

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"He who helps a child helps humanity with an immediateness which no other help given to human creature in any other stage of human life can possibly give again."

—Phillips Brooks.

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### BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Annual Report of the Bible-in-Schools League from Mrs. Paterson, our Dominion Superintendent of this department, with thanks. A synopsis of some of the vital parts of the report is also furnished through Mrs. Paterson, compiled by the Rev. F. C. Long; and this is published herewith.

### NEW ZEALAND BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

#### Retirement of the Rev. E. O. Blamires. Plans to Carry On.

The Rev. E. O. Blamires is known from one end of New Zealand to the other. For the last 18 years he has been Organising Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League and the great advance made by the League during that period has been due, under God, to his untiring and efficient efforts. In the course of his duties he travelled to all parts of the Dominion, exhorting and encouraging workers, ascertaining and eventually supplying their needs, and at Headquarters his was the brain that watched and studied all political developments and advised his committee on steps to be taken and also on all plans for the prosecution of the work. The result of his labours will be apparent when it is mentioned that at present there are over 1000 primary schools where Religious Instruction is given and over 500 where daily religious observances are held. This is a great achievement. All honour to one who has worked so faithfully and efficiently in a great cause.

#### BUT WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

There are still some 800 schools without religious activity. 800! And if the scholars in these average as low

as 10 each, that means 8000 children, the majority of whom do not know or hear anything of Jesus Christ.

Eight thousand, if the average is 10. But the average is much higher, so the fact has to be faced that many thousands of children are yet unreached.

The Executive of the League purposes to obtain as quickly as possible a suitable successor to Mr. Blamires. Meantime the central work is being carried on by an Acting-Secretary, the Rev. F. C. Long, and the district work it is planned to entrust to District Organisers. For the moment part-time Organisers are sought. One has already been appointed for Dunedin. It is hoped to have others in Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington in the near future. Their duties will be mainly extending and improving the "Nelson System."

Such extension, together with the necessary cost of the Organisers, will involve an increased Budget.

Up to the present the cost of the League's work has been borne by a small band of devoted friends, who

have given yearly sums, large or small, —all credit and sincerest thanks to them. But now the League needs further support.

It would be good to have a band of "Friends of the Children" who would subscribe 5/- or more annually to this great work. Each Friend to have a number. Who will be No. 1? Send in your name to the Secretary, Bible-in-Schools League, G.P.O. Box 228, Wellington. This Band could be in addition to those above mentioned who are already subscribing—or such could enrol themselves if they wished.

The great thing is to remember two points: (1) This cause needs support; and (2) It is the work dear to the heart of the Saviour. He said: "Feed my lambs." And also: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." And again: "Inasmuch as ye did it not . . . ye did it not to Me."

How can we let His Lambs go without knowledge of Him?

F. C. LONG,  
Acting-Secretary.



MRS. H. N. TOOMER,  
Corresponding Secretary.

"EVERY TEACHER WHO  
VALUES  
THE FUTURE OF YOUTH  
SHOULD  
JOIN THE BATTLE  
AGAINST  
THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC."

From the Editorial page of  
the journal of The American  
Education Association, April,  
1946.

"Protect tomorrow's Youth  
against Alcoholism by giving  
today's children basic  
reasons for  
TOTAL ABSTINENCE."

"White Ribbon Ensign,"  
California.

# SOME GREAT EVANGELISTS AND TEMPERANCE WORKERS

(By Victoria Grigg, M.A.)

No. 1.

This is the first of a series of articles on a subject which, I feel, should be of intense interest to us as members of a Christian organisation. In the course of reading a number of biographies of great evangelists who were used mightily to win souls for their Lord, I was struck by their forthright condemnation of the evils of strong drink. In my mind are such men as Dr. Lyman Beecher, John Wesley, Charles Finney, Dwight L. Moody, Billy Brya, General Booth, and a recent visitor to our shores, the Rev. Lionel Fletcher. I think, too, of that great Catholic, Father Mathew. These men have been worthy successors to the Old Testament prophets who so fearlessly condemned the drunkenness and other evil practices by which they were surrounded.

## PLEDGE-SIGNING CAMPAIGNS.

What we need today is a revival of the great Pledge-signing Campaigns sponsored by these men of God. How many potential drunkards were saved from a tragic end? How many others were saved from the unhappiness of seeing a dear one succumb to the craving for drink? Total abstinence for the individual is still, and always will be, the most effective way of combating the Drink Evil.

Alas! The solemn words of Micah are only too true today. "If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and strong drink, he shall even be the prophet of this people." So it was also a hundred years ago, when a Scottish minister wrote: "If we understand aright the design of the Church, one of the main objects of its institution is to testify against sin in all its forms, and to devise means for its destruction. What, then, are the facts of the case respecting Intemperance? Infidelity, Sabbath desecration, Schism, and other evils are all looked at specifically, and measures adopted to meet them; but intemperance is shunned till circumstances render the matter imperative; and then some declaration is issued that is worse than worthless, inasmuch as such documents have the appearance of meeting the evil, for which they promulgate no active remedy."

This statement, and others of the same time, were followed by an upward movement in the churches, which appears to have reached its zenith some thirty years ago, and has been declining ever since.

## THE POSITION TODAY.

Today, many of our Christian ministers (not all, thank God) have become vague and indefinite on this subject. In fact, we seem rarely to hear anything about the drink evil from the pulpit; and yet, many of the same ministers are preaching to rows of empty seats.

We do not attach all the blame to the ministers. We have our own Christian duty as Church members; but where the minister gives a lead, the congregation will follow. The reason for the strong temperance enthusiasm of thirty and forty years ago was that it was fostered in our churches. How we long to see it return, hand in hand with a strong evangelistic message!

## PROPAGANDA

How insidious today is the liquor propaganda over the films and the radio. In the films we get such incidents as occurred in a recent British film shown in Christchurch. A young naval officer visited the vicar of a country village to have a cup of tea with him at a London railway station. When they came to the station tea-room, the naval officer said to the vicar, "What will you have, sir?" "Oh, I think I will have a glass of beer," said the clergyman. "I was going to ask you that, sir, but I thought you would not want it," replied the young officer. They laughed together over the young fellow's misapprehension, and both sat down to glasses of beer. Later on in the film, the vicar's son told his father to come and have some champagne which he had brought from his father's cellar to celebrate a certain occasion. "That's right, my boy," said the vicar. The spectacle of reverend gentlemen in clerical dress partaking in such jovial fashion of alcoholic liquors is not edifying to the young picture-goer particularly, but is as good as an advertisement from the liquor trader's point of view as it can be.

This incident made me think of the words of another minister, English this time, who wrote these words in 1843: "The ministers and professors of religion have it in their power to remove a vast amount of crime, misery and wickedness—they have it in their power to reclaim hundreds and thousands of drunkards; and all this at the paltry sacrifice of abandoning the use of intoxicating drinks; yet ministers and professors hesitate—refuse—to make the sacrifice; and this crime, misery and wickedness exists and will continue—these hundreds and thousands of immortal beings are drunkards and will continue to be drunkards—because the professors, followers and ministers of the Cross will not abandon their pernicious drinking practices."

However, the fact remains that while many of the early opponents of temperance came from the Church and claimed the Church's authority for their opposition; at the same time, in both the earlier and latter part of the nineteenth century the great volume of advocacy for temperance came also from the Church. I hope to tell something of that advocacy in future articles.

If the Church today and its ministers can be roused to some of their old-time enthusiasm, there will be hope for those who will otherwise surely be the victims of the evils of strong drink in the future.

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## Evidence Of Dr. Richards Before The Royal Commission On Licensing

A correspondent has sent an extract taken from the evidence given before the Royal Commission on Licensing, by Dr. Richards, D.S.O., M.B.B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Auckland.

It is well worth quoting. Indeed the whole of his evidence should be broadcast. If we can do anything in the way of making it widely known, let us do it.

Dr. Richards speaks "As a Citizen," and also "As a Doctor," and what he says is marked by a simple, unvarnished style which carries conviction because it is free from any attempt to be sensational. "As a Doctor," he gave details of 14 cases with which he had dealt in the previous fortnight, where the trouble was directly caused by alcoholic drinking. "The children suffered," he said, and gave instances of the repercussions caused by drinking parents.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

### For May.

OPAWA: 1 new member. 1 transfer.  
SPREYDON: 1 transfer.  
RICCARTON: 1 new member.  
NORTH BRIGHTON: 2 new members.

### For July.

PAPANUI: 1 new member.  
SPREYDON: 1 new member.  
N. BRIGHTON: 1 new member.  
ST. ALBANS: 1 transfer.

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## GRANDMOTHER'S RULES

Somebody's grandmother has bequeathed to her descendants these admirable rules of conduct:—

Always look at the person to whom you are speaking.

Look straight at the person who speaks to you.

Speak your words plainly. Do not mutter. If the words are worth saying they are worth pronouncing distinctly and clearly.

Do not say disagreeable things. If you have nothing pleasant to say, keep silent.

Think three times before you speak once.

