

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Life, to be worthy of a rational being, must always be in progression; we must always purpose to do more or better than in time past."—Dr. Johnson.

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"OUR GOD IS MARCHING ON"

Glorious weather, a comfortable hall, and a fine assembly of our own W.C.T.U. sisters, must have had their share in making such an inspiring opening to Convention. All the Dominion Officers in their places on the platform, lovely flowers, smiling and kindly faces everywhere, and the invigorating personality of our President, as she took up her task for the first time, also contributed. But there was something else that made itself felt through the singing of the magnificent battle hymn, through the responsive reading, and through the voice of prayer, that set a note for the whole Convention. It seemed like a sort of dedication of all who took part, to a cause deemed "Lost." A "Lost Cause," it has been called again and again. Who could have heard that singing, and not known that our Cause was as strong as ever, because we know that the Lord God of Hosts was with us? It was that confidence, that determination to be "unaffrighted by the adversaries" that rang out with so clear a note. The opening prayer seemed to make that dedication definite; and Mrs. Hiatt's address which follows here, sounded a trumpet call so clear that none could hear it unstirred. The sound of marching feet seemed to echo in the distance; and deep called unto deep as we girded ourselves in the strength of the Lord.

The Address, given by Mrs. Hiatt, Dominion Vice-President:—

James 1:12-27: "Be ye doers of the Word." "Attempt great things for God."

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The measure of our accomplishments will rest upon the measure of our consecrated efforts as doers of the Word. Nothing happens by chance. Good is not accomplished unless there is a doer. We cannot gain any advance without sacrificial effort. Now that the licensing poll is past, the challenge to all who believe in God in goodness is "Attempt great things for God." Think of those around us, in our own street who have no thought of God, and to whom the Bible is an unknown Book. Doers of the Word must do something by way of invitation to Church and more important to Christ. The great challenging questions of the day, drinking, gambling, impurity, never challenge the multitude who care not for God's Word or God's Day. Is this not a challenge to us in our street, town, countryside, to be doers of the Word, to attempt great things for God? Attempt to arouse interest in God's love, God's understanding heart, God's power for right the adventure of going forth to crush evil. A minister tells of what an eager person can do. A doctor in India healed a man almost blind with disease; the man went away and talked among the villagers of his wonderful cure and two weeks later came back leading 23 blind men on a rope to the doctor. There should be no limits to endeavours for we have been to the Great Physician and know what He has done for us. We as lovers of the Great Physician will bring strangers to a saving knowledge of Christ and will create a sentiment towards seeking after whatsoever is honest first pure, lovely and of good report. Doers of the Word. What an opportunity! Can our Lord depend on us?

We are reminded of many doers of the Word who have passed on some, indeed, this past year, and if we cast our mind back on the years behind us, what a cloud of witnesses. Those who gladly attempted great things for God.

When I think of all I have been given, by men and women who have lived for me, great souls who through long years have striven even unto death to make me free, then I pray, I too, may have the courage to follow in the glorious way they trod, choosing to work not for myself alone, but always for my fellow men and God. This is our heritage.

Every moral issue is dependent for solution upon Christian citizens, upon us.

What of disappointments and discouragements? Forgetting the things that are behind us, we press on.

"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?" said Mordecai to Esther, and Esther went forward sacrificially but courageously doing her part, and she saved her people. "Be ye doers of the Word." "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." Live in expectation of advances. No Christian witness is lost; God sees to that. Pray, act, expect.

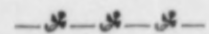
"Say not the struggle naught availeth, The labour and the wounds are vain. The enemy faints not nor faileth,

And as things have been they remain "For while the tired waves vainly breaking,

Seem here no painful inch to gain, "Far back thro' creeks, and inlets making,

Comes silent, flooding in the main."

No effort is too small to count with God. He says to us. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee." Trust Him, he has not failed one of His children. Faith in God and work for Him will remove mountains. May God give us grace to be doers of the Word with great expectation for the fulfilment of His blessed will in "The ringing in of sweeter manners, purer laws, the ringing out of the darkness of the land, and the ringing in of the Christ that is to be."



TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Brooklyn

President Truman declares that more people faced starvation and death to-day than during the war. He has therefore banned the use of wheat in the production of alcohol and beer.

Given at Dargaville

The great Canadian physician, Sir William Osler, was lecturing on alcohol: "Is it true," asked a student, "that alcohol makes people able to do things better?"

"No," replied Sir William, "it just makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."

FIRST-TIME DELEGATE

Mrs. Hickson Writes to Her Sister

Dear Winnie,—

I thought I would write to tell you something about the Dominion Convention. It was so interesting to me that I am sure you'd like to know something about it. You will be glad to hear that I was put into a lovely home. My hostess was kindness itself, and I am sure we shall always be friends.

I'll begin by telling you about the first afternoon, I think. I can't tell you half nor a quarter of all that was done and said, but just to give you an idea. I went early so as to see the people coming in. Only a few ladies were in the Hall, and believe me, you wouldn't have known them from our own members at home. They were so homely and seemed to think that I would know all about everything, so they did not treat me like a newcomer at all. I really didn't know as much as they thought, but I got to know quite a lot before the end. Well, the people began to come in and they were a very nice lot of women. Some were tall and some short, some fat and some very thin. Most of them looked fairly elderly, but there were plenty of younger ones. Only somehow, white hair seems to show up more, and you think they are all alike till you really take notice. The ladies on the platform were the Dominion Officers. I knew Miss Kirk by her picture in the "White Ribbon," and Mrs. Hiett, too, but it took me a while to be sure of the others. Miss Kirk has a nice colour and nearly white hair, and it suits her very well. She was very bright, and she kept a good look-out for people that wanted to speak too often. Mrs. Underhill and Mrs. Toomer were at one end of the platform. They are the two secretaries and seemed to have a lot to do. One is tall and the other is small, but they both seem to know their job. Mrs. Underhill always read the Minutes; and it must have been a contract to get them ready so quickly. Mrs. Toomer has a way with her that makes you enjoy what she says, even if you don't agree. There were the Editor of the "White Ribbon" and the Business Manager and the Treasurers, but I want to get on a bit.

There were a lot of talks, and Remits were taken every now and then. That was where we sometimes had a bit of fun. Some delegates spoke quite often and we got to know them. Miss Edmed from up north somewhere always gave us a laugh. She had a good-tempered way of disagreeing with things she didn't want; but she always seemed to see a long way ahead. Another one I seemed to notice was Mrs. Pirrett. She spoke Scotch rather, and I liked to hear her. She was quick in saying what she thought, and stopped as soon as she had finished. Some of them went on too long and a lady on the stage had a little bell to ring when their time was up. I thought at first it would not feel very nice to have to be told to stop that way, but as time went on I saw it was a good

thing and nobody seemed to mind. Mostly they looked a bit amused, and sat down quite happily.

I took a lot of notice of Mrs. Mountjoy, too. She appeared to be someone important in the Auckland District. I fancy she is the President. She could always give what people were asking about, and she was very free and nice in her manner. And I must tell you about the two Miss McLays. You remember them coming a long time ago to our Union, but not at the same time. Well, they are just the same, and I did like to hear them talking, because you remember they are Scotch. Funny why I like Scotch so much when we are fighting all out to stop Scotch being made or drunk.

One day we got a surprise. Mrs. Kasper, who is ill, came in and everybody was so pleased to see her they got up and clapped and clapped. She is expecting to go to America with another lady, Mrs. Mackie, to the World Convention. I hope she gets away all right. We are all to pray for her, and I think God will answer prayers like that.

Well, what else shall I tell you? We had to call the roll every day, and it was like being at school. I think there were just about a hundred there most days. The mornings seemed long sometimes, but in the afternoon we got nice afternoon tea. It must have meant a lot of work for the ladies, but didn't I look forward to it. It was hot at that time in the hall. I must hurry. You should have heard the groans all around when the sugar rationing was mentioned. Why the breweries should have it when we want it for our jam made some of us wild to think of it till a lady told us that what the brewers use wouldn't really make a lot of difference. All I can say is I'd like a bit of the difference. We had a young man as a delegate. He came from Dunedin and was the one whose picture is in the "Beacon." He is very keen for all of us to start "Y" Branches. Young folk have so much to do nowadays, I don't think there is any chance of getting it going with us. But I rather fancy the idea of getting a few young people together in our house and trying to tell them something about Temperance work. There are plenty who would like it.

We had a lovely ride round Auckland, and a Concert given by the Maori girls and boys. And they made speeches. You should have heard them. Talk about M.P.'s! They were in the shade, I can tell you.

Now, I've told you such a lot, and you will be wondering if it did me any good to go. Well, it did. I feel sure that with so many good women believing in getting rid of the Drink, it is only right for me to pull my weight, and I'm going to. So don't be surprised if you hear of me running around delivering literature, or starting a Band of Hope, or anything really mad likethat.

Well, I must stop, and hope you won't be sick of reading all this.

Your affec. sister,

MEG.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY

Miss Henderson Gives a Warning

Read at Convention.

It is quite clear that this year will be a momentous one in the history of the Temperance movement in New Zealand, and W.C.T.U. members must concentrate on this part of our work. The Royal Commission on Licensing has issued a voluminous report carrying innumerable recommendations, to many of which we are utterly opposed. There is no doubt that in the next Parliament legislation will be introduced to give effect to most, if not all of these recommendations.

The first point to demand attention will be the proposal "that all breweries in New Zealand and their licenses should be acquired by a Public Corporation (the money for this purchase is to be advanced by the State). But as a preliminary to the necessary legislation the Commission recommends that a National poll be taken to ascertain whether or not the people approve of the proposal. The Prime Minister has stated that the poll will be taken. So, the first duty of our members is to make the necessary preparations. We must not wait until the necessity for the decision is upon us.

Whether the people approve or not, of State Control, there will be legislation to implement the other numerous recommendations made by the Commission, notably the extended hours of sale, and the extended time between polls. As the Dominion President will, no doubt, deal with these matters, there is no need for me to say anything further just now except Be Prepared.

Now, with regard to the resolutions passed at Convention, will delegates please note that it is **not** the business of the Branches to send them to Cabinet Ministers. That is the duty of the Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent. Branches should send them to local members of Parliament. Good work could be done in educating them.

C. HENDERSON.

Dominion Supt.



TAKE NOTE!

"There has been built up over a number of years a public impression that beer is a food. Alcohol is not a stimulant but a depressant."—The Radio Doctor.

"Beer cannot be a tonic, for no physical strength comes from drinking beer."

—Dr. MacAdam Eccles.

Beer, wine and spirits are not of real use to us because they cannot make us grow, nor keep the body from wearing away, and they cannot make us strong or warm. They are unable to nourish the body.—Board of Education Syllabus.

