

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God."—The Sermon on the Mount.

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## "THE OUTLOOK"

*Read at Dominion Conference*

All of us today look at the world with great fear for the future of mankind. We read and hear of more and more terrible weapons of destruction that are being perfected with feverish haste. Only now are being revealed the most horrible effects of the atomic bombs that were dropped in Japan eighteen months ago, and a fortnight ago we read of a new gas discovered in America, the capacity of which for destroying human beings is perhaps greater even than that of the atomic bomb. We know that many countries are maintaining and training vast armies, and are possessing themselves of strategic areas of the earth.

It is clear to all that unless there is a complete change of outlook, mankind cannot survive.

What then can be done? In what way can we women of the W.C.T.U. most effectively work while there is still time? It seems to me that the two changes most desperately needed—apart from the basic need to feed the hungry everywhere—are the development of what I call a "World Loyalty," and drastic measures of disarmament.

This is not something new to us as Christians, as we teach that all members of the human race are brothers, children of God. What we need to-day

is for this teaching to be put into practice. We must begin to feel our kinship with other peoples as with English.

One organ of the United Nations that gives most hope, and whose work I urge all to support, is UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The aim of this body is to cultivate the world loyalty I have mentioned, particularly through the ways mentioned in the title. It will

strive by means of radio, films, and printed matter to make peoples of the world better known to one another. We now seldom hear of the good attributes of other peoples; far too often we hear of the bad things they do.

UNESCO is to make a survey of the textbooks used in schools in different countries to find out how far they teach wrong ideas or facts about other nations, and have them eliminated if possible. We know that some history books contain teaching that tends to inflame national hatreds and passions, rather than to lead to peace.

Sometimes history books contain false information, or derogatory facts about other peoples. UNESCO will try to alter this. The question of an international language is being explored, so that all peoples will be able to understand one another, and not be separated by the language barrier as at present, and it is hoped to set up a World University which will help to develop a world culture.

All these activities promise much in the way of removing misunderstandings among peoples and promoting world peace. They are perhaps more tangible ways of seeking world peace than the

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removal of poverty and other economic causes of war; but they are no less important because of that. They come more particularly in the woman's sphere also, as we are the main educators of the future generations in their most formative years. I urge all members to interest themselves in, and to promote support for the activities of UNESCO.

The other great need of the world is drastic disarmament. We cannot develop a spirit of peace until we have ceased piling up armaments with which to destroy one another. Disarmament would "clear the international air" in many ways, and would foster the spirit of peace to an unforceable degree. Further than that, disarmament would put back into the production of food and goods many millions of men who are now quite unproductive. It is a terrible commentary on us all that at a time when people are dying for lack of food and clothing and shelter we should be maintaining millions of men in the armies of the world. In England alone, something like 1,500,000 men are under arms while the country does not know where to turn for workers in industry and on the land. What is more, huge areas have been taken for this purpose, and though much of it is not of high productive capacity, large areas of good agricultural land have been taken while the people are short of food. The ancients used to say, "Those whom the gods destroy they first make mad," and it seems that we modern men and women are marching to destruction unless we can act soon to change our way of life and outlook, and particularly unless we can learn to "love one another" without distinction of race or country.

E. M. MACKIE,  
Dom. Supt. Peace Dept.

## TARANAKI DISTRICT CONVENTION

Delegates from New Plymouth, Ngaere, Inglewood, Eltham and Hawera were welcomed by the President, Mrs. T. J. Hurrell, to the annual District Convention of the Taranaki District, which was held in the Methodist Hall, Eltham. Opening Devotions were taken by Mrs. Arthur (Inglewood) in the morning, and Major Argyle (S.A.) in the afternoon. Reports were presented by the District Secretary, Mrs. Tarrant (Ngaere), and Union Secretaries. The balance sheet was presented by the District Treasurer, Mrs. Simpson (Ngaere), and Miss Drew reported on the Sailors' Rest at New Plymouth.

A Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Gordon Hanna. The afternoon address was given by Miss Elsie Andrews, of New Plymouth, who recently returned from Sydney, where she was Guest Speaker at a large conference of the representatives of the women of Australia.

Officers were elected as follows:—District President, Mrs. T. J. Hurrell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Tarrant; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. North (Inglewood); Treasurer, Mrs. Simpson.

An invitation to hold the next Convention at New Plymouth was accepted.

## Special Reports

### GARDEN PARTY, NELSON UNION

A most successful Garden Party was held at Stoke, at the home of the President, Mrs. H. N. Toomer, to raise funds for Convention expenses.

