Treasurer, to write for samples. Miss Drew asked to write to Miss Appleby to see when an itinerary of the Taranaki Unions could be arranged. Mrs. Oliver, New Plymouth, thanked the members for their fine hospitality for morning and afternoon teas. Delegates invited for next Executive meeting to New Plymouth on the fifth Wednesday in July.

UNION REPORTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, April 9th: Small attendance. Mrs. Green in the chair. Mrs. Green spoke on knitting for lepers. Some garments have already been completed by members. Temperance fact given. Captain Jones, of the Salvation Army, was welcomed, and gave a most interesting address on "Inebriates and the work being done among them by the Salvation Army on Pakatoa and Roto Roa Islands." The address closed with a message in the words of General Booth (quoted elsewhere).

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Kohi-St. Heliers, April 18th: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Eady. Devotions led by Mrs. Farr, who spoke on Jesus Christ's last words on the Cross; an Easter message. Temperance fact, "That the drinking of alcohol is a frequent cause of ill-health." Mr. Farr spoke on the Bible in Schools, and was very interesting about his own experiences in this work. Mrs. Machin, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Farr, and Mrs. Kasper mentioned that 600 children took part last year in the Bible lessons competition. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Eady was passed.

Otahuhu, April 18th: Mrs. Taylor presided, Mrs. Long being the speaker for the afternoon. She gave a report of the Christchurch Convention. Time being short, members expressed the wish to hear more from Mrs. Long on some future occasion.

Onehunga, April 11th: Several members absent through illness. Usual business and arrangements. Correspondence received and considered. The resignation of Mrs. Stacey, for health reasons, received with regret. Much appreciated address by the District President, Mrs. Long, who gave a very full and informative account of the Dominion Convention, touching on all points of importance, and giving much useful advice regarding future phases of our work. She urged us to be busy this year, and especially stressed the dangers of State Control. Speaker heartily thanked for her helpful and instructive talk.

Warkworth, May 9th: Mrs. Baker, President, in the chair. Twelve members present. Devotions. Temperance fact. Interesting address by Mrs. J. W. Long, District President, on the Dominion Convention. Remarked on the number of young, enthusiastic delegates present. Resolution passed at Convention asking for hotels to be closed on Peace Day and day following. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Mount Eden, May: Meeting held at the Maori Girls' Hostel. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided, nine other members attending. Votes of sympathy passed on death of two members, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Carter, our "W.R." agent. Reports of District Executive and Temperance Education Council given by President. Some useful gifts and the sum of £2/8/- handed to Mrs. Long, Matron of the Hostel. Mrs. Long then gave a short informal talk on a day's routine work in the Hostel, and some of her experiences in dealing with the personal problems of some of the girls. A number of the girls joined us at afternoon tea. The Hostel was inspected by those who had not visited it previously, and a pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, May 7th: Mrs. Bulmer, Vice-President, presided in the absence of the President while attending Dominion Officers' meeting in Wellington. Also took devotions in absence through illness of Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs. Bensley. Fair attendance. Mrs. York, Hon. Secretary, read a paper on the American position in regard to Prohibition at the present time; sent by Mrs. Grigg. "Bring and Buy." Tea Hostess, Mrs. Foxcroft. Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, April 30th: The President, Mrs. Thayer, presided, and took devotions. Temperance fact given. In observance of "Frances Willard" day, the President gave a very fine talk on the life and works of Frances Willard, the Founder of the W.C.T.U., and other worthy institutions. Mrs. Burton, Cradle Roll Superintendent, with the members, made the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Cradle Roll party on the 16th. Collections for World Missionary Fund. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Meeting closed with prayer and benediction.

New Plymouth, April 25th: Miss Drew presided over a fair attendance. Devotions were conducted and apologies received. Temperance fact given and minutes read. A small legacy was received and authorised to be put in the Savings Bank. Miss Appleby was invited to visit New Plymouth district shortly. Mrs. Wood was asked to write for samples of suitable literature for Poll year. A small table of produce was on sale for building up the special fund.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, April: Devotions led by Mrs. Gill. "Bring and Buy." Report from Treasurer, Mrs. Goodey, of two years' interest received on money lent to Headquarters. Mrs. Goodey explained that the money lent had been raised by the four Wanganui branches as a fund for special purposes. Pan-Pacific Association report held over till next month, as main business a full report, followed by discussion, of Christchurch Convention, given by the President, Mrs. Duxfield, who had been the delegate. Collection for CORSO; to be put with those from other branches.

