

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be built; now put foundations under them."—H. D. Thoreau.

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FOR FRANCHISE DAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

As the time for the Poll draws near, our thoughts naturally are of our inestimable privilege of VOTING. This month we observe September 19th as "Franchise Day," and recall the oft-told story of how we Won the Vote. What it has done for us and for our children cannot be fully stated or even computed. More is involved than is suggested by Acts of Parliament, the effects of which may be entirely beneficial. The self-respect engendered in the Woman-soul of the nation; and the

sense of personal responsibility developed through the years since 1893 are important factors in the life of our land today. The opinions and aims of the women have influenced legislation in many directions; and a wholesome respect for them is evident in quarters where it "matters." In our meetings this month, let us thank God for our opportunities; and pray for further realisation of our duty as Citizens of New Zealand—and of the World.

West Australian Women's Parliament

We offer our sincere congratulations to the women of West Australia who have taken a great step forward in the formation of a "Women's Parliament." This follows closely on the lines of the London Women's Parliament which was formed in 1941 to mobilise women for the war effort. Now it hopes to mobilise them for the maintenance of Peace.

Real equality of opportunity, and the removal of injustices, the pooling of ideas, joint planning and concerted action; and education in regard to the vital part to be played by women, with knowledge as to the power they possess when they act together, are among the things for which it stands. West Australia has established its Parliament along similar lines. Under the auspices of the Women's Service Guilds, women of all organisations have joined, over 100 becoming members within one week of the formation. The membership fee is 2/6. Splendid organisation is reported. The Organising Committee of 11 members dealt with the arrangements for the opening on Tuesday afternoon, April 2nd.

This was a most successful function. The Strangers' Gallery was crowded. Mrs. Bromilow, as Governor, gave a most inspiring address.

After referring to the London Women's Parliament, she went on: "I charge you to emulate their efforts. I charge you to bear in mind the struggle of women throughout the ages, the all-

too-slow emancipation of women from the slavery of the cave to the comparative freedom of these our days; to remember how, in some lands, even today, woman is looked upon as a chattel, a beast of burden; to recall the great women of the past—Elizabeth Fry, Mary Somerville, Florence Nightingale, Millicent Fawcett, Josephine Butler, Mrs. Pankhurst and her daughters, the mill-girl Annie Kelly, Lady Constance Lytton, Emily Davidson and scores of others; remember them and their immeasurable influence on the progress of civilisation. I charge you to hold clearly the thought of what women have done on the war-front and on the home-front; their suffering, their fortitude and their untiring devotion to duty; to express in your own actions the high hopes you entertain for the future of all women, when, hand in hand with men, they shall, as inevitably they must go forward, to that universal peace and prosperity, whose early beams we can see even now, timidly breaking over the far distant hills.

"I solemnly charge you to strive to the utmost in your endeavour to reach the ideal of that Christ-like soul who said, 'With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us bind up the nation's wounds; and care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans; and do all that which may achieve and cherish, in just and lasting

peace among ourselves and all nations."

A rapid survey of the matters to be brought before the House in ensuing sessions followed here. These included the Housing question; the providing of domestic help in homes where it is needed; immigration policy; always with the principle of equality of opportunity and equal status as between men and women. Earnest appeals were made throughout the address for the BEST of womanly power and intellect as represented in the Parliament, to be exercised in the approach to the many problems which would be worked upon during the various sessions. Idealism was held to be the dominant note. In conclusion, Mrs. Bromilow said: "Throughout your deliberations you will maintain as a background one awful thought—the Atomic Bomb. You will realise that in this, man has done what has hitherto been deemed the impossible; he has reversed creation: you will realise that, since the dawn of the Christian era, this is the most far-reaching event to happen on earth; you will realise that a stupendous power for good or evil has been placed within the hand of man; that this power opens vistas of wondrous beauty, vistas of hellish inferno, and—nothingness. Beyond all things, you will bend every energy, every ability to the great purpose of eliminating of war from this planet for ever.

Great is the opportunity, heavy is the task, worthy is the reward. Go to

it, then, and may success crown your efforts."

Apart from the consideration of what the Parliament may actually achieve, and this promises to be eminently well worth while, the educational value will be immense. The rigid procedure to be followed, in full accord with Parliamentary tradition, should of itself be beneficial to women in running the organisations which have elected them as their representatives. And the volume of information to be available on matters of vital interest to everyone, which will be the business of the Ministers to produce, will form a fine equipment for the members whose aim it will be to influence general public opinion, with the State Parliament as the final goal of effort in the direction of securing those things so urgently felt to be needed.

A souvenir number of "Dawn," the monthly periodical of the "Women's Service Guilds" of W.A., gives full reports of the Parliament, and is procurable from:—The Editor, "Dawn," 1st Floor, Cecil Buildings, Sherwood Court, Perth, W.A. The price is 6d.

May the brightest hopes and expectations of the Parliament be realised in the time of their first members.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Some Remits for Annual Conference From Wanganui

1. That the Minister in charge of Cinema be asked that a positive indication be given to parents that certain pictures are definitely suitable for juvenile audiences; and that a "Recommended as particularly suitable for children" certificate be attached.

2. That in criminal cases in the Supreme Court when juveniles are called upon to give evidence damaging to their own reputation, such evidence be not published.

3. That the pensions and allowances to civilian widows be put on a level with those of war widows.

4. That the amount of allowable earnings of widows be doubled, the position to be reviewed periodically. (Note: Owing to fluctuations in cost of living, it is thought necessary that the position be reviewed from time to time.)

5. That in view of the desperate need in many countries for all kinds of cereals, N.C.W. protests against the scandalous waste of barley in the brewing of beer, and asks the Government that rationing of beer be imposed as in Great Britain.

From Manawatu

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.

OUR DEPARTMENTS SCHOOL OF METHODS

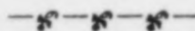
The Auckland District W.C.T.U. held a School of Methods on July 8th. Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided, and welcomed officers, superintendents and members from various Unions.

The morning session opened with Devotions, most of those present taking part.

Mrs. J. Williams gave a reading and a talk on Public Speaking and Leadership. The combined Departments of Social and Moral Hygiene, and Health and Nutrition, were studied and discussed. The Dominion Superintendent, Mrs. R. Mountjoy, had written a paper on "Health and Nutrition," which was read by Miss Appleby. The District Superintendent, Mrs. J. T. Holmes, also gave a paper, and an article was read from a booklet written by the World's Superintendent on the subject.

The School adjourned at noon and resumed at 1 p.m. The combined Departments of Good Fellowship and Flower and Philanthropic were dealt with; and Mrs. Kasper read a paper on the work of the Department. The membership Department was also studied and a letter drawn up to send to Unions was also read. An address on reporting was given by Miss Appleby, and was very helpful. The Methods Superintendent gave a talk on Parliamentary procedure and duties of officers.

Bright singing and flowers helped to make a happy and profitable School.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For July:

Otahuhu: New members, 4; by transfer, 1.

Mt. Eden: New members, 2.



NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "WHITE RIBBON"

From 10th July to 10th August, 1946

Onehunga, 1; Gonville, 1; Wanganui East, 1; Hastings, 1; Christchurch, 3; Spreydon, 1; Canterbury District, 4; North Brighton, 1; Oxford, 4; Port Chalmers, 1; Gore, 2.

Total, 20. Total number from 1st February, 120.



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The following donations to the above fund are gratefully acknowledged:—

Reefton, 10/-; Cambridge, 13/-; Timaru, 10/-; Nelson, £1; Kaikorai, 5/-; Hawera, 7/6; Papanui, 7/6; Christchurch, £3; Te Awamutu, £1; Feilding, £1/1/6; Gore, 10/-. Total, £9/4/6.

Total donations, £27/3/6.

LETTER FROM A NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

June 11th, 1946.

Dear Madam,

I have often felt grateful that I have had the privilege of being a delegate to the N.C.W. To meet regularly and work with women of other organisations widens one's horizon, broadens one's views, and enlarges the range of one's sympathies.

When we work just in our own organisation we are apt to think that we are working harder than others in the Master's vineyard, and are more keen than they for the advancement of His Kingdom. This is far from being the truth.