The produce stall, in charge of Mrs. C. Knapp, and Mrs. Martin, and the jumble stall, staffed by Mrs. Black and Mrs. Snodgrass, made good contributions to the funds.

Afternoon tea and ice cream were served on the lawn; and later an adjournment was made to the house where Mrs. Toomer displayed some Japanese curios; giving an interesting talk about each.

### MARLBOROUGH WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's Monthly Day of Prayer was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, on March 27th.

Sessions began at 10 a.m. and all were attended; the following ladies being the Leaders: Mrs. Bythel, who was assisted by Miss Joan Bythel and Mrs. Milgrew, and during the afternoon, Mesdames Kearse and Pickford.

Interesting subjects were chosen, and helpful addresses given. Suitable hymns were sung; and many took part in prayer. It was announced that in future these days of prayer will be held on last Thursdays instead of Fridays as previously.

### CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Hawera Union

On March 25th, the Hawera Union entertained mothers of the Cradle Roll children at King Edward Park, when visitors were welcomed by the Superintendent, Mrs. H. Burton. Members provided afternoon tea, ice cream and soft drinks for the children, who also ran races and received books and party caps. The opportunity was taken by Mrs. Thayer, acting-president, of presenting "Long Service" badges to Mrs. Young, 30 years, and Mrs. Burrell, 20 years, both of whom were congratulated and wished long life and good health.

### FAREWELL GATHERING, HAMILTON UNION

On Tuesday, April 1st, a specially arranged gathering was held in the Methodist Hall, London Street, Hamilton, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mrs. Gatman, who has been President for several years of the Hamilton Union.

The attendance was very large, among those present being the District Secretary, Mrs. Lewis, of Cambridge, and the members of the Council of Christian Women, who linked up with the Union for that day for the special purpose of paying their tribute to Mrs. Gatman, who was also their President.

Mrs. Gatman presided over the gathering, and read Psalm 27, with emphasis on verse 5, "He shall set me upon a rock." Mrs. Gatman gave this as her parting message, and urged all present

to press on in the cause of saving the people from the Drink Traffic, knowing that with Jesus Christ our Foundation and All-sufficiency, we must triumph.

Mrs. E. J. Davey was congratulated on her Golden Wedding, celebrated in February, and Mrs. Ben Jones for a like celebration in March. Both of these ladies are old and valued members of our Union. Mrs. Davey, who for many years held the position of District Treasurer was unanimously elected Vice-President.

Mrs. Moore was unanimously requested to fill the vacant position of President, but asked for time to consider the request.

During a special interlude, Mrs. Stephenson Craig paid tribute to Mr. Gatman's valued leadership as President, and thanked her sincerely for her great service. Mrs. Lewis also spoke in similar vein, and Mrs. Gatman was asked to accept several gifts and also floral offerings. Mrs. Ebbett, representing the Council of Christian Women, also conveyed to Mrs. Gatman appreciation of her spiritual leadership to this body.

Afternoon tea and friendly chat followed, after which the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Mrs. Gatman is leaving the district owing to the retirement of her husband, the Rev. W. Gatman, from the Methodist Ministry. Their home will be in Auckland for the present.

### HOME MEETING, ONEHUNGA

Onehunga Union held a Home meeting at the home of Mrs. Leadley, on March 27th. The programme included solos by Miss Winnie Sibbin, a recitation by Mrs. Hatton, a competition and a talk by Mrs. Mountjoy, who also read a paper, this being followed by reminiscences by members present. After this, all took part in mentioning one thing for which she gave grateful thanks to God.

Conversation and afternoon tea concluded this profitable meeting at the Methodist parsonage.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate two of our members who have lately had birthdays. One of these is Mrs. Pitcher, of the Palmerston North Union, who has reached an advanced age; and the other, Mrs. S. Ayers, of Rangiora, who had her ninetieth birthday recently. Interesting reminiscences of days long past were given by both ladies during the celebration periods. We join in wishing them every happiness, and continued good health, and thank God for their lives of loving service.

## "BON VOYAGE"

We are all delighted to hear of Mrs. Kasper's improved health, and wish her and Mrs. Mackie "Bon Voyage," a happy time at The World Convention, and a safe return.



## President's Message



Dear Friends,—

Since the close of Convention we have to record the passing of another of our stalwarts in the person of Mrs. Peryman.

As the funeral was strictly private it was not possible for the Union to take any part in the service, but in your name I laid a spray of Rosemary, tied with the white ribbon which we used on the Convention Gavel, on the casket.

In the realisation of the fine work which Mrs. Peryman has carried out in our Union may we see to it that we do all in our power to fill the gaps which she, and others, leave.

