

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"The Churches doing missionary work among the Maoris have all recognised strong drink as their most deadly enemy."

—J. M. Murray.

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MAORI DAY

At this time, with election day almost upon us, Maori Day has a peculiar significance. Though, to most of us, the story of the position of the Maori in regard to the drink question is an old one, it is good that we should refresh our memories, and once again face the responsibility devolving upon us in the matter.

The Maori has no vote on the liquor question. The reason for this is that he is not considered to have enough political experience to be a fit and proper person to deal with so vitally important an issue. The implication is, of course, that the pakeha is. How great the weight of condemnation for the misuse of the power denied to the Native race, and allowed to be wielded in such a way as to bring the evil thing into their midst even against their own desires.

The famous telegram sent by the great chief Rewi, to Governor Glasgow, on his arrival in New Zealand deserves to be kept in memory by those of both races who value the keeping up of the standards of living in Maori districts and in European communities also. On his death-bed, Rewi sent these words:

"To the Governor of New Zealand, -

"Oh Governor, welcome to New Zealand. Long may you live. My first request is that you prevent strong drink being allowed to come within the Rohe Potae. This, my first request, will be my last." Rewi died shortly afterwards.

How greatly the life of the Maori has been affected by strong drink is evident in many ways. Although statistics show that the threatened decline of the race has been arrested, and that numerically it is rapidly increasing, signs are not wanting that disease is rife among members who should be at their physical best. Tuberculosis, of which alcohol is the bosom friend, is doing deadly work. The cough of the little child, of the youth, of the middle-aged man or woman in our streets, is a terribly familiar sound. In another department, the power of strong drink is more terribly evident—that of the police court. Crime of every kind tells the tale of demoralisation and disregard of the law inseparable from its use. How awful is the knowledge that it was the white man who taught the Maori to drink; that his demoralisation lies at the door of our civilisation.

Let us think on these things; and in so doing, face the fact that if we fail to keep the trust still reposed in us, that of protecting the Maori from the evil thing; we are unworthy still of the custody of one of the finest Native races in the whole world. Also, in hurting him, we are hurting ourselves immeasurably, as the future will tell.

He still speaks to us in the words of the petition presented to the House of Representatives on August 18th, 1874, by Haimona Te Aoterangi and 167 others, the concluding words of which are:—"If you have any regard for us, the Maori people, send away this evil leviathan which you brought to this island to destroy us, our lands, and our children. . . . Sir, do this for us. Long may you be spared on account of your energy in raising your voice against this snake, liquor, during the years that have passed.

"Sufficient. From your friends who are living in sadness on account of this evil."

Whatever of influence we may possess should be exerted on behalf of those who still look to us for release from bonds stronger than steel. God grant an awakening of conscience to all the voting public.

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Seen During the Past Month . . .

"In a certain well-known town during the past month, a car with several young people in boisterous mood passed my door. The driver held the wheel with one hand, while the other held a beer bottle to his lips. Singing and drinking, they passed. Later on in the

same day I saw a car waiting at a service station. Two mothers with children were in the car drinking from bottles. I saw them give the children drinks from their own bottles—children about eight and ten years of age."—
(Told at a Union meeting.)

THE HERITAGE

In the "Southern Cross" of August 9th, in the series entitled "Having a Baby," an article appeared under the heading, "Your child cannot inherit acquired characteristics." Highly scientific terms are employed in the statements made to establish the truth of this, and to the casual reader it would seem to mean much more than it really does. Unless real knowledge as to the ensuing specially typed sub-heading, "Drunkenness acquired," were brought to bear on the article, it would be fatally easy for the conclusion to be drawn that a drunken parentage could not affect the child, unless he were brought up in, and subjected to, the influences of surroundings which had produced the drunkenness of the parent. This is a terribly dangerous idea for anyone to hold. The apparent suggestion is that there need be no apprehension as to the development of the child, if he is removed from the immediate environment.

That this is untrue is clearly and terribly certain. The writer of the articles does NOT in fact, say this. Care is taken to avoid the actual laying down of the principle. "Drunkenness," it says, "cannot be inherited." The whole issue is blurred in this sentence.

What is "drunkenness"? It is the state, or habit of being drunk. Of course, a "state" or "habit" cannot be inherited. The first is a temporary condition, and the second comes as the result of practice.

Think, for a moment, of the children of, say, musical parents. They cannot be born musical performers. The son of a sailor is not born a sailor, and the child of a thief is not born dishonest. But no one can say that such children are not likely to exhibit, at an early age, the right trend in the direction of becoming musical artists, mariners, or thieves. While no suggestion is made that this follows in every, or even in a majority of cases, we claim that a sufficient weight of evidence is available to prove that it very often does happen that the musical parents' child shows, at an early age, his musical bias; that the little lad of the sailor loves anything connected with a boat, and will in many cases, "follow the sea"; while the dishonest streak of a thieving parent will show up unmistakably in his poor offspring.

The article referred to makes a point of the power of environment, but says no word to warn mothers and fathers of the dread possibility of inherited TENDENCY.

It used to be thought that tuberculosis was an inherited disease. Research has shown that it is passed on by infection, and that the same source of infection is responsible for the appearance of the disease in those of the same family. But, research has also shown that a very marked **tendency** towards its development is found among those of a family in which it has occurred. That this may be

guarded against is a thing for which we have reason to be thankful, but the fact remains that while one person can be exposed to infection and suffer no ill effects, it would be dangerous in the extreme for another, because of the predisposition.

What is true of tuberculosis, is even more true of the drinking danger. It is the absence of this fact that makes the article under consideration something to deplore. Of all the dangers which can beset the unborn child, there is not one so much to be feared and dreaded as that of the drinking TENDENCY.

A little while ago I heard of a child, a little girl born of drunken parents. Her mother died at her birth and she was taken away from the home and brought up in surroundings where drink was never used. She had never seen or tasted it in her life. At the age of seven she was in the street when someone accidentally broke a bottle of brandy, the contents of which ran out on the pavement. An eye-witness said that the child lay down and lapped up the liquid. My authority for this story is unimpeachable. What about this child's inheritance? Other instances are told bearing out the truth that an INHERITED TENDENCY can be transmitted.

God forbid that we should appear to imply that there is no help to be found for such children as are likely to have this dread thing to face in their lives. Environment, training, example, and above all else, the love of Christ, are set against the evil power, and in many cases, triumph. But let no man or woman imagine that indulgence in drinking habits can be relied upon to pass over the unborn children without danger of many kinds.

Of the physical dangers, too much cannot be said.

Dr. Fraser Harris says: "Possibly one of the most fruitful sources of the birth of infants who will later become imbecile is in the alcoholic sperms of the father."

Dr. Watt Eden says: "I do not think it can be disputed that alcoholic consumed by the mother will pass into the foetal circulation."

In the case of this deadly peril, a factor should be noted which differentiates it from the inheritance of such other tendencies as those mentioned above. In the musical, sea-faring, thieving possibilities there is not the actual, material, physical effect brought about by the use of alcohol. Here is a definite **thing**; whose effects are as marked as if they were written down. How can anyone who has the well-being of the child, or of the nation, at heart, write or say anything to lessen the vigilance of the parent? That the sins of the fathers are still visited upon the children is a natural law which operates as it has ever done. By all means, let every effort be made to save the innocent victims, but let us

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

METHODS DEPARTMENT

August 12th: A successful School of Methods was held by the Auckland District W.C.T.U. There were two sessions, well attended by representatives of various Unions. Mrs. Kasper conducted the School.