THE RECEPTION

The Pitt Street Bi-Centenary Hall was fairly well filled for the Official Reception to delegates, held on the Wednesday evening, March 5th. Very good arrangements had been made, and as the Dominion Officers, with Mrs. Mountjoy, Auckland District President, and Mr. and Mrs. Fortune went forward, a pleasant feeling of friendliness prevailed everywhere. Beautiful sprays of flowers, nicely suited to the dresses of the recipients were presented from the hostess union, and a very gay effect was produced.

Mrs. Mountjoy, after the opening, by the singing of the National Anthem and the offering of prayer, welcomed the delegates in a brief pithy speech, hoping that all would enjoy the Convention, and that good work would be done. After the playing of a very fine duet, Mr. W. H. Fortune, M.P., welcomed the Convention to Auckland.

ADDRESS GIVEN BY MR. W. FORTUNE, M.P.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES

After expressing pleasure in welcoming the members of Convention to Auckland and explaining that owing to absence from the City, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Allum, was unable to perform this duty. Mr. Fortune went on to say that all sections of the community, even though they might not always agree with their views, knew that the W.C.T.U. served no selfish interest, but was concerned very vitally with the physical and moral welfare of the manhood and womanhood of this young nation. "The protection of our Youth is a most serious duty," said the speaker. "It is, in fact, a solemn charge, and never was it more urgent or necessary than to-day. Ever since man, in some bygone age, discovered that process of fermentation by which sugar is converted into alcohol, and experienced the intoxicating effects of the liquor so produced, there has been a temperance question. From the remotest times, efforts have been made to combat the vice of drunkenness. Though always a bad thing, it was never so bad as in our own time and in our own western lands. The abuse of light wines and beverages is bad enough, but the unrestricted use of distilled spirits is devastating in its effects."

The speaker outlined the early beginnings of organised effort to combat the evil in the latter part of the eighteenth century; and the gradual growth of a public conscience in regard to it. Societies were formed as far back as 1800, the movement making rapid progress through the influence of the churches. In 1863, over 6,000 societies with an aggregate membership of over 1,000,000 members were functioning in the several states, while a similar interest was being manifested in the United Kingdom. In our time, the W.C.T.U. is internationally organised. It is the knowledge of the terrible effects of the evil against which we are working that causes women to give so much of their time for no reward but that of a clear

conscience, and the knowledge that legislation has been materially influenced by this devotion to a great cause.

Speaking of the educational needs of the time, Mr. Fortune urged a greater use of the Cinematograph in this field, claiming that the enemy would make use of it if we did not. Continuing, he said: "The youthful mind is very open to suggestion. We remember our own experience. Never shall I forget the influence of a godly home, and those early Band of Hope days—they are indelibly impressed. When overseas, I pitied the men whose only relief from boredom was to be found in excessive drinking, and that was particularly true of some troops. They simply drank to get drunk, and openly said so. There was something fundamentally wrong with their foundations. If the foundation are wrong, what of the superstructure?" Mentioning the slow retrogression in the matter of the sense of responsibility, which is apparently decreasing in relation to our fellows, he said the "Am I my brother's keeper" attitude was becoming more general. "If he wants to go to the devil, let him go" is the position taken up by many. Can any honourable man fail in the duty of helping his weaker brother? asked Mr. Fortune.

"Our children to-day do not enjoy the privileges we enjoyed. They are living in a largely pagan age, accentuated and aggravated by two world conflagrations, with all their evil influences. The ultimate result will be seen in irreligious parents—then, what of the next generation? The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Anything that can be done to help in the strengthening of the moral vigour of our Youth must not be left undone. It is our sacred trust. Because you are gathered in such a spirit of your conference, because you have as your only desire the welfare, moral, physical, and spiritual, I more readily bid you welcome to Auckland, and pray God's richest blessing on all your deliberations."

So ended an encouraging and inspiring address.

Greetings were received, presented by representatives of the various organisations, from the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist Church Guilds and Missionary Unions, also a special one came from Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the Bishop of Nelson; one from the Educational Association, and an amusing welcome from Mr. Falkner, Alliance Secretary.

Mrs. Rattray gave elocutionary items, and then Miss Kirk made her reply to the welcomes offered.

After thanking the many speakers who had spoken so kindly, Miss Kirk went on to give the reasons why the W.C.T.U. stood firm for their great objectives. These were:—Firstly. Because drink is such a terribly strong factor, destroying all that is best in life. Beginning with those engaged in the traffic—what qualifications are essential? A lack of conscience is one. The knowledge of the harm they are helping to do would make it impossible for them to carry on unless they had hushed the voice of conscience. Lloyd Garrison said:—"God

is my witness, that great as is my detestation of slavery and the slave trade, I would rather be a slave-holder, yes, a kidnapper upon the African Coast than sell this poison to my fellow-creatures for common consumption. Since the creation of the world, there has been no tryant like intemperance, and no slaves so cruelly treated as his."

Dealing with the use of alcohol as medicine, Miss Kirk showed by actual figures that in hospitals so little was used that it was practically negligible. The amount per patient in principal hospitals in Edinburgh, spent in a year on alcohol is 2½d., in London 3½d., in Dunedee 1d. and in Aberdeen ¾d. Modern doctors do not order alcohol.

Some defenders of the drink traffic argue that anyone has the right to drink. All the same, the speaker pointed out, no one section of the community has the right to profit at the expense of any other section. No less an authority than Mr. G. Bernard Shaw says:—"If a natural choice were possible in our civilisation between drunkenness and sobriety, I would say, leave the people free to choose. But, while I see a big capitalistic organisation poking drink under people's noses at every corner, and pocketing the price, while leaving me and others to pay colossal damages, I am prepared to smash it." The unjust gains "pocketed" between 1942 and 1945 by the trade in New Zealand by the addition of 20,000,000 gallons of WATER, amounted to the unbelievable sum of £6,840,000.

The WASTE of the traffic was spoken of. "We use grain, which we can grow ourselves, and import grain when people overseas are starving. Surely inferior grain could be used for pig and fowl food. Bacon and eggs would be good food to send away, but instead, we produce less bacon and fewer eggs because those engaged in the Trade want big profits on little outlay," Miss Kirk said.

The CRIME attributable to the use of alcohol was also touched upon. Quoting from the Medical Journal of Australia, Miss Kirk said that in 1915, in N.S.W., 40% of the gaol population commenced a criminal career with a charge of drunkenness, and the same disclosure is made in the Year Book for 1939, twenty-four years after! Then the cautious man of science boils over. "Australia knows what is happening but will do nothing." Had he said, "We Australian doctors know what is happening but will do nothing," he would have gone to the heart of the matter and caused a shaking among the dry bones.

All the time there is waste, waste of time, money and worst of all character and life itself.

"If greater facilities for drinking are made available, it will mean more drinking. Sometimes some of us go to church and sing, 'Can we whose souls are lighted'—yet we are so benighted that we pamper this terrible and gigantic evil of the Trade, the greatest soul-destroyer of the day. New Zealand's drink bill for 1945 was £13,480,850—£8/1/- per head of the population. The amount

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LICENSING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHY WE OBJECT

Mrs. Hiatt States Our Position

Address given during Convention.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is opposed to the Liquor Traffic because it is non-Christian, it is contrary to all that makes for a Christian nation. As disciples of the Master Who went about doing good, rescuing the fallen, healing all manner of diseases, protecting the weak, and guiding the unwary from the pitfalls of sin, we must take up arms against this enemy of Christ. We are living not only for the present, we are living for the future. Every little life is our concern; therefore we oppose the liquor traffic for what it does to children. One case, which could be repeated many times, is that of three neglected children whose father and mother were constant drinkers. The magistrate, in sentencing them said, "You both drank your money away, and let your children grow up in an extremely neglected condition, and in such a fashion as no father or mother with any decent instinct, or any love for their children would do." One child had two abscesses on her head and one on her neck. Another had sores all over his body. The baby had died of neglect. These children and all such are our concern, and yet the Royal Commission

recommends to our Members of Parliament retrograde changes, although acknowledging that drink "has dangerous possibilities."

The changes recommended will make drinking easier, more widespread, through which more children will be hurt.

The report itself appears to be a wholesale condemnation of the liquor traffic, and yet amazing conclusions contained in its recommendations are quite incomprehensible. There are suggestions with which we agree, viz. restrictions on liquor advertising, greater authority for Licensing Committees, and especially for temperance education in the schools, but how the Commission in the face of its own findings recommends making drink still more dangerous to the community is difficult to understand.

As an organization of women who stand for the moral and spiritual welfare of every man, woman and child, and who realise that every life is our concern, we strongly oppose many of the changes in the licensing system recommended by the Royal Commission.

The recommendation to increase the hours of sale by a period from 8 to 10 p.m. on five nights of the week means that our streets will be unsafe for young girls and women because of the drunken men turned out of the bars. It means that more little children will be neglected. Since six o'clock closing, our streets have been comparatively free from the objectionable conduct of drunken men. Is it not an absurd suggestion that longer drinking hours could lead to less drinking?

We oppose the sale of liquor in restaurants, R.S.A. clubs and other clubs (even in no-license areas), and in dance halls. The Commission seems desirous of making drinking respectable. Friendly bars, nicer accommodation, and various other plans for encouraging young people to drink, are suggested.

Drink in restaurants would be most objectionable to a large number of diners and would increase the facilities for drinking among young people who do not enter public bars. Beer in R.S.A. and other clubs constitutes a dangerous bait to keep drink before youth in the places where they congregate, and drink at dances, at present illegal, is particularly objectionable. It has been a problem for the police for years. They know the degradation it brings about. We therefore emphatically protest against

wider scope being given for the consumption of beverage alcohol in restaurants, clubs and dance halls; and if such were introduced it would be against the express wish of our people, which would be intolerable in a democratic country.

The Commission recommends redistribution of licenses. We believe this would be a retrograde step, tending to increase facilities for drinking, and would bring this dangerous business into suburban areas which have long been free from the drink menace. Redundant licenses, such as those in existence in old mining towns, should be cancelled and no new licenses should be given to residential areas unless the people living in those areas apply for them.

Then the Commission proposes to extend the time between licensing polls to nine years. We are totally opposed to this. The triennial poll helps to prevent excessive violations of the law, owing to the possibility of prohibition being carried. The liquor trade is too dangerous, to go unchecked for so long a period. It would give scope for greater violations of the law than are even now taking place. The Commission, apparently satisfied that the beer now made is satisfactory, yet suggests that its strength should be increased by 1%. We oppose this, as men get drunk on beer as it is. Increasing the strength is only a concession to trade demands, and only means increasing drunkenness.

The recommendations for public ownership of breweries, and for the furtherance of Trust Control will achieve no practical reform. Alcohol is a poison with dangerous possibilities, and whether sold by State or publican has the same evil results.

Trust Control has not decreased drinking in Invercargill, and has nothing to recommend it in the way of modifying or eliminating drunkenness. We definitely oppose these recommendations.