I came away from the N.C.W. meeting yesterday feeling that every woman there was keen on doing her best for "God, Home and Humanity," though I was the only W.C.T.U. member there.

The subject of sport was discussed. It was considered very good in its place, but that too much time was given to it over the radio. One member, a Catholic, said she thought there was far too much racing news over the air, and that it was not good for the rising generation to hear so much about horses, etc. Others thought it unwise to take a negative attitude. The racing news was broadcast because there was a demand for it. If women wanted more time over the radio, they should take a positive attitude—they should demand it. This would perhaps exclude other things not so desirable.

The next subject discussed was the exploitation of the female form in advertisements. Pictures of women wearing brassieres were referred to, advertisements of a N.Z.-made corset, "Try the uplift"; also "B.O." advertisements. All present expressed their disgust, and said they were lowering to the dignity and honour of womanhood. It was resolved to send the following remit to headquarters: "That this Branch condemn the growing practice of exploiting the female form by advertisement for commercial purposes."

Then certain periodicals were mentioned as being even worse than these advertisements.

Some, with an attractive cover, and an attractive name. Who would not wish to have a good laugh?

I have not seen these personally, but other W.C.T.U. members may have. Would that there might be a stricter censorship over these things.

Well, Madam Editor, perhaps my letter is long enough. I am sure all W.C.T.U. women would agree with these views expressed by women of widely different organisations.

Yours sincerely,

A MEMBER OF N.C.W. AND ALSO OF W.C.T.U.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

A whole month since the August number of the "White Ribbon" came into our hands, it behoves us to consider whether we have "entered" the doors which have opened before us during the month. True, it sometimes takes quite a while to make many steps inside, but we are only expected to make one step at a time.

We cannot afford to be discouraged because we seem to be making slow progress. Many to whom our Lord talked and preached were a long time before they allowed themselves to benefit by His teaching; He continued His work doing for them all that could be done by love and singleness of purpose.

If "our manner of life is to be worthy of the gospel of Christ" we MUST banish the use of beverage alcohol. This is a big task; so was the abolition of the slave trade. People, intelligent people too, except for their inability to realise that those who fought for freedom for their fellow men and women were fighting in a just cause, said "impossible," it can't be done! The slaves are happier as they are; the use of slaves dates back so far that you cannot alter it, etc. Just exactly what the upholders of the liquor trade are saying today: "The trade has been so long established; there will always be some who will drink too much; you will never get rid of it," etc. Those people forget that WE also are fighting in a just cause. Therefore, just as surely as day follows night, our victory is on its way.

Let us pray as we have never prayed before, go out and work as we have never worked before. Victory must not be delayed because of our tardiness.

"Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring."

C. E. KIRK,
Dominion President.

Great Evangelists and Temperance

By VICTORIA GRIGG, M.A.

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DR. LYMAN BEECHER

From early days in the colonisation of America ships brought abundance of liquor to the new country; and sometimes drink was the chief feature of the cargoes. During the struggle for the War of Independence, however, the foreign trade of the American Colonies was almost entirely cut off. This stopped the supply of the material for rum from the West Indies, as well as imports of wine from Spain. The result was the establishment of distilleries all over the land. We find them a similar situation to our food problems of today. The waste of grain resulting from so much distilling at the time threatened to cause famine; and, at the same time, over-indulgence in liquor was widespread, and was denounced already by George Washington.

Protests came from Methodists and Quakers. We find a Quaker, Anthony Benezet, publishing a pamphlet in 1774 entitled **"The Mighty Destroyed Displayed, In Some Account of the Dreadful Havoc made by the Mistaken Use, as well as the Abuse, of Distilled Spirituous Liquors."**

A great doctor, who set a pattern for medical men today, took up the challenge eleven years after Benezet's pamphlet. He was Dr. Benjamin Rush, an earnest Christian, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who published in 1785 his famous essay on **"The Effects of Ardent Spirits on the Human Mind and Body."**

His great learning, stainless character and unfaltering words commanded the attention of the best thought of the day, the pamphlet being printed in newspapers and magazines in America and England, and also constantly reprinted for thirty years. He had been Surgeon-general for the Navy of Pennsylvania, and later Physician-general of the entire Continental forces; and as such his words carried great weight with the general public. In 1788 he published an address to Ministers of the Gospel on **"Morals."** In this he set out **"The mischievous effects of spirituous liquors,"** and vigorously called on the clergy to **"preach against, not the abuse of them, but their use altogether,"** except in sickness; when, he said, **"they are better applied to the outside of the body than the inside."** He personally contacted the Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians, and other Church bodies. As late as 1811 we find him as energetic as ever in the fight. What a lot the Temperance Cause owes to this great medical man of God.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

The mantle of this great Elijah fell on a most worthy Elisha, who acknowledged his indebtedness to Dr. Rush. He was Dr. Lyman Beecher. In dramatic words which bring thoughts of the prophet Jeremiah to us he tells the story of his espousal of the Temperance Cause.

"There were some Indians in my parish of the Montauk tribe, though not belonging to my congregation. . . . My spirit was greatly stirred by the treatment of the Indians by some unprincipled persons, especially their selling them rum. There was a grog-seller in our neighbourhood who drank himself and corrupted others. He would go down with his barrel of whisky to the Indians and get them tipsy and bring them in debt: he would get all their corn and bring it back in his wagon; in fact, he stripped them. Then in winter, they must go twenty miles to buy their own corn; and pack it home on their own shoulders, or starve. Oh, it was horrible. It burned and burned in my mind: and I swore a deep oath to God that it should not be so. . . . I talked to my deacons about it, and with my people, and raised public feeling. I read Rush on intemperance; and the 'Christian Observer' contained accounts of efforts in London to repress immorality, drunkenness and Sabbath-breaking. All this fermented in my mind, and while I was in East Hampton, I blocked out and preached a sermon that I afterwards re-wrote and published in the 'Reformation of Morals'."

This was the beginning of the work of Dr. Lyman Beecher. His six sermons on Intemperance were published in 1827, and ran through five editions in twelve months. They succeeded Dr. Rush's pamphlets as the standard Temperance publications of the times. Other Temperance preachers came to the fore; and through their efforts Temperance organisations of all kinds were promoted. I wish I had space to say more of these great pioneers of Temperance.

Dr. Lyman Beecher was not only a great preacher, but a great father, who inspired his family to take up the causes so dear to his heart—the fight against drink and slavery. It was to Dr. Beecher's daughter, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, that Abraham Lincoln said, concerning the Civil War, "Are you the little woman who caused this great war?" It was to Dr. Beecher's son, Henry Ward Beecher, that Abraham Lincoln came one night in

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THE FRANCHISE

By Katharine Mercer

Several years ago Mrs. Pankhurst's daughter declared that had she known how little women would do with the vote, she would not have helped fight to get it. I remember her white face as she held to the back of her chair to stand to say only a few words at an Albert Hall meeting to welcome her mother and five others just out from prison after a hunger strike. All were white and thin; all emphatic that they would CARRY ON. My aunt stood up in the audience to tell how New Zealand women already had the franchise. She was the only woman in that big hall who had ever voted. Mrs. Pankhurst, who was so weak that she had kept her seat while speaking, stood up to declare that Englishwomen would show themselves to be on an equal footing with New Zealanders.

Forty years later gives space to look back and ask, "What good has Women's Franchise done, here and there?"

A New Zealander, well-known in his time, said to me that it would take several centuries to overcome the mistake Gladstone made over votes for men. Comparatively few were ready for it; and it would need its use by several generations to form bulk to value it justly and to use it wisely.

"However," he added, "that would have been so at any period of history when a combined privilege and responsibility was given wholesale, instead of being earned."

It seems to me that both opinions are shown to be right by the proportion of voters on any local issue. It is not a question of intellectual compari-

son; yet all who work in civic affairs know that men consider public matters more than women do, simply because to make a living they have had to consider and discuss how to get jobs done that affect their community. Women, on the other hand, have done their share in contributing to the community's need by child-bearing, and specialising in domestic crafts.