At the Devotional period a paper from the World's Spiritual Superintendent, Mrs. Lee-Cowie, was read, and the members took part in repetition of favourite passages of Scripture and Sentence Prayers.

Mrs. J. Williams gave a study on Public Speaking, and five members gave speeches on "Why is Scientific Instruction in Schools a Necessity?" A talk on Parliamentary procedure was given by the Superintendent. At noon, the Noontide Hymn was sung, and after prayer came the Luncheon adjournment.

Re-assembling at 1 p.m., a hymn and prayer opened the session. A talk on Chairmanship, and studies of the following Departments were taken: Anti-gambling, Medical Scientific Temperance, Notable Days, Educational Bureau, and "How to fill in a Questionnaire" for the Five-fold Plan."

Mrs. J. Cook, Dominion Superintendent for the "World W.R. Bulletin" gave a talk on this department, gaining two new subscribers. A practice of choruses and prayer brought the school to a close.

A. KASPER,
Superintendent.

PEACE DEPARTMENT S.O.S.

The Dominion Superintendent of the Peace and Arbitration Department, Mrs. Mackie, 194 Rolleston Avenue, Linwood, Christchurch, is anxious to receive any reports of work done in this department as soon as possible. Please do not wait till the end of the year if you can report now.

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NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 10th August to 10th September, 1946.

Maungakarama, 5; Eden, 1; Inglewood, 1; Karori, 1; Bryndwr, 1; Linwood, 1; Reefton, 1; Christchurch, 7; Riccarton, 2; Winton, 3. Total, 23. Total number from 1st February to 10th September—143.

see to it that no words of ours shall lull the guilty parent into a false security.

The subject is too vast for full investigation here. Insanity, deformity, imbecility, and the tendency to disease tell the tale to all who will use their eyes and brains. God grant that the truth may be made plain for all to see.

—M.C.

President's Message



Dear Friends,—

At last we have in our newspapers some report of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic. Those who read such reports as were published during the sittings of the Commission are, perhaps, not very much surprised at the "Findings," but whether we are surprised, shocked, or disappointed, makes no difference to our attitude towards this evil thing, beverage alcohol.

However it may be sold, and however attractive the surroundings may be, it will still be a poison, creating its own appetite; and will still be striving to teach our boys and girls to drink. This Trade will still be willing to pay its shareholders big money gained by the loss of health, brainpower, honesty and purity of thought and action of the best of the Youth of this Dominion. Worse still is the fact that many people who profess themselves Christian, will still be willing to receive these dividends which are, in a very certain proportion, smeared with the blood and tears of those who have fallen victims to this poisonous thing, and of those who love them. The fight is on! We go forward with banners flying because we know that our cause is right and that in the right time God will give the victory; only through Him can victory come.

"Sow in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,
Broadcast it o'er the land."

Trust in the Lord and do right; in doing so we shall find no room for doubt and fear.

May God's blessing rest upon you very richly, giving you comfort and courage.

Yours friend,

C. E. KIRK.

POLL WORK IN THE UNIONS

It is good to know that so many Unions are working in different ways for the coming Poll. No effort is too great for us to put forth if we are to have any appreciable effect on the proposals made through the Royal Commission, and we are glad to make a special feature, giving details of the work being done. Ideas may thus be exchanged and a healthy spirit of emulation may be thus engendered. We commend the perusal of this to all Unions.

Thames has distributed literature and displayed posters and slogans. **Tauranga** has posted, delivered, and distributed leaflets at various functions. **Dannevirke** reports good work going on and the intention of getting some literature into every home in the town; and **Hastings** sent letters to all Church members, inviting them to attend a public meeting for the purpose of organising a branch of the N.Z. Alliance. This was a great success, the branch being formed and most energetic officers elected. Good progress is reported and literature is being used extensively, a house-to-house distribution being undertaken. The "American Issue" is to be sent to the business men of the town. Old copies of the "White Ribbon" are being sent to Mr. Tate for distribution among Maoris of the Bay of Plenty. **New Brighton** has spent £1 on poll literature, and **North Brighton** has distributed leaflets in the district and through the Sunday Schools and Life Brigades. **Linwood** reports wide distribution going on. **Woolston** has erected a "Temperance Board." **Waimate** Union organised a meeting for organising purposes, at which Mr. G. S. Gapper, the South Island representative of the Alliance, was the speaker. At the close of a stirring address it was agreed to form a Wai-

mate Committee for work with the Alliance. The W.C.T.U. would be glad to welcome any in connection with the committee who would be willing to work. Mr. George Dash was elected chairman.

Dear Friends,—

I am wondering how you are all progressing with your efforts for the coming Poll? Heartening news comes from the South and the North, where the larger Unions, having greater scope and more workers, are very busy. We of the smaller Unions are inclined to feel that there is very little for us to do, but even a little may accomplish a great deal! However small our Branch, we must remember that we belong to the great Tree—our Organisation in New Zealand—and that every branch which beareth a little fruit helps to make the harvest!

We can all distribute the fine leaflets obtainable at Headquarters—these accompanied by prayer, may be the means of influencing someone for our cause. Then there is the personal contact, and in our conversation why not talk about the coming Election and Poll, and the importance of registering the vote? You know perhaps, someone who is not interested even in voting, whom you may influence. There are, too, the young people who are voting for the first time. What an opportunity is ours, yours and mine? Individual work of this kind counts for much, so take your courage in both hands and with your Faith in God's guidance go forward. It is very important that we should register an outstanding vote this Poll; do not let us miss one.

With all good wishes,

Yours for Service,

RUBY M. UNDERHILL.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE WORLD CONVENTION

Housing and food are postwar 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 are greatly distressed at 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 5th to 10th, 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.

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 off 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 5th to 10th, 1947.

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

It is three years since the Government promised, shortly before the last General Election in September, 1943, to set up a Royal Commission on Licensing. Eighteen months ago the machine was set in motion. An enormous mass of evidence was collected from many sources and has now been collated, with the findings, in a document of something like 250,000 words.

A majority, consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Justice Smith, Mrs. B. F. Logie, Messrs. P. Malthus, E. M. Robinson and J. P. Ruth, have prepared their report with certain suggestions. Three other members make individual reports, in which criticisms of the majority report are freely made; and the remaining two members are in agreement on the point which is likely to stir up agitation in all quarters: that of State Control of the manufacture and sale of liquor.

The broad issues are: The recommendations made by the majority report of State purchase and control by a public corporation; the "staggering" of hours of sale so that bars will remain open in the evening from eight to ten, with a Saturday period of from noon to six p.m.; the sale of liquor in restaurants with meals of at least two courses, between noon and 2 p.m., and between 5.30 and 7 p.m.; and the issuing of a new type of license for clubs and tourist hotels; with a "distribution Commission" for the review of all licenses in all districts.

As the first suggestion, that of State Control, has been consistently rejected at poll after poll for something like twenty-five years, it is not likely that it will come to pass without a mighty battle. On all sides, it is likely to meet with opposition though for widely varying reasons.

The opening of bars for two hours in the evening is suggested as being a means of reducing the rush before the closing hour of six. Lurid descriptions are given of the scenes in bars near to closing time. Is it to be expected that opening from eight to ten will reduce the amount of drinking? One has vivid recollections of street scenes during the days before six o'clock closing. Perhaps drinking will be more "respectable" (lovely word!) than it was then. It is not likely, all the same.

Drinking in restaurants has been the subject of much comment during the last three years, as seen at Invercargill. One cannot recapitulate it here, but enough is known for it to be clear to all in our Union that it is dangerous in every way; and particularly to young people and women. If it should be universally adopted, a great increase in the number of drinkers would certainly follow, the herd instinct being what it is.