In 1884, a solemn pact was made with the Maori chiefs that liquor should never be sold in the King Country. We solemnly protest against the breaking of that solemn pact. Having regard to the disastrous physical and moral effects of liquor among the Native races, we urge that the petition of the Maori Elders should be honoured, viz. "(1) It is a sacred historic covenant that has proved of great value to our people. (2) It is a great and sorely-needed pro-

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President's Message



Our Union—Its Strength, Beauty and Usefulness

In this time of almost innumerable women's organisations, even in this small country, it behoves us as W.C.T.U. members to be interested in all such as strive for the glory of God and the betterment of mankind, always remembering that our Union is the only organisation which fully realises that the liquor trade is the foundation cause of much of the disease, degradation, dishonour, unhappiness and death, so frequently brought before us, and our Union is the only women's organisation which is pledged to fight this gigantic evil. This would appear to be a suitable time to consider our worth to the community in which we live. In assessing the worth of our Union we should, I think, first consider its strength, its beauty, and its usefulness—the last one will doubtless be the longest. First our strength, which surely lies in the fact that our Union was formed as the result of, first, individual prayer, followed by group prayer, when the desire of our brave pioneer women to abolish the evil of beverage alcohol was laid in deep humility and earnestness at the feet of Christ. Only, and I wish to stress that only, only after much prayer and meditation and hard study was our Union formed. Then, as now to a large extent, the churches as a whole, to whom these women looked confidently for assistance, stood aloof, and they went forward, a little band with no backing from any section of the Christian Church as a church, although in many churches there were ardent sympathisers and supporters, just as we have them to-day.

These women laid the foundation of our Union on the Rock, Christ Jesus—the only foundation that CAN stand the test of time, the stress of hardship and ridicule and death. Because some

of our own women, over sixty years ago, realised the evil results of the liquor trade and had the same faith in that sure foundation they were able to form the New Zealand Union. That the foundation is good there can be no better proof than this gathering of women, met for the purpose of carrying on the good fight begun so long ago. Our strength lies, obviously, in building on the one firm foundation, the will of God.

The beauty—this surely is composed of the flowers that can only grow on that strong foundation—self-sacrifice, willingness to serve, to serve with love. This is expressed in our Motto—For God, Home and Humanity. Think of the awe-inspiring beauty and honour of the first two words, "For God." When so short a time ago we prepared our Christmas greetings and parcels what a happiness we felt in writing "for so-and-so, with my love." Was not that a great part of our Christmas pleasure? If the gift of our Union work is "For God, with our love," then the welfare of Home and Humanity cannot help following. What is pleasing to God can only be that which helps humanity. The beauty must, of necessity, go hand in hand with strength, and the little, but powerful, group be completed with its no less important sister—Usefulness.

There is no need for me to tell you what our Union has done in the years that lie behind. You know that, or you should, and if you have not already educated yourself in this history, consult the Literature Superintendent and she will advise you as to obtainable books and leaflets, etc.

And so to the future, the usefulness to come; much of it can be best expressed in the work of our Departments of which there are 22 being worked by various Unions. Very few Unions can work them all. May I suggest that it might be more profitable for a Union, especially a small Union, to select two or three departments and for all members to work hard at those chosen. This in no way prevents our taking an interest in any other department, but only makes our efforts a solid block instead of a thinly-spread, apt-to-crumble, interest. If you read down the list you will see how well worth while the work of all departments is; it will be a matter of selecting those you CAN work. Sabbath Observance will, naturally make a strong appeal to all members. Perhaps a good introduction to this work would be to take a little time at an early meeting to consider what is the proper use of the Sabbath, with a little reference to the increasing misuse of that great day. We see the crying need, but what do we do about it. When the Saturday holiday came, some of us were hopeful enough to think that we should see less washing on the lines on Sunday, but do we? Have we not frequently been told, especially in recent years when trams and trains were fewer and petrol scarce, "Oh, well you see there is nothing to do; few trains and no petrol. If I get the washing done and out of the way

on Sunday I have Monday clear for shopping or pictures or whatever I want to do." That may be true, but has that woman, has her family, gained what will really compensate for the loss of mental and physical rest which might have been theirs, or, much more important, for the spiritual refreshment and restoration which no Christian can do without? Do you wonder that we so often hear people being "snappy" and hard when they have taken no rest of any sort for week after week? Can we expect World Peace when we deliberately behave in such a way that we face each new day with frayed or jangled nerves? If we as a Union can help the community in which we live to come nearer to a right use of Sunday, accepting rightly this great gift of an opportunity for soul strengthening, we shall have done much toward expressing both the strength and beauty of our foundation. Just recently, in looking over some very old papers, I found these lines which surely express the position. They were given, over 80 years ago to my eldest sister, then a very small girl. I am glad to say that her early training in respect and reverence for the Sabbath stood her in good stead all her long life.

"A Sabbath well spent,
Brings a week of content
And health for the toil of to-morrow,
But a Sabbath profaned,
Whate'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow."

Can your Union help, with Bible teaching for children? If you cannot visit the schools is it possible for you to gather a few children to hear a Bible story? You might be able to form them into an L.T.L. or Band of Hope, which would give greater opportunity for teaching God's will toward evil, especially in relation to the evil of alcohol. And so on down the list. Even if you can only do what seems to you a little, do it. The lad had only five loaves and two fishes, but just look!—with God's love that seemingly negligible supply saved thousands from utter exhaustion. When you read that account say this truth to yourself—just so, any small service I may be able to give may go on helping others for many years to come. In this year of grace, 1947, can we individually make this vow to God, "I promise for this year, at any rate, I will, with God's help, endeavour to use every opportunity to make known to all with whom I come in contact, the evils of the liquor trade and the dire necessity for its complete and speedy abolition." That is really contained in our pledge, but sometimes some of us forget that united effort can only come by decided individual effort.

Concentrated effort outside the Union will help to make our meetings more interesting, if we are enthusiastic about our work outside we are bound to be more earnest inside, and if we are happy our meeting cannot but be happy. What does the Union mean to you? Is it just

"another meeting?" If that is how we feel it is high time we were on our knees asking God's guidance as to what we should do about it. Some say, "Oh, I cannot speak or lead in anything; I only dust and give out a few books." In short, they are rather disgruntled about the Martha jobs and feel inclined to give up. DON'T. It was clearly brought home to me recently that although Martha did not see as much of Jesus as she might have done, yet to her were spoken some of the most comforting, and at the same time, most glorious words spoken by Christ while He was on earth—"I am the resurrection and the life." Almost all of us have been thankful for that assurance, and we heard through Martha. Let us get on with the books and the duster; Christ has a word for you and me.

Our usefulness must include a very active and prayerful watchfulness, otherwise we may lose some of those things for which our Union, as fought so many years. The liquor trade is ever on the lookout for ways to entrap human beings, particularly the younger members of the community, into drinking habits, to get our young housekeepers drinking in their homes as well as out of them. In the Canadian "White Ribbon" we read that Ralph T. Kettering, Secretary of the American Brewers' Association, in an article published in the *Brewers' Journal*, June 15th, 1937, said these terrible things among others: "The time is at hand to begin a concentrated campaign to sell beer to the housewife. . . . Why not enlist the brewers of the nation to place beer in its rightful place, alongside bread and other foodstuffs, in the pantry and in the homes? . . . Once we have convinced the housewife that beer is both a temperance beverage and a foodstuff we have placed beer, its brewers and distributors, in a solid firm position to combat its unfair attackers and constantly growing unfair regulations. . . . Why not go to the very heart of the problem in enlisting the housewife on our side, and, through her, the family and the on-coming generation." That is as much of this lying propaganda as I feel able to lay my tongue to at the moment, but *watch out!* what the trade begins to do in one place it will soon begin to do in another. We must diligently pursue our educational work. It may not be very long before we are faced with the threat of wine shops; we must be prepared for any approach toward greater facilities for the consumption of beverage alcohol. Never for a moment must we forget that the Devil is never short of workers. Wouldn't you wonder that so many people are willing to do this evil work of encouraging people to drink when they can only receive such poor pay. Do they ever test the coins they receive as wages?

To be prepared we must help to educate each other; we all know what our goal is, but do we pass on to each other all the facts we learn that will help pave the way to that goal. Preparedness is the proper result of watchfulness. In our usefulness we must employ some of what are called the minor virtues—

such as kindness, tolerance, sympathy, cheerfulness, etc. Just how far-reaching the effect of, or how much value the constant practice of, these virtues may be, it is impossible to tell, especially in relation to World Peace.

Our usefulness can be materially helped by giving assistance to each other in the matter of public speaking—when we know of a woman who is suitable and willing to serve on school committee, hospital board, city council, etc., we must stand by, giving moral and any other kind of support we are able. It has been said that most, if not all, men who achieved greatness did so, largely because some woman, wife, mother, sister, or friend, gave them much help and, no doubt, discreetly administered, advice. If you read the lives of great men you will see that that is correct. Well, as it is evident that husbands and other male members of the community generally will not, or perhaps cannot, help the women as the women can help the men, it is therefore for you and me to act as "a good wife should" towards those who have the ability to qualify for public life.

Don't be deterred by those who raise the old cry, "a woman's place is her home; she should be looking after her children." Of course she should, but the folk who raise this cry forget that even a very average woman can, and does, do more than one thing at a time and because she cares for the children and home she must take her part in framing the conditions which will, to

a large extent govern the lives of her family. A woman has a more flexible mind and can take a longer view than the average man, most of whom have a one-track mind.

As from day to day we increasingly realise the meaning of our motto, "For God, Home and Humanity," so shall we increasingly value the great opportunities for expressing the Strength, Beauty and Usefulness of our Union, opportunities which, if rightly used, cannot help but reveal "The glory of the Lord." John Hay puts the case thus—

Saith the Lord, "Vengeance is mine;
I will repay," saith the Lord.
Ours be the anger divine,
Lit by the flash of His word.

How shall His vengeance be done?
How, when His purpose is clear?
Must He come down from His throne?
Hath He no instruments here?

Sleep not in imbecile trust,
Waiting for God to begin,
While growing strong in the dust,
Rests the bruised serpent of sin.

Right and wrong—both cannot live
Dear-grappled. Which shall we see?
Strike! Only Justice can give
Safety to all that shall be.

Shame to stand paltering thus,
Tricked by the balancing odds;
Strike! God is waiting for us!
Strike! for the vengeance is God's.

Welcome to Delegates—continued.

spent, on the 1944 figures would give all New Zealanders free travel on the railways for almost one year, or free tram travel for five years, or free telegrams, telephones, and postage for almost two years.

"That alcoholic drinking makes for inefficiency is fully known by the Trade itself is clearly shown by an advertisement which appeared recently for a "Barman, who must be a total abstainer." A bootmaker, or a butcher, or a baker, who advertised for a salesman who would never use the wares he sold had yet to be heard of."