Now we are learning, or must learn, wider home-making in local and national affairs; and the first step in the attainment of this is for women to learn to understand civic problems; and how to co-operate with men in facing them. That does not mean that ALL men share the responsibilities that go with the privileges. In every local election here, as in the U.S.A., when Prohibition was lost through such an amazing number of NON-VOTERS, a surprisingly small number of votes are cast; and of women's votes, fewer than of men's, except in an issue in which they have a personal interest, such as Party Politics.

What interest do the majority of women take in civic affairs? How many women members are there on local administrative bodies such as Hospital, Harbour, Education Boards, Juries? How many women try to fit themselves to take their place in such, if only by newspaper reading and active discussion? It is only by conscientious study we can learn to be worthy of our privilege of voting—not as a separate body from men, but in useful and valued co-operation with them.

This month we celebrate Franchise Day. What right have we to the Vote? What have we done with it? Let us answer these questions to ourselves.

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ALCOHOL AND CRIME

Cut out the beer in Sydney for a month and there would be few criminal acts. An investigation shows that many of the alleged assaults occurred in brawls between men who had been drinking together." This statement from a Sydney "police spokesman" as an explanation of the reported crime wave in that city gives emphasis to the oft reported claim made by Temperance advocates that alcohol and crime are closely connected. The facts, of course, are clear enough, but they seldom receive such emphatic confirmation from such a source. It is a curious commentary on human nature that even when the truth is so clear, there is a lack of willingness to face its implications because a social custom is involved. A great proportion of crime in New Zealand would be eliminated if our people had the common-sense to act realistically upon the obvious evidence.—From "The Outlook," July 24th, 1946.

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for Dominion Officers:

Unions are reminded that nominations for Dominion Officers for 1947 must be in the hands of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. V. Underhill, Lakings Road, Yelverton, Blenheim, by November 30th.

District Conventions:

South Auckland—September 19th (Thursday), Presbyterian Hall, Te Awamutu.

Auckland—September 22nd to 25th, Presbyterian Hall, Edinburgh Street, Newton, Auckland.

Temperance Examinations: September 28th.

Temperance Sunday: September 15th. A grand opportunity for organised Pledge-signing Campaigns, Youth Rallies, etc.

Correction: In answer to a request from our Gore Union, we publish the following correction. In the new Handbook, Gore is stated to have 37 members. This should read 67. Sixty-seven members' subscriptions were received in 1945.

Miss Mary Jackson Honoured

(Ashburton Union)

Eightieth Birthday

On June 5th a very special birthday party was held at the home of the Misses Jackson, members of our Ashburton Union, when about thirty-five friends assembled to honour "Auntie Mary," as she is affectionately known to everyone. Afternoon tea, served by her sister, Miss Chrissie Jackson, preceded a very helpful service conducted by Adjutant P. L. Smith, of the Salvation Army.

Mention was made of the wonderful record of Christian work accomplished during fifty-seven years. Included in the various fields in which her gifts have been exercised are forty-seven years of work in the S. Army as a soldier, with hospital visiting as a special activity for twenty-five years.

Her work in the ranks of the W.C.T.U. has been very outstanding. At the age of nine years she joined a Juvenile Temperance Lodge under the careful guidance of her mother, a keen Temperance worker, whose early training bore fruit, which is seen after so many years. One of a large family, she was not able to have what so many young people enjoy today—the benefit of secondary education; but this was no hindrance to her in her career of Christian usefulness. As Band of Hope Superintendent for many years, she built up, with her helpers, a band of children so large that they have held the Banner for the largest number of members for five years. Miss Jackson feels that some other Band of Hope should be able to beat them by now, but it is sure that it will be no easy matter to wrest it from Ashburton, where Miss Jackson's successor is carrying on the fine tradition already established.

Other work done by Miss Jackson was that of Superintendent of Work among Seamen, which she did for many years. As W.C.T.U. representative on the Health Stamps Committee, she served for a period. She became a W.C.T.U. member nearly forty years ago. She owes much to her sister who, recognising Miss Mary's gifts, made it possible for her to carry on her Christian work. She thanks God for the devotion of Miss Crissy. Also she expresses her gratitude to Mrs. Buckler, who made it her pleasure to take Miss Jackson in her car to the various meetings, and gave valuable help in the carrying on of the Band of Hope.

The Jackson home has always been open to those needing care in times of ill-health as well as those in full strength. The wonderful example set by the quiet Christian mother with her family of twelve has been followed by her daughters. Miss Crissy carries on some of the work now laid down by

Miss Mary, and another sister is doing missionary work in South America.

Mrs. H. Taylor presented Miss Jackson with a beautiful spray of red roses from the Home League, and Mrs. Tinker a bouquet from the W.C.T.U. Telegrams from all over N.Z. were received and were read by Messrs. John and James Jackson. Solos and songs were sung during the afternoon, and the Rev. J. Browning read a helpful article on a favourite text. Miss Jackson expressed her thanks for the many gifts and flowers presented by her friends. A beautiful birthday cake, a gift from Invercargill, was cut with musical honours. A verse of "Abide with Me" was sung, and the benediction was pronounced.

Miss Jackson has sent a message of good cheer to her many friends engaged in our work through our pages. We are delighted to pass it on, and will join with her sisters up and down the land in thanking God for the consecrated service of these two sisters, in their individual spheres. Our most sincere good wishes go to them both, together with our prayers for their continued well-being, and joy in the Master's Service.

Her message runs: "Greetings to all Christian workers; and love to all sisters."

PRESS GLEANINGS FROM FAR AND NEAR

"Oamaru Mail":

TALK ABOUT LIQUOR BY HON. A. H. NORDMEYER.

Under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. a meeting was held in Wesley Hall recently at which the Minister of Health, the Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer, gave a helpful and informative talk on matters of general interest to women. Mrs. Winn occupied the chair and introduced the speaker.

Family benefits was one of the matters spoken of, also the banning of obscene books. In regard to the liquor traffic, vested interests were most anxious to increase the importation of liquor. The alcoholic content of New Zealand beer was greater than in Britain or on the Continent. A lighter beer was introduced with a reduced alcoholic content, which also effected a saving in sugar. The closing of hotels on Saturday afternoons had been a great help and increased fines for after-hour trading had also had a deterrent effect. Drinking on trains and buses was made illegal. Advertisements of liquor or of women drinking were prohibited. Formerly preparations were made up with sugar, etc., and sold all ready to make into beer. This also has been prohibited. The

Licensing Commission had focused the light of public opinion on the drink traffic in the Dominion. People all over New Zealand had their eyes opened to the doings of the liquor interest. The brewers and hotelkeepers had tried to have hotel hours lengthened. The prohibition vote had gone back, which showed that public opinion was against prohibition, but the fact remained that a town without the hotel bar was a cleaner and better place than the town with open bars. Though the electoral boundaries had been altered there had been no change in the no-license boundary. It was the same as it had been in the past. Temperance people could not afford to take things lightly else they might lose the great benefit of no-licence by neglect.

Mr. Nordmeyer stressed the importance of Temperance work among the young people and was glad to see a Band of Hope had been started. The young people must be trained in Temperance principles and encouraged to sign the pledge and impressed with the importance of total abstinence. The children of today are the men and women of tomorrow and on their training depends the kind of people of the future. It is public opinion which brings about Parliamentary reforms and it is only if Christian people do their part that they can expect the best results.

Mr. Nordmeyer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The usual cup of tea was enjoyed.

MR. GANDHI AND THE W.C.T.U.

In the Missionary Bulletin of the Baptist Church for June of this year is an interesting reference to Prohibition in India. We quote in full:—

"When independence is granted to India, one of the certain things will be prohibition against the importation of alcoholic liquors and the manufacture of the same. It is a great pity that when the Provincial Governments resigned in 1939 the British authorities removed prohibition from the Statute Book. Mr. Gandhi, on May 19th this year, wrote of the 'discredit' and 'shamelessness' of the British Government in reversing the law. He gives several ideas re health drinks and refreshment rooms, etc., and says he got these ideas from a circular addressed from the W.C.T.U., Lucknow." The Rev. M. J. Eade says: "This is one up for the W.C.T.U." Mr. Gandhi goes on to write about cocktail parties among Indians: "We seem to be on the eve of attaining independence. Should we ape bad European manners and customs, and still prize independence? It would be a sad day for India and the world, if the price we have to pay for independence is cocktail parties and the like. What do the famishing millions know of such parties? Let it not be said of us that our moneyed men were gay while those from whom they made money were famishing for food."

