

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Every good citizen raises monuments which will endure longer than those of bronze or brass."—M. Preston-Stanley.

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MEMORIAL DAY, JULY 27th



Mrs. Leavitt,
who formed the first W.C.T. Union
in New Zealand in 1885.



Miss Powell,
the last member of the first Union
formed, who passed to Higher
Service on March 9, 1946.

A HYMN FOR MEMORIAL DAY

For those we love within the veil,
Who once were comrades of our way,
We thank Thee, Lord; for they have
won
To cloudless day.

And life for them is life indeed,
The splendid goal of earth's straight
race;
And where no shadows intervene
They see Thy face.

Not as we knew them any more,
Toilworn, and sad with burdened care—
Erect, clear-eyed, upon their brows
Thy name they bear.

Free from the fret of mortal years,
And knowing now Thy perfect will,
With quickened sense and heightened
joy
They serve Thee still.

O fuller, sweeter is that life,
And larger, ampler is the air;
Eye cannot see nor heart conceive
The glory there;

Nor know to what high purpose Thou
Dost yet employ their ripened powers,
Nor how, at Thy behest, they touch
This life of ours.

There are no tears within their eyes;
With love they keep perpetual tryst;
And praise and work and rest are one,
With Thee, O Christ.

—William Charter Piggott.

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"HOW BRIGHT THESE GLORIOUS SPIRITS SHINE"

Familiar words come rushing into the mind with the thought that once again our Day of Memories is close upon us. Some of the hymns we love best are those which dwell on the theme of the continued life in the higher sphere, of those who lived greatly in this one. Though no picture of that wider, freer, happier world they inhabit is other than allegorically presented, we have a deeply grounded belief in the continuation of service as the keynote of all real joy. Nothing else would seem to justify the continuation of life.

The imagery of the white-robed, palm-waving, singing and praising souls, beautiful beyond our power of realisation, is not fully satisfying. Rightly or wrongly, the idea of continued power to serve the God Who has brought them through the peril, toil and pain seems inseparable from that of life Eternal. Eternal Rest, comforting though it may seem to the weary soul, does not present a wholly desirable end to the joy of living. If that Rest means the cessation of fear, danger, frustration, and suffering, how welcome it will be is impossible to say; but if it involves uninterrupted idleness, there are not many active, eager souls who will feel it to be all they desire. Something immortal within us cries out for the opportunity of serving still; untrammelled by the things of time and sense. The glorious inspiration of the lives of these who have reached the further shore sheds its pure light on the path we tread; and sometimes, we feel a sense of nearness, of the intimate presence of our dear ones who have won through to that "other side," which is more than fancy or imagination. It gives assurance and strength in the time of perplexity, adds confidence when the steps would falter, and it is not too much to wonder whether this is not one of the ways in which "they serve Him day and night."

With the day come personal memories for many; hallowed and blessed.

As we recall loved names, and think of great work done for the cause we still espouse, let us draw all the inspiration possible from our contemplation of past effort. Let us see anew the vision which was theirs; the vision of freed prisoners, of healed spirits, of pure civic and individual life. And as we think and gaze, let the altar flame of dedication to our cause rise higher and clearer. "So shall we join the Choir invisible."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Corresponding Secretary, writes:—

"Dear Editor,

I have received so many letters from various Union Officers, all expressing such very kind wishes to me in regard to my new office, that I was wondering if you could thank them for me through the 'W.R.' There are so many of them that it would cost quite a fortune in stamps to answer them individually, let alone time.

"Their messages have been so exceptionally kind, and I have appreciated them immensely. Such kindness always makes one feel so glad to be able to do the work allotted to one. 'A little pat on the back,' so to speak, does one good.

Yours sincerely,

C. TOOMER."

We are glad to publish Mrs. Toomer's appreciation in her own words, and would add our own good wishes to those already expressed to her, and all our Dominion Officers, for the coming year.—Ed.

Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Dominion Treasurer, has a special notice for Union Treasurers at the foot of her quarterly report. We call special attention to this in order to save time and postage through sending to the wrong person.

"WHITE RIBBON" reporters are again reminded that all reports must be in the hands of the Editor by the FIFTEENTH of the month to ensure publication in the next issue.

Please note: Names of "tea hostesses" may be included in reports in future.

Thanks are due to those Union Secretaries and Reporters who have remembered that all money, alterations to names in Union advertisements, and lists of officers' names should be sent to **Mrs. Grigg, 1 Mallam Street, Karori, Wellington**, and not to the Editor.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

A monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on first Mondays from 10.0 a.m. to noon, and from 1.0 to 2.0 p.m., prior to the monthly Executive meeting, for the work in connection with the coming Poll. Meeting place, the Temperance Room. Everybody welcome.

LIST OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 1st February to 10th June, 1946

Maungakarama, 2; Mt. Eden, 3; Warkworth, 2; Waiuku, 1; Eden, 4; Ponsonby, 1; Wanganui, 1; Hastings, 4; Wairoa, 1; Dannevirke, 5; Nelson,

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

MANAWATU BRANCH

The annual report states that there were fifteen affiliated societies, with twenty delegates and twelve associate members.

Two special meetings had been held during the year; at one of which Messrs. Macky and Oliver, of Auckland, had spoken on the proposed Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; while at the other Sister Canning, of Dannevirke, had spoken on a suggested scheme of homes for the aged.

Subjects of discussion during the year had been: Bars in dance halls, extra buses for factory workers, a housing scheme for the aged, the milk question, the 40-hour week, Sunday sport, CORSO, the Chapel of Remembrance (in the new Wellington Cathedral), food parcels for Britain, the "O. and G." Chair, and voluntary rationing.

Manawatu Branch had been informed that one or two women's societies in Wellington had suggested that bars in dance halls might be a check on illicit drinking at dancing, but were glad to know that this was NOT the opinion of the N.C.W. of N.Z.

In connection with the forty-hour week, the following remit was sent forward to Headquarters: "That as business firms, offices, factories, etc., are required to observe the forty-hour week, and the Saturday holiday, the Government be asked that there be no differentiation made in the case of hotels; that bars be closed on Saturday, and not open for more than forty hours per week."

As greyhound races had been held in Palmerston North several times on a Sunday, it was agreed after discussion that a letter should be sent to the City Council asking that the races be held on Saturdays instead of Sundays. Members were to discuss the subject with their societies, and to come to next monthly meeting prepared to sign a letter to the City Council. But, before the month was up, a Court case was held, in which the greyhound club was charged with and found guilty of illegal trading on Sundays. As the races have since been held on Saturdays, the proposed letter was not sent; but they had been prepared to make a stand over the breaking of the Sabbath.

Other things were mentioned in the report, but space forbids further details at the present time.

1; Blenheim, 3; Oxford, 3; Styx, 2; Woolston, 2; Riccarton, 8; Christchurch, 5; Linwood, 4; Spreydon, 1; Christchurch Central "Y's," 5; Waimate, 2; Oamaru, 1; Dunedin, 7; Port Chalmers, 1; North Invercargill, 1; Winton, 1; Maori Department, 3.

Total: 74.

President's Message



Miss C. E. Kirk

Dear Friends,

With the time for striking a blow at the root of the most degrading trade in the whole world drawing near, are we, as Christian women, doing all that we possibly can to make that blow one which shall be worth while? Our beloved Founder, Frances Willard, gave us the key to victory when she said, "Enter every open door." Are we doing that? Are we using every opportunity that comes to us for Educational work, helping people to understand how evil a thing the Liquor Trade is, how dangerous to age, youth and all the in-betweens?

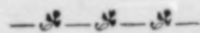
Do not think that YOU cannot do educational work. "Wisdom cometh from the Lord," and if we are willing He will give us the right message and the right words in which to convey it. Let us use our giant weapon of Prayer and then go out and "Fight a battle for the Lord."

"He is with thee"—in thy service,
He is with thee "certainly,"
Filling with the Spirit's power,
Giving in the needed hour
His own message by thee.

Let us pray and expect that all Christian people will be willing to give and to receive His messages.

Yours in the King's service,

C. E. KIRK.



DONATIONS TO WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND

Donations from the following are acknowledged with many thanks:

"In Loving Memory," Hataitai, £1/14/-; Karori W.C.T.U., 8/6; Hamilton W.C.T.U., £1.