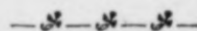
Speaking of the USES of beverage alcohol, Miss Kirk said, "There are practically none. It is scarcely used medicinally at all, it is useless as an aid to clear thinking, and also as an aid to straight walking or driving."

We had heard the thrilling music bidding us to "Fling wide the gates." How could we fling wide the gates when we deliberately wedge them with the Trade which does more damage than any other one organization? "Do we want better conditions, better homes, and more of them, less time lost in industry? And over and above these, and greater, is the need of health and happiness for little children. Do we want these? Do we?" So ended a telling and searching address.

OUR DEPARTMENTS MAORI DEPARTMENT

"Rangimarie" Maori "Y" Branch Scattered Members

A request is made by Miss C. M. McLay for addresses of members of the Rangimarie "Y" Branch who have left the district so that touch may be kept with them. If any reader can help in this they will be doing real service.



THE LADY WITH THE BELL

Nobly she did her duty;
Never once did she shirk
The "ping" for the too lengthy speaker;
Even when that was Miss Kirk.
And Miss Kirk congratulated her on
her impartiality, too.



THE EXTRA

'Tis not the duty of the day,
The race you ought to run,
But just the thing you needn't do
That earns the great "well done."
The willingness for love to go
Beyond the single mile.
The measure pressed and running o'er
That makes the Master smile.

Answers to Resolutions Passed at Last Convention

The following letters have been received by Miss C. Henderson, J.P., in answer to hers conveying the text of resolutions passed at the 1946 Convention. They were read during this Convention.

Office of Minister of Health,
Wellington,
7th June, 1946.

Dear Madam,—

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th May conveying the text of two resolutions passed at the Annual Convention of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union.

With reference to the first request that advice be given regarding the danger of the drink habit, the Department has used the radio broadcasting periodically to give advice on the drink question. It is intended to continue dealing with this subject from time to time in the future.

With regard to your second resolution, I have to advise that the Department does pay attention to the care of food-stuffs. A difficulty is that local authorities have the direct control of retailers' premises in towns of any size. However, the Department exercises a supervisory function and is endeavouring all the time to accomplish higher standards of cleanliness in the handling of foodstuffs. In addition the radio, the press and magazines are being used to educate both food handlers and the general public in the need for higher hygienic ideals with regard to food handling.

Yours faithfully,

D. R. NORDMEYER,
Minister of Health.

Office of the Minister of Industries
and Commerce,
Wellington,
20th June, 1946.

Dear Miss Henderson,—

I have your letter of 27th May in which you convey the text of a resolution carried at the Annual Convention of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union, dealing with the rationing of sugar as it affects breweries.

In reply, I wish to say that the amount of sugar used by the breweries in New Zealand forms only a very small fraction of the total sugar usage and even if the manufacture of beer were entirely eliminated, there would be no appreciable difference in the supplies available for other purposes.

The sugar allowances to breweries have already been cut by 50% of pre-rationing consumption, and in this respect they are on an equal footing with other industries whose output is not within the essential class.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. SULLIVAN.

Prime Minister's Office,
Wellington,
30th May, 1946.

Dear Madam,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th May and note that the members of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union are of opinion that building materials should not be used for hotels while the housing problem is so acute.

I shall be glad to bring your representations in this connection to the notice of the Hon. Minister of Works.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES THORN,

for the Prime Minister.

Office of Minister of Works,
Wellington,
18th June, 1946.

Dear Madam,—

The Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister has referred to me your letter of the 27th of May expressing your Union's opinion that building materials should not be used for hotels while the housing problem is so acute.

In this connection I would like to point out that Licensing Authorities all over the Dominion are continually requesting licensees to provide a better standard of service from the point of view of living accommodation, sanitary condition of kitchens, sanitary conditions of bars. In many cases, too, Health Inspectors have made representation to the Building Controller for the repairing of many rat-infested hotel premises.

The Building Control Advisory Committee is fully seized with the urgency of providing homes for returned servicemen and is most reluctant to see any materials going into hotels, breweries, racecourses, etc., that might be avoided, and has only allowed items which ensure a reasonable standard of decency. General maintenance, however, is not covered by Building Regulations and maintenance can be effected by building owners without a building permit provided there are no structural alterations.

In the main I agree with your Union's views on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

R. SEMPLE,

Minister of Works.

INTOXICATION

"When the ability of the driver of an automobile has been lessened in the slightest degree by the use of intoxicating liquors, then the driver is deemed to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors."

—Ibid (p. 19); definition of "intoxication" recommended as a "standard instruction to juries."

—Committee on Tests for Intoxication, 1938 Report (p. 7). National Safety Council.

APPRECIATIONS AND WELL-WISHINGS

Our Convention record does not attempt to be a copy of the Minutes, and is not to be considered as anything but a brief survey of the outstanding events and features. It would not be complete, however, without some reference to happy moments when people said and did kind things to some of our sisters who had earned them. First among these was Miss Kirk's motion that a special Minute of appreciation of Mrs. Hiatt's eleven years of devoted service as Dominion President, should be recorded. This was done with the greatest enthusiasm, a presentation also being made to Mrs. Hiatt of a book in which delegates were invited to inscribe their names. Musical honours were also accorded Mrs. Hiatt, who feelingly responded.

Then came a similar motion, on a succeeding day, that Miss Kirk's sixteen years of service as Dominion Recording Secretary should be marked by a special Minute; proposed by Mrs. Hiatt. The long and close association of these two splendid women in the work they both hold so dear, made these two events very significant. Most enthusiastic applause bore testimony to Miss Kirk's place in the hearts of all.

Then there were the presentations of the "Long Service" badges by the President and Vice-President on the two occasions when this was done, and much pleasure was felt in the pleasing little ceremony of acknowledgment of many years of service in local Unions.

Finally, the words of well-wishing and God-speed to our two heroic adventurers, Mrs. Kasper and Mrs. Mackie, who expect to travel by air in May to Asbury Park, New Jersey, U.S.A., for the World Convention, come in for very special mention. Mrs. Kasper's most unfortunate and painful indisposition has caused some doubt as to her ability to undertake the journey, but a feeling of certainty that the many prayers offered on her behalf will be answered, has prevailed. Miss Kirk voiced the feelings of all in her few words of farewell as Mrs. Kasper left the hall on the last day of Convention. The greatest interest will be taken in the great adventure and it is expected that on their return both ladies will visit unions to report on the Convention. Our prayers will follow them both.

OUR DOMINION TREASURERS ASK

that all cash should be made payable to N.Z.W.C.T.U., and sent to Miss Atkinson, 57 Pitt Street, Wadestown, Wellington; and all letters, enquiries and accounts should be sent to Miss M. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Road, Christchurch, W.2.

METHODS

Madam President, Members of Convention,—

To-day all sorts of gadgets for efficient work in the homes are being offered us: their production is already begun; every home maker is entitled to the very best offered and ought to make use of every article of value in the mechanics of good house-keeping. National life and international life are just progressive, larger units of home-making, and the same principle applies to the *Women's Christian Temperance Union*. It is one of the valuable, and very fine instruments for use in our National good house-keeping, and in order to make the finest contribution that is possible, the W.C.T.U. must have the most up-to-date and effective "Methods."

Through the years we have tried to make a point of keeping abreast of the times, changing from time to time our Methods of approach when necessary to conform to the present-day needs. We have a wonderful organisation of itself with Aims and Purposes and Plans; even correct Methods merely printed on paper cannot possibly be the effective force to make our work successful; these Aims and Purposes of our Organisation must be burned into the souls of the Members and carried forward by the best Methods we can devise.

Meetings

Are we making our meetings as attractive as well as educational as we can? Do we prepare well ahead the Agenda? Whatever we do, let us try to avoid getting into a rut.

In arranging your meetings, do try to obtain a cheery, central meeting place. Have you noticed how bright and comfortable the lounges of most of the hotels are? The very best methods are used to make hotels attractive and up-to-date. In some of the hotels in Canada a large welcome card is placed in a conspicuous place with these words, which read:—"Enter soberly — Drink moderately — Leave quietly — Come again." In a word or two I would like to throw out a few suggestions; they may not be new, but just reminding ourselves occasionally may serve to renew and increase our usefulness and efficiency.

For General Members: You are part of the Union you belong to.

Do work for its success.

Do try to gain new members, especially young women.

Do familiarise yourself with the history and background of the W.C.T.U. so that you can intelligently answer questions.

Do make it plain in all your announcements that anyone interested will be most welcome to the meetings.

Do have literature at hand at every gathering—some for sale and some also for free distribution.

Do give a personal invitation to the meetings, and give visitors an opportunity to join without pressing them, explaining the two requirements—The Pledge, and the payment of the fee of 2/7, and how the money is allocated. Especially explain the 6d. affiliates the Member to the Dominion Union and 1d. to the World Union.

Do speak so that you may be heard in any part of the room, and if possible, avoid reading what you have to say.

Please do not feel or act apologetic when seeking new Members, or when asking for an offering, or when inviting speakers or helpers to your meetings.

The W.C.T.U. is a great Organisation working for righteousness in our land, and can be a more effective force than it is now if our Methods are brought more up-to-date. Time does not permit me to speak at any length re Officers' Duties. I hope every Officer feels it an honour to be elected for leadership; however, just let me say:—

President: The President should not try to control the meetings; her duty is to conduct and direct; she should not try to do everything herself, but, if possible, give each member something to do. There is one important thing I should like to stress—if a Member accepts officership, whether President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, she should get to know her duties, and so educate herself, that the work of the Union will go ahead under her direction.

Constitution: Study the Constitution, it gives a valuable lead. You will also find in the Literature Department much to help you to become efficient Officers, make inquiries at the literature table, and take the Constitution—Help to Officers—the Handy Book and Book of Service back to your Unions.

Organise a study group, and in this way Officers can be trained for the Union.

Departmental Work: It is over sixty years since the W.C.T.U. was organised in New Zealand. Through all these years, wise Leaders have endeavoured to make the Organisation attractive and effective by introducing a do everything policy, and sometimes have found it necessary to change their method of approach to the drink question, but never have they veered from the principle of total abstinence and the abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

Some 28 Departments have come into being during the years with a Superintendent directing each. Perhaps it is not expected that every individual member should be thoroughly versed in the working of each Department, but at least every member

should know what they are—how they are worked—who directs them, and how each Department is complementary to all the rest.

The Department called "Methods" is the medium through which this is achieved and schools of Method, conferences and educational study groups should be held to educate the Officers and Members in every Branch and Department of our Organisation. If we cease to work the Departments, we shall just be a Temperance Organisation and will shed the life's blood of the W.C.T.U. The School of Methods is the largest sense of the title, however, at which two sessions or three sessions should be held.

Reporting: One of the most important things is reporting, and this is a weak chain in our Union. If the local Unions do not report work done in Youth work, etc., and other Departments, how can Superintendents keep abreast of the work and write their reports? Report, Report, when nearing the end of the year—get the Executive Officers together—go through the Minute-Book, discuss what has been done through the year; what one forgets, another will remember. That is the best Method I know to fill in full reports.