If you have something hard to do and would rather not do it. Do the hard thing first, get it over with.

If you have done wrong to any person, go and confess it.

If your lesson is tough, master it.

If your garden needs weeding go and do it and play afterwards.

Do first the thing you do not like to do and then with a clean conscience try the next.—Presbyterian Record.

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

How long is it since you "set your name down" as an active soldier in the fight against this terrible evil of beverage alcohol? Some set their names down so long ago that the ink is now faint but, thank God, their faith is still strong although they cannot work now as hard as they used to do. What about those who set their names down more recently? Am I doing all I can? Are you doing all you can? Do we realise how dreadful a danger this thing is in the pathway of the children? Only last week a little girl of 13½ years of age, hopelessly drunk, was found and tended by a kindly woman on one of our railway stations. What of those who gave alcohol to the child? What about those professing Christians who shirked their responsibility in getting rid of the liquor traffic so that such a thing is possible? Are you and I 100 per cent. blameless?

You will see by our paper that Mrs. H. Cecil Heath has been appointed World Secretary. Will you pray especially for her as she enters into the work carried on for so long by Mrs. Slack-Saunders? Will you also pray constantly for the best success of the World Convention to be held in New Jersey next June?

You will be very glad to know that at least three of our Unions which have been having a very difficult time, are now seeing the dawn of brighter days, Otorohanga, Foxton and Petone. Give them your sympathetic interest.

There is a fine supply of new literature at Headquarters. If you do not know about it write to Mrs. Ross for particulars.

Did you ever hear it said that women talk a great deal? Of course, they do, they know so much that is worth talking about, and talking is one good way of educating people; therefore, let us use our ability to talk and so educate the folks we meet so that they, too, will fully realise their responsibility in regard to this degrading traffic. Pray as never before, then talk along the road to victory.

"Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought

As Thou wouldst have it done;  
And prayer by Thee inspired and taught,

Itself with work be one."  
With loving greetings,

Yours in the King's business,  
C. E. KIRK.



An inquisitive old lady was asking a sailor about his experience in the Navy.

"What rank did you hold?" she asked him.

"Ship's optician, lady," was the reply.

"Ship's optician? I never knew there was such a rank in the Navy. Of what did your duties consist?"

"Scraping the eyes out of potatoes, ma'am."

## In Memoriam

### Miss Mary S. Powell, Dunedin

Miss Mary Powell, in her home at St. Clair, Dunedin, passed away on March 8th, 1946, at the ripe age of ninety years.

She lived her life victoriously and finished her course with joyful anticipation of meeting her Saviour, Whom she loved and served from her youth.

Her work in the W.C.T.U. commenced in Invercargill in 1885, when she joined the Union at its formation by Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt. She gave unstinted and courageous service from that time till the last few years, when she was confined to her home, but her interest was always in the work, and her cheerful, bright personality brought gladness to her friends. For fifteen years she was National Organiser, and travelled by foot and by cycle over rough roads, before the days of bitumen. When unable to cycle, she travelled by foot rather than miss some lonely homestead, and organised many Unions, which are a monument to her zeal for temperance and her untiring energy. When a loved comrade passed away Miss Powell said: "When I am called Home, let there be no tears, but rather rejoice, for I will be at Home with my Lord." Her niece, Miss Winifred Powell, tended her aunt with deep devotion.

As a member for over twenty years of Dunedin Central Union, Miss Powell was beloved for her bright, cheerful manner and deeply sympathetic nature. Among the many offices she filled was that of Dominion Corresponding Secretary, which she held for some years. She is the last of the foundation members of the first Union to be formed in New Zealand.—J. Hiett, Dunedin.

### Mrs. Joanna Martin, Cambridge Union

After a long life of service as a member of the Methodist Church, and as a foundation member of the W.C.T.U. in Australia, continuing during the 45 years of her life in New Zealand, Mrs. A. W. Martin, of the Cambridge Union, has passed to her reward at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Martin was born at Bendigo, and was the only girl in a family of nine. She was married in 1884, and after living in Sydney and Queensland, came with her husband to New Zealand at the end of 1901. They lived at Avondale for nearly twenty years, and the first Methodist service to be held there took place in the Martin home. In 1920, the family removed to Cambridge, where the home has remained ever since.

Mrs. Martin was a Sunday School teacher for about thirty years. She was

president of the Cambridge Union for nearly twenty years. She attended Convention always and was present at the 1945 District Convention held at Hamilton. She was a fine reciter, and gave very good items whenever she was called upon. Her keen interest in the work never abated, and she will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to her daughter, who lived with her.

### Miss A. E. Watson, Ashburton Union

Ashburton Union mourns the loss of Miss A. E. Watson, who was for nineteen years their "White Ribbon" superintendent.

She was one of their most loyal and devoted members, and until sickness prevented her, carried on the work so dear to her heart, as in God's sight.

She was faithful unto death, and now has received her crown of life. She was well respected and loved, and will be sadly missed.

"The Master has sent, and garnered her in

Ripe, and ready, His cherished grain;  
Golden indeed her life's setting sun,  
Blessed art thou, thy work well done."

—I. M. Harwood.



## CORRESPONDENCE. ABOUT READING.

Dear Fellow-workers,

I read in the May number of the "White Ribbon" a column headed "About Books."

Now, the best-educated people are usually the most useful in the W.C.T.U. meetings. I am particularly mindful of the Misses Edger, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Fred Kasper, and Mrs. W. Hamilton, of Warkworth.

These people could be trusted to give a short, unprejudiced opinion of any subject in well-chosen language.

For public women, the habit of reading is essential; for tired women, it is rest. To the young woman, it gives a certain largeness of viewpoint.

All our members have ideas, but they are held back because they do not know the conditions in other countries, and they know very little about how to improve matters.

Look at our Maori friends. Every little start they make encourages them. They, like ourselves, carry books from libraries. For, as Francis Bacon said nearly four hundred years ago, "Reading maketh a full man."

CAROLINE THOMPSON,  
Whangarei.

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## The White Ribbon.

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A CHATTY HALF-HOUR  
WITH THE EDITOR

It would be very nice if my readers could pop in to see me now and then, to talk over some of the little matters that do occasionally seem to need just that to put them into order. In my remote eyrie, far from the madding crowd, it is seldom indeed that this can happen; so, hoping earnestly that other motives than that of thrusting personal considerations before your long-suffering eyes will suggest themselves as the reason for this departure, we will proceed.

How about discussing the question of reports received just too late for the next issue?

I really do feel so sorry every month for the reporters whose reports arrive, sometimes in considerable numbers, on or about the 17th of the month. Often a little note accompanies them, hoping that they are not too late. Shall I outline what really happens about the reports?

Well, as they come in, by ones, twos, and sometimes by dozens each day, they are put into their districts, and as quickly as possible typed, ready for the printers. One or two sheets of paper are prepared for each district's reports, and one by one, they are filled up. By the fifteenth, the last day possible for them to be dealt with, they are all, including those arriving by that day's mail, ready to send off. Now, I am sure you will see how difficult and upsetting it would be to fish out the proper sheet, and add more reports, even if time as required for printing would allow of this to be done. **Moral:** Send in your report on the first, not the last possible day. Without in any way wishing to complain, I would point out that at the end of the time allowed for preparing the copy, the fewer reports

that need handling, the better. Oh, yes, of course I do know that some meetings are held very close to the fifteenth; and that it is difficult to get these in early. I am fully prepared for these to come in late; and don't mind in the least; but it is really true that many days elapse between some meetings and the arrival of the reports thereon. It is an excellent rule to have, to write it if possible the same day as the meeting is held. Apropos of this, I recall that now and then I am asked why reports have not appeared. This is a puzzle to me, but usually, if they do not appear in the issue intended, they do in the next. A check will be kept in future, so that a definite reply may be given to such inquiries.

Model reports were asked for at Dominion Convention. Now, what about them?

Anything stereotyped and robbed of its individual character and charm is not exactly pleasant reading. So I hesitate to set out a schedule. No two meetings are exactly alike, are they? I have sometimes wondered how it would work out to say that so many named Unions opened their meetings with a hymn, and so many others closed with the Benediction. How funny it would look, wouldn't it? No, I don't quite think that would be a good idea at all. Well, then, could we take it for granted that all meetings are thus opened and closed; and, unless some other method is used, or something special requires particular mention, eliminate those details? I think it is worth trying.

It is always nice to see the name of a dear friend in some far-away Union report; and a really useful purpose is served—that of serving as a means of communication between our members. So we welcome names in connection with actual Union life. Good judgment is shown when the reason of mentioning friends by name is worth while. In response to requests, we have agreed that tea hostesses' names may be included. It would be quite enough, however, to say: "Tea hostesses, Mesdames So-and-So," and not to tell us the very well-known and understood fact that "Afternoon tea was served." We know it was, is and will be. So, save the space and time and paper by letting readers take that as understood. It will make quite a difference if the forty or fifty reports have those few words less.