Total to 10th June, 1946: £3/2/6.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

In Memoriam

MRS. A. M. R. MILLS, BLENHEIM UNION

After being in ill health for a number of years, one of our very keen members in Blenheim passed away in March.

Mrs. A. M. R. Mills was a very bright and lovable person, and seldom missed an opportunity of speaking for our Temperance cause. She was ever ready to help with her music at any function for the Church or any good cause.

As Treasurer of the Marlborough Executive for many years, Mrs. Mills did faithful service, and always had something worth while to offer when any points of interest were being discussed.

Mrs. Mills had a host of friends, and her loving personality and keen interest in the Temperance cause will long be remembered by them.

(Sent in by Mrs. Girling, Blenheim.)

MRS. S. A. TAYLOR, OTAHUHU UNION

On Sunday, June 2nd, Mrs. S. A. Taylor passed away at the Green Lane Hospital.

Her memorial service, held last Sunday, was one we shall never forget. The Rev. Mr. Waite was the minister, and he spoke on "Separation." It was not the death of Mrs. Taylor, but the fact of the separation from her that was the most touching thing. The thought was brought out that nothing can separate the soul from God—not even death, for we return to God.

The funeral service was also conducted by Mr. Waite, minister of the Methodist Church at Otahuhu, where Mrs. Taylor had been a member for many years. The Church was full to overflowing. Many tributes were paid to the valued and faithful service rendered to the Church, and especially to Missionary work. The Choir and Trust Board had also lost a friend and helper.

The W.C.T.U. service was taken by Mrs. J. W. Long, District President, assisted by Mrs. Mountjoy, and all members present placed a white flower on the coffin. Mrs. Taylor has worked in the ranks of the W.C.T.U. for over fifty years, being also Evangelistic Superintendent and District Treasurer for nine years.

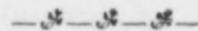
Mrs. Taylor did outstanding work during earlier years, after being persuaded to join by Miss Agnes Hughes (Mrs. Preston), working for the closing of "The Old Stone Jug" and the "Eden Vine," six o'clock closing, and for the Agricultural Shows when the W.C.T.U. prepared lunches.

Mrs. Taylor had resided at Otahuhu for the past twenty-five years, being Secretary for nineteen years and President for four years. Her work for the men of the Forces during the six years of war brings forth a note of praise. Her knitting was a work of

love: 536 articles, including socks, mittens, scarves and balaclavas (1,146 skeins of wool being used), was a great record. Her great regret was that she was not able to do more for her Lord and Master. She will be greatly missed from our meetings, but her fragrant memory and untiring efforts will always be remembered.

On the day of the Otahuhu meeting Mrs. Taylor was not able to go from home, so she invited the members to her home, and the meeting was well attended and very happy. She herself was cheered and helped. She was a great example of loyalty to her work. It can be said of her, "She has found a good fight; she has finished the course; henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of life that fadeth not away."

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Taylor in his great loss and sorrow.



NOT I; BUT WE

By Mrs. Anna Holmes

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And make one selfish plea;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say ME.

For it's OUR, OUR, OUR,
And it's US, US, US;
And the fourth time it is OUR,
And the fourth time it is US.

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say I;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say MY.

Nor canst thou pray the Lord's Prayer
And pray not for another,
For when thou asketh DAILY BREAD
Thou must include thy brother.

And it's US, US, US;
And it's OUR, OUR, OUR;
As free from selfish motive
As the fragrance of a flower.

For others are included
In each and every plea,
For from beginning through the end
It does not once say ME.

—New York "Temperance Work."



SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD JUNE ISSUE

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"For God, and Home, and Humanity"

WELLINGTON, JULY 1, 1946

A HUMAN EXTINGUISHER

She came into my office today. Ugh! She has wealth, education, social position, and—many a beggar is more to be envied.

Her opening remark was an extinguisher: "How can you work in such sordid surroundings?" she asked. "I should simply die."

Now, my office is neither better nor worse than a thousand others in the city; but she only saw what she brought with her, and, apparently, that was sordid.

I asked about her health. "Oh, I shall never be well. I'm sure of that," she added.

I then asked how her husband was. "Oh, he's most difficult, most trying. If ever I want to be out, that man wants to be in, and if I want to be in, he wants to be out."

I think you and I, too, would want to be out when she was in, and in when she was out, if the Fates had been unkind enough to tie us for life to an extinguisher.

"How is your son?" I asked next. "Oh, he's wanting to study medicine and I've told him it's ridiculous. He'll never get through a five-year course; he'll get tired of it and throw it up, so what's the use of beginning? I've warned his father not to encourage him." Poor chap, to have an extinguisher for a mother.

Anxious to change the subject, "Well, what do you think about the political situation," I asked. "It's all one to me. I'm not interested. I'm sure they're all making as much as they can at the game."

I then asked her about her other son's beautiful children.

"Oh, they're all right, but their mother is a nasty little cat. I never could stand her. I've told my son so many and many a time." Doubtless

she had. That's the way with the discourager. She always tells.

"How can that be?" I asked. "Isn't she bringing her children up excellently?" "Well, I shouldn't say so," she replied. "Little J— is the best of them. She's very like our family. She takes after me." Heaven forbid that the winsome little girl I remember should ever "take after" the family extinguisher.

"I believe your husband is taking over larger responsibilities," I ventured. "Oh, yes; but not with my approval. I've told him how foolish he is; and he knows I don't approve."

Wondering why she had called, I asked her whether she would join a committee which is doing wonderful work for homeless children.

"No, my dear, no! Those women on committees never do any good. They are all on the make." When I expressed resentment at this statement, she said: "Oh, well, if they're not, they're just after the limelight, and it amounts to the same thing. I've no sympathy with organised charity. That I do, I do privately." And she might have added, "And that is precisely nothing."

My patience was becoming visibly extinguished, and she rose to go, but, with her hand on the door, said in sepulchral tones: "You are looking terribly overdone. You'll be in hospital soon, with nobody to blame but yourself."

She went; and I thought, "There goes one whom the world calls rich, yet she is poorer than a beggar; more to be pitied than she who begs her daily bread; a human extinguisher, whose chief claim to be remembered will be that she quenched hope, discouraged aspiration, and extinguished ambition in many hearts, minds and lives."

My room and my heart felt the better for her going.

—M. Preston Stanley, in the "Sydney Morning Herald"

SUNDAY SPORT

At the time when greyhound racing was held in Palmerston North on Sundays, the following notice was posted one Sunday outside the leading Anglican Church:—

"Hitler is dead. The Devil is not. Are you coming to Church, or are you going to the Dogs?"

MRS. H. CECIL HEATH
Is World's W.C.T.U. Secretary

The death of Mrs. Agnes E. Slack-Saunders, whom we will affectionately remember as Agnes Slack, left a vacancy in the office of secretary of the World's W.C.T.U. She had served the organisation for fifty years and was known by our members everywhere.

Article IV of the By-Laws of the World's W.C.T.U. is as follows: "The general officers are empowered to fill vacancies which occur among the general officers or superintendents in the interim of conventions."

You can appreciate that the officers felt it a great responsibility to name a new secretary. After careful consideration and much prayer a decision was made. The new secretary is Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, 2 Bolters Lane, Banstead, Surrey, England. Mrs. Heath is a Friend and has long been identified with the British Women's Total Abstinence Union. Her husband is general secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance and an outstanding Temperance advocate in England and other lands.

Mrs. Heath was a great friend of Agnes Slack, and her husband is one of the executors of the estate. We are assured that she is a fine speaker, has marked organising ability, is a gifted writer and an able secretary. Should she be re-elected at the Toronto conference, she is one of the younger women experienced in W.C.T.U. work, who would be able to serve during several terms of office.

We extend to Mrs. Heath a hearty welcome as she undertakes the work. She will edit the Bulletin, which was founded by Mrs. Slack-Saunders as a means of communication between the workers all around the world. We hope that every country will send her news that may be printed in the Bulletin, thus continuing the work begun nearly fifty years ago.