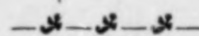
Whenever a Superintendent is appointed, notify and send the address too; if World Superintendent, to all countries where W.C.T.U.'s are organised; if Dominion Superintendent, report to the World Superintendent. If District Superintendent, to the Dominion Superintendent, and if Local, to the District Superintendent.

In conclusion, I hope these few suggestions will help all, especially new Members and Delegates attending their first Convention.

Yours in service,

AMY KASPER,

Dominion Supt.



CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE

On the first of the beautiful mornings which dawned daily all through the Convention time, we gathered in Beresford Street Congregational Church for the Communion Service. The Rev. Clifford Welch, Dip.Soc.Sc., conducted the service, which was very beautiful. He was assisted by the District Officers of the Union in the dispensing of the elements. Organ music softly played added its own devotional quality to the peace and quiet of the hour. Mr. Welch spoke of the miracle that would be performed in the Convention by the act of Communion. What had been a gathering would become a fellowship. A very deep sense of the presence of God was with us all, and we returned to our work strengthened and helped.

LITTLE WHITE RIBBONERS

Read at Dominion Convention

I am pleased to have this opportunity to offer suggestions which will help those engaged in this most important branch of our work. It is valuable for two reasons. First, because it is concerned with the welfare of the child from its earliest infancy. Our L.W.R. Department aims at foundation building, the teaching of Temperance in the early years when the child mind is most impressionable. Second, its aim is to influence the mother through the child. The centre of child-life for years is the mother, and the home environment is the chief factor in moulding the character of the child. To help the mother to realise the importance of Temperance teaching in the home is an important part of our task. This can only be done by personal contact.

The size of a Cradle Roll is not the hallmark of its efficiency. No name should be placed on the roll until the mother has signed the required pledge, "I promise to teach my child to live a pure and temperate life." Mothers should be encouraged to bring their children to an initiation service at a Union meeting, interest and sympathy in our work being thus stimulated. The pledge cards and initiation form of service are obtainable from Headquarters.

It is important that Birthday cards should be posted in time to be delivered on the proper day. Literature—arresting and concise—can be enclosed to interest the mother. Many superintendents deliver the cards personally, and make this an opportunity for a visit to the home. Extra copies of the "White Ribbon" could be circulated in this way.

The annual party is also a valuable means of contact and an opportunity to stress to mothers the dangers of an even moderate use of alcohol, and its menace to the future life of the child. This party is looked forward to by the children, and arrangements should be made for them to be amused elsewhere while the talks to mothers are being given; for it is their party.

When a member of the Cradle Roll reaches the age of eight years and has to be removed from the roll, he should be transferred to an L.T.L. or Band of Hope, if possible. Transfer cards are obtainable at H.Q. Unfortunately, this is sometimes not possible, as so few of our Unions have either. This weakness and lack of continuity in our Youth work is to be deplored and should be remedied. The foundations are laid, but the building stops there. Our contact with both child and mother comes to an end. Little Temperance teaching is given in our Sunday Schools, and less in our day schools, so does not this responsibility for continuing the work begun in our L.W.R. Department lie with our Unions?

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In Memoriam



It is with mingled feelings of thanksgiving and deep sorrow we record the Home Call of our stalwart worker, Mrs. Nellie Peryman; our thanksgiving that her pain and weariness are over and that she now stands in the presence of the Master whom she so desired to serve through a long life, and our deep sorrow that we must go forward to the victory which lies before us without her physical presence and encouragement.

For thirty years Mrs. Peryman held the important position of Editor of our "White Ribbon," and through her work there became almost a household friend in many of the homes of our members; her Union membership was of long-standing and for a short period she was Dominion Recording Secretary, leaving that position to take charge of the "White Ribbon." She was awarded the Long Service Badge, which she wore with pride. She was one of the most faithful in her care to always wear the white ribbon bow, saying that when she fastened that on her lapel she felt that "no higher ornament was necessary."

Mrs. Peryman had a special gift for obtaining facts and figures which were of immense value to our work and, since her retirement a few years ago, we have greatly missed her help in this, as in many other, directions.

The securing and management of Headquarters was a part of our work that was of unfailing interest to her and her attendance at the monthly Committee meeting was most regular until weakness of body compelled her to remain at home.

Mrs. Peryman was invariably ready to supply information regarding our work to any Union member and new officers found her ready willingness and sound advice both encouraging and friendly.

Those who worked closely with her feel the loss of a personal friend, while to all Union members there is the knowledge that a person of great good-will has gone beyond our sight for a time.

To her family we extend our sympathy and pray that God will bless them in their life and work.

The Service of Memories

A beautiful bank of flowers handed in memory of departed members at one side of the platform, on Monday afternoon, in preparation for the Service of Memories, had been arranged by the Dominion Secretaries, and an atmosphere of calm assurance that those for whom the service was being held, were safe on the other side of life's troubles and sicknesses, and happy in the "calm of Paradise the Blest," seemed to be about us as we sang "Still, still with Thee." Miss Kirk, our President, read simply and beautifully, the story of Christiana's passing over the River to the Heavenly City, and grief was hushed as we felt that death was swallowed up in victory for those with whom we had worked so long.

The long list of names of those who had passed on during the year, was supplemented later, and their memory was kept in loving hearts. The complete list is given below. If by any chance, any name has been omitted, it will be given later if notice is sent to the Editor.

The length of the list causes anxiety. Are these vacant places in our ranks filling up? The call for new members has a greater urgency in the light of the knowledge that so many have gone on. They lived and worked for a great hope which they did not see brought to fulfilment. It is for us to seek what they sought. God speed us in the quest. And when we sang "For all the Saints" and saw in the light of a yet more perfect day, that countless host streaming in at the gates of pearl, almost we longed, to be among those of whom we had been thinking. But the word, where so much yet remains of work to do, claimed us; and, strengthened for the task, we turned straight to it again.

"These died in the Faith."

Auckland: Miss Fleming, Miss Jackson, Miss Widgley, Mrs. Kenten, Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Shore, Mrs. Woolley.

Northcote: Mrs. McKinnon, Miss Piper.

Mount Albert: Mrs. Moore, Miss Astley.

Devonport: Mrs. Sumner.

Mount Eden: Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Reid.

Titirangi: Mrs. Clark.

Takapuna: Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Lock.

Onehunga: Mrs. Ashe, Mrs. Parker.

Grey Lynn: Mrs. Hoare, Mrs. Scott.

Cambridge: Mrs. Joanna Martin.

Hawera: Mrs. Bone.

Aramoho: Mrs. Hallam, F.M., Mrs. Bish, Mrs. Grigg.

Wanganui East: Mrs. Hedges, Miss James.

Wanganui Central: Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Grinstead, Mrs. Heatley.

Levin: Mrs. McKain.

Napier: Mrs. McAlister, Mrs. Dale, Miss Pallott, Miss Pallott Jnr., Mr. Wilkinson, Hon. Member.

Waipawa: Miss Johnson.

Wellington Central: Mrs. Huffom.

Upper Hutt: Mrs. Braek.

Carterton: Mrs. Sayers, Miss Waterston.

Masterton: Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Miller.

Nelson: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Rolleston, Mrs. E. Ward, Mrs. Williams.

Blenheim: Mrs. A. J. Mills, Mrs. A. W. Mills, F.M., Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Tooms, Mrs. Collie.

Christchurch: Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Burns.

St. Albans: Mrs. Till.

Ashburton: Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Horrill, Mrs. Wake-
lin, Miss Watson, Mrs. Stoddard.

Waimate: Mrs. Dash, F.M., Mrs. Cameron.

Dunedin Central: Mrs. Downing, Miss Dick, Mrs. Sanders.

Linwood: Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Stokes.

Papenui: Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Graham.

Riccarton: Mrs. Meharry, Mrs. Leth-
wick.

New Brighton: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Pepperell, Mrs. Good.

North Brighton: Mrs. Felton, F.M.

North East Valley: Mrs. Green.

Oamaru: Miss M. Milligan, Miss A. Milligan, Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Bridgeman, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Jones.

Invercargill Central: Mrs. Dobie, Mrs. W. A. Ott, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Gilmore, Miss McEwan, Miss Stables.

Invercargill North: Mrs. Hugh Brown.

Otautau: Mrs. Brown.

Winton: Mrs. McWilliam.

"Y" Union: Miss Matheson.



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Green, N.E. Valley Union.

At the end of the year, Mrs. Green, another of our earnest Temperance workers answered the call to Higher Service. She had been an active worker for many years. As Letterwriter, Evangelistic Superintendent, and for the past few years, President, she was an efficient Officer whose place will be hard to fill. During a long and painful illness, borne with great Christian fortitude, she always had a cheery smile for anyone who had the privilege of visiting her. Her end was indeed Peace.

CHURCH PARADE

A fine number of delegates assembled at the appointed place on Convention Sunday and walked down Lower Symonds Street to the historic Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews, led by our Dominion Officers, our President, Miss Kirk, bearing our Banner. The minister of the Church, the Rev. David Pryor, received the banner at her hands before commencing the service.

There was something of a thrill in hearing that the seats in which we sat, the Bible in use in the pulpit, and the pulpit itself were the first used in the Church a hundred years ago. The Centenary services were announced, and are to be held in May. The sense of a "Cloud of Witness" made itself felt, and we were proud to be the guests of this Church which has made its impress on the life of the community for a century.

And what a fine Temperance sermon we heard. No timid, half apologetic utterance damped our enthusiasm. Rather we were spurred on to more sacrificial effort than ever before, and made to feel a fuller burden of responsibility in regard to our great objectives. Mrs. May McPherson sang two solos very beautifully.

Little White Ribboners—continued.

Letters to the eight-year-olds have value as theirs is an impressionable age, and the interest shown in them by the superintendent may have a lasting influence on them, especially if the value of the pledge and the dangers of alcohol are pointed out in a simple manner to them in an interesting letter.

A word about reports. Each district should appoint a C.R. Superintendent whose work it is to collect a report from each local C.R. Superintendent in her district, and forward all to the Dominion Superintendent as soon after the annual meetings as possible or before December 31st at latest. Where there is no District Superintendent all reports should be sent direct to the Dominion Superintendent. Banners are held for one year only and must be brought to Convention, or sent to Dominion Superintendent when the year expires.

I will conclude with the prayer that God's richest blessing will rest upon all L.W.R. workers during the coming year, and to all Unions I issue a slogan for 1947.

"Continuity in our Youth Work shall be our objective."