It is rather too much to give the outline of an address, or the text of a

Temperance Fact in the little space of your report. Why do you not put the "Fact," if it is a really good one, separately from the report in the same envelope? It is no more trouble to you, but saves me quite a good deal of time if this is done. And, nothing pleases me more than to receive a well-arranged outline of an address. That goes into the "Specials," and is read by more people than if included in the regular report.

I don't think it is really necessary to give the book, chapter and verses of the devotional reading. Sometimes there may be special reason for doing so, but while it is of interest to those who hear, very few readers would make a point of looking it up. Space is valuable, again we say. Speakers' names, **themes** of addresses, readings given, plans of work made, special functions held, donations agreed upon, and the many intimate matters affecting the lives of our members, such as bereavements, illnesses, and matters of congratulation, are all suitable for inclusion.

I—to talk about space, and then fill up all this was "talk"! My excuse is that it is long overdue.

One little note in closing. There were only eight communications sent to me which had to be sent on to Mrs. Grigg this month. One or two came to Mrs. Grigg also which should have come to me first. Look up the January-February issue once again to make sure that your communication is sent to the proper place in the first instance.

THE EDITOR.

ON SIGNING ARTICLES FOR  
PUBLICATION.

A valued correspondent recently suggested that interest would be added to the "White Ribbon" if all the writers therein signed articles sent in by them. A newspaper cutting was sent, in which it was stated that "the public is interested in the individual who pens an article, and likes to know whose is the hand that writes. There are, nevertheless, people in the community who have other things to consider, and it is these personal factors which compel them to seek the protection of a pen-name."

We should be very glad to hear from any of our readers who may have ideas, either way, on this point.

EDITOR

# AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

## HEALTH AND NUTRITION.

Dear Fellow-White Ribboners,—

This is a department that has been "thrust" upon me by the last Dominion Conference, so as a good servant of the cause I will accept the position as Dominion Superintendent and endeavour to send a message to all District Superintendents of Health and Nutrition.

It is very important that machines of steel, wood, etc., should be used carefully and be kept clean and in good repair; the workman who treats his machine carelessly gives himself a great deal of trouble, for he makes his work far harder than it ought to be and his machine quickly goes wrong and wears out. It is even more important to treat the living machine—the body—properly and carefully, for if we spoil it through carelessness or accident we cannot scrap it as we can a spoilt motor-car and purchase another. So it behoves us to take great care of it to save needless pain and weariness.

We know that fresh air, pure water, cleanliness, rest, warmth, and good food are essential to good health. It is really mostly a matter of using "common sense."

The fresh air is free for the taking, but sometimes we don't take it. We close our rooms up, light big fires, and think we are comfortable. It is not long before we become drowsy, for we and the fire are using up the life-giving oxygen in the air which is not being replaced. From the warm room we go to the colder parts of the house and so colds are developed. Take particular care to sleep in well-ventilated rooms and if you have not been used to doing so, feel the difference in your outlook on life when you wake up in the morning.

Pure water—yes, another of Nature's gifts. Drink plenty of it. Don't they say six pints a day for an adult is necessary to maintain good health? Two cups of cold water the last thing at night and two cups of very hot water sipped, first thing in the morning, is the finest thing I know for keeping rheumatism and neuritis away. So drink plenty of water.

Cleanliness comes next to Godliness has been said. The daily shower, tub, or sponge, together with plenty of water-drinking keeps this body of ours clean inside and out. More common sense and very little expense.

Rest and warmth I could almost take together, for to "rest comfortably" we must be "comfortably warm." In summer, with light clothing and winter, warmer. Of course, we must have our rooms warmed if the miners will let us. There is a way you can have rest without lying down. Just change your tempo. Have you ever tried it? If you have been hurrying, relax and do the same job slower, then at different speeds. You will be surprised at how the change makes you forget your

tiredness. It is hard to rest when we see so much to do and so little time to do it, but for older people the "ten-minute" habit is very beneficial. Every afternoon lie down for ten minutes, completely relaxing all muscles, and try and make the mind a complete blank. Shut out all thought. After a while you can do it. Try it for ten minutes daily and see how refreshed you feel.

Now we come to good food. Most food is good but so much is spoilt in the cooking. This is such a big subject that I can only touch on it. Don't cook vegetables too long. Don't put soda in the greens. Keep the vegetable water instead of throwing it away down the drain, for that's where most of the vitamins are. Get into the habit of steaming or using as little water as possible when cooking these most precious vegetables, strain them into a jug, and use the liquor as an appetiser. The whole family will get into the habit of asking: "Any vegetable water, Mother?" for it is really delicious.

Eat plenty of fresh fruit in season and beware of too much "refined food," for there is very little of the vitamin content left by the time it gets to your table.

I have just been able to touch on these very necessary essentials to good health, but would advise you to get a speaker to address your Union on the subject.

Here's health to you.

Yours Sincerely,

R. M. MOUNTJOY.

## BACKBLOCKS, CAMPS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

Dear Fellow-members,—

I sincerely hope that every Union is putting forth every effort in distributing literature this election year.

This is one of the greatest things we can do—to send out leaflets and papers to the outlying districts, showing the harm and evil of the liquor traffic. The need for educating the people increases each year. It is only when the need for the abolition of the liquor traffic is realised that we come towards the realisation of our objective.

ALICE MOYES,

Dominion Superintendent,

Backblocks, Camps, and Institutions.

## LIST OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THE WHITE RIBBON.

From June 10th to July 10th, 1946.

Maungaturoto, 1; Warkworth, 2; Onehunga, 1; Mt. Albert, 2; Te Awamutu, 2; Inglewood, 5; Raetihi, 1; Wellington Central, 1; Christchurch, 2; Linwood, 2; Canterbury District, 2; Ashburton, 2; Winton, 3. Total for month, 26.

Total New Subscribers from 1st. Feb. to 10th July, 1946: 100.

## DONATIONS TO WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND.

Further donations to The White Ribbon Day Fund are acknowledged with thanks:—

Mrs. Cutler, Whakatane, 4/-; W.C.T.U., Ngaere, 10/-; W.C.T.U., Feilding, 11/6; W.C.T.U., Warkworth, 10/-; W.C.T.U., Levin, 16/-; W.C.T.U., Wellington Central, £1; W.C.T.U., Opo-tiki, £1/4/-; W.C.T.U., Pahiatua, 8/6; W.C.T.U., Blenheim, £2; W.C.T.U., Brooklyn, 10/-; W.C.T.U., Mornington, 10/-; W.C.T.U., Hastings, £2; W.C.T.U., North East Valley, £1; W.C.T.U., Riccarton, £1; W.C.T.U., Ashburton, 17/6; W.C.T.U., Tauranga, £1; W.C.T.U., Wellington, 15/-. Total: £14/16/6.

Total amount received to 10th July, 1946: £17/19/-.

A. D. GRIGG,  
Business Manager.

## Copy of Letters Received from Miss E. M. Mein, 7 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh 9, Scotland.

Dear Miss Appleby,—

It is so kind and thoughtful of the Palmerston North Branch, W.C.T.U., to think of their White Ribbon Sisters over here.

We are not starving, though tired of a very restricted diet and finding winters difficult with the shortage of milk.

Housekeeping takes such a time that it absorbs time which once could be used for outside interests. I send you the address of Miss Staunton and Mrs. Macfarlane.

The first will know names of English White Ribboners who could distribute the contents of parcels with judgment and the second could do the same in Glasgow.

With grateful thanks and may much blessing rest upon the work.—Yours sincerely,

E. M. MEIN.

1. Miss Dorothy Staunton, care N.B.W.T.A.U., 104 Gower St., London, W.1, England.

2. Mrs. Macfarlane, 16 Bruce Rd., Glasgow, C.2, Scotland.

## Copy of Letters received from Mrs. Lydia Webb (World Supt. of Health and Nutrition), The Glade, Upper Woodcote, Purley, Surrey, England.

28/5/46.

Dear Miss Jamieson,—

I had Miss Appleby's air letter yesterday for which I am very grateful.

What a joy it is to know that Sisters so far away are thinking of us in England.

We have had a very, very lean time for a few years, and some of us are showing signs of under-nourishment.

But taking all into consideration, we have many blessings!

Now for the names of B.W.T.A. workers in badly-blitzed areas:—

Mrs. Lydia Webb, The Glade, Upper Woodcote, Purley, Surrey, England.

Mrs. Chapman, 2 Exeter Rd., Addiscombe, Croyden, England.

Mrs. Boucher, 27 Weybridge Rd., Thornton Heath, W. Croyden, England.

Mrs. Edwards, 13 Auckland Rd., Norwood, S.E. 19, England.

Mrs. Carter, 48 Oakwood Ave., Mitcham, Surrey, England.

Mrs. Garwood, 25 Newbury Gardens, Ewell, Surrey, England.

Mrs. Wilderspin, 43 Queenhill Rd., Selsdon, Surrey, England.

Mrs. Benney, 16 Ophir Rd., North End, Portsmouth, England.

Mrs. Mains, 9 Hardinge Rd., London, N.W.10, England.

Mrs. Morley, 81 Stanway Rd., Coventry, England.