ELLA A. BOOLE,
President, World's Woman's
Christian Temperance Union.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Wellington Central: 1 new member.
Nelson: 1 new member.
Linwood: 3 by transfer.
Spreydon: 1 by transfer.

AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

"SAILORS' REST" AT TIMARU

Marking Of Twenty-first Anniversary Alterations Have Been Made Recently

To mark the 21st anniversary of the erection of the Sailors' Rest in Timaru and to allow friends and benefactors opportunity to inspect recent alterations, a social function was held there recently, Miss M. W. Fyfe presiding. The Mayor, Mr. A. E. S. Hanan, and Mrs. Hanan, and Messdames Cave, Minnie, Norrie, Messrs. J. P. Newman, F. J. Rolleston and G. T. Dawson, all members of the first committee, were present, also representatives of the various organisations in South Canterbury who support the Rest.

The function was opened with a dedication service, with prayers by the Rev. J. Richards, Captain Wilks, a Scripture reading by the Rev. M. A. McDowall and an address by the Rev. I. G. Borrie. Expressing his pleasure to be associated with the band of women who had accomplished so much for the comfort of seamen, the Mayor congratulated the Women's Christian Temperance Union on their work during the years in the management of the Sailors' Rest. He was sure it was the desire of every citizen to thank them for their work and to wish them continued success.

Mr. G. T. Dawson, a member of the committee elected at the public meeting called to decide on the building of the Rest, assured the W.C.T.U., as trustees of the Timaru Sailors' Rest, that their effort to provide home comforts for seamen during their stay in the port of Timaru were appreciated by those men. He wished the Rest continued success as the home away from home for sailors from overseas.

Miss Fyfe briefly described the history of the Sailors' Rest, which began in 1887 in the Assembly Rooms, then in upper George street. This accommodation soon proved too small for the numbers of the sailing ships who were anxious to accept the hospitality offered and what had been the first Harbour Board office became the new quarters. Although additions were made from time to time this also became inadequate and in March, 1923, a public meeting decided on the building of new premises. The present Sailors' Rest was opened by the Governor-General, Lord Jellicoe, on October 15, 1924, more than £3,000 having been contributed toward the cost.

No appeal had been made for funds during the war, Miss Fyfe said, and it was only possible to make the recent alterations through the receipt of a bequest from the estate of the late Mr. T. B. Garrick. The verandah along the front of the building had been glassed in to provide extra lounge room and necessary renovations have been finished in the large recreation room and to the outside of the build-

ing. The Rest committee were short of funds, she said, and it was only through the generosity of the custodian, Mrs. W. R. Woodward, that they had been able to continue to provide the traditional hospitality. Mrs. Woodward has been in charge since the building was opened and tributes to her services were paid by several speakers.

The Sailors' Rest was dependent on the generosity of the public of South Canterbury, Miss Fyfe continued, appealing to those organisations represented at the function to continue their support and inviting citizens to take a share in the responsibility of the care of visiting seamen. Books and magazines for the ships were always appreciated, she added, suggesting that these could be contributed as well as cash.

—From Timaru.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Among the many activities which add to the record of our "Good Citizenship" is that of Street Collections. Almost every Union reports some work done in this connection in their Good Citizenship annual report (if they remember to send it in). It is not always a popular piece of work. Some people have a strong dislike for it. Others find it interesting and congenial, and do it successfully whenever they are asked to help in this way.

By assisting with these many appeals to the public, we identify ourselves and our work with a wider field. We make contacts which are valuable to us, and which broaden and deepen our own vision in regard to the work of organisations of which we would know very little otherwise. Obviously, we do a real service to these various organisations also.

One organisation which is helped by several of our Unions is the "Crippled Children Society." As the time is coming for making an appeal for this Society, a few words regarding the aims and work may not be out of place. A good deal of misapprehension is noted as to the need for the Society at all; in a land where the invalid and afflicted are cared for by a Social Security scheme, and where large sums are allocated to caring for them. A little explanation should remove all doubt as to the need for what is done by it.

By a system of Welfare Officers, who work in well defined areas, contact is made with many hundreds of children. Many of them would in the ordinary course of things be given every chance of medical and educational help by their parents. But the numbers of loving parents who have given up hope for the future of their afflicted children, and who have settled down to the belief that nothing more can be done for them, is surprising. It is to stimulate such parents, and to

awaken in the child a desire for something more, that the Welfare Officer directs her efforts. Wherever the slightest hope of help exists, the officer makes it available. Sometimes the mother is harassed with the cares of her family, and the father has no time to go into the matter, and the officer can step in here and make everything easy for them. Many and many a child who has lived under conditions of suffering and disability unnecessarily has been brought to normal living by the work thus done.

But it is for the child whose condition is practically outside the possibility of improvement that the most valuable work is done. By special teachers, correspondence lessons and other agencies, hand-crafts and trades are taught to those who are fit to undertake them. Wonderful stories could be told of boys and girls who have become able to earn good livings for themselves even though confined to bed, or to an invalid chair. The difference in the mental outlook, and general development of character, in these cases is very marked as the result of the training and personal endeavour brought into action by it. Much more could be said, but this will suffice to give some idea of our reasons for helping the society.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1st to May 31st, 1946

N.Z. Fund: Picton, North Auckland District, Pukehuia, Styx, Kaikorai, Invercargill North, Karori, each 10/-; Temuka, Napier, Oamaru, Feilding, Mrs. H. Paterson, Tinwald, Hamilton, Glenheim, Wellington Central, each £1; Manawatu District, £1/1/-; Linwood, £2/2/-; Christchurch, £5; Miss C. E. Kirk, £1/19/6; Nuie Island, Sale of Baskets, £1/10/-; Dunedin, £3/3/-; Point Chevalier, 7/6; Belfast "White Ribboner," 5/-; Collection, Convention Reception, £3/9/6.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund: Christchurch, £5; Tinwald, £1; North Brighton, 3/6.

Organising Fund: Hawera, £2/11/-; Picton "Y's," 5/-; Point Chevalier, 18/-; Christchurch, 19/6; Wellington Central, £3/13/6; Oamaru, £7/10/-.

World's Missionary Fund: Ashburton, 17/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Gisborne, 10/-; Feilding, 8/9; Oxford, 9/6; Levin, 10/-; Mount Eden, 6/6; Auckland, 16/-; Pahiatua, 9/-; Balclutha, 7/6; Point Chevalier, 7/6; Reefton, 10/-; Warkworth, 10/-; Shirley-Richmond, 7/9.

Maori Fund: Point Chevalier, 7/-.

Publicity Fund: Miss Kirk, donation, £2.

Y.P.T.C.U. Fund: Sale of stamps (Miss Appleby), £3/1/9; donation, Miss Matheson, 10/-; Miss Christie, 10/-.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,
Dominion Treasurer.

SPECIAL REPORTS

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY NORTH BRIGHTON

On April 9th, the North Brighton Union celebrated its twentieth Anniversary. The Youth Hall at the Baptist Church was gay with autumn flowers and foliage for the occasion. Mrs. Noonan presided, and Mrs. McIlwraith led the Devotions. Mrs. Goldman was hostess. Several well-known choruses were sung. Mrs. Mackie, Dominion Peace Superintendent, presented a twenty years' service badge to Mrs. Noonan. Mrs. Black, North Canterbury District Secretary, then presented one to Mrs. Goring. Songs were sung by Mrs. Crowley, and Mrs. Middleton contributed recitations which were very much appreciated. The Berwick Street Presbyterian Ladies' Guild gave a most enjoyable play. A birthday cake, decorated by Mr. J. Compton, was then cut by the two oldest members, Mrs. Felton and Mrs. Gadd.

Representatives of Christchurch and suburban Unions brought greetings; and each one was asked to cut a slice of cake. Members served afternoon tea, after which the Temperance Doxology was sung.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY MASTERTON UNION

The Masterton Union had a busy time when they gave a party for the children of the Cradle Roll and their mothers. A happy two hours was spent in games before tea was served.

Miss Appleby spoke to the mothers on the spirit of Motherhood. "The influence of a good home can never be estimated," she said, "especially when that influence safeguards against intemperance by wise guidance, and knowledge of social evils caused by indulgence in liquor." Miss Appleby was heartily thanked for her address.