The widening of opportunity for drinking that would be allowed by the licensing of clubs is a matter for great concern.

At present, these are only suggestions. One newspaper remarks, quoting a licensee, that "After all, the Commission's report might go on the shelf for further consideration, and that no action might be taken for a couple of years—if then."

Certain helpful suggestions are contained in the report. Mr. Milner, commenting on these, says: "The Commission has done a useful piece of work upon which they are to be congratulated"; although premising that the Alliance by no means approves of all the suggestions; and very strongly disapproves of some of them.

One of the suggestions referred to is that of the extension of the period between polls to nine years, and the gaining of a 60% majority to be the condition of carrying Prohibition.

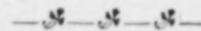
"On four occasions," says Mr. Milner, "Prohibition has had a majority over Continuance ranging from 20,000 to 50,000 votes, and it is felt and still hoped, that this unfair and undemocratic handicap should be removed rather than increased."

One very bright spot in the majority report is the freely acknowledged recognition of the need for Temperance education. In agreement with Dr. C. E. Beeby, Director of Education, the report states that the teaching of Temperance in the wider sense of

moderation in all things is an essential part of true education, and should begin in the cradle, though the inculcation of this **general attitude of temperance did not exclude the need for more specific teaching about temperance in relation to alcoholic liquor.**

A lengthy and comprehensive pronouncement is made on the question of general education of adults, Maoris and young people. The Training College is felt to be a place where attention should be given to the subject and all schools should be in line with the policy of preparing scholars for future life.

We are likely to hear a great deal more as the days go on. The ramifications of each section of the report are almost endless.



TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 1st-AUGUST 31st.

N. Z. Fund:

Auckland, £3/3/-; Invercargill Central, £2; Ashburton, £1; Brooklyn, £1; Waimate, £1; Hastings, £1/1/-; Miss M. A. C. Jackson, 10/-; Winton, 10/-; Mosgiel, 5/-; Tua Marina, 5/-; Niue Island mats, 5/-.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund:

North Brighton, £1/14/-; Hastings, £1; Winton, £1; Northland District, 4/-.

Organising Fund:

St. Albans, £2/9/6; Ashburton, £5; Tua Marina, £1/1/-; Waimate, £5/3/6; Mt. Albert, £2.

Maori Fund:

Balclutha, 4/-; Wanganui East, £1; Shirley-Richmond, 10/-; Winton, 5/-.

Franchise Day Collection (N.Z. Fund)

Levin, 9/-; Winton, 5/-.

World's Missionary Fund (Frances Willard Day):

Hawera, 10/-; Mosgiel, 10/-.

Publicity Fund:

Riccarton, £1/10/-.

Essays and Examination Funds:

Miss C. E. Jamieson, £7; Mrs. Grigg, £1; Mrs. Toomer, 10/-.

Free Literature Fund:

Tauranga, 3/-; Fencourt, 3/6; Pukehuia, 5/-.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

DOMINION RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. V. Underhill

Space and other considerations have militated against our publishing the little sketch we feel it is pleasant to have, of each of our newly-appointed Dominion Officers. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we are able to present our readers with the following little picture of Mrs. Underhill, of Blenheim, who became Recording Secretary at this year's Convention held at Christchurch. She is a daughter of the late Mr. P. G. Saul and Mrs. E. Saul, early residents of Blenheim.

A fine record of service in the Temperance cause was begun in Band of Hope work; first as a member who recited and sang at the meetings; and who learned something of the evils of the Liquor traffic as regards women and children; storing up a great fund of sympathy with the victims of the drink habit, and with those dependent on them in the home. As a Christian Endeavourer and Bible Class member, a gradual equipment for service was built up; and in Sunday School teaching, responsibility was fully assumed.

As a worker at Licensing Polls, and in other ways, Mrs. Underhill assisted in Temperance work long before joining the W.C.T.U. Twenty years ago, in the early days of her married life, she accepted the invitation of the then Secretary, and later President, to become a member of the Blenheim Union. With a characteristic touch of humour, she says: "I had no reasonable excuse for not doing so."

This negative attitude was soon altered when the Union, realising that their new member was one to be glad of, gave her the positions, in turn, of both recording and corresponding secretary; the District also electing her for the same offices. As President of the Springlands Union she does great service, having held this office for several years. Her energy and ability, used so enthusiastically in our cause, had the natural result when, this year, she was unanimously elected to the position she now holds for the Dominion Union. Her clerical experience has been continued all through her married life, and technically she is admirably equipped for the calls she will need to answer.

A personality so happy, pleasing in every way, and so fitted to the task ahead, gives us full confidence in Mrs. Underhill's successful handling of the work so long and ably carried out by Miss Kirk, now our Dominion President.

In the many types of work done by her, including that of the Church to which she belongs, where she was a choir member, the local B.M.S., and the service she has given as a member of the school committee, of which she was secretary for four years, that of the W.C.T.U. has held first place.

Mrs. T. E. Taylor, in 1928, as Dominion President at the Napier Convention, gave great inspiration to Mrs. Underhill, and she speaks with great

TALKS, ADDRESSES AND READINGS

It is interesting to note the variety of subjects spoken upon; and the many speakers who address our monthly meetings. Many valuable contacts are made by keeping a good "look-out" for people who will speak on matters of which they have special knowledge. Sometimes they may be in our towns for only a few days, but will gladly speak for us if invited. Interest and variety are added to our meetings by this means. We are always glad to hear someone "new," however glad we may also be to hear our own old friends.

During the past month, some of the reporters state, there have been many good contributions to our meetings in this way. At South Invercargill, the **Rev. R. Thornby** gave a very interesting résumé of the life of our founder, Frances Willard. At the Winton meeting, **Mrs. Duncan**, a missionary from China, spoke on her work, telling of many instances of answered prayer.

At the Papanui meeting, **Mrs. Riseley**, of the Salvation Army, spoke on "Women to Remember," and told of the position of clergymen's wives from the Middle Ages to the present time, with special reference to Mrs. Wesley, Mrs. Tait, and Mrs. Booth. Mary of Bethany and Lot's wife were also named as referred to by Our Lord.

At the Lower Hutt meeting, the **Rev. Mr. Clement** gave a Temperance talk, referring to Air Force instances. One boy drank because another did, but no one who was "going up" drank at all that night. He said that if lemonade instead of beer had been provided, they would have been quite satisfied.

Mrs. Ogg, at the Wanganui meeting, read an account of the growth of prohibition in the U.S.A. since Repeal in 1933.

An outstanding address was given by **Mrs. Stephenson Craig** at the Hamilton, and later, the Cambridge meeting, on the very important subject of Gambling. She attacked convincingly every form of this evil thing, urging upon members the necessity of refraining from it, and also to "fight the good fight" in this, another place where a stumbling-block caused the weaker brothers and sisters to offend. The essence of her contention was that "if money were not a gift, it should be worked for." The spirit of getting something for nothing was demoralising in the extreme. The buying of raffle tickets by Church members was spoken of, and the custom was shown to be dangerous. The W.C.T.U. stood for the abolition of this great evil as well as that of the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Miller, at the Takapuna Union meeting, told of the horrors of the London blitz, which she saw, the story

appreciation of other Conventions she has been able to attend.

Our prayers and affectionate good wishes for her in the arduous task she has accepted, are sincere and earnest.

—THE EDITOR.

being very sad, but interesting. This Union is sending parcels to British Unions. A very interesting address was given by **Mrs. Williams**, L.W.R. Superintendent for the District, on her work, and "The Baby."