May: Mrs. Duxfield in the chair, and eleven present. Mrs. Mercer led devotions, theme for Peace Day; on the line that Peace is not stagnation, but poise, need of understanding the other man's side, to be able to do our share individually of spreading peace in our own land. Tea served by Mesdames L. Wilson and Prince. Mrs. McGregor welcomed back. Apologies received from Mesdames Goodey, Grinstead, Ogg and Parker. Messages of sympathy sent to Mesdames Peryman and Grinstead, both in hospital, and to Mrs. Auxley, for severe accident to her son. Miss Wadsworth acted as Secretary in the absence of Mrs. Grinstead. Mrs. Leo was in charge of "Bring and Buy." Mrs. Mercer reported letter in local paper, and three others re lessening beer production to help in "Food for Britain." Special thanks given for results of W.C.T.U. post on Poppy Day. Post being at hotel corner, gave opportunity for talking to Maoris on Temperance. Mrs. Mercer questioned if action could be taken if only ale provided at a big boys' school reunion. Discussion of remits passed at Convention. Union represented at "Food for Britain" meeting, where inter-Church remit to have brewing reduced during time of stress was brought forward and ignored, the matter being ventilated later in the local press.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings, Date omitted. Meeting held in Methodist Hall, Mrs. H. Hickmott presiding. Very good attendance. Mrs. T. Thorpe conducted devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Mrs. A. Murtagh gave the Scientific Temperance Fact. Members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy with the relatives of the late Canon Drake and Friday Tomoana. Work for coming poll discussed. Literature to be purchased, and delegates were appointed to approach the ministers of various Churches re the New Zealand Alliance. The meeting was busy and helpful, and important matters were usefully discussed. Tea hostesses, Mrs. M. Warren and helpers, were thanked, and the meeting closed with prayer.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin, April 12th: Mrs. Kennerley presided, and Captain Williams led devotions. Pledge repeated. Roll call answered by a verse of a hymn. Temperance fact read by Mrs. Thomson. Mrs. Burnham, Convention delegate, read a splendid report, for which she was heartily thanked. A full discussion on the plans of work for the coming year was held. Decided to write to Mrs. Ross enquiring for suitable posters for display at suitable points of vantage. Leaflets to be distributed as often as possible through the district. Benediction.

Palmerston North, At the May meeting the speaker was Miss Appleby, who is visiting the district in order to resuscitate defunct Unions in Foxton, Otaki and Woodville. She gave some interesting facts; among them being the figures concerning the American Poll on the repeal of Prohibition. Mrs. Coles, President, conveyed thanks.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington, April 10th: Mrs. Brooks presided. Miss Appleby present, and conducted devotions, and later spoke on Prohibition in America. President's address at Convention read by Miss Kirk. 200 leaflets taken by members for distribution, our aim being 1,000 before the Poll. Departmental Superintendents appointed. Benediction.

Brooklyn, April 30th: Mrs. Brewer presided. Sixteen present. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Mesdames Brewer and Jordan elected to attend as delegates a United Meeting re help for CORSO. Report of district executive meeting by the President. Advised that the projector is now ready for hiring. Remits passed at Convention were discussed. An advisory and explanatory letter sent by Mrs. Toomer was listened to with interest. Sales table presided over by Mrs. Pearson. Sigil prayer and benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, 16th April: The Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne, presided over a good attendance. Vote of sympathy with Secretary, Mrs. L. Green, in the death of her sister. Roll call responded to with helpful verses. Decided to hold a Sales Table at the May meeting. Mrs. Roussell, delegate, gave interesting account of Dominion Convention. Resolutions read and discussed.