In Memoriam

MRS. JANE BRIDGMAN (Oamaru Union)

The members of the Oamaru W.C.T.U. desire to place on record their sincere appreciation of the work of the late Mrs. Jane Bridgman.

As the wife of a Methodist minister she saw much of the evil effects of strong drink, and for over fifty years worked loyally to uphold our motto.

She held various offices, including that of President; when, under her good leadership, good progress was made in our work in all branches; but probably as Devotional Superintendent she most excelled, for she loved her Bible and its message, never missing an opportunity as a preacher, or in any way she could, of speaking of the Master she loved to serve.

Her willingness to serve in the Temperance cause in every way, her energy, her enthusiasm for every good work, and her love of her fellow-men will always be remembered.

MRS. McWILLIAM (Winton Union)

On June 22nd, at her residence "Farringford," Mrs. McWilliam, widow of the late Mr. T. A. McWilliam, Winton, passed to her rest.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McWilliam were loyal members of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. McWilliam being an Elder for many years. Before her marriage Mrs. McWilliam was a teacher, and all her life, while she was able, she loved to teach in Sunday School and Bible Class the great truths of the Bible and the Christian life. She had an eager interest in young people, and her hospitable home was the scene of many happy gatherings; for, though a devout and earnest Christian, she had a spirit full of sympathy with all young life. Mrs. McWilliam was a stalwart in the Temperance cause, being a foundation member of the W.C.T.U. in Winton, and as an able and fluent speaker was at all times an advocate of the virtues of Temperance.

For the P.W.M.U. in Winton she was a tower of strength. Her wise counsel and clear vision, with her love of missions, made her an inspiration to the women of the Church.

Mrs. McWilliam was a lover of poetry and all good literature, so that her mind was stored with wise and beautiful truths. She was an admirer of Tennyson, and especially of his last great poem; but those who loved her and recalled her quiet, consistent Christian witness felt, when she passed away, that for her there was:—

"No moaning of the bar; but down
the tide,
The worn sails filling free,
The stately spirit barque in fearless
pride
Stands out to sea.

No "sadness of farewell," but from
the skies,
Like music faint and far,
One gathering shout of triumph
swells and dies
Beyond the morning star."

MRS. W. BISH AND MRS. D. HALLAM (Aramoho Union)

During the past months Aramoho Union has lost by death two of its members. Mrs. W. Bish was a member for quite a number of years, and at the time of her death was Secretary of our Union. She gave loyal service and is missed from the meetings. The branch attended the funeral service at her Church, the President conducting the "White Ribbon" Service. To her husband and son loving sympathy was expressed.

One of our foundation members, Mrs. D. Hallam, passed to her reward recently. She was a great worker many years ago in the Wanganui Central Union, and helped to form the Aramoho Union, being its President at one time. Her kindly advice was always helpful, and her attendance so regular that she was greatly missed when declining health made it impossible for her to attend. Sorrow came to her home in the sudden death of her blind son, followed four weeks later by the passing of her husband; and just four weeks later she passed away peacefully. Members attended her funeral, when the President took part in the funeral service. Our prayers go forth for the members of the family who have been thrice bereaved. Mrs. Hallam has left very saintly memories with those who were privileged to know her.

FACTORS IN DETERIORATION OF PERSONALITY

If you must drink, do not stand so close to persons with whom you converse; your breath stinks.

If you must drink, pick a safe and inconspicuous place to do your vomiting; not the sidewalk.

If you must drink, don't boast of it; people pity the victim of a drug; you're not a hero, you're a boor.

If you must drink, don't take a swig from your bottle in public; babies feed from bottles in public.

If you must drink, arrange so that you will not march through trains, buses, street cars, insulting citizens who will have to pay for your arrest.

If you must drink, don't chase your pink elephants around in public places where you intrude on the rights of others.

—Condensed from "Spotlight," Minneapolis, Minn.

"OVER AND ABOVE" REPORTS

"HOME MEETING"—ONEHUNGA UNION

On July 25th, at the residence of Mrs. Mountjoy, Onehunga, a "Home Meeting" was held. There was a good attendance. After Devotions, musical items were presented. An address on Missionary work was given by Mrs. C. Leadley, who with her husband spent eight years among the natives in the Solomon Islands. She gave much interesting information, telling of her work among the women and children, of their many hardships and diseases, and then of the remedies; and the unselfish care of missionaries and nurses. Native women now receive maternity care unknown before. Much of the speaker's time was spent visiting in the villages, always taking with her necessary remedies and her "First Aid" kit. Native women work very hard growing the food for their families, the war years being especially hard on them, as their homes being destroyed by Japanese they had to live in the bush. The very bright, interesting address was much appreciated.

—E. A. Musket.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT "DAY OF PRAYER"

The monthly "Women's Day of Prayer" was held in Blenheim on July 26th. The attendance was good; and the following ladies were in charge of the hourly session, which began at 10 a.m.: Mesdames N. Forbes, Kears, and Underhill, the organist being Mrs. E. Leslie.

Special prayers were offered on behalf of the Lionel Fletcher Mission to be held in Blenheim next month. One cannot attend these prayer meetings without being conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the midst; and those who can remain all day feel at its close that they have indeed received a spiritual uplift.

—G. A. Leslie.

EXTRACT—"FIFTY YEARS OF NATIONAL EDUCATION IN N.Z., 1878-1928"

(From "Examination Day Answers," by T. R. Fleming, M.A., LL.B., ex-Senior Inspector of Schools, Otago.)

In a scholarship paper set just after the women obtained the franchise, the following answer was received to the question, "What People are Entitled to Vote in New Zealand?":—

"The women of New Zealand have now got the right to vote. It is thought that there will be better men in Parliament as the ladies will vote for those men who carry out their wishes, and their wishes will most likely be for doing away of the drink traffic, gambling and larrikinism, and they will want the Bible read in schools."

I wonder whether the lady retained the optimism of her youth.

Home Makers' Column

SOMETHING ABOUT CHEESE

By "Lynette"

The value of cheese as a foodstuff has been much emphasised during the war, largely because it is an easily stored and easily transported concentrate of "the perfect food"—Milk. Though in New Zealand the commercial manufacture of cheese is confined almost solely to the "Cheddar" variety, overseas there are many types. We read of the Lapps making this nutritious food from reindeer milk, and the Arabs from camel milk, while Roquefort, one of the most expensive and highly esteemed cheeses of Europe and America, is made from a mixture of sheep's and goat's milk.

The ripening of cheese is perhaps the most important part of its manufacture, for here changes occur in the protein similar to the digestive processes of the human body, which help to make it such an easily digested food. With our Cheddar cheese and many others, this ripening is largely due to the Lactic Acid Bacillus and other bacteria; but some varieties, such as Gorgonzola and Stilton, are ripened by moulds, first cousins to the mould used in the manufacture of Penicillin. Contrary to popular opinion, "mild" cheese is just as nutritious as "tasty," and cheese is not composed of "mites." The mites are merely harmless little creatures which enjoy cheese as much as we do.

In the cooking of cheese, the main point to remember is that over-

heating renders it rubbery and indigestible. When grated, it mixes more readily with other ingredients, and is therefore less likely to be overcooked. Among the most easily prepared cheese dishes are those made with cheese sauce; where boiled onions, cauliflower, or mixed vegetables are served with the following sauce:—Melt two level tablespoonfuls of butter, add two level tablespoonfuls of flour, salt and pepper to taste, and mix in one cup of cold milk. Cook, stirring all the time till thickened; remove from stove and add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of grated cheese just before serving.

Cheese Souffle

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup grated cheese
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of milk.
- 4 eggs
- Salt and pepper

Melt butter, add flour, then milk, and cook till thick. Add cheese and beaten egg yolks. Stir over boiling water till cooked. Cool thoroughly and add stiffly beaten whites. Season and bake at 300 degrees for one hour.

Cheese Fondue

- 1 cup scalded milk
- 1 cup stale breadcrumbs.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. grated cheese.
- 1 tablespoon butter melted
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs

Mix milk, crumbs, cheese, butter and salt, and add yolks well beaten. Pour into stiffly beaten whites and bake at 300 degrees for one hour.