Mrs. Jenks, 9 Lancefield Rd., Ofrel Park, Liverpool 9.

Mrs. F. W. King, 11 Belvedere Rd., Weymouth, Dorset, England.

Miss Atkinson, Lane End, Deepdene Park Rd., Dorking, Surrey, England.

Mrs. G. King, 1 Meynell Gdns., London, E.9, England.

Miss K. Johnson, 122 Albert Rd., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Mrs. H. Gill, 564 Barnsley Rd. Sheffield, England.

Dr. Alice Gilby, 4 Chichester St., Westminster, London.

Mrs. D. Wallace, St. Michael, 53 Craw Rd., Paisley, Scotland.

These are the names of 16 people who are workers in our Temperance cause, more especially in the badly-blitzed areas. All of whom will make good use of any gift parcels which you might send.

I had a parcel from Melbourne after Christmas, which I divided among my Branch Members as far as it would go. It was a very great pleasure to all. With the dried fruit I made a cake which was sufficient to give all at that meeting a taste. It is a problem to make cakes now with one ounce of lard each per week and the fat cut off from our meat ration. Still, the Lord **does** provide. There are thousands worse off than we are.

With kindest thoughts and best wishes,

Yours gratefully,

(Mrs.) EYDIA WEBB.

The promise is: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things will be added unto you.



## TEMPERANCE FACTS

### REMUERA

"Alcohol is the most powerful factor in the spread of consumption. The most vigorous man who has become alcoholic is without resistance before it. Alcohol makes the bed for consumption. It not only renders a person more liable to catch it, but hinders the chances of recovery."—Sir A. Newsholme.

### OAMARU

"Medical opinion on the poisonous nature of alcohol in any but minimal quantities is well established and irrefutable."

# SPECIAL REPORTS

## Twenty-Fourth Birthday Party, Riccarton

Riccarton celebrated their twenty-fourth birthday on June 13th. The hall was filled to capacity with members of sister Unions, Women's Guilds, etc. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, and the president gave a short talk on our duty in helping to build a new Christian order, and our duty as Christian women to record our vote this year for the abolition of the Drink Traffic. The names of ten members who are eligible for a service badge were read out, after unbroken membership for twenty years.

A most enjoyable programme was rendered as follows: Vocal solos and duets, Mesdames Hill and Greenway, accompanist, Mrs. Storie; and two amusing plays by Mesdames Cooper, Doeg and Carlyle, entitled "When Ladies Meet" and "Office Cleaners."

Afternoon tea was dispensed and a birthday cake cut and enjoyed, which was baked by our president, Mrs. Griffiths. A vote of thanks was accorded the performers and all who had made the afternoon such an outstanding success. A donation of £1 was sent for "White Ribbon" funds, £1/10/- to the New Zealand Alliance. The meeting closed with hymns and prayer.

## Dr. Jeannie Craig's Activities

Mention has already been made of the fact that Dr. Jeannie Craig, well-known and beloved by many W.C.T.U. members, is again in our country, but probably few are aware that she is once more resident in Onehunga, and in the local work for "God, Home and Humanity."

When previously living here she was a valued officer in our Union, but about thirteen years ago removed to Sydney, as her husband, Dr. John Craig, a Presbyterian minister, had accepted a call to a church in that city. Recently, the health of the latter began to fail, so he resigned his church and last September, with his wife, came for a holiday to New Zealand; but, unfortunately, on the day of their arrival in Wellington, was taken seriously ill, passing away a few days later. Mrs. Craig, though so suddenly bereaved, has felt that she must continue to do all in her power to suppress the liquor traffic, and is having a very busy time giving earnest addresses and charming her audiences with her solos, for, like Miss Havergal, she consecrates her beautiful voice to her King. Probably an account of some of her recent activities may be of interest, and may encourage some others to make an especial effort in preparation for the poll.

Towards the end of last year, Mrs. Craig took part in a "School of Methods" meeting in Invercargill; later on going to Timaru, and while there she spoke at the usual monthly meeting of

the W.C.T.U. and also at a gathering of mothers where six new members joined up. For February, she arrived in Auckland and has addressed W.C.T.U. meetings, also singing solos at Takapuna, Devonport, Ponsonby, Onehunga (two), Kohimarama, Auckland city, and the District Executive. She has also given addresses at various Church Guilds on Temperance, and has quite a long list of engagements to speak at other Guilds and similar functions during coming weeks; so it can be realised that her influence for good is very far-reaching. Besides all this, she has addressed the Kurahuna Maori Girls' L.T.L., and been entertained by the Auckland Executive at the Maori Girls' Hostel, Parnell.

We gratefully praise our Heavenly Father, Who continues to send such faithful workers, and may their efforts inspire our members to uphold their hands.

## Marlborough Women's Day Of Prayer

Interest in the Woman's Day of Prayer is being well maintained in Blenheim, and there was a good attendance at the all-day meeting held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on June 28th.

Sessions commenced at 10 a.m. with Mrs. W. J. Girling as leader, followed at 11 by Mrs. E. Ford. Afternoon sessions were led by Mrs. V. Powell and Mrs. Machell. A solo by Mrs. Underhill was much appreciated. Organist, Mrs. E. Leslie, and pianists, Mrs. G. Taylor and Mrs. Milgrew.

Helpful messages were given in the addresses of the leaders showing that much thought and time had been spent in preparation. Hymns in keeping with the theme were chosen by the leaders and earnest prayers followed each address. Several requests for prayer were handed in, and instances of answered prayer were related by various members of the congregation.

## Address On Prison Reform

REV. R. W. MAYSON, B.A.,  
TIMARU UNION

At the July meeting of the Timaru Union, the Rev. R. W. Mayson gave an informative address on the subject of Prison Reform, speaking from Pastor Moreton's book, "A Parson in Prison." The speaker reminded his hearers that drink made more criminals than any other agency and that the work being done to abolish the traffic was also helping to reduce criminality. Britain has been working to improve the penal system, and prisoners are being trained in trades, etc., to help them to become good citizens, but New Zealand lags far behind. The W.C.T.U. is interested in this reform as in all humanitarian work, and should do all possible to abolish the evils of the system. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

# Home Makers' Column

## The Hay Box.

Have you ever tried to make yourself a hay-box? You have no idea unless you have used one, of how useful such a possession is. It makes it possible to go to church in the winter in the morning, and come home to a hot dinner, nicely cooked and ready. Through it you can leave your evening dinner to attend to itself when you go to town in the morning, have a light lunch there, go to your meeting or other engagement, and reach home knowing that all you need to do is to bring your containers up to boiling point again, which will only be a matter of minutes, and dinner will be ready. I have used one for the past two years, and it has proved itself a real boon, as well as a good piece of fuel economy.

### To Make.

Procure a good strong packing case about four feet long and eighteen inches wide, and twelve to eighteen inches deep. Get the handy man of the family to put castors underneath. This will save a lot of trouble in handling. Have the lid made to fit very closely, with hinges and a hasp for close fastening down. Then line your box with good strong brown paper, fitting it into the corners so that no open

space is left. Fill the box with hay, or, if this is not procurable, with straw. The latter will do, but is not quite so good as hay. Pack it into all corners very tightly, making sure that it is solid, and not having open spaces here and there. Then, carefully work the top into two sockets or nests to fit the food containers you will use, still keeping the hay solidly packed. Make a sort of small mattress to fit the top exactly, filling it with hay so that it will just allow for the shutting of the box with a good hard pressure. The box could be painted to suit your kitchen.

### Containers

These should be of the casserole type. The heavy, heat-resisting "Ranz" ware is excellent for the purpose. Have one large and one smaller vessel. They must not have long handles but the "lug" type, one on each side. Make sure that the lids fit closely.

### What to Cook

Steamed puddings, stews, boiled meats, vegetables, stewed fruit, milk puddings, etc., can all be cooked in the box. The rule for time is: Two and a half times that of ordinary cooking. Longer than this makes little or no difference.

## Method

Prepare your food, and bring it up to boiling point on the stove, keeping it at this for about five minutes, or longer, if you like. Then open your box and have the nests quite ready, putting in the boiling containers tightly down as far as they will go. Quickly put the "mattress" on top, tucking it in everywhere, shut down the lid, and do not open till you are ready to heat up again. Stews may be thickened before being put in. Milk puddings can be "topped off" in the oven if preferred, but they will taste just as good without. Steamed puddings should have about fifteen minutes' boiling before going into the box.



## AN IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Housing and food are post-war problems not only in Canada but in many other countries, and you will not really be surprised that the Convention and Tourists Bureau has notified the Canadian W.C.T.U. that it will be impossible for Toronto to house and care for the World's Convention in 1947.

Three times we have postponed our Convention to dates recommended by the hotels and Tourist Bureau, and this decision is final. Our Canadian White Ribboners greatly regret the decision. They feel, however, that under the circumstances it will be impossible for the Canadian W.C.T.U. to entertain us. They feel, and so do we, that this is another post-war tragedy.

We have not had a Convention since 1937 and it is imperative that we hold one in 1947.