Blenheim, May 7th: President, Mrs. N. Forbes, in the chair. Good attendance of members. Devotions taken by Mrs. A. T. Milgrew and Mrs. Adjutant Kears. Interesting passages read by Mrs. Milgrew from the book, "Ambassadors for Christ." One new member initiated, and one transferred from the Tua Marina Union. Letter of appreciation and thanks to be sent to the manager of the picture theatre for having shown no pictures on Good Friday. Mrs. Adjutant Kears gave a graphic account of her many and varied experiences in the King Country. Vote of thanks to her proposed by Mrs. Bailey and carried by acclamation. Benediction pronounced by speaker.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton, April 11th: Meeting opened by partaking of Holy Communion, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Blight; twenty-six ladies being present. Apologies received. Temperance fact given and Pledge re-affirmed. Five Handbooks ordered and members given their lists of members to collect "W.R." subscriptions from. Invitation accepted to attend Methodist Ladies' Guild social afternoon. Letter of thanks received from Girls' High School for copies of "White Ribbon" sent. This will be continued monthly. Letter of sympathy to bereaved family acknowledged with thanks. Pyramid cards distributed, to be filled in to the value of one guinea, to raise funds. Our President's (Mrs. Griffiths) name sent forward for nomination as acting Vice-President for the District Executive till September. One new member gained; and an inspiring spiritual address given by Miss McKenzie on "The Responsibility of Woman Today." Votes of thanks to speakers and hostesses, and meeting closed with prayer.

Papanui, April 17th: Mrs. Tillman presided, devotions being led by Mrs. Elliott. Mental Hospital report, Mrs. Hawker. Books sent to New Plymouth Sailors' Rest. Arrangements made for Silver Jubilee to be held on May 29th. Talk on the Maori race by Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg; their travels to New Zealand, and the serious results of the introduction of strong drink by the white man were touched upon. "Bring and Buy" sale. Donation to Maori Hostel.

Reefton, April 9th: Mrs. Thompson presided. Convention report read and received. A letter of thanks to the delegate who represented Reefton. Owing to small attendance, the paper on U.S.A. repeal to be read at next meeting. Special thanks to Mrs. Sara, Cradle Roll Superintendent, and Mrs. Leaning for success of the C.R. party. Meeting closed with prayer.

New Brighton, May meeting: Mrs. R. Flower presided and conducted devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Several invitations were received from other Unions to their birthday socials. Arrangements made to hold an open birthday social in June. Mrs. E. Mackie was our Peace Day speaker, and was warmly thanked for the informative talk, which was on the subject of "Future World Peace."

Christchurch, April 10th: Miss C. Henderson presided. A good amount of tinned foods received to be forwarded to Great Britain. Report of Dominion Convention received from Mrs. Toomer, Hon. Cor. Secretary. President read interesting extracts regarding Temperance work in other countries.

April 24th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Votes of sympathy passed in the passing of Mrs. M. J. Miller, our loved Devotional Superintendent and valued and esteemed member. Flowers and greetings to Mrs. Patchett on

the recent celebration of her ninetieth birthday. Peace Day and sixty-first birthday arrangements made. The President read extracts from the "Vanguard."

Riccarton, May 9th: Twenty present. Opened with devotions led by Mrs. Harris. Motion of sympathy passed. The President welcomed Mrs. Hiatt, past Dominion President, and Mrs. Mackie, Dominion Peace Superintendent. Mental Hospital report good. Invitations received and accepted from Woolston branch to attend their ninth birthday party; and from Papanui branch to attend their Silver Jubilee; and also from Spreydon for their twenty-first birthday party. Letters of sympathy to be sent out; also one of thanks to Mrs. Toomer, Nelson, for her pamphlet letter re Convention. Treasurer's statement taken. Collection; and special collection for floral tribute and copper trail. Mrs. Mackie read a very instructive and interesting paper on "Some Economic Causes of War," and a pamphlet on "The Atomic Bomb." Vote of thanks to the speaker passed. Mrs. Hiatt spoke briefly on "Alliance Activities," and closed the meeting with prayer.