All the children received sweets and a gift. At 7 o'clock, films were shown by Miss Appleby, when some older children also attended, twelve of whom signed the pledge.

Everyone voted the party a great success.

PEACE INTERCESSION MEETING OXFORD

On Wednesday, May 15th, the Oxford Union met for a service of Intercession for Peace among the nations. The President welcomed Mrs. Hiatt, saying that all present were thrilled at having the former Dominion President at the meeting. Mrs. Hiatt spoke briefly, outlining plans of work, and urging all to do their utmost for the cause.

Members joined in prayers of thanksgiving that the war had ended, and intercession for real peace, that sympathy and understanding might succeed the unrest, suspicion and fear now prevalent.

OAMARU

Informative and Helpful Talk by the Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer, Minister of Health

At a special meeting at Oamaru recently the Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer, Minister of Health, was the speaker. Mrs. Winn presided.

After speaking of the matter of Family Benefits, the banning of obscene books, the speaker dealt at some length with the position in New Zealand regarding the liquor traffic, instancing various measures taken to lessen the consumption of alcoholic liquors. The Licensing Commission had focused the light of public opinion on the Drink Traffic in the Dominion. People all over the country had their eyes opened to the doings of the liquor interest. Efforts had been made to have the hours of sale lengthened. Although the Prohibition vote had gone back (?), the fact remained that a town without the hotel bar was a cleaner and better place than the town with open bars.

Dealing with the position of Oamaru as a No-License area, the speaker gave a timely warning by saying that Temperance people could not afford to take things lightly, else they might lose the great benefit of No-License by neglect.

Mr. Nordmeyer was glad to know that the Band of Hope was functioning; and spoke very emphatically of the value of early training in Temperance principles. Opinions formed in youth and childhood had a great bearing on the future. "Public opinion brings about Parliamentary reforms, and it is only if Christian people do their part that they can expect the best results," was the concluding note of this address.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, and a cup of tea brought the meeting to a close.

SOCIAL EVENING—MOTHERS' DAY OBSERVED

Oamaru's May meeting took the form of a social evening, in which "Mothers' Day" was observed. Mrs. Winn presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs. Winn appealed for more helpers in the work, especially in Band of Hope work. Mrs. Tonkin gave a happy talk on Mothers and the need to train children in right principles, and also urged all church-women to vote for No-License for Oamaru. A complaint sent to the local Railway authorities regarding drink on the slow train had been replied to, and a serious view of the matter was expressed.

A delightful programme was given of vocal and instrumental items. There was a good result from a Sales Table and a canvass of friends who cannot often attend. Miss Clark proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all helpers in the very successful evening, and supper, followed by the Benediction, brought the meeting to a close.

L.T.L. MOTHERS' PARTY LOWER HUTT

On the Saturday before "Mothers' Day" a party was held at the home of Mrs. Spencer, to which the L.T.L. mothers were invited. Mr. J. W. Lopdell spoke on Temperance, and showed the effects of alcohol on the body, using diagrams.

The L.T.L. was invited to Wellington Central meeting, where they entertained that Union.

A great deal of work has gone into this, but the children of this L.T.L. sit for the Temperance Exams. as well. The idea of having even a small group of children in the home of a member for the L.T.L. work is commended for the consideration of other Unions. It has proved highly successful in the hands of Mrs. Spencer of this Union.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the L.T.L., and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—CHRISTCHURCH

To celebrate our sixty-first birthday an afternoon Social was held on May 22nd, Miss C. Henderson presiding, and welcoming delegates from suburban Unions. Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford were also represented. A special welcome was also given to our senior members, Mesdames Judkins and Patchett, who have recently celebrated their ninety-fourth and ninety-fifth birthdays respectively.

A programme arranged by Mrs. E. Wood was presented by Mesdames Stewart and Harris, who gave vocal solos, and Mr. Ford, who gave recitations. Mrs. Ford was the accompanist.

Invitations were received from Papanui, New Brighton, Spreydon and Riccarton Unions.

Our President gave some interesting reminiscences of pioneer days in our Union. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all.

BREWERS TELL THE TRUTH

Some people stoutly affirm that if you drink liquor with a meal the effects of the alcohol are not nearly so drastic.

The "Brewers' Gazette" presents the other side of the picture: "Many sensible people," says the Gazette, "drink nothing at lunch—which is good for the digestion, but bad for the drink business."

Two servicemen were bathing in a northern stream when an aborigine came upon the scene. "Hullo, Jacky, one lad shouted from the water, 'any feller shark this place?' Jacky grinned and shouted back, 'No jolly fear, boss—big feller crocodile chase him all 'way!'"

To drink liquor with lunch to escape the "alcoholic staggers" is to do it at the expense of a good digestion. When choosing between shark and crocodile—make it "neither." Don't drink at all.

Home Makers' Column

A GOOD WINTER DISH

- 1 shin of beef, sawn through the bone only, in three places.
- 1 head of celery.
- Onions, carrots, turnip, pepper corns, herbs, ketchup or sauce.

Put the shin in a large saucepan or casserole, with skewers under it to keep it off the bottom. Almost cover with water and bring to the boil, and when scum rises, remove. Put in a bundle of herbs, and the celery cut up. Add four onions, and pepper corns in a bag. Cover closely, and simmer for three hours. Add sliced carrots and swede, and a number of small onions. Stew slowly for another hour. Use a pint of the liquid only for serving. Thicken this, season with sauce, salt, pepper, etc. The rest of the liquid makes good soup.

ORANGE CREAM

Two tablespoons flour, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 small cup sugar, yolks of two eggs, juice and rind of two oranges. Put all in saucepan, mix well, and add two cups boiling water. Cook a few minutes, stirring all the time. Remove from the stove and add stiffly beaten whites. Cool.

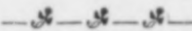
WATER MELON CAKE

(Nice for children's party.)

Beat to a cream 1 teacup sugar, 3 tablespoons butter or cooking fat, add 3 eggs and beat well, 1½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ teacup milk to mix.

Take one-third of mixture and colour with cochineal, adding a few sultanas to represent the seeds. Line a small tin with greased paper, and put the pink part in the middle; then lay the white part around and over the pink. Bake ¾ of an hour.

(Contributions to this column will be welcomed.—Ed.)



MRS. TRUMAN REFUSED TO HAVE COCKTAILS

The Binghampton (New York) Methodist Church has congratulated President Truman's wife and daughter for their choice of orange juice over cocktails at a recent New York City dinner.

In reply, Mrs. Truman wrote that she and Margaret were pleased to know that their action had been approved of.

Another Methodist Church, in a letter to Mrs. Truman, praised her "courage" in turning down cocktails at a dinner given by the Metropolitan Club in New York.

MISS MARY McCALLUM

Too late for inclusion in the last issue of the "White Ribbon," we received a newspaper report of the Memorial Service held in connection with the death of our late dear friend and comrade, Miss McCallum. A short report had already been prepared and included in the May "White Ribbon," but we are very glad to be able to publish some details of the outstandingly varied channels through which Miss McCallum served God and humanity.

The Rev. W. H. Howes, in the course of an address, told of how Miss McCallum had, from her youth, a vision as to the future of the boys and girls who went through her hands in the school where she taught. She and her sister received a long-service diploma for Sunday School teaching, an honour conferred by the Presbyterian Church. In Temperance and Mission work, as in all she undertook, she looked beyond the present to the future of those among whom she carried out her labours. Her home was always open to ministers and missionaries on furlough. She was the originator of the Frances Willard Hall. She was a combination of Martha and Mary. She was practical. She and her sister had but one thought—love for Christ's Kingdom.

After the address all stood during the unveiling of a beautiful Memorial Tablet, to be a fitting reminder in the Hall of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the life and work of its "Beloved President." Mrs. Holmes, President, read the inscription, and Mrs. McKenzie unveiled the tablet. The hymn, "For all the Saints," was sung, and a solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Schroeder, "Trusting in the darkness, trusting in the light."