When the situation was made known to the officers of the National W.C.T.U. of the United States, they graciously invited the Convention. Here there are similar problems, but the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey, offers the use of its five-million-dollar Convention Hall and its equipment for the World's Convention, the dates June 5 to 10, 1947. There are 200 hotels in Asbury Park, several very near Convention Hall, while Ocean Grove, a Christian community, is separated from it by Wesley Lake and an imaginary line. Both cities have a large winter as well as summer population, though they are both summer resorts. They use the same railroad station, as do the two railroads. Both are located on the ocean front and the weather in June is delightful. Asbury Park is located about half way between New York and Philadelphia and is only a ride of an hour and a half from both.

The City of Asbury Park welcomes us and not only gives us the Convention Hall free, with its auditorium and other rooms, but the use of other-city-owned property on the Boardwalk.

You will not be surprised that the invitation has been accepted. We will tell you more about it later in the Bulletin—in the Union Signal and through other National W.C.T.U. papers. Remember the place—Asbury Park, New Jersey, U.S.A. The dates, June 5 to 10, 1947.

THE GENERAL OFFICERS,  
World's W.C.T.U.

## "W.R. CROSSWORD"

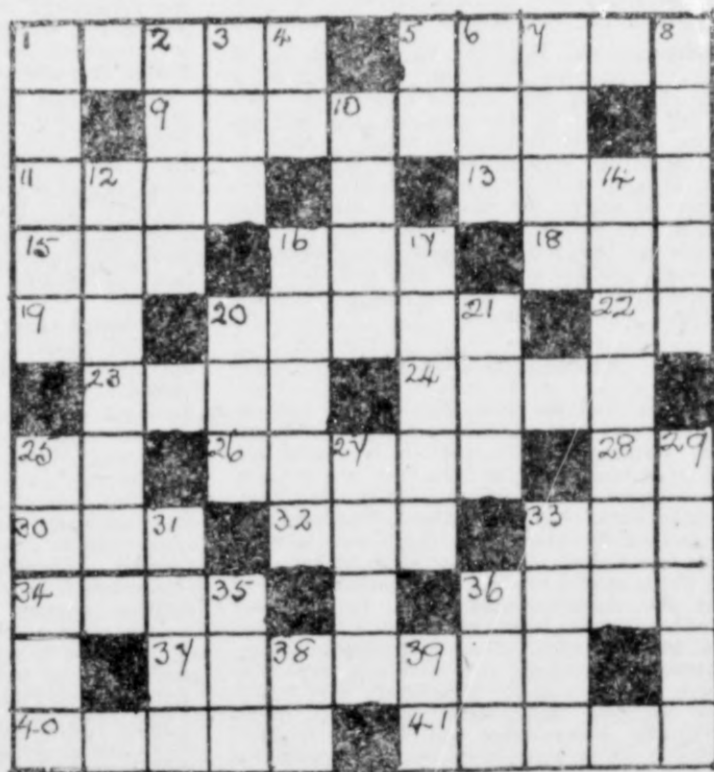
### CLUES.

#### Across:

1. Darkness.
5. Heavy lift.
9. Scotland's glory.
11. Poet.
13. Storm.
15. Previously.
16. Virtuous insect.
18. Tease.
19. French article.
20. A short madness.
22. Adverbial ending.
23. Norse Deity.
24. Wise men.
25. Low Latin.
26. Rough.
28. Denoting presence.
30. Corrode.
32. Fate.
33. Singular number.
34. Kind of lily.
36. River islands.
37. Reduces the scope of.
40. Fuss.
41. Thin.

#### Down:

1. A great prize.
2. Life fluid.
3. Duped.
4. Teetotal.
5. Himself.
6. An organ.
7. Winged.
8. Dirge.
10. Chinese dynasty.
12. Halo-like.
14. The sort of fighters we should be.



16. Make void.
17. Lure.
20. Be unwell.
21. Beam.
25. Tends.
27. Shakespeare wrote of one.

29. Irritable.
31. Air.
33. River in France.
35. Human race.
36. Reverence.
38. Concerning.
39. Marks an alternative.

### SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 3.

Across: 2. Steps; 8. Prohibition; 9. Amber; 10. Spire; 12. Sands; 15. Camels; 17. Deil; 18. A.R.P.; 19. Yaw; 21. Ate; 22. Balm; 24. Merrie; 26. Styes; 28. Aesop; 29. Apari; 31. Continental; 32. Stars.

Down: 1. Preparation; 2. Share; 3. Timely; 4. Ebb; 5. Pies; 6. Strad; 7. Conditional; 10. Scabs; 11. Imply; 13. Nears; 14. Sleep; 16. Sam; 20. Wearer; 23. Meats; 25. Reins; 27. Spit; 30. Ana.

# Bulletin of Union News

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**Northland:** Meeting held in the Whangarei Methodist Church Hall, June 5. Four branches represented. Apologies from Miss Edmed, Corresponding Secretary, who will be absent for a prolonged period. Mrs. F. T. Moorhead elected to act in her place. Main business was the coming Convention and the Poll. Convention to be in Dargaville in August; special speaker to be Mr. Pace, subject to his approval. Mrs. Roberts reported reply from Kaipara M.P., stating that he hoped there would be no final V Day, and that he had heard nothing of it yet, for which we were thankful. Proposed that this executive help with the caravan scheme, and carried. Donations towards delegates' expenses received. Samples of literature handed out to all members.

**South Auckland:** Meeting held in Baptist Church Hall, Hamilton, June 28. Devotions led by Mrs. Gatman. Five Unions represented. Convention arrangements made. Date fixed for September 19, Te Awamutu being the place. Principal speaker to be Miss Kirk, who had kindly promised to be present. Agreed to recommend the dividing of the district; to form a new "Bay of Plenty" District Union; the present district being unworkable because of distance. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Miss Martin in the death of her mother. Mrs. Gatman reported the forming of a new "Y" branch at the Methodist Maori Hostel, Hamilton. Miss Appleby to be asked to spend some time in the district. Financial report showed that assistance would be needed from Unions. Mrs. Alexander reported that arrangements were well in hand for Convention. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Kemsley led in prayer. Special thanks to be expressed to Church officials for the use of a comfortable room.

**Hawke's Bay:** Meeting held in Napier, June 12. The president, Mrs. P. Lewis, was in the chair, 18 present, Gisborne, Napier, Wairoa, Hastings and Waipawa being represented. Mrs. Virtue led the Devotions. Reports were given by Mesdames Wallen, Simpson, Gillean, Pitt and Ford. General discussion on plans for the coming election, chiefly the distribution of literature. Members were urged to seek the co-operation of ministers and church members in general, with a view towards united action. Cradle Roll and Band of Hope work discussed. Mrs. Wallen reported that in Gisborne, children from the Cradle Roll are made members of the Rechabite Junior Lodge, and from that will, in the future, be promoted into the Youth Branch of the Lodge. The pamphlet, "Poison at Large," was especially recommended for distribution; and "The American Liquor Issue" from the "Vanguard" for distribution to business and professional men. The questions of having a stall at the Hawke's Bay Spring Show, and of having window displays in the different centres were discussed. Unions were asked to request their Ministers to deal with the liquor question on Temperance Sunday. It was reported that a Hastings traffic officer had stated that in all recent motor accidents in Hastings the drivers had consumed some liquor. It was suggested that where possible assistance should be given to the Alliance for expenses. A vote of thanks was passed to the Napier Union for providing lunch and afternoon tea.

**North Canterbury:** Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg presided at the North Canterbury District Executive meeting in June, at which there was a good attendance of town and country members who reported good work being done in their branches. Mrs. Hodges, Rangiora, took Devotions. Concerts were arranged for the Women's Reformatory for June and July. Mrs. Clark gave "Y" report and Mrs. Mackie reported that she had spoken on "Peace" to several branches during May. Mrs. Ramsay gave a very interesting report on an Alliance meeting she had attended under the auspices of the National Council of Women, at which Dr. Doris Gordon had spoken. Branch secretaries gave comprehensive reports of their branch work.

**North Canterbury, July 3:** Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg presided over a good attendance of town and country members. Mrs. Ancell, vice-

president, took devotions, basing her talk on the seventh chapter of Daniel. A representative from the Alliance gave the address, urging members to try and influence young people in Temperance work through Bands of Hope, "Y" Branches, or in any other way possible. Mrs. Grigg welcomed Mesdames A. Norton, Campbell, and Owen from the Lyttelton-Heathcote Union, and thanked them for dispensing tea. All members signed a petition, asking Government to open private homes for mentally sick people. Reports were given by secretaries of Unions.

**Auckland:** Monthly meeting held in the Temperance Room on July 1. The acting District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, presided over a good attendance. Devotions were led by Mrs. Austin. Arrangements were made for holding the District Convention during September. Mrs. Austin and Miss M. M. McEay were appointed the delegates to the "Women's World Day of Prayer." Miss E. Appleby, Dominion Organiser, gave a report of her work, which she had recently carried out in the Palmerston North District; one new Union having been formed at Woodville. In the absence of Mrs. Long through illness, the report of the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel was given by Mrs. Prussing, who stated everything to be going on satisfactorily, thirty being in residence at the moment, including the staff. Further suggestions were made regarding Poll work, and it was decided to hold a jumble sale during August to supplement funds for this purpose, also a garden party later in the year.