Sydenham, 2nd May, in the Colombo Street Baptist Schoolroom. Mrs. J. Filer presided over an attendance of eleven. The Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Davies, after which Miss Gainsford led us in prayer. The usual routine business was transacted. Invitations to attend their birthday celebrations were received from the following branches: Woolston, Christchurch, Papanui and Spreydon. Taking as the theme of her address on "Peace" the text, "Little Children, love one another," Miss Gainsford placed before us in no uncertain manner the only remedy for the unrest and chaos which is apparent in practically the whole of the civilised world at the present time.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, April 30th: Mrs. Densem presided over a fair attendance. Mrs. Prattley led devotions, giving a strong message entitled "Don't Quit," based on Luke 5, v. 5. Two new members initiated. Mrs. Parker gave a comprehensive report of the two final days of Convention. It was decided to purchase Pledge cards and stickers. Mrs. Woodward reported having arranged an entertainment for the men of "The Black Prince" (H.M.S.) on the Sunday evening. Strong disapproval was expressed by all that the men had been able to procure liquor on the Sunday evening. Mrs. Densem read Temperance fact. Accounts passed for payment, and meeting closed with the Benediction.

OTAGO DISTRICT

N.E. Valley, April 30th: Social afternoon, with enjoyable musical items and playette. Address by Major Hiddlestone greatly appreciated. Free-will offering for campaign fund amounted to £11.

Lawrence, May 2nd: Small attendance. President in the chair. Very little business. Report of Dominion Convention given by District Secretary, Mrs. Rippin, and very much appreciated.

Kaikorai, April 30th: Mrs. Flett presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Orr, the subject of her talk being, "Cast thy bread upon the waters." Mrs. Flett reported that a branch of the Band of Hope is opening in May, and asked for the co-operation of the W.C.T.U. members. Mrs. Duder, in an interesting talk, outlined the origin of the Evangelistic Campaign which is to open in the district in May. Benediction.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Invercargill Central, May 8th: Mrs. E. M. Brown in the chair. Prayer led by Mrs. Wesley. Temperance fact by Mrs. Ruthven, after which several discussions took place. It was suggested that, considering the scarcity of food in other countries, beer should be rationed, along with other commodities, thus utilising the ingredients in the manufacture of more valuable food to assist in the relieving of starvation in countries overseas.

Winton, April 16th: Mrs. Thomson presided. Pledge repeated. Devotions led by Mrs. J. B. Wilson; reading being from Cor. 1, chap. 13, and the excellent blessing of Love was spoken of. Preparations for a twenty-first birthday party to be held in June were made. The following readings on the life of the late Mrs. Agnes Slack-Saunders were taken: Mrs. Dixon, her marriage; Mrs. Edgerion, her death; Mrs. McWilliams, her writings; Mrs. Haigh, "The Fighters of Finland."

ANOTHER'S BURDEN

"My burden is too heavy, Lord,"
I tremblingly said;
"I can no farther carry it!"
And tears I shed.

Then came a sudden cry of help
From one sore pressed;
I ran to seek him, gladly gave
Him of my best!

Then thought I of my heavy burden
But, lo, 'twas gone!
The gloom and doubt had vanished quite
And love's light shone.

When we another's burden lift
Or try to bear,
Love's gentle hand removeth swift
Our load of care.

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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 Allford 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 Pomphalier 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.

BALCLUTHA, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Sec., Mrs. Allfrey, Main Rd., North Balclutha.

BIRKENHEAD, 1st Thursday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Castleton; Sec., Mrs. C. Utting, 15 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. Wilson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Simpson, Roseberry Ave.

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.

BROOKLYN, meets last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gillings, 267 Ohiro Road; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dudley; C.R., Mrs. Sawden.

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.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, corner Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Henderson, J.P., 15 Euston Street, Sumner; Sec., Mrs. S. Adkins, 149 Salisbury Street; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Road, W.2; Assist.-Treas., Miss E. Gordon, 123 Fendalton Road, N.W.1; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Neutze, 122 Aikman's Road, Merivale.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Tylor; 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, Methodist S.S. Room, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Green, Donnelly's Crossing; Sec., and C.R., Miss Edmed, "Bridge View," Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; 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.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. Kiett, 11 Duke St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Maxwell, 17 Opoho Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, Cannington Rd.; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 11 Duke St.; Press and Parliament, Mrs. Downing; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Miller, 39 Oates St.; Vice-Pres., Sister Elinor, 18 Jones St., Mrs. Ballantyne, and Mrs. Garden.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Rippin; Sec., Miss McCarthy, 18 Albert St., St. Clair; Treas., Mrs. Graham, 32 Sidey St., Caversham; W.R., Mrs. Madigan, 155 Valley Rd., Caversham.