Macaroni Cheese

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup macaroni
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
- 1 dessertspoon onion juice
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 4 tablespoons butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mustard
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

Cook macaroni fifteen minutes in boiling, salted water, and strain. Melt butter, add flour and seasoning, then milk. Cook till thick. Remove from heat, add cheese, and add all to the macaroni in a casserole. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and a little butter. Brown in the oven.

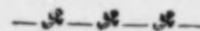
Great Evangelists and Temperance—

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secret during the Civil War, wanting prayerful help, which he received, to enable him to take up his heavy task with renewed vigour.

The other day at a Temperance meeting we were asked to go back to our Churches and to enthuse our ministers. What thoughts came to my mind of that great man of God who said the words I have quoted above: "It burned and burned in my mind, and I swore a deep oath to God that it should not be so. I talked to my deacons about it, and with my people, and raised public feeling." But can we leave it all to our ministers? Is it not the job of each one of us to "talk about it and raise public feeling"?

Anthony Benzenet and Dr. Rush were used to stir up the hearts of many ministers of many denominations. They had consecrated interest and enthusiasm for the cause they espoused. In a similar way, it is in the power of each one of us to speak in clear and definite words against the evil about us. There is too great a tendency for us to feel that we are in a minority. Dr. Beecher faced an evil that was heavily entrenched in the homes of the people. The battle is a spiritual one. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, and appointed the Church to carry on His work. May we face it with greater effort, backed by more effective prayer.



SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

No. 4

Across: 1. Night. 5. Heave. 9. Oatmeal. 11. Bard. 15. Rave. 16. Ant. 18. Rag. 19. Le. 20. Anger. 22. Ly. 23. Odin. 24. Magi. 25. L.L. 26. Lumpy. 28. At. 30. Eat. 32. Lot. 33. One. 34. Arum. 36. Aits. 37. Narrows. 40. Scene. 41. Reedy.

Down: 1. Nobel. 2. Gore. 3. Had. 4. T.T. 5. He. 6. Ear. 7. Alar. 8. Elegy. 10. Ming. 12. Areolar. 14. Valiant. 16. Annul. 17. Tempt. 20. Ail. 21. Ray. 25. Leans. 27. Moor. 29. Testy. 31. Tune. 33. Oise. 35. Man. 36. Awe. 38. Re. 39. Or.

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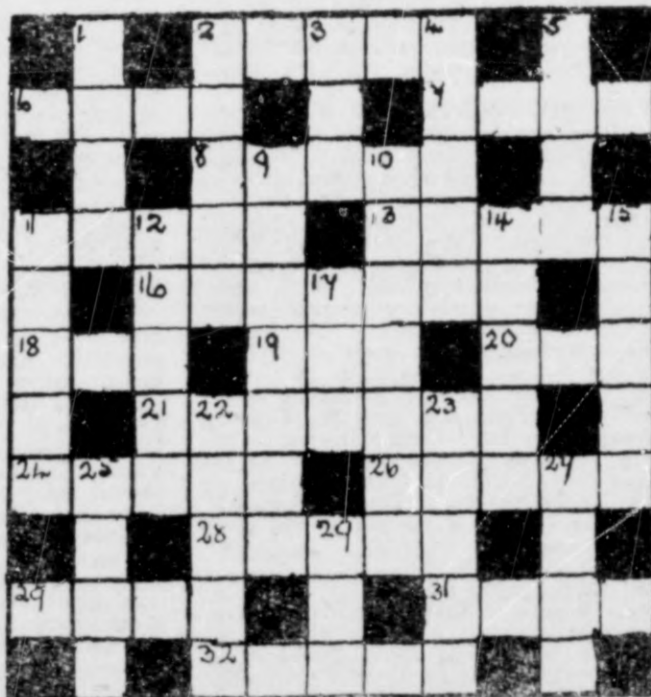
Across

- 2. Frequently
- 6. Coconut yarn
- 7. No. 12 down
- 8. Profundities
- 11. Stand
- 13. Revolt
- 16. Lay down as a condition
- 18. Stray
- 19. English
- 20. Help
- 21. Builder
- 24. Soft glow
- 26. Berry-bearing shrub or tree
- 28. Fixed gaze
- 30. Female relative
- 31. First name of a famous sea-monster
- 32. A sacred mountain

Down

- 1. Defence of the Realm Act (ab.)
- 2. Demand
- 3. A digit
- 4. Organs
- 5. S-shaped moulding
- 9. Natural sphere
- 10. Maker of impressions
- 11. Restores balance
- 12. No. 7 across
- 14. Aaron is supposed to have had one
- 15. Song composer of last century
- 16. Rain coat
- 22. Remains
- 23. Resinous gum from trees
- 25. Period
- 27. Famous Island
- 29. — Hathaway

"W.R. CROSSWORD"—5



Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Auckland, Monday, August 5th: Held in the Temperance Room, Queen Street. The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, was in the chair, and the Devotions were led by Mrs. V. A. Read.

It was decided to hold a Jumble Sale during August, and a Garden Party later on, to raise funds for the forthcoming Poll; and also for the Dominion Convention which is to be held in Auckland next year.

Mrs. Mountjoy gave the report of the Bible in Schools Ladies' Committee afternoon when the speaker was Mrs. Jenkins, and her talk was on the Bible in English Schools. Mrs. Long gave the report of the monthly meeting of the National Council of Women, and quite a number of Remits were dealt with as submitted by the Council. Mrs. Long also gave the report of the work of the Maori Hostel, which was very satisfactory, twenty-six girls being in residence there at present. Final arrangements were made for holding the Annual District Convention during September. The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Ellen Melville, who had been a member of the Auckland City Council for thirty-three years.

Taranaki, August 7th: Early in the morning six ladies were up with the lark to travel from New Plymouth to Eltham, where a nice fire and morning tea awaited them at the Salvation Army Hall. Five Unions were represented. Reading given by Miss Appleby. Prayer by Miss Arthur. Apologies received from Mesdames Oliver and Simpson, Thayer and Brown.

Miss Appleby spoke on the supreme need of our work, stressing the urgency of work among young people. Mention was made of the Camp to be held in January.

Mrs. M. Wood was elected delegate to the N.Z. Alliance Conference. Arrangements made for the next District Executive meeting to be held in New Plymouth on October 30th.

Discussion on literature for Poll distribution. Decided to visit two members transferred to New Plymouth and invite to next meeting.

A "Thirty-year Long Service" badge was presented to Mrs. Wells, who has been a member for forty-eight years.

Some helpful thoughts on the work were given by Mrs. Hanna. Noontide circle of prayer and Benediction brought a happy meeting to a close.

The home-coming of the New Plymouth delegates was not so nice. One caught the bus, and the other four were left behind for three hours. The Rest Room proved a blessing, however, for by a nice fire conversation held unrestrained sway.

Wellington District: The June Executive meeting held at Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Wellington, Central Union being hostesses. Devotions led by Mrs. Reed, District Secretary, who also reported on fine talk given to mothers and children of Belmont L.T.L. by Mr. Lopdell, of Lower Hutt. A circular sent to women's organisations and Church papers also read. Votes of sympathy to members in bereavement were sustained. District officers reported visits to Upper Hutt and Wellington Central Unions, and to Methodist Guild and Presbyterian Women's Association at Island Bay, and also that they had two invitations for further talks. Miss Appleby's report of her work in the district was received, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Reed for organising Miss Appleby's itinerary. Two donations received to film fund, two towards Scientific Temperance booklet for school teachers, also one donation to District Funds. A resolution from N.C.W. re 'case of cruelty to child was endorsed and supported. Unions reported on plans for literature distribution and film advertising in coming months, and decision made to supply literature in new housing areas. A request to be made to Education Board for support of Temperance teaching in schools. The Treasurer's statement showed a healthy credit balance. The President reported on arrangements made by Dominion officers regarding Poll work; on the Fund for a Caravan; the Pledge signing campaign and Temperance instruction. Proposed that at next Executive meeting the roll be re-

sponded to with a text of Scripture condemnatory of strong drink. A resolution that smoking be not allowed in those places in which the public buy or consume food was carried, the same to be sent to the Minister of Health. Also a letter of appreciation to the Minister of Railways of the efforts to have the regulations re smoking and liquor on trains carried out, and wishing 100 per cent. success. The Rev. W. Burley then addressed an open meeting to which members of other women's organisations had been invited. He gave reasons why women should stand strongly against anything that was bad in a community, and urged all women to study the facts and make themselves informed on the position in America, medical opinion, etc., and to remember that there was certainly only one final issue, victory, as this is a moral and spiritual issue; and as we engender enthusiasm for moral and spiritual reform so we gain a vision of a new earth from God. Miss Kirk thanked the speaker and the session closed with the Benediction.