The Devotional talk given at the **Auckland Union** meeting was on the words, "Be not afraid of the mighty forces of evil against us. The battle is God's. Fight on in faith, trust in Him, keeping your eyes on the Lord." At the same meeting, **Ensign Newton** spoke very interestingly on a visit she and a sister Commandant paid to the East before the war. They had a wonderful time visiting many fine cities which have since been bombed, including Shanghai, Peking, Tokio and others. The Commandant, who had spent many years previously in China as a Salvation Army officer had the joy of meeting many who had been led to Christ through her influence.

At two successive meetings **Onehunga** had outstanding addresses. At the "Pay-up" Social on August 8th Mr. Pace spoke on the question of whether the Bible supports total abstinence, pointing out that alcohol has its uses, and is wonderful in commerce. New light is continually being thrown on the Bible, and discoveries provoking fresh thought are made each day. It is now known that wines in Bible times were diluted with twenty or thirty times the amount of water. Mr. Pace reminded listeners that most of the Palestine wine was pure grape juice put into bottles, and olive oil poured on the top to prevent fermentation.

On August 22nd, at a combined meeting of all the Onehunga Ladies' Guilds, the **Rev. C. Leadley** answered the question, "Why do we fight the liquor traffic?" giving four answers. 1. It is a moral evil. 2. It is a poison. 3. It masquerades as a medicine and is really a habit-forming drug. 4. It is a destroyer, and for financial gain. Continuing, the speaker said, "Who would say the British were wrong when they prohibited the Juggernaut procession? Yet the people of India had permitted it." The need for prayer was emphasised, and the truth reiterated that with God on our side, success must finally crown our efforts.

At the **Oamaru** meeting this month the **Rev. Mr. Stewart** gave a most challenging address, showing the downfall of nations and empires through drink and kindred evils. We need to take stock in New Zealand, where the drink bill has risen to £213,000,000.

The **Rev. Mr. Hoffman**, of Feilding, was speaker at the **Palmerston North** September meeting. Personality, he felt to be the greatest thing in the world, and it was marred by drink. It is a duty to avoid it for ourselves, for we are enjoined to "present our bodies, a living sacrifice," and also for others, for we must "do nothing to cause our brother to offend." Home life, the foundation of the nation, should be preserved at all costs. It is a woman's concern to maintain the sanctity of the home, and this could be achieved through faith and prayer.

Great Evangelists and Temperance

By VICTORIA GRIGG, M.A.

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JOHN WESLEY

We would all do well to follow the valuable advice given to John Wesley by his mother in a letter she wrote to him in June, 1735. "Take this rule: **whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself. And so on the contrary.**" The great evangelist owed much to the instruction in spiritual matters which he received as a child from his mother.

John Wesley was not only a total abstainer himself, was also a prohibitionist. By the "General Rules" framed by his brother Charles and himself in 1743, the members of the society of Methodists were required to "abstain from drunkenness, buying and selling spirituous liquors or drinking them unless in cases of extreme necessity"; and the first rules for the organisation within the Church, known as "Band Societies," directed the members "to taste no spirituous liquors, no dram of any kind unless prescribed by a physician." Wesley's travels through the British Isles gave him the opportunity of first-hand observation of the evils of drink and made him very definite in his condemnation. In looking through his Journal, I found two interesting extracts which are worth quoting. The first was written on Tuesday, April 19th, 1743.

"While I was speaking, a gentleman rode up very drunk, and after many unseemly and bitter words, laboured much to ride over some of the people. I was surprised to hear that he was a neighbouring clergyman. And this, too, is a man zealous for the Church. Ah, poor Church, if it stood in need of such defenders."

The second extract shows the power of the Holy Spirit through Wesley's preaching, used to convert a drunkard. It was written on Thursday, April 11th, 1751.

"The barber who shaved me said: 'Sir, I praise God on your behalf. When you were at Bolton last, I was one of the most eminent drunkards in all the town. But I came to listen at the window, and God struck me to the heart. I then earnestly prayed for power against drinking and God gave me more than I asked. He took away the very desire for it. Yet I felt myself worse and worse, till on the 5th of April last I could hold out no longer. I knew I must drop into hell that moment unless God appeared to save me; and He did appear. I knew He loved me, and felt sweet peace. Yet I did not dare to say I had faith till yesterday was twelve-month.



God gave me faith and His love has ever since filled my heart."

In 1773, corn was very expensive in England, and Wesley attributed this to the immense amount used in distilling. He estimated that **nearly half the wheat produced by Britain was, as he said, "consumed not by so harmless a way as throwing of it into the sea, but by converting it into a deadly poison: poison that naturally destroys not only the strength and life, but also the morals of our countrymen."**

We pride ourselves on our progress as a people, but it seems that in these matters we cannot, and will not, learn any lessons from the past. To-day the position as regards food is truly desperate for millions of people, yet we go on in the same old way, turning God's wholesome grain into poisonous liquor. As I pen these words, I have before me to-day's newspaper, which states that according to an article in the Medical Journal of Australia, "Australia is second in the list of countries as far as convictions for drunkenness are concerned." Australian police claim that drink causes 80% of the offences they are called upon to investigate. We know how tremendous is our drink bill in New Zealand. God has given our people many opportunities of saying "We refuse to have drink sold here any longer," and the majority of the people answer, "We

want to keep drink for our pleasure, with all its attendant evils." May God help our country and nation in their blindness and selfishness.

In a "Sermon on the Use of Money," John Wesley was very forthright when he said: "Neither may we gain by hurting our neighbour in his body. Therefore we may not sell anything which tends to impair health. Such is evidently all the liquid fire commonly called drams, or spirituous liquors. It is true these may have a place in medicine, they may be of some use in bodily disorders, although there would rarely be occasion for them, were it not for the unskillfulness of the practitioner. Therefore, such as prepare and sell them only for this end may keep their conscience clear. But who are they? Who prepare them for this end? Do you know ten such distillers in England? Then excuse these. But all who sell them in the common way to any that will buy, are poisoners general. They murder His Majesty's subjects wholesale, neither does their eye pity or spare. They drive them to hell like sheep. And what is their gain? Is it not the blood of these men? Who then would envy them their large estates and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them; the curse of God cleaves to the stones, the timber, the furniture of

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SPECIAL REPORTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Northland District Convention was held at Dargaville in the Presbyterian Sunday School Room on August 25th. There were delegates from Whangarei, Maungakarama, Pukehuia, Te Kopuru and Maungaturoto. Mrs. Roberts, District President, presided over the three sessions, and with Mrs. Green, the Dargaville President, welcomed the delegates.

Mrs. Roberts took Devotions, and gave a heart-searching address on the "Talents." A resolution was passed urging Parliament to include Temperance teaching in schools; also asking that a copy of the law which prohibits boys and girls from selling raffle tickets be brought to the attention of the teachers. Complaint was made at the alleged distribution of raisins and sultanas to wine makers, while home-makers are kept in short supply. A strong protest was made against the continued rationing of sugar while so much is being wasted on alcoholic drink manufacture. These were all sent to the Dominion Superintendent of Legal and Parliamentary affairs.

Mrs. Roberts was again elected as District President and much appreciation was expressed for her sixteen years of work in this position.

Dargaville Union provided luncheon for the delegates, and Te Kopuru served afternoon tea. The Union reports were very encouraging, great interest being shown in our work. Mrs. Knightbridge sang a solo, and Mr. Pace, representing the N.Z. Alliance, gave some very interesting facts about Invercargill and America.