## UNION REPORTS

### Northland District.

**Dargaville, June 11:** Small meeting with many apologies. Mrs. Smith took the chair in the absence of Mrs. Green through bereavement in the family. Devotions. Pledge reaffirmed. Temperance Fact by Mrs. S. Phillips. Mrs. Moorhead reminded us that June 15 was "White Ribbon" Day and read "Official Organ" from "W.R." Collection taken for "W.R." funds. Report of District Executive held over till next month. Decided to purchase literature for distribution. Benediction.

**Maungaturoto, June 19:** Fair attendance to hear our District President, who gave us a very interesting talk on the Convention. We all felt cheered by her presence and interest in us. A presentation was made to Mrs. J. A. Cullen, our retiring Secretary, who, we regret to say, is leaving the district. We also regret to record the passing of Miss Mabel Cullen, one of our most regular and faithful members. One minute's silence was observed in respect to her memory. She will live long in our hearts. "To live in hearts of those we love is not to die."

### Auckland District.

**Kohi-St. Heliers, June 20:** Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lediard. Good attendance. Mrs. Farr, evangelist, read from Psalm 121, and an article from the "Outlook" by her son, an ex-Padre, on Jerusalem. Pledge and Temperance Fact. "White Ribbon" Day observed by prayer by president. Dr. Craig gave a very fine address on Temperance, urging that the Press should be used for righteousness and that the churches should take part against drinking and the many handicaps in New Zealand and Australia. She also stressed the importance of getting new members, especially among young people. Dr. Craig, who has a very beautiful voice, sang two solos. Votes of thanks to her were passed, and to Mrs. Lediard. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Lewis Eady.

**Otakuhu, June 20:** Owing to the Home Call of our President, Mrs. W. Taylor, the Rev. Mr. Waite presided. When opening devotions and business had been dealt with, Mr. Waite spoke on the work and zeal of our late president for Temperance, and asked that a memorial to her should be erected, not in stone, but by members putting more into the temperance cause and bringing young people into the work to make the burden lighter for those who have worked so long. Mrs. Beaumont was elected to fill the vacancy till the annual meeting.

**Warkworth, June 15:** Mrs. Baker, president, in the chair and nine members present. Meeting opened with the National Anthem, followed by "All Round the World." Reading by

Evangelical Superintendent from Matthew & Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Hope. As it was "White Ribbon" Day several members read extracts from "W.R." Letter received from District Executive asking Unions to contribute towards Convention expenses. Interesting letter from Mrs. Toomer. Mrs. Rowe was congratulated on being instrumental in gaining us the banner for the largest number of subscribers to the "W.R." Benediction.

**Warkworth, July 11:** Mrs. Baker, president, in the chair. Ten members present. Memorial Day service followed. Short talk by Evangelical Superintendent, Mrs. Nelson. Memorial address read by Mrs. Hamilton. "Bring and Buy" and collection, amounting to £2/15/-. Proceeds to help District Funds at coming Dominion Convention. Two letters read from District Executive. Tea Hostesses, Mrs. Chess-won and Miss Marton. Benediction.

**Remuera, June 24:** Mrs. Kasper presided. Mrs. Laird led devotions. Pledge recited and Temperance Fact given. Mrs. Laird appointed "White Ribbon" agent until the annual meeting. Sister Grace gave a very inspirational talk on "The Wines of the Bible," and was thanked.

**Takapuna, June:** Meeting fairly well attended. Mrs. Morgan-Richards in the chair. Devotions, Miss Cullen; pledge repeated; hymns, Bible reading. Very concise account of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Long who was warmly welcomed and applauded for her account. She invited members to visit the Maori Girls' Hostel on the 12th inst., when we spent a very happy time. We were shown over the building and entertained with songs by three of the girls, who seem to be thoroughly contented and well looked after in a homely atmosphere by Mrs. Long. Dominion Convention to be held in Auckland was well discussed. Meeting closed with a short Bible Reading and prayer, Mrs. Long being heartily thanked for her hospitality and an excellent afternoon tea.

**Takapuna, July meeting:** Attendance small, but very enthusiastic. Mrs. Morgan-Richards presided and also leading Devotions in the absence through illness of the Evangelical Superintendent. Stormy weather accounted for absence of many older members. A cosy room, with a piano, has been allowed by the Methodist Church for our meetings during the winter months, which is much appreciated. President reported on the last Executive meeting. Pledge repeated, tea, and Benediction.

**Epsom-Green Lane, June 20:** Mrs. Neal, vice-president, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Pederson, who took 1st Kings, 2nd chapter, for our study. Attendance smaller than usual because of some attending the "World's Day of Prayer." Mr. Pedersen gave an inspiring address on the chapter read, Elijah's rebuke to Ahab for having forgotten the Altar of the Lord. This was a challenge to us all. Benediction.

**Onehunga, June 13th:** "White Ribbon" Day arranged by Mrs. Ashby ("W.R." Superintendent), who had sent out many invitations to attend. Musical items, and much interesting business,—the matter of raising extra money to meet expenses of coming poll and Convention next March being decided as straight-out giving; this being felt to be preferable to other means. Mrs. Stacey being obliged for health reasons to resign the position of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Perrett was appointed. Beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. Craig before her address, which she began by reciting a poem composed by herself, written on all the letters in "WHITE RIBBON"; and advised every member, not only to buy and read our paper, but send it around the district so that real facts might become known.

**June 27th:** Home meeting at the home of Mrs. Breese. Very interesting gathering, musical items, etc. Mrs. Mountjoy read a paper of Mrs. Squires, of Illinois, regarding Prohibition Repeal and the ensuing conditions, showing that public sentiments are much more satisfactory than is sometimes supposed. One new member, who was the daughter of Dr. Craig, was elected.

**Mount Eden, July 2:** "Pay-up" Social. Good attendance. Rev. A. Everil Orr gave a very interesting and instructive address on various aspects of the Liquor Problem. He also sang two solos; and these were very much appreciated, together with the musical item contributed by Dr. Jeannie Craig. Mrs. Rennie was pianist. Many subscriptions were as a result of a special appeal for direct giving; the collection and donations received enabled us to send £5 to District Funds as a

contribution towards work for the Poll, and Dominion Convention Expenses. Two new members joined.

**Ponsonby, June 20:** President Mrs. Joiner in the chair; 12 members present; members welcomed and routine business done. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Read, who spoke on reliance on the strength of Christ in all our work. Letters to be sent to sick members. Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. Mrs. Read gave a very interesting and comprehensive report on the Convention held in Christchurch, for which she was heartily thanked. Pledge; Benediction.

**Auckland, July 9th:** Mrs. Long presided. Deep sympathy expressed to Mrs. Long in her illness, and regret that through ill-health she had been compelled to resign from the District Presidency. Temperance Fact given, and reports of District Executive meeting, and National Council of Women. Miss Weigel, an English lady awaiting a passage to Britain, was warmly welcomed to the meeting. She gave a most interesting and encouraging talk on her own experience in Temperance work in England: Her message was: "Don't be discouraged; keep on keeping on." She also spoke of the bravery of the English people, and how they appreciated parcels of food sent from N.Z. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Weigel. Benediction.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Tauranga:** Social afternoon held at the home of the president on June 26th. Owing to torrential rain attendance was small. Bring-and-Buy had good result. Donations gratefully received. Competitions and readings, with chatting over plans of work, followed by afternoon tea, made a pleasant hour.

**July 2:** Mrs. Christian presiding, good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. A. A. Bensley, who spoke on the need for seeking guidance before making plans, and the knowledge of God's guidance as the inspiring Power. A session for prayer followed, in which several took part. Band of Hope, Financial, and other reports read and received. Letters to be sent to sick members and visits arranged; 44 received through Social Afternoon. President read an outline of the work and life of Miss Powell, who recently passed away, in observance of Memorial Day; £1 allocated to "White Ribbon" funds. Several members undertook to distribute literature. Executive to meet to arrange other methods of working for the poll. Mrs. Toomer's letter read and enjoyed. "Bring-and-Buy" well supported. Benediction.

**Thames, July 3rd:** Meeting held in Methodist Hall. Very wet weather and small attendance. Dominion Secretary's May letter discussed. Donation voted to District Funds. Literature for distribution to be sent for. Remit: "This meeting suggests that the poem printed in the March-April issue of the 'Vanguard' be printed in pamphlet form for distribution"; to be sent to Headquarters. Several members read "Temperance Facts."