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cocker, Stanners St.; Sec., Mrs. Cox, George St.; Treas., Mrs. Holly, Conway Rd.; "W.R." Mrs. Streeter, London St.; C.R., Mrs. A. Towers, Mabey Rd.

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., Mrs. 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.

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

GONVILLE, meets 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancy, 10 Koromiko Rd.; Sec., Miss Roots; Treas., Mrs. T. R. Clancy; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Parker, 35 Koromiko Rd.

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, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Bible Class room. Pres., Mrs. R. Thayer, Little Regent St.; Sec., Mrs. Tozer, South Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 Collins St.; C.R., Mrs. Burton, Tawhiti Rd.; "W.R." Mrs. Barker, Fantham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.W. Room. Pres., Mrs. H. Hickmott; Sec., Mrs. A. G. Pitt, 606 Victoria St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hagerson, 112 Maddison St.; Treas., Mrs. A. Murtagh, 625 Nelson St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. A. G. Pitt.

HOKITIKA, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Miss L. Berendt, Weld St.; Treas., Miss L. Wilson, Brittan St.; W.R., Mrs. Stoop, Fitzherbert St.

INGLEWOOD, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Hansen, Rata St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Longbottom; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown St.; Evang., Mrs. Ashworth.

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KAIAPOI, last Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking, Cam Road; Sec., Miss Hamel, Fuller Street; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans, Fuller Street; W.R., Mrs. Phillips, Sewell Street.

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. Teasdale, Kauri Street.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstice; Sec. and C.R., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, Mt. Eden, S.2; W.R., Miss Shepherd, 111 Mt. Albert Road.

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.

MASTERTON, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss V. Jackson, 65 Cole St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Speight; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, Workshop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Trevorror, Makora Rd.; W.R., Miss S. Tankersley.

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., Belleknowes; Treas., Mrs. Telfer, 4 Roseberry St., Belleknowes; 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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NELSON, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Toomer, 17B Wainui St.; Sec., Mrs. F. F. Doel, 5 Mt. Pleasant Av.; Treas., Mrs. W. Andrews, 100 Brook St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Doel; W.R. Reporter, Mrs. C. I. Kidson, 8 Whitby Rd.; Librarian, Mrs. Snodgrass, Collingwood St.; C.R., Mrs. Neal, 8 Endeavour St.; L.T.L. Supts., Mrs. Toomer and Mrs. Neal.

NEW BRIGHTON, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. R. Flower; Sec., Mrs. G. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. N. C. Fraser, 34 River Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Holloway, Seaview Rd.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. A. Brown, Dorset Ave.; Vice-Pres., Miss G. A. Drew and Mrs. Wells; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. Wood, 2 Cutfield Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mt. Edgcombe St.; Treas., Mrs. Morwood, Leach St.; Sec., Seamen's Rest, Mrs. Roy Deare, Hamlyn St.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs. Green, Mechanic St., Dunedin, N.E.1; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Road; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 57 Frame St.; Assist. Treas., Mrs. Johnson, 1 Bouverie St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. McLay.

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Winn, Isis St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Cowan and Mrs. Acutt; Sec., Mrs. McLwraith, 10 Till St.; W.R., Mrs. Clarke, 62 Tyne St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole.

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OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Comyns; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Nyde, Hawke and Fenwick; Sec., Mrs. R. White, Powell's Rd.; Treas., Mrs. G. Jones; W.R., Mrs. E. Magrath; Evang., Mrs. Markham; C.R., Mrs. Early; Band of Hope, Major Fletcher and Mrs. Comyns; Notable Days, Mrs. L. Jones; Flower Mission, Mrs. S. Campbell; Press and S.S. Temperance, Miss Caverhill; Health and Nutrition, Mrs. N. Dalley.

OTAHUHU, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Taylor, 34 Station Rd.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Beaumont, Fairburn Rd.; W.R., Mrs. West, 49 Atkinson Avenue.

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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. I. 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.

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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., 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.

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, 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 Coombidge; Sec., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, "The Briars," 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, 338A Oriental Bay; C.R., Mrs. McGowan.

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 Donniss 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.