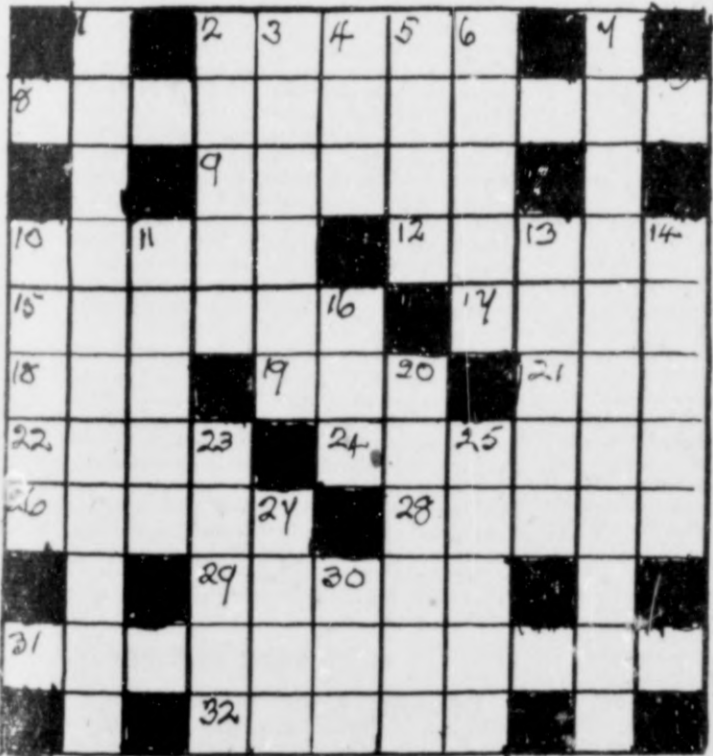
TRUTH ABOUT WINE

During a debate in the Victorian Parliament, Mr. H. E. Thoneman, M.L.A., who is a wine expert, made the astounding statement that "when a person drinks (Australian) sweet wine containing 34 per cent. or 35 per cent. proof spirit, he is consuming one-fifth of absolute alcohol; the balance consists of water and flavouring material."

Pretty French names, romantic Spanish descriptions and flowery Latin phrases all stand shamefully denuded of their meaning when wine-experts begin to tell the truth about their wares. Sixty-five per cent. water-bulk and flavouring, thirty-five per cent. dangerous narcotic drug—and there's your "Australian Sweet Wine." The only excuse for the presence of water and flavouring is that the drug may be made palatable, and that its narcotising effects may be assimilated more slowly and thoroughly.

The only question left, the most baffling of all, is: "Why do apparently sane folk drink it at all?"

"W.R. CROSSWORD"



Across

- 2. Degrees.
- 8. One of our declared objectives.

- 9. A disturbed fish assumes a yellow hue.
- 10. Architectural feature of a church.

- 12. They run down.
- 15. Ships that never sail.
- 17. Scotch evil spirit.
- 18. Familiar letters in wartime.
- 19. A disordered path causes this deviation in a ship's course.
- 21. A mixed drink.
- 22. Consolation.
- 24. — England.
- 26. Eye troubles.
- 28. A story-teller.
- 29. Seaport of Luzon.
- 31. Type of climate.
- 32. Best seen at night.

Down

- 1. Success is largely 7 down on this.
- 2. Part.
- 3. Available when most needed.
- 4. Die down.
- 5. Food.
- 6. A valuable instrument.
- 7. See 1 down.
- 10. Dry crusts.
- 11. Convey indirectly.
- 13. Approaches.
- 14. "He giveth His beloved —"
- 16. An American relative.
- 20. One who is attired.
- 23. Savoury foods.
- 25. Lines of control.
- 27. Narrow tongue of land.
- 30. A Greek prefix, also a Latin affix.

Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

North Canterbury: Devotions taken by Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg was elected President in place of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Mrs. Ancel was elected Vice-President. It was decided to hold District Convention in September in the Central Mission Rooms. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. M. J. Miller, late Salvation Army officer and member of the W.C.T.U. Congratulations were sent to Mrs. Patchett and Mrs. Judkins, who have attained their ninetieth birthday.

Marlborough, 16/5/46. The quarterly meeting of Marlborough District Executive held in Wesley Hall. President, Mrs. V. Underhill, in the chair, and following present: Mesdames W. J. Girling, N. Forbes, S. Harris, P. Stephens, A. T. Milgrew, S. E. Wells, E. Leshe, L. Rodgerson, B. Burroughs. Apologies, Mrs. A. Robinson and Miss E. Tarrant.

The President conducted devotions and prayer offered by several members.

Members stood in respectful silence in memory of two valued members who had passed away during the quarter, the late Mrs. A. J. Mills, Grovetown, and Mrs. A. M. R. Mills, past District Treasurer for many years.

Mrs. Leslie reported that Miss Jean Stratford, of Canvastown, had resigned the position of Cradle Roll Supt. of that area on account of her approaching marriage and departure. Decided to convey the appreciation of Executive of her services, together with good wishes to Miss Stratford.

Letters directed: Sympathy to Mrs. W. Murray in illness of her husband; congratulations to Editor, "Marlborough Express," on the attainment of 80th anniversary, and expressing appreciation of consideration in reporting Union activities over the years.

Noontide observed with singing the hymn and prayer.

Concern and regret felt by all present on learning of the proposal to include lockers for holding liquor in the improvement scheme of the Returned Soldiers' Association Club, general feeling being that it would not be in best interests of men. Resolved to advise R.S.A. that members could not support the Carnival if funds to be used for this purpose.

After lunch adjournment meeting resumed at 1.30, Mrs. Girling offering the opening prayer.

The President reported on the officers' meeting held in Wellington.

It was decided that as part of Poll work, Publicity Stall be conducted at the A. & P. Show in October. Preliminary arrangements for District Convention discussed. Meeting closed at 2.30.

Auckland: June 10th. Meeting held in the Temperance Room. District President, Mrs. J. W. Long, in the chair. Devotions led by Miss A. M. McLay. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. W. Taylor, of Otahuhu, who had been a member of the W.C.T.U. for over fifty years, and until last year had never missed a District Convention. Mrs. Taylor knitted 536 garments for the Red Cross during the war just ended.

Quite a lot of preparations and decisions were made concerning the work for the coming poll. Mrs. Long gave the report of the work being carried out at the Maori Girls' Hostel, stating that at present thirty girls were in residence. It was decided to hold the Mother's Day gathering at the Town Hall Concert Chamber next year. The resignation of Mrs. Long from the presidency came as a shock to the meeting, and was received and accepted with much regret. Nearly every member present voiced her appreciation of Mrs. Long's work as President, and their great regret at her resignation. Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy was elected Acting-President until the District Convention.

UNION REPORTS

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland: May 14th. Meeting held in Y.W.C.A., Mrs. Long presiding and leading devotions. Reports of the District Executive meeting and National Council of Women were

given. Extracts were read from the American Research Department showing the work done by women in connection with the Prohibition movement. Dr. Craig was welcomed to the meeting and gave a very helpful, bright address, basing her remarks on Acts 16, v. 9—"A cry from Macedonia." There was a cry to the women of the churches from the W.C.T.U., "Come and join our ranks and help us to fight the Liquor Traffic." All women were needed in the Christian warfare. She urged the importance of getting into touch with women's meetings in churches, and of reaching young mothers for the sake of the children. Dr. Craig sang very beautifully, and a hearty vote of thanks to her was passed. Benediction.

Kohi-St. Heliers, May 18th: Meeting held at Mrs. Machin's house in Speight's Road. Mrs. Kasper read from Matt. 7th; building on the Rock from which nothing can sweep us away. A faithful member, Mrs. Gribble, died on Monday, May 5th. Temperance Fact given. Mesdames Lediard and Phillips read poems for Mother's Day and a due; was given by Mesdames Machin and Phillips. Mrs. Kasper gave a talk on "Child Psychology." Vote of thanks to Mrs. Machin for pleasant afternoon.

Epsom-Green Lane, May 16th: Attendance fair. In the absence of Mrs. Eccersall, Mrs. Neal presided. Devotions taken from I Corinthians 13, and Phil. 2 and 16. Theme: Winning souls for Christ. Mrs. K. H. Cole gave us much food for thought in her address, "Alcoholics' Foundation." This is a club formed in America by an ex-drunkard to convert drunkards by their own experience and change. A question period followed and was found most helpful. Benediction.