UNION REPORTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Warkworth, July 9th: President, Mrs. Green, in the chair, also taking Devotions. Suggestion that "Beacon" be distributed at local High School. Temperance fact and pledge affirmed. Plans made for coming District Convention. Mrs. Moorhead, W.C.T.U. representative on Community Centre Committee, reported on work of interest to W.C.T.U. being done by Centre. Benediction.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland, August 13th: Maori Day observed, meeting being held at the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Long presided. Each member brought a gift for the Hostel. Reports of District Executive and N.C.W. were read, and an interesting discussion followed. Grants made for Dominion Convention Fund, Licensing Poll Fund, and for the "White Ribbon" Fund. Donation sent to Henderson Union to assist with prizes for Temperance Essays in connection with the public school. Mrs. Long provided very nice afternoon tea.

Otahuhu, July 18th: Mrs. Ward, Vice-President, presided over a good attendance of members in spite of a very cold, wet afternoon. A student from the N.Z. Bible Training Institute gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work and studies carried out during the two years' course, all of which was listened to with great interest.

Kohi-St. Heliers, July 18th: Very good attendance. Mrs. Eady's home being the meeting place. Mrs. Farr read from Romans 12, advising members to be watchful and prayerful for the coming election. Temperance fact. Sister Grace addressed the meeting on the use of unfermented wine at the Passover and all Jewish feasts. Memorial Day observed; past members being lovingly remembered. Votes of thanks to Sister Grace and Mrs. Lewis Eady.

Remuera, July 22nd: Mrs. H. Kasper presided. Devotions led by Mrs. G. Robinson. Jumble Sale arrangements made. Memorial Day observed in remembrance of members who had passed on to their reward. Benediction.

Titirangi, July 23rd: Meeting well attended. Held at the home of Mrs. McFarlane. Reference was made to the passing of our beloved Devotional Superintendent, Mrs. Clark, members standing as a mark of respect to her memory. The President, Miss C. M. McLay, told us something of the great work being carried out by the N.Z. Alliance in the endeavour to secure votes for prohibition at the forthcoming election. Tea and Benediction.

Onehunga, July 11th: Earnest instructive address by Mr. Pace, Alliance organiser for the Auckland and North Auckland districts, on "Prohibition in America—Failure or Success?" Proof of the success of the period was given from many sources.

July 25th: "Special."

Mount Eden, August 6th: Miss A. M. McLay presided. Report of District Executive given by President. Appeal made for clothing for Jumble Sale on August 23rd. President reported an arrangement for District Convention to be held 22nd-25th September. Messrs. F. C. Pace and A. T. Dow were present, and Mr. Pace gave an interesting and instructive address. Mr. Dow also spoke briefly. Treasurer instructed to pay District capitation fees.

Ponsonby, July 18th: Wet day and small attendance. Mrs. Joiner presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Christopher. Temperance fact, Miss Runciman. Address given by Sister Jessie on work among the Maoris in the city, especially among young people. A small Hostel for Maori lads is to be opened shortly. Pledge, tea and Benediction.

Epsom-Green Lane, August 15th: Small attendance. Mrs. Eccersall presided. Devotions, Temperance fact and Pledge. President read "How we won the Franchise." A short period of social fellowship followed and a very pleasant meeting was closed with prayer.

Warkworth, August 8th: Fair attendance. Mrs. Baker presiding. Devotions. Address given by Mr. Marshall, Minister of the Church of Christ, and also an interesting talk on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society by Miss Berg. Collectors arranged. Speakers thanked. Temperance fact. Alliance literature for distribution, and two delegates chosen for District Convention. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Chessum and Sanderson.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Awamutu, July 18th: Mrs. Alexander presided. Devotions. Temperance fact. Welcomes. Very helpful devotions taken by Mrs. Garlick from John 15. President gave a very informative reading, also referring to the coming Convention to be held in Te Awamutu in September. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

Hamilton, August 1st: Good attendance of members and visitors. Mrs. Gatmen presided. One new member initiated. Delegates and Convention business discussed and to be finalised next meeting. Mr. Finlay, J.P., and City Missioner, gave an illuminating address on the soul-destroying evils due to alcohol, and related many poignant cases in his own experience as C.M. Read Isaiah 5, emphasising the six "Woes," and left urgent message to all mothers to work and pray for upholding all spiritual and moral values, as only by this protective armour could Home and Family be safeguarded against these perils. Pledge reaffirmed. Temperance fact given, and Benediction closed the meeting.

Taumarunui, August 1st: Mrs. Coulson presided. Devotions. Donation to District Funds. Literature work discussed. Next meeting to be a "Gift for Literature" day. Report of May meeting of Dominion officers and Mrs. Hiatt's "Impressions of Invercargill" read. Memorial Day observed. Benediction. Tea hostess, Mrs. McDonald.

Tauranga, August 6th: Opening devotions, Mrs. Bulmer. Correspondence included letter of thanks from Mr. Tate for periodicals sent for Maori work. Very interesting address by Miss Daphne Maunder, a missionary from India, now on furlough, telling of drink problems in her district. Reports on Women's Representative Committee, Pan-Pacific Group and sub-committee for dealing with literature received. Good "Bring and Buy." Very good attendance.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, July 31st: Mrs. Brown presided over a good attendance, Mrs. Tuffrey leading Devotions. Temperance fact. Miss Appleby reported good work around the district, and urged W.C.T.U. members to put every effort into gaining success in our cause. Miss Drew asked for the support of everyone at the annual Seamen's Rest Mart. Mrs. Ingram entertained with solos. Tea and Benediction.

Eltham: A busy month. The Rev. Mr. Miller, of New Plymouth, gave a talk to the young people advising them never to take the first drink, as that was the downfall of the drunkard. Executive meeting was held in Eltham, when Miss Appleby spoke on educating youth, telling especially of a Summer School to be held in January. Mrs. Hurrell, District President, presented Mrs. Wells with a Long Service Badge. She has been a member for thirty-eight years.

Hawera, July 30th: Memorial Day observed by President speaking of some of the W.C.T.U. pioneers. Several Temperance facts given. Flowers sent to sick member. Annual "Bring and Buy" for Seamen's Rest held, and arrangements made for the Temperance Exams. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Prayer and Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Aramoho: Although small, our meetings have been helpful in that we have discussed the many problems, in an informal way, regarding our aim to fight against the evil of alcohol.

Mrs. Wellard's readings of some of Rita Snowden's writings have been inspiring. All are prepared to distribute literature during the coming months.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin: Mrs. Kennerley, President, took the chair and led Devotions. A number of visitors welcomed to the meeting. Pledge re-affirmed. A paper dealing with Facts in the "Vanguard," prepared by Mrs. Storey, was read, and proved most interesting. It was decided that members bring a tin of food to the next meeting for inclusion in parcels to be sent to W.C.T.U. members in England. Memorial Day observed by the paying of tributes to those who have done so much in the cause of Temperance, and who have answered the call to Higher Service. Mrs. Kennerley read the hymn for Memorial Day. A competition, jumbled names of past workers in the Temperance cause, was won by Mrs. Andriksen. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Henskie and Rose. Prayer and Benediction.

Levin, August 9th: Small attendance. Mrs. Kennerley presided. Captain Williams led devotions. Pledge and Temperance fact. One new member. Literature to be purchased for distribution. Major Ward gave an inspiring address on "The Gift of Grace." Thanks expressed and posy presented. Report on District Executive given by President. Tinned foods for parcels for Britain brought by members. A Franchise Day competition won by Mrs. Rae and Capt. Williamson. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Burr and Moxham.