An evening meeting was well attended, the young people from Te Kopuru giving some pleasing items. The Mayor presided. The Ministers of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Salvation Army Churches attended, this being much appreciated. Mr. Pace was the guest speaker. He told of attending the sittings of the Royal Commission and spoke with authority on Temperance affairs. Questions asked at the close were answered by the speaker.

TEMPERANCE YOUTH RALLY TAURANGA

Temperance Sunday

On a day of torrential rain which never once ceased, quite a good afternoon Rally was held in the Tauranga Methodist Church on Sunday, September 1st, Temperance Sunday. The Rev. A. A. Bensley conducted the service, Mrs. Christian introducing the speaker, Mrs. Thompson, of Opotiki. In inspiring words, Mrs. Thompson told of work done in her own district, urging the claims of Temperance as a Christian duty on each person present. Her racy, happy manner secured her a most attentive hearing and the success of her appeal was evident when seventeen young people came forward to sign the Pledge at the close of the address. All then adjourned to tea

which was laid in the Hall, members of the Union having prepared this. After a bounteous repast, Mr. Archer, of the Sunday School Union, showed the splendid film, "It's the Brain that Counts," the guests sitting at the tables. "A Family Affair" was also shown. Other good "shorts" occupied the time till almost service time.

At the evening service, a very fine Temperance sermon was preached by Mr. Bensley, Mr. Archer reading the lessons. At the close of the service, the "still," "Beneficent Reprobate" was shown. Literature was distributed.

Had the weather been kinder, the attendance would have been very much larger, but the day's results were so well worth while that all were very glad that the effort had been made. Generous donations more than covered the fairly heavy expenses involved.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Blenheim

The Blenheim Monthly Day of Prayer was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Friday, August 30th. Sessions were conducted by the following ladies: Mesdames Bythell, Pickford, Kears and Crow. Special prayers on behalf of converts made during the recent Lionel Fletcher Mission, also Thanksgiving for blessings received and strength renewed by Christians who attended the meetings, and for those who rededicated their lives. Prayers for the Rev. and Mrs. L. Fletcher. Several requests for prayer were received, and answers to prayer were recounted. Testimonies to the power of the Holy Spirit's work in individual lives were given. Helpful messages were given by the leaders, Mrs. Bythell's address being outstanding. Hymns suitable for the subjects were chosen by the leaders. Mrs. A. E. Blick sang a solo very feelingly in the afternoon. Mrs. Leslie was organist.

NORTH BRIGHTON

North Brighton has held a special afternoon which was very interesting. At the close of the business session on August 20th, a "Bring and Buy" was held. A wonderful display of work was on show, including fancy work, rugs, pictures and knitting. Pauline Daniels sang solos; and a very happy time was spent by all present, several visitors being among the number. Three of the very active members, Mesdames McIlwraith, Goldman and Compton were unable to attend because of sickness, and letters of sympathy were sent. The "grand little lady" of the Union, Mrs. Felton, the oldest member, passed away recently at the age of eighty-four, and Mrs. Aston, another member, had lost her husband very suddenly. Wreaths and letters were sent from the Union.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Remuera, August 26th, by Mrs. Laird. "The word 'toxic' always

implies poison, so a man who is intoxicated is poisoned. Scientists tell us that alcohol, which is the product of fermentation, is a deadly poison. Our Saviour came to give health and life and liberty, so we know He did not make the drink of death at Cana."

Given at Kohi-St. Heliers, August 15th: "Alcohol paralyses the nerves which control the heart, and allows it to beat too rapidly, thus becoming weakened and overworked."—Dr. W. A. Chapple.

Given at Takapuna by Mrs. Roper: "One of the first questions asked by doctors for insurance companies is, 'Are you a teetotaler?'"

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. GEORGE DASH (Waimate)

It is with deep sympathy that we record the passing of Mrs. George Dash, wife of a valued friend of our cause, which occurred on August 15th at Waimate after a long and painful illness. The very large number at the funeral bore testimony to the high esteem in which she was held in the town, which was her birthplace and the scene of her many activities. The flag over the Borough Council Offices was flown at half-mast, and the basketball tournament planned for the day was cancelled.

Mrs. Dash was in every sense a help-meet to her husband during the 45 years of their happy married life. As Mayoress for eighteen of those years, she ably fulfilled the many duties involved. In many women's organisations she took a leading part, the W.D.F.U., W.L. Girl Guides, Waimate Benevolent Society, Plunket Society all claiming her services. It is a matter of very great interest to find in a 1904 issue of the "White Ribbon" that Mrs. Dash had been elected secretary of the Waimate local Union of the W.C.T.U. Many references are to be found in succeeding numbers to her work in connection with the Union. All Temperance work was keenly supported by her and her husband.

The last two years of her position as mayoress were served during the second World War, and she gave of her best in the work that had to be done. The Lady Galway Guild made great use of her experience as an expert needlewoman, and even in failing health she carried on. The Red Cross also saw much of her work. The first World War had still two years to run when Mr. Dash became mayor for the first time, and Mrs. Dash had a strenuous time then.

Her home was always known for its generous hospitality, and many were those who shared it. From many lands and of many creeds, men and women from all parts of the Empire were entertained, and from all parts of New Zealand friends were wont to share in the same kindly, warm welcome always extended.

The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. O. Burnet, of the Methodist Church.

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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Auckland, September 2: Mrs. Mountjoy District President, in the chair. Good attendance. Miss A. M. McLay led Devotions. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Anstice. National Council of Women and Maori Girls' Hostel reports given by Mesdames Mountjoy and Long respectively. Letter from Mrs. Ella Boole giving particulars of World Convention read. Successful Jumble Sale held in August. All arrangements for Annual District Convention finalised. Miss Cook reported the loss to Grey Lynn of two members called to Higher Service during the month. Remits for Convention discussed.

Wellington District: The Wellington District Executive was held on August 28th at Johnsonville Presbyterian Church Hall. Representative gathering although the weather was stormy. Devotions led by Miss Kirk. Psalm 10 read. She spoke on the apathy that can creep into unions by failing to attend. Likened meetings to an army. Generals could do nothing without their men. Officers of our Unions need support of every member. Before absenting ourselves, be sure it is a reason we could give to God. Roll call answered by a text condemnatory to the Liquor Traffic. Wellington Education Board considering Temperance education in upper classes. Cheered by the forward move at Masterton, who have collected sum of £94 for Fighting Fund to be used during coming Election. Sounds as though they intend keeping their district DRY! Great preparations are afoot, too, for District Convention to be held there in October. Glad to report through the fine work of Mrs. Reed, our District Secretary, that Petone has revived. May the Union grow rapidly. Interested to learn that an address is to be given on the 5th September at St. Andrew's Church by the Rev. Mr. Burley, topic being "The Challenge of the Drink Traffic to the Churches." Discussions on N.C.W. remits. Literature being widely used by Wellington Central Union. Each delegate at meeting took away a good supply. Gave preliminary thought to Headquarters and postal voting for Annual Convention. Thanks to entertaining Union for hospitality. Luther's Hymn and Crusade Psalm brought an interesting Executive to a close.

Marlborough, 16th August: The quarterly District Executive meeting was held in Wesley Class Room. Ten members were present and Mrs. V. Underhill was in the chair and conducted the opening Devotions. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. J. Millen and family of Picton, and Mrs. Reuben Watson and family, late of Renwicktown, in the loss of husband and father. Sympathy also expressed to Mrs. Leslie in the loss of her father. Letters of cheer sent to Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. F. C. Wilson. It was decided to hold the District Convention on the 24th September in the Methodist Hall, and to invite Mrs. Mackie, of Christchurch, to be the guest speaker. Noontide was observed in the usual way, Mrs. Robinson taking the Prayer. It was resolved to make application to the Marlborough Agricultural and Pastoral Association for permission to conduct a Sales Stall at the Show, and arrangements in connection with same were made. The President reported on some of the business conducted at the Dominion Officers' meeting, and various phases of the work were fully discussed. The meeting continued after an adjournment for lunch and terminated at 2.30 p.m. in the usual way.