Remuera, May 27th: Mrs. Kasper presided. Temperance Fact given and Pledge re-affirmed. Mother's Day and Peace Day observed, each member giving a reminiscence of her mother. Discussion re raising funds for Dominion Convention. Benediction.

Takapuna: A very pleasant drawing room meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wallace, when a good attendance was encouraging. The May meeting was presided over by Mrs. Morgan-Richards. Mrs. Escott led in prayer, and Miss Cullen took Bible reading. Stormy day prevented Mrs. Long from coming as speaker, but opportunity was taken for the discussion of many subjects. The need of securing the interest of our young people was stressed by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, and it was hoped that steps might be taken in regard to the drinking on the beaches. Benediction.

Mount Eden, June 4th: Miss A. M. McLay, President, in the chair. Small attendance. Decided to help the district by direct giving, to raise funds for work for the Poll and the Dominion Convention. The President read a paper prepared by Miss Pudney on "The Position of America Regarding the Liquor Question" which was most interesting and instructive. Letter of thanks to Miss Pudney and also sympathy in her illness.

Onewunga, May 17th: The annual Cradle Roll party was somewhat spoiled by very rainy conditions, preventing any but those children living nearby from being present. This was very disappointing for Miss Caughley, C.R. Superintendent, who always gives of her best for this work, but for those able to attend the afternoon passed very happily with games and races. All did full justice to the good things provided.

Auckland, June 11th: The annual "Pay-up" Social was held in the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Long presided. There was a large gathering of members. A most enjoyable programme of songs and recitations was given. Sympathy was expressed to Mr. Taylor in the death of his wife, who was in years past a very faithful, devoted worker in the Auckland Union. In her remarks, Mrs. Long spoke of the work of distributing literature for the coming poll. She also spoke of the good work at the Maori Hostel. Afternoon tea brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Three new members joined the Union.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Cambridge: April meeting postponed on account of Anzac Day. Mrs. Kemsley presided. Fencourt members also attended and the numbers were good to hear Mrs. Lewis, District Secretary, report on Dominion Convention. Much interest was shown, and flowers were presented to the speaker by one of the Fencourt members. Benediction.

Tauranga, June 4th: Good attendance. Mrs. Christian presided. Devotions, pledge and a devotional talk by Mrs. Williamson. Report

of annual meeting of Women's Representative Committee, and meeting decided to support the proposal to turn the Committee into a branch of the National Council of Women. Report on Band of Hope and financial statement. Arrangements made for an afternoon Social for fund-raising purposes. Mrs. Christian welcomed Mrs. Wood, a member from New Plymouth, and Mrs. Wood spoke briefly on the work of the Sailors' Rest. Visitors from Hawera, Waverley and from India were welcomed. President gave a talk on "Medical Temperance," dealing with the effects of alcohol on cell life. "Bring and Buy," afternoon tea, and Benediction and Doxology.

Thames, May 1st: Peace Day observed. Good rally of members, who contributed texts and readings on the subject in answer to Roll Call. The Rev. F. Handy gave a fine address, treating the subject in a novel way.

June 3rd: Good attendance. Adjutant Chalmers spoke helpfully on "The Discipline of Delay," basing her remarks on verses in Exodus 13. Temperance fact by President, also a humorous poem read. Visitors welcomed.

Taumarunui, June 6th: Mrs. McDonald presided. Devotions, Temperance fact and Pledge Letter read from Parent-Teacher Association, and we resolved to send representatives to a meeting to look into condition of schools. Miss Andrews to be invited to speak to High Schools. "White Ribbon" day observed.

Hamilton, June 6th: Mrs. Gatman presided and conducted devotions. Matters of Temperance interest received, and Pledge re-affirmed. Report from the National Council of Women was given by Mrs. Moore. The guest-speaker, Mrs. Gagan, gave an interesting talk on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland. The lesson of work and worship was emphasised from the gospel of St. Matthew. The speaker was generously thanked by Mrs. Stephenson Craig. Tea hostesses appointed—Mrs. Harwood and Miss Parry. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, May: Mrs. Thayer, President, took the chair and led devotions. A letter read from District Secretary, Mrs. Hochs, re the tour of Miss Appleby in the district arranged for July. A report of the District Executive meeting held at Stratford on May 2nd was presented by Mrs. Barron. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Miss V. B. Logan for her work in judging the picture-painting contest and essays; and to Keith Tozer and friend for typing the invitation cards for the Cradle Roll party. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Page and Burton. President closed meeting with prayer.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings: The monthly meeting held, Mrs. Hickmott presiding; excellent attendance. Devotions conducted by President. Pledge re-affirmed. Letter re Temperance examinations to be sent to Sunday Schools. Literature to be purchased for distribution in view of the coming Poll. The guest-speaker was Mrs. Colonel Burton, to whom the President presented a bouquet of flowers. The speaker took as her subject the words, "Be of good cheer," and gave a message of comfort and cheer which everyone enjoyed. Mrs. A. Hopper and Mrs. Thomas thanked the speaker for her inspiring address, and the meeting closed with prayer. Mrs. D. Osborne and helpers were tea hostesses.

Napier, May: A visit from the Dominion organiser, Miss Appleby. Agreed to purchase a projector to show Temperance films, and booklets for the Temperance examinations. It was agreed that members would provide hospitality for Merchant Navy men when in port. At next meeting books and papers were to be brought for distribution among prisoners in the local jail. Flowers and welcoming messages to be sent to brides of returned soldiers. Miss Appleby visited the "Y" branch, showing scientific films, and expressing desire to hold "Y" camps.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North: Devotions, Mrs. Carter. Motion of sympathy passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Boyes, formerly pianist. Mrs. East appointed superintendent of Home meetings. It was announced that literature would be given out at the July meeting for distribution; also that a retiring collection would be taken up at that meeting for the Chair of Obstetrics. Speaker for the day, Miss Edmed,

who spoke on the importance of correct reporting, both in speech and in writing. Harm often done through the circulating of false reports due not to dishonesty but to incorrect observation of facts in listening and reading.

Felding, June 5th: Mrs. Spence in chair. Mrs. Kendall took Psalm 23rd for devotions. Report on District Executive meeting given. Also a report on Miss Appleby's meeting for the young people was given. In observance of "White Ribbon" day, Mrs. Tremaine gave a talk on the working of the "W.R.," which showed that the cost of publishing it had risen, so it was decided to have a "Bring and Buy" stall in August for funds for the paper. Plans for work in connection with the Poll this year were talked over. Meeting closed with prayer.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Masterton, May 2nd: Miss Jackson presided. Reported good meetings held during the week with the organiser, Miss Appleby, who showed Temperance films to Band of Hope Schools and Brigades. One new member initiated. Decided that gifts suitable for the shop day on July 31st be brought to the June meeting. Members asked for gifts and ditty bags for the Seamen's Rest at New Plymouth.

Wellington Central, May 19th: Good attendance. Arrangements made for hospital visiting. Peace messages and prayers for same. Birthday posies presented. Mrs. Davidson's sales table good results. Arrangements for next Executive to be the responsibility of the branch. A great privilege to have with us Mrs. Spencer, Superintendent of Belmont L.T.L., who brought a group of L.T.L. members, who entertained us with Temperance choruses and solos. Mrs. Spencer, in urging the importance of the work, urged anyone who could get a group of children together to train them in Temperance education. Doxology.

Lower Hutt, May 22nd: Mrs. Spencer presided and Mrs. Swift led devotions. The thought for the month was: "If God be for us, though all else be against us, we shall prosper." Our L.T.L., which meets at Mrs. Spencer's home each week, gave us a varied programme of songs, recitations and marches.