Feilding: Mrs. Spence presided, and Mrs. Kendall led devotions. Tinned foods for British parcels to be brought next month. "Bring and Buy" for "White Ribbon" funds realised £1/1/6, £3/8/- sent to "G. and O." fund. Literature to be procured. Letters of appreciation to be sent to Salvation Army and Presbyterian Church in Invercargill on the stand taken in regard to receiving money derived from the Liquor Trust. Prayer by Mrs. Stewart.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Lower Hutt, July 24th: Mrs. Spenser presided and Mrs. Swift led the Devotions. Attendance small owing to sickness among the members. The District Executive report was read and also a piece from the "Evening Post." Each member present gave an item, this being "Members' Afternoon." The need for Temperance education among young children was discussed. Being "Coin" afternoon in aid of Seamen's Rests, the sum of 14/- was donated, also some scarves and bags. Tea hostess was Mrs. Clark. Though a small meeting, all present enjoyed it. Closed with prayer and Benediction.

Wellington Central: "Pioneer" day. Devotions. Mrs. Andrew reported an improvement in Mrs. Long's health. Hospital visiting arranged. Literature to be supplied to the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls. A donation of £1 received for leaflets. Aro Street Methodist Guild will distribute literature in their district, and the members of the Bible Class will also assist in this work. The speaker was Mrs. Kerr, daughter of our pioneer worker, Mrs. Brown, who arrived here from N.S.W. and settled in Invercargill in the year 1880, being one of the early members. Mrs. Kerr was thanked for her address, and presented with a posy. Birthday sprays were presented. Solo by Miss Tulloch. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Houlst and helpers. Benediction.

Brooklyn, July 30th: A very pleasant afternoon spent at the home of one of the members, Mrs. Cracknell presiding. Mrs. Greenwood gave an inspiring talk on John 15 and 5. Letters to be sent to Mesdames Raine and Long, who have been on the sick list. Hospital visiting arranged. Mrs. Gordon, who was delegate to the District Convention held in Wesley Hall, gave a full and appreciative account of the day's meetings. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the set of twelve "Questions and Answers" arranged by Mrs. Brewer. They were short and concise, and at the same time helpful and educational. Donations were received for the projector and also for literature. Arrangements were made for its distribution. Flowers were presented to President and hostess. Meeting closed with Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, July 9th: Mrs. Toomer presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Miss Cook, who read Memorial Prayer for those who have passed to Higher Service. Mrs. Toomer reported on hospitality extended to men of H.M.N.Z.S. Achilles, when free refreshments were available in the National Party's Club Room for two days, and asked for volunteers for similar service for the men of H.M.S. Whitesand Bay. Decided to take a turn with other women's organisations in visiting the Mental Hospital. Attention was called to an article in "The Motor World" in which Dr. Noble-Adams stated at a meeting of the Marlborough Automobile Association that after-hour trading was responsible for 70 per cent. of the fatal road accidents in New Zealand, and that there should be a tightening up by the authorities. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Blair on Dr. Barnardo's Homes and other social service in and around London. Mrs. Blair was thanked and presented with flowers. It was decided to use the Householder post for distribution of literature, members pledging themselves to make regular contributions towards the cost. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, 15th July: Meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. V. Underhill. Good attendance. Mrs. E. Leslie conducted opening devotions, reading from the General Epistle of James, chapter 2. Fay Inchfawn's "All Behind" was also read. Sympathetic reference to the death of an old Springlands resident and pioneer of Blenheim W.C.T.U., Mrs. Edith Jackson. Also sympathy extended to two members who had experienced bereavements in their families. Mrs. Eyles and Mrs. Leslie sent messages of appreciation for letters received. Very helpful responses given to the roll call. Parcel of literature received from Headquarters and distributed. It being Memorial Day, the very appropriate hymn from "W.R." was read by the President, who also read "A Long View," by Miss C. Henderson, M.A., J.P., which was of great interest and of inspiration to all present. The members were very appreciative of the activities of the Unions in the far-off days. Another interesting contribution to the meeting was a reading from a Vancouver paper on the efforts of a Mrs. G. M. Lanning, of the Mary Forbes W.C.T.U., who has been President of her Union for 21 years. At the close of the meeting a happy time was spent over a cup of tea before a lovely fire.

Blenheim, August 6th: Mrs. N. Forbes presided, welcoming an old member, Mrs. Goslin, and two ladies from Tua Marina. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. McFadden in hospital, and Mrs. Reuben Watson in bereavement of her husband. Correspondence received from Miss C. E. Kirk and Mr. H. W. Milner, N.Z. Alliance. Address by Rev. J. F. Martin. Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Spreydon, July 9th: Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Horwood, Vice-President. Donation to District Executive funds. Resignation of Treasurer, Mrs. Foster, accepted with regret. Address given by Mrs. Douglas, both helpful and inspiring. One new member. One new member in February.

Papanui, July 17th: Mrs. Tillman presided over a good attendance. Pledge re-affirmed. Roll call, a text of Scripture. Temperance fact, Mrs. Hampton. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Mental Hospital report, Mrs. Hawker. It was agreed to supply a concert at the Reformatory in September. "Bring and Buy" arranged for next meeting, all members being asked to bring a friend. A Question Box was well responded to.

Riccarton, July 11th: Meeting opened with devotions by Mrs. Harris. Routine business. Agreed to buy a pair of new shoes for a Mental Hospital case, and Mrs. Wain promised to correspond with mental patients to cheer them up. Letter of sympathy and one of deep regret at the resignation of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Smith. Mesdames Gainsford and Donaldson were appointed to fill this office. A survey of our year's work was given, and some alterations in schedule were

made. A long discussion took place on Alliance activities, and how to further our cause, and the Church's attitude to the Temperance cause. Literature for distribution given out. Roll to be purged. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Gainsford and Robson. Closing hymn and prayer.

Oxford, July 17th: Meeting conducted by means of "Sealed Orders." Each member present was given a sealed envelope containing her appointment to some task for the afternoon. Mrs. Markham was installed in the chair, the President served the "austerity" afternoon tea, and all found themselves doing unusual duties. A sacred solo was sung by Mrs. R. White. Literature to be obtained and distributed in connection with Poll. A most interesting talk was given on the Maori people, their responsibilities and their problems, and their need of our sympathetic understanding.

Christchurch, July 10th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Reports given of assistance at British Sailors' Street Collection, and of N.Z. Alliance meeting. Rev. H. Gilbert speaker. Bags of clothing sent to Maori Girls' Hostel and to Christchurch Lady Galway Guild. Thirty gifts of tinned food sent, some to London B.W.T.A., and some to Christchurch Red Cross. To celebrate Memorial Day, our President read from Hebrews, chapter 11, Roll of Honour, and spoke on pioneers of our movement.

July 24th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Very great regret at the passing of our beloved Mrs. S. Adkins, for many years our Treasurer, and later our Secretary. We honour her for loyalty and great enthusiasm for our cause. Members signed petition to Parliament re establishment of small hospitals for patients suffering from nervous breakdown. Members reported distributing of literature.

Sydenham, 1st August: Mrs. J. Filer, President, was in the chair, and conducted the devotions in the absence of the Devotional Supt. (Mrs. Davies). Twelve members present and one visitor. The usual routine business was conducted. The Secretary was instructed to interview the Headmaster of the local School where, in previous years, it has been the custom to conduct Temperance Essay Examinations, to make arrangements for same at the end of the year. Rev. D. D. MacLachlan gave the address, which dealt with the outstanding social problems of our day. The meeting was brought to a close by prayer led by Mrs. Cookson. One new member was initiated.

Linwood, Tuesday afternoon: Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie in the chair. Very good attendance. Usual business, superintendents giving good reports of work done during the month. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. L. C. Horwood, who gave an account of the life of the late Mr. T. E. Taylor. After briefly outlining his early life, Mrs. Horwood spoke of his work as a Temperance reformer, and specially of the spiritual ideals which formed the basis of his work. His experience as a lad in his teens working among families degraded by strong drink had inspired him in his fight with the forces of the liquor traffic. The speaker urged all members to have the same ideals in view in their work. Many questions were asked which proved the intense interest of all present. One new member. Benediction.