**Hamilton:** July Meeting opened with hymn and reading by the president, Mrs. Gatman, from Revelations, 2nd Chapter. Prayer followed, led by Mrs. Stephenson Craig. Opening of "Y" branch at the Maori Centre confirmed. Mrs. Moore gave report from National Council of Women on several important items. Tentative plans await the arrival of the film, "It's the Brain that Counts." Outstanding Temperance Fact to be published as "paid ad." in the local paper. A profitable meeting closed with the Benediction.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

**Brooklyn, June 25th:** Mrs. Brewer presiding. Hymn and pledge. Devotions taken by Mrs. Greenwood. Many have expressed loving sympathy with our president in the passing of her sister. Usual business. Mrs. Dudley reported having visited several local hospitals, taking dainties. She also gave the Scientific Fact. Mrs. Jordan was appointed delegate to the district executive. Messdames Gittings and Cracknell read items from the "W.R.": (1) "Our White Ribbon Bow," and (2) "Where Sugar Went." Mrs. Gillings read a concise business letter from Mrs. Toomer, each paragraph containing useful information; many things to be modernised and some altered as the result of the officers having met. Discussion followed. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

**Wellington, June 12:** At Headquarters. Miss Kirk spoke on plans of work as discussed at Convention, and gave the findings of the sub-committee, also the report of the officers' meet-

ing. Arrangements made for visitor to "Alexander" Home. More literature taken for distribution. "White Ribbon" Day to be celebrated next month. Benediction.

**Wellington Central, June 19th:** Fair attendance, Miss Andrew presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Webb. Members stood as a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Turner, who had gone to Auckland owing to death in her family. Final arrangements for the Executive and the opening afternoon meeting to hear the Rev. Mr. Burley. Miss Kirk, Dominion President, gave greetings, and as this is poll year, urged us all to give unceasing labour, sacrifice, and prayer, saying that whatever we do, does count for something. The giving out of literature was also urged, when and as opportunity occurs. Birthday posies presented. Mrs. Grigg, "W.R." Business Manager, gave a helpful talk on the "White Ribbon," showing how we could make use of each article found therein, and that every part of it would, if put to service, prove uplifting, and would especially serve to introduce our Dominion President. The "Beacon" would prove helpful to school teachers, Bible Class leaders, and others, and we were urged to do such actions as make for friendship instead of war-ship. Miss Andrew expressed appreciation and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Grigg. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Hould and helpers. Benediction.

#### NELSON DISTRICT.

**Nelson, June 11th:** Mrs. Toomer presided and Miss Every took the Devotions, several members taking part. "White Ribbon" Day was observed by Mrs. Toomer's reading the editor's remarks on the use of the Official Organ, and by a special collection. Letter read from Dominion Secretary. Mrs. Kidson, Senior, read an article from the "Readers' Digest," which told of a free services organisation in New York for the regeneration of Alcoholics. Mrs. C. I. Kidson gave a summary of the report from the Research Department of the National W.C.T.U. in U.S.A. A successful "Bring-and-Buy" was held in aid of the Literature Fund.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

**Blenheim, July 2:** Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Adam Jackson, a Foundation Member and keen supporter of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Toomer's letter of executive meeting and future activities much appreciated. Mrs. R. Watson warmly thanked for gift of twelve hymn books. An interesting article on "Citizenship" read. Mrs. Adjutant Kears took opening devotions and the Benediction. Literature from Headquarters to be purchased for distribution.

**Springlands, June 18th:** Mrs. V. Underhill presided over a fair attendance and welcomed two visitors. The opening devotions were taken by the President, who read the Scripture lesson from the Second Epistle of Peter. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. E. Leslie in the death of her father, was carried in silence. The Roll Call elicited helpful responses from all present. An interesting and informative letter from Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Corresponding Secretary, was read and enjoyed. It being "White Ribbon" Day, several pieces of especial interest from the journal were read by members. Mrs. L. Rodger, District Peace Superintendent, was present and read a most interesting paper entitled "Some Economic Causes of War," which was written by Mrs. Mackey, of Christchurch. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Rodger for bringing the splendidly-written paper to Springlands.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote, May 28th:** Meeting took the form of a social gathering to honour Mrs. J. T. Norton, who had been the president for five years, and a member for over thirty years. Mrs. Tredennick, President, spoke on "Faithfulness," saying this had been one of Mrs. Norton's outstanding traits. Two songs were sung by Mrs. Renny, and a social hour spent. Mrs. Norton was presented with a book by Mr. Boreham and a posy of flowers.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote, June 25th:** Good attendance. Mrs. Anderson, V.P., in the chair, and took devotions; reading a very interesting paper on Diet in connection with temperance. "Bring-and-Buy" realised £1/14/2 for Union funds. Arranged for three members to give morning tea at District Executive meeting in Christchurch.

**Riccarton, June 13th:** Birthday Party. Special report.

**Papanui, June 19th.** Mrs. Tillman presiding; 14 present. Devotions, Mrs. Elliott. Pledge,

Roll-call, a text of Scripture. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Reference was made to the death of two members, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Graham, a past president. Mr. Hawker gave Mental Hospital report. A new member, Mrs. Voice, initiated and welcomed. Mrs. Toomer's Newsletters read and plans made for Poll Year.

**Linwood:** Good meeting presided over by Mrs. Mackie. Devotions taken by one president in the absence of the Superintendent, Mrs. Robson. Birthday cards are sent out each month by the Birthday Superintendent. Literature was distributed among members for circulation in the district. Mrs. Toomer's circular letter proved very interesting, keeping us in touch with the work of the Dominion Officers, and bringing valuable suggestions for work. Mrs. Fuller, in observance of "White Ribbon" Day, gave a short resume on our official organ, appealing for more interest in this valuable paper. Mrs. Black reported on Band of Hope Union work, and it was decided that our girls and boys should enter for the Temperance examinations. President reported on a meeting held to further the "O. and G." Appeal, and urged that all women should take an interest in this. Mrs. A. Trotman appointed "Paper Cuttings" Superintendent, and members urged to keep her supplied. Mrs. L. W. Voller appointed visitor to the Mental Hospital, with Mrs. Black; 12/- collected for "W.R." Fund. Mrs. Eade with her helpers served afternoon tea. Benediction.

**Reefton, June 11th:** Mrs. Thompson presided. "White Ribbon" Day observed by readings from the "W.R." Mrs. Leaning was appointed reporter to the local paper. Mrs. Leaning offered to see that the temperance posters were put in suitable places. Secretary to act as "White Ribbon" agent in the meantime. Meeting closed with prayer.

**Christchurch, June 12th:** Miss C. Henderson presided. Thanks for sympathy received from relatives of the late Mrs. M. J. Miller. Reports given of Socials at Woolston, New Brighton, Papanui, and Spreydon. Excellent report of Dominion Officers' meeting read from Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Secretary. Our Union agreed to help Miss Lovell-Smith later with placing of Temperance leaflets in envelopes for distribution.

**June 26th:** Miss C. Henderson presided and welcomed a visitor, Miss Thompson, from Wellington Central. Members promised to assist British sailors' coming street collection. Members urged to attend meetings to be addressed by the Rev. H. Gilbert, arranged by N.Z. Alliance. To celebrate "White Ribbon" Day, members gave or read interesting extracts from the "W.R." Donation of £3 sent to "White Ribbon" Fund.

**New Brighton, July 4th:** Mrs. Edmond presided and welcomed our new Salvation Army officers to our meetings. Captain Dapson conducted Devotions. Meeting stood in silence for two of our members who had been bereaved. Mrs. H. Inns elected as treasurer, replacing the late Mrs. N. C. Fraser. Mrs. H. Hale appointed as our Literature Superintendent on the resignation of Mrs. H. M. Hall. Collection taken for "W.R." funds.

**North Brighton, May 21st:** "Peace" meeting. Mrs. Noonan presided. Mrs. McIlwraith, devotions. Mrs. Astom reported on the monthly prayer meeting. Mrs. McIlwraith, having visited the Mental Hospital, reported on this, and had taken the usual gifts to seven patients. Mrs. Noonan reported that the summer session of the Band of Hope closed with an enjoyable luncheon at her home. Mrs. Astom also present and assisted with entertaining the twenty children. Twelve meetings had been held, and 31 new members signed the Pledge. Mrs. Noonan gave a most comprehensive report on the Dominion Convention. Mrs. Mackie, the guest-speaker, gave a wonderful paper on "The Economic Causes of War." Several members congratulated both speakers, thanking them for the pleasure they had given. Benediction.

**June 18th:** Mrs. Noonan presiding and Mrs. McIlwraith leading Devotions. The president welcomed Mrs. Pepperell back after her holiday, and presented her with a twenty years' service badge. One new member initiated, and one received on transfer. Eight members present and one visitor. Six patients visited at Mental Hospital, reported by Mrs. McIlwraith. President reported that the North Brighton Band of Hope had been functioning for twenty-one years and suggested holding a special function at a later date. "Bring-and-Buy" planned for next meeting. One new "W.R." subscriber.

**Spreydon, June 11th:** Twenty-first birthday party. Excellent gathering of members and friends. Short programme of vocal and elocutionary items. Address by Mrs. Horewood, vice-president, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor. Many greetings and good wishes received. Twenty years' Services Badges presented to Mrs. McKenzie, vice-president; Mrs. Woodcock, Secretary, and Mrs. Walker. Birthday cake cut by Mrs. Fehsenfeld, one of the seven foundation members still in union. One new member added.