South Canterbury: May meeting held at the Sailors' Rest, Timaru. Mrs. Densen, the new President, was welcomed, and also Miss Pearl Tooley, our new Secretary. The attendance was good. Mrs. Densen led Devotions. Nine copies of the "American Letter" were received from Mrs. Grigg. It was agreed to send some to the Ministers' Associations and local unions. Word received from North Canterbury re the Convention, asking if dates were suitable. Report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Miller (Tinwald). August 13th: Only a fair attendance owing to sickness. Mrs. Densen presided and led Devotions. A letter of sympathy to be sent to Miss Fyfe in the death of her sister, Miss E. Andrews, Educational Officer, to be asked to visit the District. Decided not to send a delegate to the Alliance Conference.

Ashburton reported interesting meeting when Mrs. Woodward (Sailors' Rest) and Miss Stephens travelled there and gave a talk on the work of the "Rest." It was left in the hands of the President to appoint a delegate to Convention. Timaru reported that they hoped to hire a Temperance film in the near future.

UNION REPORTS

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Mount Eden invited Women's organisations of four Churches to their meeting on September 3rd. Two solos by Mrs. Lauder, and very fine address by Mr. A. T. Dow, N.Z. Alliance organiser, on "The Franchise and its Responsibilities." Miss A. M. McLay presided. Collection 13/7.

Kohi-St. Heliers met August 15th at Mrs. Kasper's home, Mrs. Farr taking Devotions.

Remuera, August 26th: Decided to give £3 towards Dominion Convention expenses, and £1 for the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Kasper presided and Mrs. Laird gave the Temperance Fact. "International Day" observed. A reading, "Taxation and the Liquor Laws in America" given.

A good attendance is recorded for **Otahuhu's** meeting held August 15th, when the business connected with Poll work, the appointing of representatives for work with the Alliance, and Dominion Convention was discussed. Mrs. Ward presided.

Ponsonby met on August 15th, Mrs. Joiner presiding, and Mrs. Osborn leading Devotions. Mrs. McKenzie, from Spreydon Union, gave greetings, urging members to "keep the banner flying," and thanked the President for the opportunity of speaking. Convention arrangements made. Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. Discussion on Drink problem in our midst.

Takapuna had only a fair attendance at the August meeting. Mrs. Winston presided in place of Mrs. Morgan-Richards, who was ill. Devotions, Miss Cullen. One new member. At the September meeting, the President was in the chair, Miss Cullen again leading Devotions. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Roper. Collection for Food parcel for Britain at each meeting.

Auckland Union met September 10th, Mrs. Long presiding, and welcoming the Guest speaker, Ensign Newton, whose address is reported elsewhere.

Onehunga did their usual routine business at the "Pay-up Social" on August 8th. Beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. Day; and on August 22nd, held a combined evening meeting, inviting all women's organisations. Solos were sung by Mesdames Day and Clark, and Miss Fisher, Mrs. Hatton contributing recitations. (Addresses reported elsewhere.)

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Hamilton meeting was held on the first Thursday. Attendance good. Mrs. Gatman presiding. Temperance Fact and Pledge taken. Mrs. Bradley appointed delegate for District Convention. Report on new "Y" branch given by President. Six Maori girls had signed the Pledge. See "Special Reports."

Tauranga met September 3rd. Good attendance. Band of Hope, Youth Rally, Women's Representative Committee, and formation of N.C.W. all reported on. Guest speaker, Mrs. Thompson, Opotiki. Decided December "Bring and Buy" for "Caravan Fund." Mesdames York and Bulmer Convention delegates.

Cambridge meeting well attended by members and friends on August 22nd. A Social Hour followed the usual routine of business and the address. Mrs. Stan Hall, pianist, Mrs. C. Mackenzie, vocalist with her own harp accompaniments, and Mrs. Farr, vocalist and steel guitar soloist, contributed items. Mrs. Kemsley elected delegate to District Convention. Guest speaker, Mrs. Stephenson Craig.

Thames meeting held September 4th, was very successful Cradle Roll afternoon, attended by seventy mothers and children. Songs and recitations by girls and boys and an address by Lieut. Hodge of the Salvation Army, made a fine afternoon's entertainment, completed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Several abstinence pledges signed.

Te Awamutu held their annual meeting August 15th, previous officers all being re-elected. Convention arrangements well in hand.

Fencourt's September meeting was presided over by Miss P. Rickard in the absence of the

President, Miss R. Clark leading Devotions which were concluded with a moment's silent prayer. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Fiesst. Interesting discussion on the report of the Royal Commission. Solo by Miss O. Clark. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth reports a good business meeting, for August, Mrs. Brown presiding and Mrs. Wells giving the Temperance Fact. Reports on Executive meeting and Alliance meeting given. Thanks expressed to Miss Appleby for her visits to New Plymouth and other District Unions. Seamen's Rest Mart arranged.

At the **Hawera** meeting on August 7th, Mrs. Thayer, President, took the chair and led Devotions. Several Temperance Facts given, and a report on the District Executive meeting given by the delegates. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Mrs. Duxfield presided at the September meeting. Mrs. Gill leading Devotions. Mrs. Goodey was tea hostess, and Mrs. Mercer had charge of the "Bring and Buy." Feeling reference made to the death of Mrs. Grinstead, who was always a reliable, active worker. Decided to send £2 to Headquarters Fund and the same to N.Z. Fund; to Frances Willard Day Fund, 10/-, other allocations being made also. Report on Executive meeting. Regular meetings of Alliance announced for 3rd Monday evenings. Mrs. Duxfield announced that she would not be able to stand for presidency of local union again. Mrs. Mercer urged that each member pledge herself to win another total abstainer each year.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

At the September meeting of **Palmerston North** Mrs. Shearman led Devotions. Reported that two parcels had been sent to British Unions during the month and soaps, jelly packets, sea-meal, custard powder, etc. asked for, for next meeting.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings July meeting well attended. Mrs. Hickmott presided and Mrs. Thorp led Devotions. Scientific Fact given by Mrs. Murtagh. Pledge re-affirmed. Article on "Memorial Day" read by President. The August meeting was also well attended. Miss Jackson of Masterton welcomed and brought greetings. Devotions led by President, who referred to Misses Powell and Lang. Mrs. H. E. Grainger reported on Alliance annual meeting at which she had attended as delegate from the Union. Pledge re-affirmed. Guest speaker, Rev. G. R. Harris. Tea hostess, Mrs. Warren and helpers.