L. BREWER,
Dominion Supt.

BREWERS' USE OF GRAIN AND SUGAR

Sir,—We are being urged by our Government to make every sacrifice possible to save food to help feed the starving millions of Europe and Asia. The question that concerns many of us is this: "Are our Government and the British Government honest in their endeavour to prevent waste of food?" In Britain since the war be-

gan 4,200,000 tons of grain and 1,008,000lb. of sugar have gone to the breweries. Now we read that the British Government is making a paltry reduction of 15 per cent. in beer production. In New Zealand our drink bill has steadily increased, so that last year it was approximately £12,000,000. We have not heard so much as a whisper of a reduction in the production of beer and wine in New Zealand,

although the brewers and wine makers have been subjected to sugar rationing.

Surely it is a scandal that food should be wasted on alcoholic liquor, with its attendant evils, while millions are on the verge of starvation. Or do our Governments consider it more important that shareholders should continue to receive their dividends?—I am, etc., INASMUCH.

Waipukurau, May 14.

CONVENTION SATURDAY

8th MARCH, 1947

PEEPS AT THE QUEEN CITY

Our Convention Hostess Union, the Auckland District Executive, arranged for us on this day a very interesting programme. We were taken for a drive of over two hours, to introduce us to a few of Auckland's beauty spots; then to Pitt Street Methodist Hall for rest and tea, the whole concluding with a very bright and happy entertainment in the evening.

Three buses for our own especial use drew up at the Town Hall just before two o'clock and found between seventy and eighty delegates awaiting them. Perhaps most of us were beyond the age of showing excitement in the anticipated trip, but we certainly showed animation. The day was just as beautiful as all the Convention days had been—a gentle cooling breeze, though not as gentle as some would have wished at the top of Mount Eden, but enough to temper the steady afternoon sunshine.

Our route was first to St. Heliers, along Auckland's quite deservedly famous Water-front Drive. Here, as at all other parts of the drive, the delegates who knew the city were in great demand. "What's that point at the back of that vessel?" "Are there usually so many seaplanes on your harbour?" "How high is Rangitoto?" "How long does it take a ferry to get to it from the wharf?" These, and scores of other questions were heard from left and right in the buses, and very often the attention of the enquirer was attracted elsewhere before the answer was given. Mission Bay and its Mission House and Museum came in for its share of attention, and then we were very soon at Kohimarama, where the interest was to catch the "cheerio" from our late Vice-President, Mrs. Kasper, who would be watching for us. Having caught the cheer germ and shouted back our greetings, we passed on into St. Heliers Bay, with its cool green lawns for bowls and tennis on the one hand, and the blue expanse of silvery sea on the other. From the Bay we drove as if we were returning from the city. We were taken towards Meadowbank, past Bishop Selwyn's old Church of St. Thomas—such an interesting old ruin, and St. John's College was pointed out to us, and then, before we had finished peering over the Tamaki stretch we found ourselves with a change of direction, and were passing through the new settlement, or if not new, new to most of the delegates—Orakei. It is quite a city in itself, and a very pretty one, too, with its attractive houses and gardens. From there, via Orakei Road, we crossed Remuera, and were soon driving down Green Lane. There was a shout of amusement and surprise when we found ourselves in the very unfamiliar grounds of Ellerslie Race Course. The gardens were in perfect order, planted with meticulous care. Nowhere could I see any sign of the attentions of grub, slug,

or other garden pest. Where were the dead flowers and withered leaves in about a mile of garden borders? The water-lilies were a source of great pleasure, so many lovely colours were to be seen.

From Ellerslie we went via Market Road, past St. Cuthbert's to Mount Eden. This was the *piece de resistance* of the trip. Such extent of country and variety of scenery left one gasping. We visitors knew before that Auckland was New Zealand's largest city, but it takes the opportunity such as this was, to help one to realise what that means. There below us, on all sides, seemed to be thousands and thousands of houses, with their net work of streets. Here again the Auckland delegates were in great demand! I'd like to have seen a few score of children playing in the huge grassy crater, but that joy was denied us.

The buses were not long in returning with their loads to the City, and we were soon refreshed by a rest before tea.

The Auckland District Executive had arranged the tea for the delegates in order that they might be spared the to-and-fro for the evening meeting. We did justice to the appetising meal and very much appreciated the generous thought and attention of the Executive in providing it. Some eighty ladies sat down to it.

THE "Y" CONCERT

Following close upon the meal, came the "Y" Branch Concert. A surprisingly large number of young Maori boys and girls assembled. Their happy, smiling greetings were a pleasure to see. But when they SANG,—well, that was something of wonder. Led by the newly-appointed Youth Director, late President of the "Y's," the Rev. J. B. Chambers, M.A., choruses were sung before the programme proper began. The beauty of the voices in some of these was remarkable.

Miss Kirk presided at the gathering, which was a very large one. Devotions were conducted, and the Maori Choir sang several fine anthems, doing great credit to their conductor.

The great event of the evening was the Speech Competition, prepared and impromptu speeches. Four "Y" members competed, all showing good promise. The natural eloquence of the Native Race was well exemplified by Ann and Adam Latimer. The latter spoke really brilliantly, and produced enormous enthusiasm among his hearers. Miss Edmed acted as judge, and her criticisms were truly masterly. With an unerring finger she pointed out faults and weaknesses, but in so fair and gentle yet humorous a way that no one could feel in the least humiliated or hurt. The Shield and the Banner went to "Rangimarie" Branch. Mr. Les George gave an enjoyable solo. The evening was a delightful close to a happy, interesting day.

Licensing Commission—continued.

tection to us to-day. (3) We are trustees for the future and must hold this great protection for our children."

These elders stated over and over again that drink is the greatest enemy to the Maori race. We therefore claim that the N.Z. Government is under a solemn obligation to honour the pact. T. T. Wetere, official representative of the King Country Maoris says: "There are very few in any real Maoris of the King Country who want to break the pact." This statement was signed by 93% of the adult population of the King Country, and yet the Commission recommends a vote being taken by pakehas and Maoris in the King Country as to whether or not drink should be on sale. If such a vote were allowed it would be the pakeha vote which would bring in the drink. We are concerned that these findings of the Commission, if put into action, would be the most retrograde step in living memory, and would wholly favour the Trade, opening the door wider for the committing of all that is detrimental to the public welfare.

Then the world food crisis is a tremendous question. Not only now, for the food crisis is not an unusual situation; it is unusually severe because of all the devastation of war. Two-thirds of the world's people are chronically undernourished. As the world's food problem is not easily solved, it would certainly seem that even the most pro-liquor advocate, if he had any thought for his neighbour, would have to concede that no food should go into any unnecessary product, at any period. Millions die every year, apart from war, through undernourishment. If the members of the Royal Commission had given one thought to the world food problem, could they have sent forth these uncalled-for suggestions or recommendations?

The W.C.T.U. is committed to the abolition of the liquor traffic. We are fully aware of the hold and of the power it has over a majority of the people of our land, and upon many members of Parliament. We are banded together in the name of the Lord of Hosts to resist all endeavours to entrench the liquor more firmly in New Zealand, and we give our hands, our heads, our hearts to this holy crusade to rid our homes and our land of this devastating power of evil. We should be encouraged in our determination by knowing that one-third of the U.S.A. voters are for prohibition. That means that more than 20,000,000 vote for prohibition, and the numbers are increasing. Every new member we gain is a direct blow to the liquor traffic, so let us go all out for new members, and defeat the powers of evil, whether Royal Commission recommendations, advertisements, or propaganda in favour of drink. We are

"Standing by a purpose true
Heeding God's command"

in this glorious enterprise to make New Zealand dry; in our building up of a Christian nation. Our motto still stands, "For God, Home and Humanity."

CONVENTION ECHOES

The following paragraph has been received from a delegate since the close of Convention:

"Regarding the decision of the Dominion Convention that it would not be advisable to part with our W.C.T.U. Headquarters, but that all Unions unite in an endeavour to raise sufficient money to pay off the debt on the same as soon as possible, I think we should do well to bear in mind that old poem:—

"We all can do better than yet we have done,

And be not a whit the worse;

It never was loving that emptied the heart,

Nor giving that emptied the purse."

NEW SUPERINTENDENTS

We welcome Mrs. Moore of Warkworth as the new Dominion Superintendent of L.T.L., and Mrs. A. McClure of "Press" Department, and sincerely wish them a happy task in what they have undertaken.

CONVENTION TEAS

What a debt of gratitude we owe our sisters of the Auckland District for all they did to help us. The provision of lunch time tea was a real boon in these days of long waits for service in restaurants, but it must have entailed a good deal of planning and work for those who did it. We all feel we want to thank them again, and to tell them what a great deal it meant to us. The really delicious afternoon teas provided by ladies of different churches also are gratefully remembered. A hundred kind acts of thoughtfulness testified to the anxiety of our hostesses to make our stay in Auckland pleasant and happy, which it certainly was.

STOP PRESS

The Dominion Officers have found that owing to a further increase in the cost of production of "The White Ribbon," it will be necessary to raise the price of the paper to 3/6 per year, or 4d. per single copy. They ask the earnest co-operation of all members and subscribers in meeting the increase fully this year.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

12th March, 1947.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

No. 10

Across: 1. Eras; 5. Alps; 9. Ecuador; 13. Instigators; 16. Lap; 17. Tim; 18. Pal; 19. Spin; 21. Dove; 22. Premature; 23. Fiat; 24. Etna; 26. Ret; 27. Bit; 29. Iel; 30. Criminators; 33. Outgrin; 34. Ends; 35. Nest.

Down: 2. Respiration; 3. Act; 4. Suit; 5. Adam; 6. Lot; 8. Oils; 10. Agitates; 12. Isle; 14. Nappier; 15. Ravener; 20. Net; 21. Apt; 23. F.R.C.S.; 25. Also; 27. Bits; 28. Tarn; 31. Mud; 32. Tie.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Marlborough District Women's World Day of Prayer

There was a good attendance at the Women's World Day of Prayer which was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blenheim. Mrs. A. Fear acted as Leader throughout the day, and the programme specially compiled for the occasion was carefully followed. The following ladies gave addresses:—Mrs. V. Underhill, who spoke on the missionaries of Egypt; Mrs. J. F. Martin, Maori Missions in New Zealand; Mrs. A. Hale, Solomon Island Missions; and Mrs. Crow, the China Missions. All were very interesting and enjoyed by all present. Hymns suitable to the occasion were sung and prayers were offered by the speakers and members of the congregation. Mrs. W. D. Pike was organist. At the close of the sessions, Mrs. Fear thanked those who had taken part, and all agreed it had been a day of spiritual uplift and thanksgiving. It was decided that the monthly day of prayer be continued throughout 1947, and that meetings be held on the last Thursday of each month.

Combined Picnic, Oamaru

On February 20th, the Oamaru Cradle Roll and Band of Hope combined picnic took place, in the Gardens. Mrs. Winn, President, with Mrs. Poole, Cradle Roll Superintendent, welcomed the mothers and children. Several ladies helped with the entertainment of the little folk; and all enjoyed afternoon tea.

Several members took part in the World Day of Prayer.