Riccarton, August 8th: 23 members present. Flowers and letters sent to sick members. Mental hospital report showed good work among patients. Long Service Badges presented to Mesdames McLean, E. Buckley, L. Donaldson, M. Gundy, E. Daly, Odell, and Miss Russell. Mrs. Price pinning them on. Mrs. Clark to be nominated as District President. District Convention delegates, Mesdames Gundy and Harris. Six extra "White Ribbons" to be used in various public places; members paying for these. Interesting address given by Mrs. C. St. John on "Social Credit and Monopolies." Hymn and prayer.

Reefton, July 9th: Mrs. Thomson presiding. Memorial Day observed, hymn being read by members. Literature dealt with. Prayers offered in closing.

New Brighton, August 1st: Mrs. Flower presided. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Edmond, who also gave Temperance fact. Votes of sympathy taken standing in silence with two bereaved members. Mental Hospital

visiting report taken. Mrs. Goodland spoke on the many instances of "Tares among Wheat." Thanks expressed. Benediction.

Woolston, June 20th: Mrs. Ramsay, President, in the chair, nine members present. Devotions led by Mrs. Tomlinson. Literature handed out for distribution.

July 18th: Meeting held at the home of the President, Mrs. Ramsay, the drawing room being decorated with spring flowers; 13 present. Devotions, led by Mrs. Tomlinson. Address by Mrs. Black on "No-license." Mrs. Carrington reported on Band of Hope. Tea and National Anthem.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Temuka, July 31st: Memorial Day observed. A paper was read on the life of the late Mrs. T. E. Taylor by the President. Devotions were led by Mrs. Prattley, of Timaru. Roll call, the word "Receive." Benediction.

Timaru, July 30th: Miss Fyfe presided. Being Memorial Day, members stood as a token of remembrance to those W.C.T.U. members of all nations who had passed on to Higher Service. Special mention was made of Agnes Slack-Saunders, for nearly forty years World Secretary. Mrs. Wilkes offered a short prayer. It was decided to hire some of the Temperance films and show them to the young people. Miss Fyfe mentioned the aroused interest in Temperance in the North Island, and a resolution was passed endorsing a remit sent from Manawatu to the N.C.W. re the observance of the forty-hour week by hotel keepers.

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin: There was a large attendance of members and friends. Mrs. Rippin presided, and after a brief service the Annual Sale was conducted, and a swift clearance made. Social afternoon followed. Excellent programme of musical and elocutionary items followed given by Mesdames Chetwyn, Lythgoe, Clark, McKay, Dickinson, Isles and Bissland. The Rev. J. Chambers gave a fine address, following the history of our organisation since the seventies of last century—how the franchise gave women further opportunities for extending a beneficent work, and also how gifted women like Frances Willard had laboured to make the work world-wide. Speaker and entertainers warmly thanked. Business discussion left till next meeting.

North East Valley, July 25th: Address by Mrs. Hiatt, who also presided. The meeting passed a resolution to be sent to the Prime Minister protesting against the waste of grain and sugar in the manufacture of beer, and urging that all available food be conserved for the starving peoples of Europe.

Kaikorai, July 30th: Mrs. Flett presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Orr, who gave a little talk on the "Gift of the Holy Spirit." Roll call answered by Scripture verses beginning with "E." Decided to hold a period of prayer at each meeting in view of the coming Poll. The Rev. J. B. Chambers gave a short address on "Encouragement." The President thanked the speaker. Mr. Chambers pronounced the Benediction.

Dunedin Central, July 30th. Good attendance. Sister Elinor presided. Mrs. Hiatt reported on posters chosen for distribution. Mrs. John Henderson gave an address on "Prayer," ending with "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Port Chalmers, July 17: Meeting held at home of Mrs. Watson. Very good attendance of members. Mrs. Watson, Vice-President, in the chair. Mrs. Taylor, President, led in Devotions, after which discussion took place on samples of literature received from Headquarters. A very encouraging and much appreciated gesture was made by several members present, who volunteered donations towards a fund to purchase literature. We aim to send out at least one pamphlet per month to each household in our district up till Poll month. Mrs. Watson gave a brief report on an after-Church Rally held on July 14th at which Mr. G. Gapper was the speaker. Favourable report given re Temperance teaching in Schools—Headmaster willing to co-operate. Meeting closed with Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Oamaru, August 10th: Small attendance presided over by Miss Cowan, in the absence of Mrs. Winn. Devotions, Miss Toser. Roll call revealed about 100 members in the branch. Remits for District Convention considered. Appreciative reference made to the Rev. Mr.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY—WINTON

A very fine gathering of approximately seventy ladies from Winton and surrounding districts assembled in the Winton Sunday School Hall on the afternoon of June 18th to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the Winton W.C.T.U. in the form of a party. The hall was arranged most comfortably and appropriately for the occasion, with beautiful floral decorations and the White Ribbon represented in an artistic manner, all making a very attractive appearance.

The President, Mrs. T. A. Thomson, opened with a warm welcome to all, the reading of the Pledge, and the singing of Hymn 70, "Fight the good fight."

Mrs. Edgerton then favoured with two much appreciated solos, these being followed with a most interesting and educative address by Mrs. Kenyon, of Winton, entitled "A great experiment in Temperance work among the natives in South Africa."

For the roll call, each Union answered with good wishes and a verse of Scripture, some very well chosen pieces being given. The minutes of the foundation meeting were read and discussed, a great tribute being paid to the foundation members, four of whom stood in representation of them. The President then unveiled the very fine birthday cake. Instead of candles, this was decorated with a miniature Globe encircled with a band and bow of White Ribbon, representing the ideal of Peace and Purity throughout the world. In the absence of Mrs. T. A. McWilliam, first President, the cake was cut by Mrs. J. P. McWilliam, a very true and loyal member who had been President, Vice-President and Secretary in turn since the Union was formed. This ceremony was closed by the singing of "All Round the World." Names were taken of numerous members who had always been most loyal to the Union, but who had left the district, also several District and Dominion Officers; each to receive a piece of birthday cake.

A bracket of songs by Mrs. and Miss Stephens completed a splendid entertainment.

Afternoon tea brought a display of choice sandwiches and cakes, and

Gilbert's meeting. Magazine articles on spring flowers and Bishop Bergraar read.

Lawrence, August 1st: Small attendance owing to sickness. President in the chair. Mrs. Toomer's letter read and discussed, also one from Mr. Gapper, Alliance organiser. Letter to sick member and one from member removed. Miss Ferguson read a paper on "Ye are not your own," and Mrs. McNeilly one on "The light withdrawn and replaced by darkness." Benediction.

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finally, carried on trays tied with white bows, were plates of birthday cake, all present receiving a piece. As it was also the birthday of some of those present, "Happy Birthday" was sung. Mrs. Thomson expressed many thanks to all who had helped to make the function so successful, especially thanking Mrs. Kenyon for her splendid address which gave an incentive to true and noble work. The appreciation was shown by acclamation. After the singing of the Temperance Doxology, Mrs. Wilson paid a tribute to the memory of the pioneers of the Union; led in prayer, and closed with the Benediction.

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

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 Lyde, 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.I.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.I.; 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.

PAPANUI, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Tillman; Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Hodder, 51 Mary St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Elliott, Cornhill St., St. Albans; W.R., Mrs. Anderson, Bennett St.; C.R., Mrs. Malcolm.

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. and W.R., Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Hallaran, Buller Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Sat...

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

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

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

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 2nd Monday, 2.30 p.m., in Women's Rest Room. Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. Taylor; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Ruthven, Tay St.; Treas., Miss C. Griffiths, 235 Crinan St., Invercargill.

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

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

TAKAPUNA, 1st Wednesday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Winstone and Petchell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Petchell; 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, Wyward 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. Goeder, Pollen St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Scown, 185 Richmond St.; "W.R." Mrs. Whiteside, Karaka Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Riley, Karaka Rd.

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

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

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

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

WAIMATE, 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.

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

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

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

WARKWORTH, 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, 2.15 p.m., Headquarters. Pres., Miss Brooks; Sec., Miss Kirk; Treas., Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Tce., Wadestown; W.R., Mrs. Duncaison, 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 Dinness 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.