Brooklyn, May 28th: Mrs. Gittings presided, fourteen present. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Hospital visitation reported. Pledge cards distributed to members. Preamble in Constitution read by Mrs. Cracknell. Temperance fact given by Mrs. Didley. A letter, also a typewritten article by Mrs. Mackie, Dominion Peace Superintendent, entitled "The World is my Country; all Mankind my Brethren," brought forth a friendly discussion which aroused the interest of a few members. The letter was pronounced to be a very fine one and of the highest order. Sigil prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, May 14th: Mrs. Toomer presided and Mrs. Goring led devotions, giving an inspiring talk on the "abiding peace," which Christ promised His followers. Mrs. Hay reported on the Rev. Mr. Greenslade's address on "Trust Control" given at Dominion Convention. Plans for alteration of Hall were on display. Decided to concentrate on Poll work for this year; alterations to Hall to follow as soon as possible. Members were asked to distribute literature. Press and screen to be used for advertising. A very successful "Bring and Buy" was held for Campaign funds. Meeting closed with Benediction.

Blenheim, June 4th: President, Mrs. Forbes, in the chair. Devotions, led by Mrs. Adjutant Kears, were on the subject of Peace. Hymn, "Peace, perfect Peace," and reading from John 14. Letter to be sent to a sick member, Mrs. J. McFadden, in hospital. Wonderful paper from Mrs. E. M. Mackie read; also an article from the Australian "Mothers' Union" paper entitled "Am I my brother's keeper?" showing from the social viewpoint the apathy and indifference of many Christians to the evils of gambling, drinking, and impurity around us. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, 21st May: Held in Methodist Sunday School. Mrs. V. Underhill presided over a good attendance and welcomed three visitors. Devotions, Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne. Good response to Roll Call. Report of District Executive meeting given and arrangements for "White Ribbon" Day made. Letter of sympathy to Treasurer, Mrs. J. Eyles, in hospital. Mrs. M. Hegglin, lately of Canada, was the speaker, and was presented with a shoulder spray. She gave a most entertaining account

of life in Canada, describing the beauties, climate, etc.; also in reply to several questions she told of education, State Control, homes, shopping, and rationing. Mrs. Hegglin was accorded warm thanks for her very interesting talk. Meeting closed with pronouncing of Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

North Brighton, April 16th: Seven members and one visitor present. Prayer meeting and hospital reports were given. Mrs. Noonan reported two Band of Hope meetings, 23 and 15 being present respectively; and two pledges signed. Decided to buy a spray for Anzac Day, and two members volunteered to walk in the procession at New Brighton. Mrs. Ance was nominated for the District Vice-presidency. One new member initiated and an old member rejoined. The following remit to be sent to the District Convention: "The members of North Brighton W.C.T.U. urge the Executive to send a letter of congratulation to the Rev. Thorpe commending his attitude re the food problem. This Union is of the opinion that the first step in the saving of food for Britain should be in the abolition of brewing; malt and sugar being two very necessary foodstuffs."

Woolston, March and April. Mrs. Tomlinson took devotions, Mrs. Ramsay presiding. Mrs. Ramsay welcomed all present and spoke feelingly of the passing of Mrs. Barrell. Members stood in silence to her memory. A gift afternoon for seamen was held. An interesting report of Dominion Convention was given by Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Webb, our Cradle Roll Superintendent, was the youngest member of Convention. Two new members were welcomed.

Papanui, May 15th: Mrs. Tillman presided. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Temperance fact, Mrs. Malcolm. Roll call, a text of Scripture. Invitations received to birthdays of Riccarton, Spreydon and New Brighton Unions. Mental Hospital report given by Mrs. Thornton. Paper on "Peace," Mrs. Malcolm. Arrangements finalised for Silver Jubilee on May 29th. "Bring and Buy" for expenses.

Lyttelton-Heathcote: Mrs. Webb read an interesting paper. Arrangements made to honour Mrs. J. T. Norton at the May meeting.

Woolston, May 9th: Birthday Social held in the McDonald Hall presided over by Mrs. Harvey. Mrs. Tomlinson took devotions. The Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A large number from city and suburban Unions. A full programme of musical items was enjoyed by all present. A "Bring and Buy" stall brought in a nice sum. A lovely supper was handed round and we concluded with the National Anthem. Thanks to all performers and helpers.

Spreydon, Feb. 12th: Two first and two second prizes awarded to pupils of the Spreydon School for Temperance essays.

March 12th: Mrs. Woodcock elected Secretary. Twenty years' service badge presented to Mrs. Dennis.

April 9th: Convention Report. Donation to Spreydon School funds. One new member.

May 14th: Dominion Secretary's letter on post-convention planning read and appreciated. Minutes of 1925 inaugural meeting also read and voted interesting. Another new member welcomed.

New Brighton: June meeting took the form of a 35th birthday party. Mrs. R. Flower presided and Mrs. Goodland took the devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. N. C. Fraser, our Treasurer for twenty years, whose death has meant a great loss to our Union. Five of our members due to receive their twenty years' service badges were presented with sprays as the badges were late in arriving. A good gathering of ladies enjoyed a musical programme. A competition closed a happy afternoon.

Papanui: Our Silver Jubilee was held in the Papanui Methodist Schoolroom on a beautiful sunny day. The President, Mrs. Tillman, welcomed a large gathering of visitors from other Unions. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, District President, presented twenty years' service badges to Mesdames Carr, Hayton and Tillman, and each received a pretty floral spray. The jubilee cake was made by Mrs. Tillman and iced by Mrs. Hilton. There was a programme of musical and elocutionary items.

Reefton, May 14th: Mrs. Thompson presided. Owing to ill-health Mrs. Absalom, "White Ribbon" agent, has resigned. Secretary to send for samples of posters and leaflets from list received from Mrs. Ross. Meeting closed with prayer.

Sydenham, 6th June: Owing to the absence on holiday of our President, the chair was taken by Mrs. J. K. Archer, there being an attendance of eleven. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies, and our Pledge was re-affirmed. Invitations were received from Spreydon and Riccarton branches to attend their Birthday Socials. "White Ribbon" Day was the theme of the meeting. Several members gave readings on various subjects, and an informal discussion took place, mainly on the serious aspect of food wastage by the brewing industry and the ever-increasing amount spent on liquor by the people of the Dominion each year. Mrs. Archer led us in prayer at the close.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate, April 10th. Meeting well attended. Devotions taken by President. Letters of sympathy sent to Mrs. L. Hoare in the tragic death of her husband, all members standing in silence. Congratulations sent to Mr. and Mrs. Kippenberger on attaining their golden wedding anniversary, Mrs. Kippenberger being one of our Vice-Presidents. As it was "White Ribbon" Day, every member read an extract from the "W.R."

May 8th: Meeting well attended, the President taking the devotions. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Simpson, our Treasurer, in the sad loss of her husband, all members standing in silence. Our speaker was the Rev. Mr. Griffiths, a returned Padre of this war, and prisoner of war for some time. His address was instructive and inspiring, for which Mrs. Stark proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Kippenberger seconding this, it was carried unanimously.

Temuka, May 29th: The Peace meeting was well attended, visitors being present from the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Guild, who were accorded a warm welcome, and whose greeting, conveyed by Mrs. Green, was Psalm 34-14. The special speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. R. Parker, of Timaru, who took for her text Psalm 39-11. Mrs. Grocott presided, and suitably acknowledged Mrs. Parker's splendid address, which was much appreciated by all present. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Allenby and Davey. Benediction.

May 8th: The Cradle Roll party was held, and owing to very unfavourable weather the attendance was not very good. Mandolin items were given by Mesdames Moulton, Fletcher and Shepherd, also items by Elizabeth and David Borrie. Each child was presented with a pencil inscribed "Vote New Zealand Dry and protect New Zealand Youth." An address to mothers was given by Mrs. Prattley on "The Mothers of the Bible."

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin: Fourth Thursday. Mrs. Rippin presided, and Mrs. Smith led devotions. The passing of Miss Bruce, sister of our Miss Fanny Bruce, after years of suffering, was remembered in our prayers. Two apologies received. Letter re Temperance Examinations received. Mrs. Rippin read a lengthy report of the advance towards the return of Prohibition in the States (U.S.A.). The excesses of students on Capping Day elicited strong protests from members, who wanted to know why educated men escape when "hoodlums" would be "run in." Agreed to send for copies of election literature for distribution; 10/- being passed for payment to Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Madigan. A "Round the World" survey of Temperance Leagues showed the increase of public estimation and influence.