Dannevirke has kept Memorial Day, "W.R." Day, Mothers' Day, and Frances Willard Day. The banner won last year is prominently displayed at meetings. Two new members gained, and five new subscribers to the "W.R." Band of Hope is well attended. Cradle Roll has been successfully inaugurated. Mrs. Toomers' Newsletter much appreciated. Good work going on for the Poll. Visit paid to the Salvation Army for a Temperance Day. Mrs. McLean told her Life Story. Miss Thompson welcomed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Lower Hutt's meeting for August 28th was presided over by Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Swift led Devotions. Guest speaker was the Rev. Mr. Clement. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Buck and Bayley.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson held its Annual "Pay-up" Social on August 13th. In Mrs. Toomer's absence, Miss Cooke presided. Devotions led by the Rev. Mr. Shapcott. Reports given on Mental Hospital visit (Mrs. Neal), and members were asked to do all possible to make known the desperate need of more Staff, and on the supplying of free refreshments for the men of the "White-sand Bay" during its short visit to Nelson (Mrs. C. J. Kidson). Cradle Roll cards distributed among members, who were asked to try to enrol as many as possible. Mrs. V. Rowe gave two recitations; Executive members served tea. "Caravan Fund" donation of £1/1/- agreed upon.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands met August 20th at the home of Mrs. Gascoigne. Devotions led by Mrs. Leslie. Greetings sent to Mrs. J. W. Doggett, sick in hospital. Good response to Roll Call in variety of verses. Mrs. J. Fyles appointed

delegate to District Convention. Paper by Mrs. Lee-Cowie on the "Wines of the Scriptures," read by President. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Gascoigne.

Blenheim had a good attendance at their September meeting. Devotions led by Mrs. Adjutant Kears, and readings were given by Mrs. Milgrew. Report on "O. and G." meeting given by the convener, Mrs. Gilling. Franchise Day observed with readings from "W.R." Letter of sympathy to sick member, Mrs. Looms.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch met August 14th, Miss Henderson presiding. Members gave Temperance Facts from magazines, and extracts were read by President.

Linwood August meeting was poorly attended on very wet day, Mrs. Mackie presiding. An appeal made on behalf of the "Friends of St. Helen's," and for helpers in Street Collection for the purchase of a home at Sumner as a holiday home for mental patients; this to be called "The Hilda Barrell Rest Cottage."

Papanui meeting, August 21st, had a good attendance presided over by Mrs. Tillman. Devotions, Mrs. Elliott. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Pledge and Roll Call. Report on Mental Hospital visiting, Mrs. Hawker. Solo by Mrs. G. Taylor.

Spreydon had fair attendance, August 13th. Mrs. Foster, Treasurer, and a valued young member, who is leaving the district, was presented with a coat spray and a bow of silver. Street collection volunteered for on Orphanage Day. Reports on visiting of sick members and Mental Hospital given. Prizes to be offered for Temperance Essays in schools of the district, and posters in schools to be replaced. One new member initiated.

Reefton met August 13th, Mrs. Thompson presiding. Report of N.C.W. given. Short helpful talk on "Team Work," by President. One new "W.R." subscriber.

Woolston, August 15th, had a good attendance, Mrs. Pedler, Vice-President, in the chair. Mrs. Tomlinson led Devotions. Three new members on transfer welcomed. Temperance Fact given. A Temperance Board erected. Major Watkins gave a solo to her own guitar accompaniment. "Bring and Buy."

New Brighton met September 5th. Mrs. Edmond presided and gave Temperance Fact. Mrs. Goodland led Devotions. Pledge. All stood in sympathy with bereaved members. Mrs. Mackie thanked for interesting paper given on Franchise Day.

Sydenham had a Social Afternoon on September 5th, Mrs. J. Filer presiding. Eighteen members, one visitor and members of Church Guilds present. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Items contributed by Mrs. Gee (elocutionary) and Mesdames Webb and Drewett (vocal solos). Competition conducted by Mrs. Weatherhead. Community singing of favourite hymns.

At **North Brighton's** meeting on July 6th, Roll Call was answered with Scripture verse. Memorial Day observed with suitable hymns and talk by Mrs. Noonan, President, on "Pioneers of the Union." Reports of Executive Prayer meeting, and Mental Hospital visiting were given. At the August meeting there were 16 adults and three children present for a "special" afternoon.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru Union met August 25th, Mrs. Densem presiding and Mrs. Prattley leading Devotions. Mrs. Ross, a valuable member for many years, was farewelled, members speaking in most eulogistic terms. Letters of sympathy sent to Miss Fyfe, and Mrs. Cave, in her indisposition. Reports were given on the Alliance annual meeting by Mrs. Howe, and visits paid to Ashburton and Rosewell Institute on behalf of the Seamen's Rest. Generous donations for the "Rest" were received at both meetings. Visit to Highfield P.W.M.U. planned for October.

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin, August 22nd, was presided over by Mrs. Rippin. Mrs. Smith led Devotions. £4/17/- reported as result of July sale. A remit for District Convention protesting against the continued rationing of grain and sugar while so much is being wasted in brewing. Tea hostess, Miss Fanny Bruce.

Kaikorai met August 27th. Mrs. Orr led Devotions and gave a helpful talk. Roll Call answered by Scripture texts beginning with "R."

Lawrence met September 5th, Miss Ferguson presiding. Sickness among members caused

small attendance. Motion of sympathy to President in double bereavement.

Mrs. Winn presided at the September meeting at **Oamaru**, and led Devotions. Delegations from other Women's organisations were welcomed. After an address by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, for which thanks were accorded, a musical programme was enjoyed, and supper was served.

Port Chalmers, August 21st: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Edwards. 12 members present. Devotions led by Mrs. Taylor. After minutes had been read, correspondence and business was dealt with. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Donaldson, Otago President, who initiated two members, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Williamson, after which Mrs. Donaldson addressed the meeting. Mrs. Taylor extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Donaldson and the meeting closed with the Benediction by Rev. Chambers. Afternoon tea.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

South Invercargill held their meeting August 13th, Mrs. Holmes presiding and Mrs. Richards leading Devotions. Guest speaker, Rev. R. Thornby. Prayer by Mrs. Rowlands closed the meeting.

Winton held their meeting on August 20th. Social Evening to raise funds decided upon. Letters of appreciation for pieces of birthday cake sent from birthday party. Guest speaker, Mrs. Duncan.

UNION LETTER-WRITING

In many of our monthly reports we hear that special letters have been written as from the Union. What a kind, sisterly custom this is. How far-reaching it is in its consequences would be very hard to compute.

When sickness, bereavement, or other trouble has come to a member, it is a great comfort to know that she has been remembered in our prayers and thoughts at our meeting, and, equally, when some very pleasant thing has happened, a delightful feeling of "belonging" is caused by a note of congratulation. More is done by this simple means than appears on the surface, and we are making a special feature of the reports sent in, giving details of such friendly interest in each other as is shown in this way.

Wanganui Union sent letters of sympathy to the relatives of their much-loved member, Mrs. Grinstead, whose passing they mourn, and also to those of Mrs. Grigg of Aramoho, and Miss Mary Jones, of Wanganui East.

Palmerston North sent a letter of cheer to Mrs. McIvor, a member who was suffering from eye trouble, and a letter of thanks to Mrs. Edwards, of National Park, for her valuable help in distributing parcels of clothing to needy Maoris of the district.

Ponsonby made a point of writing to sick members.

Kohi-St. Heliers sent flowers and a letter of sympathy to Mrs. C. Phillips, who is in hospital.

That many other unions have carried out this kindly duty is certain. We hope to hear from them about it.

DONATIONS TO WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND

We acknowledge with many thanks the following donations:—

Auckland, 10/-; Mosgiel, 5/-; Mrs. Prattley, 10/-; Lower Hutt, 10/-; Mt. Albert, 5/-; Oxford, 17/-; Dunedin, £1; Winton, 5/-; Whangarei, 10/-. Total, £3/12/-. Total donations, £30/15/6.

COMING DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Auckland is, of course, preparing for Dominion Convention, almost all unions reporting special activities for the raising of necessary funds. For the District Convention, **Onehunga**, **Takapuna** and **Auckland** Unions elected their delegates at their last meetings. **Auckland** also nominated district officers.