HOME MAKERS CORNER

By LYNETTE

With dried fruit still so scarce, one finds it rather difficult to introduce variety of flavouring and of texture into one's cooking, but, take a bar of chocolate and grate it on the coarsest grater to cut it into pieces, and you will have something which adds a delightful "crunch" to a biscuit, and is also a toothsome addition to cakes and desserts.

Chocolate Chip Cake

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar, 3 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 cups flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cornflour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, 1 cup milk, 3 squares unsweetened chocolate.

Cream shortening. Add sugar, beaten egg yolks and vanilla. Sift dry ingredients together and add alternately with milk. Mix in grated chocolate, and lastly stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in two layer tins at 375 degrees Fahr. for twenty-five minutes.

Chocolate Chip Biscuits

4 oz. shortening, 3 oz. sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 tablespoon milk, 1 7d. cake chocolate.

Cream shortening and sugar. Add sifted dry ingredients, chipped or grated chocolate and milk. Roll into balls and flatten on a baking tray. Bake at 350 deg. F. for fifteen minutes.

Chocolate Chip Cream

2 cups milk, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons cornflour, 1 7d. cake chocolate, vanilla.

Beat egg yolks with sugar and cornflour. Add hot milk and return to pot till cooked. Beat egg whites stiffly, add to custard with vanilla. Cool, and when cold, add the chipped chocolate.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" — II

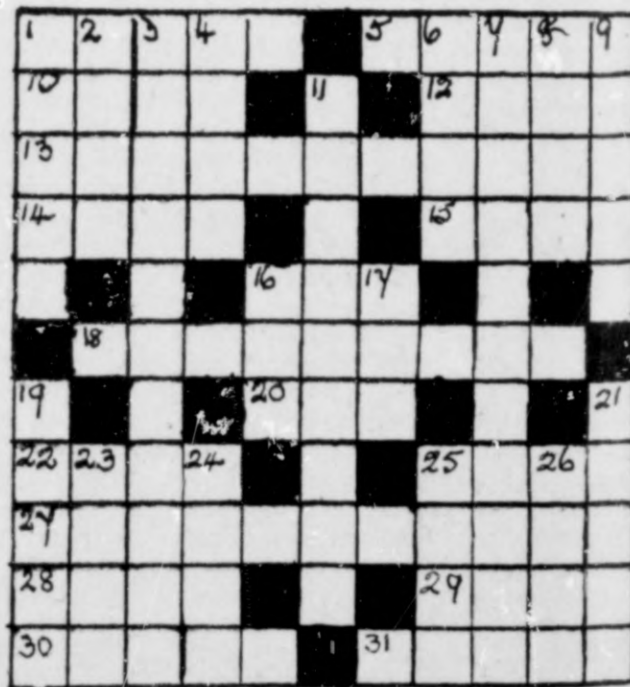
CLUES

Across

- 1—Raised rib of land.
- 5—Deep voiced male singer.
- 10—Region.
- 12—Leg bone.
- 13—Sympathies.
- 14—Grandson of Adam.
- 15—Part of a church.
- 16—Priest.
- 18—Of dark colouring.
- 20—Animal.
- 22—Grain.
- 25—Made into threads.
- 27—Adding tartness.
- 28—Noted.
- 29—... the highways and hedges.
- 30—Short treatise.
- 31—Rye grass fungus.

Down

- 1—Human family.
- 2—Smooth.
- 3—Self governing peoples.
- 4—Openings.
- 6—Continent.
- 7—Retail trading.
- 8—Wrong-doings.
- 9—Attack.
- 11—Unavailingly.
- 16—Name of an English princess who became a foreign queen.
- 17—Pronoun.



- 19—Delete.
- 21—Mass of cast gold or silver.
- 23—Cool sweets.

- 24—Girl's name.
- 25—Agitate.
- 26—"I will give ... this last."

April 1, 1947.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, Feb. 11: Devotions, Mrs. Green. Welcome to members by new President and special thanks to Mrs. Green for her work as President last year. Temperance Fact. It was with deep regret that we received our last New Year message from our District President, who has been a tower of strength during the many years she has held office. Miss Edmed appointed delegate to Dominion Convention. President read a paper on Frances Willard. Benediction.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, Monday Feb. 24: District President, Mrs. Mountjoy, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Read. Miss C. M. McLay and Mrs. Anstice reported on the Women's World Day of Prayer. Decided to hold a "Mother's Day" gathering in the Auckland Town Hall on May 11th. All members urged to vote on the day of the Licensing Committee poll. Two Notices of Motion to be brought forward at Dominion Convention.

Remuera, Feb. 17: Mrs. G. Robinson presided and took Devotions. Mrs. Kasper, the President, was unable to attend through illness. Temperance Fact given and Pledge recited. Delegate appointed for Dominion Convention. Frances Willard Day observed. Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, gave an address on Temperance work and was thanked.

Onehunga, Feb. 13: In spite of rain, eleven members assembled for the opening meeting. Devotions led by Mrs. Perrett. Usual business and letter from Mrs. Toomer considered. Sympathy on account of the sudden death of one of our members and the niece of another. Dominion Convention delegates appointed. Mrs. Mountjoy told of incidents of her recent holiday in Napier.

Feb. 27: Home meeting at the residence of Mrs. Ashby was well attended. Choruses, solos and interesting address by Mrs. Penmen.

Mount Eden, Feb. 25: Miss A. M. McLay presided. Fair attendance. Discussion re wine at weddings and prevalence of drinking amongst young people. Convention arrangements considered and Notices of Motion discussed. Delegate appointed. Resignation of Treasurer who is leaving to reside near Timaru, received with regret. Mrs. Dunham was thanked for her faithful service as Treasurer for three years, and a Minute of appreciation recorded. The offices of both Treasurer and Secretary both vacant. President reported Executive meeting. Happy time over afternoon tea.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, Mar. 3: Mrs. Bryan presided in the absence of the President at Dominion Convention. Good attendance. Mrs. Bryan led Devotions. A telegram to be sent to Dominion Convention. A beautiful table, presented to the Union by a generous member, was dedicated to the service of God by the Rev. A. A. Bensley, minister of the Methodist Church, in the premises of which meetings are held. A syllabus for the year's meetings was submitted for approval and adopted. Mrs. Johnson appointed to take charge of the Sales Table. Mrs. Bryan closed meeting with prayer.

Thames: Opening meeting for year well attended. Mrs. Whiteside delegate to Dominion Convention. Convention remembered in prayer and responsive Scripture reading. Syllabus drawn up for year's work. Dominion Secretary's letter read and discussed. Resolved to combine with Thames Alliance in any Youth work undertaken this year. Advertising in local paper to be continued. Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, Mar.: Mrs. W. Thayer presided. District Convention report given by delegates. Cradle Roll party arranged. Mrs. C. Barron elected delegate to Dominion Convention. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central: Opening meeting for the year. Mrs. Duxfield presiding, Mrs. Goodey leading devotions, Mesdames McGregor and Sinclair tea hostesses, Mrs. Mercer in charge of "Bring and Buy." Congratulations expressed to a member on her husband's im-

proving health, and regrets at loss of an enthusiastic member through removal. Re-organisation for the year's work discussed. Speaker Mrs. Chesswas.

Mar. 8: Mrs. Duxfield presided; Miss Wadsworth led Devotions. Miss Wadsworth welcomed on her return and Mrs. Glenn after long illness. Much regret expressed at the death of Mrs. Kendall, the fourth similar loss recently. Mrs. Ogg, delegate to Convention, will report on her return. Miss Wadsworth offered to carry on the C.R. work, left without a Superintendent by the death of Mrs. Grinstead. Mrs. Mercer thanked for work done in absence of Mrs. Glenn.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier: February meeting held in Willard Hall. Fair attendance. Mrs. Ryan presided and led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Temperance Facts read from the "Vanguard." Members brought food parcels for Britain. Mrs. Shann appointed delegate for Convention. Remits read and approved. Aged members to be visited next month. Miss McLay expected to visit the Union in April. Afternoon tea and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, Mar. 5: Mrs. Taylor presided, Mrs. Spence, Devotions. Mrs. Goldfinch, who was unable to attend the February meeting was presented with a beautiful shoulder spray and a "Long Service" Badge for over thirty years' service. Mrs. Spencer making the presentation. Greetings to be sent to Dominion Convention. Interesting letter from an absent member read. Closing prayer by Mrs. Taylor.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive, Feb. 27: Met in Brooklyn Methodist Church. Devotions conducted by our District President, Miss Jackson, who chose for her topic a well-known story from the book of Daniel. Several members engaged in a prayer session. We were all greatly encouraged to learn that the Wellington Education Board had agreed to accept the offer of book which are to be distributed to each Secondary teacher for use in the general curriculum. This is a very great advancing step. Donations from unions are solicited towards cost of same. Expense will be worth it, though. Arrangements made for those Unions not sending a delegate to Convention to be represented. Provision also made for proxy voting in connection with N.C.W., while delegates are attending Convention. Letters of sympathy to be sent to those who are sick. Noontide and lunch. Afternoon session began with several prayers, definitely remembering coming Convention. Discussion on remits going forward. Mrs. Spencer reported on the L.T.L. work at Belmont. There is a roll of 20 and now, a "Y" Branch of ten members, the result of a tiny beginning three years ago of six children. Mrs. Grigg spoke on the "White Ribbon," advising all presidents of their responsibility to see that all subscriptions are collected before the end of the year. Benediction concluded a satisfactory and helpful District Executive meeting.

Brooklyn, Feb. 25: Fair attendance. President in chair. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Sawden who is ill, and President expressed sympathy of all members with Mrs. Rose in the loss of her husband. Convention remits considered. Year's syllabus in preparation. Sigil prayer and Benediction. Baptist ladies hostesses.

Wellington Central: Mrs. Sired presided. Two parcels sent to Temperance workers in England. Letter from Mrs. Spencer telling of the new "Y" branch meeting in her home. Donation of £1 for New Plymouth Sailors' Rest. Report of Dominion Officers' meeting read. Superintendents reappointed. Mrs. Morris delegate to District Executive meeting. Frances Willard Day observed. Tea hostess, Mrs. Hoult. Mrs. Morris expressed pleasure of members at having Mrs. Sired with them again after her recent illness. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive: The quarterly meeting was held in Blenheim Wesley Hall, and was well attended by Officers and members. The President, Mrs. V. Underhill, was in the chair and conducted opening Devotions, several members offering prayers. Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne was welcomed as a member of Executive, having accepted position of W.R. Supt.

Mrs. S. Harris, Corresponding Secretary, was appointed as delegate to Dominion Convention and after full discussion on remits and resolutions, was instructed in regard to voting. It was intimated that the Women's Day of Prayer would in future be held on the last Thursday instead of Friday, as from March. It was decided to convey the thanks and appreciation of members to Mrs. A. Fear, who has left for her future home in Greymouth, for her very able leadership in connection with the Days of Prayer, and to extend best wishes to her in her new sphere of service. Among matters under discussion was the disappointing result of recent Licensing Poll. Members unanimous in the opinion that State or any other control of sales, would not cure the evil of intoxication, nor alter the effect of beverage alcohol on the human body. A happy time spent over lunch and the meeting closed at 3.15 p.m. with prayer and the Benediction.