North East Valley, May 23rd: Mrs. Peart presided. Members took part in discussion on various aspects of Temperance work. The Treasurer reported that the sum of 13/10 had been received in freewill offering at the social afternoon which had been held the previous month.

Oamaru, May: See special reports.

Kaikorai, May 28th: Mrs. Flett presided. Mrs. Donaldson, District President, was welcomed, and read an article from the "Scottish Women's Temperance News," "The Quiet Hour." The resignation of Mrs. Masterton, our Treasurer, from office on account of ill-health, was received with regret. The Secretary was asked to act as Treasurer in the meantime. A new member was welcomed. Mrs. Flett reported on the L.T.L. which was opened a fortnight ago and is getting good support.

Port Chalmers, May 15th: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Bowman. Mrs. Taylor, President, led in prayer. Discussion re the possibility of Temperance teaching in schools. To be looked into. Decided to make special prayer for "the cause." Mrs. J. B. Chambers, wife of the "Y" Dominion President, welcomed and elected Secretary. Rev. J. B. Chambers, B.A., gave an encouraging address to the meeting. Thanked by Mrs. Watson. Meeting closed with Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Lawrence, June 6th: Miss Ferguson, President, in the chair. Attendance fair. Letter sent to sick member. One dozen copies of "Scientific Temperance Instruction" sent for Temperance Examinations. Members sending old copies of "White Ribbon" to the Maori Mission field. President read extracts from a paper, "Sermons I Remember." Mrs. McNeilly gave a paper, "We speak that we do know."

Oamaru, June 10th: Mrs. Winn presided and led in prayer. Fitting reference was made to the death of Miss Annie Milligan, one of the oldest and most faithful sympathisers in the Temperance cause. All stood as a mark of appreciation and respect. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Cropp, and a thought for the month was given: "Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered and there was no one there." Mrs. Winn thanked all who helped with the circular sent to members and friends, which brought a good result. Also thanked all those who had collected food coupons; which resulted in 70 for meat, 25 for butter, 22 for sugar, and 51 for tea. Subscriptions are being collected for the Memorial Window in the Memorial Chapel. The speaker for the afternoon, Miss Brady, gave some experiences of work amongst the Maoris in Auckland. The sad cases were mostly the result of drink. Prayer was asked for the workers and the Maori people that they may be strong to withstand this great evil.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

South Invercargill: Met on Tuesday afternoon when, despite the weather, there was a good assembly of members. The Evangelical Superintendent, Mrs. Richards, gave a short commentary on "Thou canst not see the Glory of God." Mrs. Buick sang two solos. The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Stanley Brown, her subject being "Just you, yourselves." Mrs. Holmes presided, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

NO GREATER CURSE

"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."

If this curse were anything but liquor we would liquidate it instead of licencing it; if we were patriotic we would prohibit it instead of patronising it; if we were realistic we would sever the root instead of serving the fruit.

—Dr. L. P. Bosman, M.P. ("Australian Temperance Advocate").

Mr. G. Bernard Shaw says: "The trader in drink takes all the money the drunkard pays for his liquor, and when he is drunk throws him into the street, leaving the ratepayers to pay for all the mischief he may do, all the crimes he may commit, all the idleness he may bring upon himself and his family, and all the poverty to which he may be reduced. If the cost of these were charged against the drink trade instead of against the police rates and poor rates, the profits of the Trade would vanish at once."—The Australian Temperance Advocate.

A WELCOME VISITOR TO NEW ZEALAND

Canon Henry Frazer

Christchurch members honour their Miss Gordon, aged eighty-three years, the only surviving member who was present at Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt's meeting sixty-one years ago, when the Christchurch branch was formed.

On a recent Sunday evening, at Miss Gordon's invitation, I visited the Anglican Church of which she is a member, that of St. John the Baptist, Latimer Square. The preacher was Canon Henry Frazer, M.A., late of Liverpool, who has undertaken parochial work here for a period. Though seventy-five years of age, he has not lost his vigour, and gave us of his best in his sermon on the text: "In my Father's House are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

It was of very real interest to me to hear Canon Frazer, because of his great Temperance work in England, both in the Church of England Temperance Society and in his writings. For some years I have made use of the matter contained in his valuable booklet, "The Church, the State, and the Drink Traffic," in my Temperance addresses. "The Bible, the Church and the Drink" is equally valuable. His "Tips and Tipsters" attacks the Gambling evil. He has been a staunch advocate of the use of unfermented wine in the Communion, and has stood stoutly against opposition from some high officers in his own Church.

He acknowledges with gratitude, however, support received from many of the Anglican communion, both Bishops and laymen.

The booklets quoted were written twenty years ago, but are just as fresh today, and it is to be regretted that they are nearly out of print. Speaking to me personally, after the service, Canon Frazer said that he regretted that in recent years his work in a parish of 10,000 souls had not left him the time he would have liked for Temperance work.

We honour him greatly for what he has done, and wish him a happy stay in our country. A warm welcome to New Zealand, Canon Frazer, from the W.C.T.U. and other Temperance bodies.

L. K. V. GRIGG.

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M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,
305 Riccarton Road, W.2.
Christchurch.

May 30th, 1946.

ALCOHOL AND CRIME

In reviewing the book "Mental Abnormality and Crime" in the last issue of "The Shield," G.H.S. writes: "The relation of alcohol to crime is a curious one. It may be a cause of the mental illness such as delirium tremens or alcoholic dementia. It may be a result of it, as when a middle-aged man takes to drink and is subsequently found to be suffering from the early stages of general paralysis of the insane. It may be put forward as a defence in a serious crime, when the accused claims not to have understood what he was doing, or in certain motor offences drink is not an extenuation but an aggravation of the crime. It probably exceeds any other factor in the production of crime and poverty."

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ARAMOHO, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Feild St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Greig; Corr. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. Suddaby, 20 Cumbræ Place.

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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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BROOKLYN, 2.30 p.m. Last Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Sawden, 16 Todman St.; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; W.R., Mrs. Dudley; C.R., Mrs. Sawden.

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CAMBRIDGE, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Kemsley, 23 Bryce St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Bycroft; Sec., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, 64 Clare St.; Treas., Mrs. W. Hooker, 60 Queen St.

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

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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.

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ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby and Hickman and Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. E. Stacey, 141 Grey St.; Onehunga; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; W.R., Mrs. Ashby; C.R., Miss Caughley; Home Meetings, Mrs. Hatton; Evangelistic, Miss Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Press, Mrs. Mushett; Philanthropic, Mrs. Wadman.

OTOROHANGA, last Friday, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. G. F. Webster, Otewa Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Higgins; Sec., Mrs. J. C. Clark, Te Kuiti Rd.; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Black, Te Kuiti Rd.; W.R., Mrs. C. Hood, Pirongia Rd.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Comyns; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ryde, 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., Baptist Hall. Pres., —; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Beaumont, 1 Fairburn Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Ward, 295 Gt. South Rd.

OPAWA, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Miss E. M. Gainsford; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., C.1.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.1.; W.R., Mrs. Patrick, 32 Buffon St., Waltham; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jenkins and Ewart Smith.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. R. Sinclair; Sec., Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Box 85; Treas., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; W.R., Mrs. Corney; C.R., Miss McCallum.

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., Mrs. Potter; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. S. E. Wells, Milton Terr.; W.R., Mrs. Martien, Kent St.; Band of Hope and Y's, Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

PORT CHALMERS, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. G. Taylor; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Watson, Wilson and Sanson; Sec., Mrs. J. B. Chalmers, 1 Magnetic St.; Treas., Mrs. Mirams; W.R., Mrs. Watson; C.R., Mrs. Farquharson.

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.

REEFTON, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. Gilmour, 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. Searrow; 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. Fifer, 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, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Winstone and Fetchell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Fetchell; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Temperance Fact, Mesdames Tremain and Wallace.

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, Otipua 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, 2.30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, Knox Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Duckett, Mary St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Kippenburger and Stark; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt St.; Treas., Mrs. Simpson, "Rylands"; Assist. Treas., Miss P. Tooley; W.R., Mrs. Ashton, Belt St.; C.R., Miss P. Tooley.

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, 2.0 p.m., 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught and Neal; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, Box 17, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. C. R. 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 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.

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