In the **South Auckland** district, delegates to the Te Awamutu convention (September 19th) elected at last meetings were: **Tauranga**, Mesdames York and Maunder; **Cambridge**, Mrs. Kemsley; and **Thames**, Mrs. Paul.

Marlborough Convention is to be held at Blenheim, and the local union elected Mrs. Tarrant as their delegate.

North and South Canterbury have their Convention in Christchurch, joining forces for the occasion. At recent meetings, **Spreydon** elected Miss Olds, and **Timaru**, Mrs. Howe, to represent them, **Sydenham** and **New Brighton** also electing delegates. To assist District funds, **New Brighton** took up a special collection, and **Christchurch** donated £2. District officers were nominated by **Sydenham**.

Wanganui East will be the hostess Union for the **Wanganui** Convention, which is to be held in the Baptist Church.

Otago delegates elected are Mesdames Madigan, Dow, Graham and McCarty from **Dunedin South**; Mrs. McDonald and Miss Dobson from **Kaikorai**. Nominations of Mrs. Rippin (President), and Miss Gibbs (Treasurer) were made by **Dunedin South**. **Lawrence** read and adopted their annual report for presentation at Convention, and dealt with other related business. This Convention will be held at **Port Chalmers**.

Wellington Convention is fixed for October 24th, and is to be held at **Masterston**. The Dominion President, Miss Kirk, is expected to spend some time in the **Wairarapa** district visiting local unions.

JOHN WESLEY—from Page 6.

them. The curse of God is in their gardens, their walks, their groves; a fire that burns to the nethermost hell."

Here was the Church speaking in no uncertain voice. John Wesley did not mince matters in dealing with evil. How many souls lived to bless his name! How many drunkards, like the barber of Bolton, broke off the chains of drink. He did for the Temperance cause of England what Dr. Lyman Beecher did for that of America. We thank God for his life and work—one of God's great blessings to Britain. May it inspire others to take up the work he relinquished.

What would he say if he knew that in Britain two thousand tons of barley are used daily for making beer, and that this could provide a full barley bread ration for seven million people a day?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell, C.4; Vice-Pres., Mrs. F. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd., Onehunga; Cor. Sec., Miss A. McLay, 5A Oaklands Rd., Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Rd., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Frassing, 1 Campbell Rd., Takapuna, N.2.

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 Cumbræ Place.

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

AUCKLAND, 2nd Tuesday, at Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St., at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 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. Tyler; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas., Mrs. Peters; Cradle Roll, Miss Edwards; Devotions, Mrs. Every; W.R. Miss Bairstow.

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, "Bridge View," Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; W.R., Mrs. Noble; C.R., Miss Edmed.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott, 45 Swinburn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Paviour-Smith and Collins; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 27 Swinburn St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Jones; W.R., Mrs. Paviour-Smith.

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

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

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

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, from March to November, Walter's Rd. Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. V. A. Read, 355 Dominion Rd.; Sec., Mrs. G. G. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd., S.2; Treas., Mrs. L. Powley, 3 Shorwell St., Mt. Albert, S.W.1.

FENCOURT, 1st Thursday, in Sunday School Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Clark, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. Holdaway, C/o Hautatu Factory, Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R., Miss E. Turner; C.R., Mrs. A. Wiseman.

FEILDING, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Spence, Grey St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stewart and Tremaine; Sec., Mrs. Whisker, Kawa-Kawa Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Kenavan, Grey St.; C.R., Mrs. Hesketh, Grey St.; W.R., Miss Watt, 17 Grey St.; Devotional, Mrs. Kendall; Press Reporter, Mrs. Tremaine; Pianiste, Mrs. Cummin.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Road; Treas., Mrs. Coles, 3 Mangapapa Road; C.R., Mrs. Stockman; W.R., Mrs. Mackintosh, 1 Salisbury Road.

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

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

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London St.; Pres., Mrs. Gatman, Firth St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Stephenson Craig; Sec., Mrs. Burt, 3 Hardley St.; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Davey, 53 London St.; W.R., Mrs. Bradley, Bell St.; C.R., Mrs. Tucker, Collingwood St.; Literature, Miss Parry; Press, Mrs. T. Hutt.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Chadwick, Great North Road; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, Trimona Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Johnston; C.R., Mrs. Hansen.

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

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.W. Room. Pres., Mrs. H. Hickmott; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. G. Pitt, 606 Victoria St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hagerson; Treas., Mrs. H. Grainger, 612 Grey's Rd.; W.R., Mrs. N. Smith, 102 Townsend St.

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

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

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Jed. St. S.S. Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cameron, 33 McMaster St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ruthven, Wesley and Brown; Sec., Miss McEwan; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 143 McMaster St.; C.R., Mrs. Millard; "W.R.," Agent, Mrs. Pennington; Evangelistic, Mrs. Wesley; Notable Days, Mrs. Ayson.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres. and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jelcoate, 289 Elles Road North; Sec., Miss H. S. Jamieson, 57 Layard Street; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson,

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall, Grace St. Pres., Mrs. E. Holmes, 204 Kelvin Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cole, Richards and Lea; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot St.; Treas., Miss Griffiths, 235 Crinan St.; W.R., Miss L. Aitken; C.R., Mrs. Crozier; Maori Supt., Mrs. J. Richards; Evangel., Mesdames Richards and Beckham; Notable Days, Miss J. McCallum; Musical, Mrs. Lea.

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. McAlae; 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, Cam Road; Sec., Miss Hamel, Fuller Street; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans, Fuller Street; W.R., Mrs. Phillips, Sewell Street.

KARORI, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Wood, 316 Main Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson, 2 Shirley St.; Treas., Mrs. Watchman, 78 Campbell St. W.R., Mrs. Horne; C.R., Mrs. Coombe.

LEVIN, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Andricksen, Oxford St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. Plaster; Treas., Mrs. Burnham, Oxford St. Nth.; C.R., Mrs. V. Hudson; W.R., Mrs. Storey.

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. Spencer, "Chingford," Belmont; Sec., Mrs. Crawford, 48 Waterloo Road; Treas., Mrs. Cooper, 27 Maire Street; C.R., Mrs. Buck, 67 Hautana Street; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Aldersley; W.R., Mrs. Heyes, Melling Road, and Mrs. Teasdale, Kauri Street.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstoe; 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. Trevorror, 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.

MOSGIEL, Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.; Pres., Mrs. Capt. Rix, Lanark St.

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donnelly and Manyard; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfold, 10 Spencer Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. G. Martin, 56 Battery Road; Treas., Miss Ennor, 62 St. George's Drive; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Gwynne, 24 Juli Street; C.R., Mrs. Donnelly, Lawrence Road.

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

NEW BRIGHTON, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. R. Flower; Sec., Mrs. G. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. Inns, 90 Marriott's Road; W.R., Mrs. Holloway, Seaview Road.

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

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

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Winn, Isis St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Cowan and Mrs. Acutt; Sec., Mrs. 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 Hyde, 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. Dailey.

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. Cole, 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. Sara.

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. Maunder, 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, Wyayard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Headquarters. Pres., Miss Brooks; Sec., Miss Kirk; Treas., Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Tce., Wadestown; W.R., Mrs. Duncanson, 70 Derwent St., S.2.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., "Evening Post" Building. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Rd., E.1; Sec., Mrs. Reed, 6 Bruce Ave., Brooklyn, S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 338A Oriental Bay; C.R., Mrs. McGowan.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres. and C.A., Mrs. T. P. Lane, 6 King St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; W.R., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinmiss 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.