**Sydenham, July 4th:** Mrs. J. Filer, our President, was in the chair, there being an attendance of nine members. Mrs. Davies conducted the Devotions, after which the usual routine business was transacted. A petition to the Government for the provision of Rest Homes for patients suffering from temporary nervous disorders was brought before the meeting, signatures being obtained from those present. Mrs. Davies read an extract from the "White Ribbon" dealing with the necessity to cut down the brewing of beer in view of the world shortage of foodstuffs. An address of outstanding interest was given by Mrs. T. N. Gibbs, taking as her subject the Scripture Union and a recent mission to children conducted in this city. The speaker stressed the great need, in these days of temptation to the adolescent, of getting children to make a "definite decision," thus enabling them to stand firm in later years. The meeting closed with prayer, led by Mrs. MacLachlan.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Waimate, June:** Meeting excellently attended. Mrs. Duckett, President, in the chair. Adjutant Lamond gave us his farewell address and Captain Gray gave us a recitation. They are leaving Waimate for Kilbirnie, and will be much missed. Mrs. Milne, whose husband is a Missionary in China, gave us a very fine address on "China and Her Needs," which was very much appreciated. A very hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Milne.

**Temuka, June 26th:** Meeting presided over by Mrs. Hewson, who also led Devotions, in the absence through sickness of the president. Roll-call answered by a text containing "everlasting." Many inspiring verses were brought to light. Decided to commence the Band of Hope on July 17th; arrangements for this being put in hand. A letter of cheer and sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Lee. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Davey. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Buck and Lovatt. Benediction.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT.

**Kaikorai, June 25th:** Mrs. Flett presided and devotions were led by Mrs. Orr. Mrs. Hiatt spoke on "Answered Prayer." The Roll-Call was answered by Scripture verses beginning with "P." After the usual routine business, Mrs. Hiatt gave a talk on "Things Which Hurt My Neighbour." Mrs. Muir thanked the speaker. Benediction.

**South Dunedin, June 27th:** Mrs. Rippin presided; Mrs. Wilkinson, Devotions. Correspondence received, read, and discussed from Miss Jamieson and Miss Toomer. Invitation received from "Rescue Lodge" (Good Templars) to attend their Anniversary. Election literature and methods of distribution discussed. President agreed to attend to this. Letter received from an Indian family in dire distress asking for help. Matter to be brought before District Executive. Annual "Bring-and-Buy" and Social afternoon arranged.

**Dunedin Central, June 25th:** Devotions led by Sister Elinor. Silent prayer on specified subjects. One new member enrolled. Flowers taken to Mrs. Downing, who is ill; £5 agreed upon as contribution to N.Z. Alliance debit in connection with the Royal Commission. Short and pithy extracts were read from the "White Ribbon" for "W.R." Day, and £1 collected for "W.R." Fund.

**Oamaru, July 1st:** Mrs. Winn presided and led Devotions. A Memorial Minute to the late Mrs. Bridgman read. Miss R. Day, an intimate friend of the late Miss Milligan, gave brief resume of her work for the cause of Temperance. Delegates elected to attend the Home League Birthday Party. The Rev. R. Mayson gave an informative talk on Prison Reform from the Rev. Mr. Moreton's book. Mr. Mayson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation. Temperance Fact. Benediction.

**Port Chalmers, June 19th:** Meeting held at the home of Mrs. G. Mitams. Very good attendance. Devotions led by Rev. H. M. Brasell, who also was the speaker. He gave a

practical address with several suggestions. Thanked by Mrs. Watson. Discussion followed, and it was decided to organise an After-Church Temperance Rally, with Mr. G. S. Gapper, South Island Organiser, N.Z. Alliance, as speaker. Rev. J. B. Chambers offered, with the assistance of Rev. Mr. Brasell, to get out a circular advertising the meeting, with facts concerning the evils of alcoholic liquors, the members to distribute same. Meeting closed with Benediction. Afternoon tea.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

**Invercargill Central, July 10th:** Mrs. Watson presided. Miss McEwen led Devotions. Mrs. Boyd read an interesting account of the life and Memorial Service of Mrs. A. E. Slack-Saunders, whose death took place in London recently. She was the Honorary Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U. since 1895, and visited over twenty countries in the cause of Temperance.

#### TARANAKI DISTRICT.

**New Plymouth, June:** Mrs. Brown presided, and Mrs. J. Roberts led the Devotions. Notice was given to the Annual "Seamen's Rest" Mart, to be held in August, and donations asked for. President read the report of the Dominion Officers' meeting held in Wellington. Mrs. Hurrell was welcomed from Hawera, having come to reside in New Plymouth. Sample leaflets for distribution were displayed. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Loveridge, Bailey, and Chivers. Benediction.

**Hawera, June:** Mrs. K. Thayer presided and took Devotions. Minutes of last meeting presented by Mrs. F. Baker in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Tozer. "White Ribbon" Day observed by quotations from the paper. A talk was given by one of the members on the operations and aims of the "W.R." Collection for "W.R." funds. Several Temperance Facts were given. Further arrangements made for the Scientific Examinations. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. President closed meeting with prayer and Benediction.

#### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

**Hastings, June:** "W.R." Day. Mrs. C. Higgs presided in the absence, through illness, of the President. Excellent attendance. Pledge reaffirmed. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Murtagh. Devotions led by Mrs. Thorpe. An executive meeting to be held to discuss calling a meeting of Ministers and all interested to form a branch of the N.Z. Alliance. Mrs. Thorpe kindly offering the executive the use of her home for the meeting. The Guest Speaker was Major Miller, of the Salvation Army, who gave a fine address on the W.C.T.U. as team work, concluding with the words: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Mrs. Higgs thanked the speaker. Mrs. Warren and helper served afternoon tea. Benediction closed a fine gathering.



### NOTICES — SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT

#### NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Dominion Officers are called and should be in my hands not later than November 30th, 1946.

Unions will please remember that no nominations may be made without the consent of the person to be nominated.

Nominations for Dominion Superintendents may be sent in at the same time, thus assisting in the preparation of Convention business.

R. M. UNDERHILL,

Recording Secretary.

#### DOMINION ORGANISER

Miss Appleby, Dominion Organiser, has, in answer to requests sent to Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Corresponding Secretary, arranged to be in New Plymouth from July 15th to August 30th; Wellington District during September; and South Auckland District, October 1st to November 15th.

#### TEMPERANCE EXAMINATIONS

Date fixed for September 28th.

#### NIUE ISLAND APPEAL.

Readers who noticed the appeal in our last issue for an organ, on behalf of our Niue Island Union, will be delighted to know that it was successful. Mrs. Graham, of New Brighton, has given them a "Miller" organ, in perfect condition, with eight stops and two swells. It is packed and ready for the first available boat.

A matter for thankfulness, indeed. What it will be to the Niue Island friends is not very easy for us to realise. May they have much joy in their new possession; and may it be the means of extending and deepening the sphere of influence of the Union.

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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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. Suddaby, 20 Cumber 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 Pompallier 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**, 2nd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. Utting; Sec., Mrs. Wanhill, Marama Terr.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Rd.; W.R., 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**, 2.30 p.m. Last Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sawden, 16 Todman St.; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; W.R., 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 St., Sumner; Rec. Sec., Miss Thomas, 25 Cambridge Terr.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. S. Adkins, 149 Salisbury St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Rd., W.2; Assist. Treas., Miss E. Gordon, 123 Fendalton Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Neutz, 122 Aikman's Rd., 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, 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.

**DARGAVILLE**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Room, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Green, Donnelly's Crossing; Sec., and C.R., Miss Edmed, "Fridge View," Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; W.R., Mrs. Noble; C.R., Miss Edmed.

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**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.

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**JOHNSONVILLE**, 2nd Tuesday, at 2 p.m., at Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. McBride; Sec., Miss Mitchell, 134 Nicholson Road; Khandallah, N.5.; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Crescent; "W.R." Mrs. McKae; C.R., Mrs. Gandy, Junr.; Y.P., Mrs. Deans.

**KAIAPOI**, last Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking, Carr 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.

**LINWOOD**, meets last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, 194 Rolleston St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Black, 42 Cranley St.; Treas., Mrs. Beck, 583 Worcester St.; W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller, 20 Buckleys Rd.

**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. Hayes, Melling Road, and Mrs. Teasdill, Kauri Street.

**MT. ALBERT**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstie; 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; C.R., 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. Trevorrow, Makora Rd.; W.R., Miss S. Tankersley.

**MAUNGATUROTO**, 2nd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. Flower; Sec. and Treas., Miss Edna Cullen, Brynderwyn; C.R., Miss J. Flower; W.R., Mrs. H. Flower; Birthday League, Mrs. Knightbridge; Temp. Fact, Mrs. Brock.

**MORNINGTON**, Presbyterian Hall, Glen Av. 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Pelling; Sec., Mrs. Wrightson, 10 Roseberry St., Belleknowes; Treas., Miss Ford, 29 Burke St.; W.R., Mrs. Elder, 21 Preston Cres.

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