Blenheim, Mar. 4: Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Fifteen members were present. Mrs. Milgrew read from "Christ in the Modern Hospital." Prayer asked for Dominion Convention. Interesting talk on "Experiences in Scotland and New Zealand Among Victims of the Liquor Traffic" given by Mrs. Martin. Benediction.

Springlands, Feb. 18: Mrs. Underhill presided over fair attendance. Members stood in silence expressing deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Pyne in the loss of their infant son, who was a member of the Cradle Roll. Mrs. Herd read the Dominion Corresponding Secretary's letter which was full of interest. Mrs. Stephens, Blenheim delegate to Dominion Convention to be asked to represent the Branch. After discussion of remits for Convention and other matters of interest, a syllabus was arranged for the year's working. Mrs. Cunningham, on behalf of herself and members, wished the President every success and journeying mercies for her first Convention as a Dominion Officer. One new member received.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch, Feb. 12: Miss C. Henderson presided. Vote of sympathy sent to relatives of the late Mrs. George B. Thanks for Xmas greetings from Mrs. Better and from Mrs. Christian, Editor of the "White Ribbon." Report given of assistance given at Mental Hospital Welfare Street Collection. Thanks received from Timaru Sailors' Rest for our donation. Interesting report received of work at the Maori Hostels; also from Mrs. Toomer carefully-given information re Convention. Mrs. Fraser elected as delegate. Extracts read by President from "Vanguard."

February 26th: Miss Henderson presiding. Sympathy sent to Mrs. J. Richards in hospital. Members promised to help at coming Y.W.C.A. Fair. Satisfactory balance sheet read by Treasurer. Extracts read by President from World's Bulletin giving news of Temperance work.

Riccarton, Feb. 13: Attendance of twenty-three. Mrs. Griffiths presided, and Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Temperance Fact given. In correspondence three letters of thanks for donations received. Letters and flowers sent to a sick friend. President gave members a New Year resolution. "Yesterday has gone, to-morrow hasn't come, so do all we can with the day that it with us." Good report on Mental Hospital. Hostess, Mrs. Brighting. A bundle of dusters handed in for the use of the Disabled Servicemen's Centre. Miss Biggs gave an interesting talk on the Maori work at Nuhaka. Votes of thanks and Benediction.

Reefton, Feb. 11: Mrs. Thompson presiding. Frances Willard Day observed. The Rev. Mr. Trim gave a talk on the Drink question. Mr. Trim proposed that the services of the Secretary over a period of fourteen years be recorded in the Minute Book. Balance on hand to be sent to Headquarters Fund. One new member. Collection, and meeting closed with prayer.

Oxford, Feb. 19: Frances Willard Day. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Dalley. A most interesting address given by the Rev. R. Blair, who gave his impressions of the Prohibition period in America. Mr. Blair lived in Boston for seven years and in that time saw only one drunken person in a city of 2,000,000 inhabitants. Collection taken up for the World's Missionary Fund. Benediction.

Papanui, Feb. 19: Eight members present. Mrs. Malcolm presided in absence through illness of the President. Letter of sympathy and flowers to be sent. Devotions by Mrs. Elliott.

Roll Call a text of Scripture. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Mental Hospital report given by Mrs. Hawker. Arrangements made for Union to be represented at Convention. Members to send produce to Y.W.C.A. Fair on March 8th, when W.C.T.U. is to be in charge of Produce Stall. Cradle Roll party arranged.

Sydenham: Mrs. Filer, President, presided over Feb. and March meetings. Syllabus arranged for the year. Donation made to the Maori Hostel. Discussion held on the amount of drinking going on among young women and the inroads being made in the life of the young people.

North Brighton, Feb.: Miss Noonan presided and spoke on the coming year. Two babies placed on the Cradle Roll and service read by Mrs. Pepperell. Two new members. Reports on party and sale received. Superintendents of departments appointed.

New Brighton, Mar. 6: Mrs. Edmond presided and Miss Armstrong led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Mrs. Mitchell thanked members for help in the sale of Health Stamps from October to February. Paper on Frances Willard read by President. "Bring and Buy" for Maori Hostel. One new member received.

Woolston, Feb. 20: Mrs. Ramsey in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Spiers. Cradle Roll and Band of Hope picnic arranged. Benediction.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, Feb. 26: Opening meeting for the year held in Sailors' Rest, Mrs. T. E. Holdgate presiding. Short business meeting followed by social hour. Letter read re Bible in Schools question. Miss Tooley to be our representative at Convention. One new member initiated. Mrs. Woodward reported busy month at the "Rest"; also a shortage of books and magazines.

Waimate: Opening meeting well attended. Mrs. Duckett, President, in the chair. Temperance Fact given and Pledge re-affirmed. The retiring Treasurer, Mrs. Simpson, was given a presentation and a beautiful shoulder spray was pinned on her shoulder by the President in token of gratitude for her eighteen years of service. All other officers were re-elected at the annual meeting. Miss S. Hayman taking the vacant office. The speaker, Mrs. Major Ingerson, was heartily welcomed and spoke on the maternity work of the Salvation Army, being warmly thanked at the close. Closing Prayer.

* OTAGO DISTRICT.

South Dunedin, fourth Thursday: Mrs. Rippin presided; Devotions, Mrs. Smith. Correspondence from Miss Henderson, J.P. and Mrs. Toomer, both exhaustively discussed. President referred to Dr. Hunter's part in No-License Movement (Alliance). An accident suffered by Miss F. Bruce, which has caused serious trouble, referred to and wholehearted sympathy of members expressed. President referred to Maori work, and showed that the Hostel undertaken by Auckland was distinct as regards funds from the Organiser's work among Maoris. It was hoped that all branches would support either or both of these funds. Regarding the expense incurred by delegates attending Dominion Convention, the President suggested a pooling fund whereby stronger Unions could help smaller ones, every branch contributing its quota. A musical programme was given. Members of the Mornington Union were welcomed, their President, Mrs. Peeling, responding.

Oamaru, Feb. 10: President in the chair. Plans made for Cradle Roll and Band of Hope picnic. Sympathy to Miss R. Day in her illness.

Kaikorai, Feb. 25: Mrs. Flett presided. Arrangements for several special functions. Miss Dobson elected as delegate to Dominion Convention.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

South Invercargill: The first meeting for the year was held as a picnic at Oreti Beach, when about twenty-five members of the South Union and a few from North Invercargill were present. A first bus was filled to overflowing and a second was requisitioned. Lunch was taken in the shelter shed after Grace had been sung. An address was listened to, Mrs. Jones being the speaker, and her subject "Joshua." The gathering then broke up into parties and enjoyed the pleasures of the beach as they chose, until the buses returned for them.

ADDRESS BY MISS EDMED

"The Responsibility of the Liquor Traffic for Road Accidents, Crime and Disease"

In a concise, but very full statement on the above subject, Miss Edmed "talked" her address, preferring this to reading it. She was heard with the closest attention.

Speaking of road accidents, Miss Edmed was very careful to avoid any exaggeration of the position, giving a most conservative estimate of the proportion of accidents due to alcoholic indulgence. Her conclusion, however, was that even one life lost, or one body maimed by avoidable accident, was one too many. Accidents were bound to occur, through circumstances in which no one was to blame, but these caused by drink should never occur. She showed how the sight and judgment of the driver were so affected by the smallest amount of alcohol as to make the driver a danger to himself and others.

Quoting from Lord Chief Justice Alvaaton, who had forty years experience at the bar, and ten as Judge, the speaker said that 90% of crime was caused by drink, or nine out of every ten cases. One violation of the law leads to others, as was seen in cases over and over again. Miss Edmed gave details as they were published by the Alliance in election literature, and the picture was very dark.

Regarding disease, certain forms had been shown to be practically incurable if the patient were alcoholic in his habits. Among these, tuberculosis was prominent and also all throat and chest troubles. The dangerous effect on the nervous system was illustrated by reference to a test carried out among men in a shooting competition. The contestants abstained entirely for one month before the tests were made. The average of bull's-eyes in the first tests were 26 and 23. In the evening, after half a wine glass of brandy, the average was three. Another test was carried out in a "mistakes" experiment. For the total test the average was one hundred mistakes; but after two-fifths of a pint of beer, the average was two hundred and thirteen. The men affected were all certain they were doing much better after their drink, but their self-satisfaction would not be considered warranted except by those who themselves had blunted their perceptions by drinking.

In the case of venereal disease, it was shown that drink made any permanent cure practically impossible. Even after treatment and temporary cure, the patient who drank would become infected again through his utter lack of self-control. Insanity follows in many instances. The unbelievable thing is that people should still vote in favour of keeping this evil thing in our midst. Some who would vote against it are afraid because of what they have heard about U.S.A., not realising that they have not heard the whole truth, and that they have been given a misleading account of what prohibition really did in America.

CONVENTION REMITS

Space will not permit of our reprinting the text of Convention remits, but they will be found on page six of the February issue of the "White Ribbon." They are referred to here under their numbers only, and the decisions regarding them are briefly shown.

- 1.
- 2.—Amendment passed: That investigation be made re distribution of dried fruit to wine-makers; such investigation to be made by W.C.T.U. officers.
- 3.—Carried.
- 4.—Withdrawn as being too late.
- 5.—Withdrawn.
- 6.
- 7.—Amendment carried: "That districts be recommended to urge their Unions to look after their scattered members."
- 8.—Deleted.
- 9.—Lost.
- 10.—Deleted.
- 11.—Carried.
- 12.—Lost.
- 13.—Carried.
- 14.—Carried.
- 15.—Left in the hands of the editor.
- 16.—Withdrawn.
- 17.—Special information to be obtained.
- 18.—Withdrawn as covered.
- 19, 20, 21.

A resumé of information re "Shock" treatment will appear in our next issue.

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RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., at Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, "Althorpe"; Sec., Mrs. W. Houston, Hill Street; Treas., Miss E. J. Tarrant, Dorset Street; W.R., Mrs. Gill, Dorset Street.

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. Wm. Hewson, Hamilton St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Flintoff, Grocott and Woolford; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Prewer, 87 Cass St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. Lovatt.

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, Wyuyard 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, at 2.15 p.m. in Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Holdgate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; C.R., Miss Arras; W.R., Mrs. Howe, Otupua Rd.; Supt. 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. Watt, Beth St., Trentham; Sec., Mrs. Ross, Martin St.

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, Okeia; 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. Albans' Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 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 Dinniss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. Cheesman.

WINTON, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Mrs. A. McIntosh, South Hillend R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Park St.; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.