You will now have heard the Convention reports from your delegates and will, no doubt, be feeling that you have had, at least, a glimpse of the very earnest and happy week spent in Auckland.

It may be that some of you may not agree with the decisions made at Convention, there are one or two which I do not like myself, but as we are a democratic body I shall have to join with you in doing my very best to carry out those decisions.

There is much work laid out for us to do during the year, but not more than we can accomplish.

Now is the time for educating those with whom we come in contact in the value of total abstinence from beverage alcohol, and the worthlessness and stupidity of beverage alcohol consumption.

Sow NOW; the grain is good. The harvest will come later.

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

Believe me,

Yours for service,

C. E. KIRK.

## CONVENTION FRAGMENTS

In our last issue, which was devoted almost entirely to Dominion Convention news and topics, some untidy ends were left for which we make our apologies, hoping that any apparent discourtesies will be understood to be the result of hurried endeavour to include as much as possible of Convention doings.

Among these was the omission in the list of Remits, of the fate of Nos 1, 6, 19, 20 and 21. We hasten to repair the omission.

No. 1 Withdrawn; No. 6 Carried; 19 and 20, Carried; 21, Withdrawn.

The accidental placing of the usual heading for the President's monthly message over her Convention Presidential Address is a serious disadvantage. Also we regret the lack of the special announcement on the cover page that this was the "Convention Number." Where copies are being used for distribution, we would venture to suggest that the Union Scribe or artist might make these omissions good, so that the value of the issue may not be unduly diminished.

A further error occurred in regard to the account of the Saturday's outing, entitled "Peeps at the Queen City." This was from the pen of our esteemed friend and member, Miss Edmed, to whom we make our grateful acknowledgements, while apologising for omitting her name as writer of the account.

### "SHOCK" TREATMENT

During Convention one of the delegates was asked to bring what information she could gain about "Shock Treatment," this being the subject of a Remit from her district.

It was fully admitted that the subject was well beyond our sphere of knowledge, and that we could not hope to make any authoritative statements about it. The information gleaned was slight but was felt to be of very great interest to everyone. Here follows an outline of what we were told, and a little more has been added through the post since Convention.

Two cases, known personally, were treated. Of these, one lady, aged 39, recovered fully after ten treatments. The other, a lady of 52, died after the first treatment.

In the case of a married woman, her husband has to sign a statement that he will lay no claim in the event of his wife's death, or her total loss of reason as the result of treatment. Only a certain class of mental illness can be treated in this way.

A psychiatrist stated that the treatment was only in its infancy, but would in time be used for all nerve complaints, and for revitalising all mentally tired people.

Seven attendants are necessary for each patient during the administering of treatment, and between treatments a close watch of the patient must be kept.

Recent advice received adds to the above that the treatment has been simplified. One well-known doctor administers it in a very mild form at his own

private hospital. It is still held to be suitable only for one class of patient.

It is known that different types of apparatus are employed in different mental hospitals. The equipment is said to be extremely expensive and the necessity for a special staff for its use adds to its cost.

### CONVENTION "SERVICE OF MEMORIES"

The following corrected list of names of members of the Southland District who passed beyond the veil during 1946, has been sent to us, and we wish to add them to the list published as being the names of those "remembered" in the "Service of Memories" regretting that it was impossible to include them in last month's issue.

*Bluff:* Mrs. R. N. Porter.

*Invercargill North:* Mrs. Clara Brown, Mrs. Ridland.

*Invercargill South:* Miss McCallum, Mrs. McIntyre.

*Invercargill Central:* Mrs. W. A. Ott, Mrs. Dobie, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Fraser, Miss McEwan, Miss McDowell.

*Winton:* Mrs. F. A. McWilliam.



### TEMPERANCE FACTS

#### Epsom-Green Lane:

"In 1898, Lord Kitchener, in his Soudan campaign, enforced prohibition of liquor, and in a fifteen-mile desert march, with manoeuvres instead of rests during the whole five hours, not a single man fell out of the ranks."

#### Remuera:

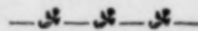
"Dr. Lorens, famous Austrian surgeon, says: 'I am a surgeon. My success depends upon my brain being clear, my muscles firm and my nerves steady. No one can take alcoholic liquor without blunting these physical powers, which I must keep on edge. As a surgeon, I must not drink.'"

#### Dannevirke:

"In 1943, at the time of the last referendum, every one of the six doctors practising in Masterton, signed the following statement: 'We, the undersigned medical practitioners of Masterton, are definitely of the opinion that "No License" has been beneficial to our town from the economic, moral and spiritual points of view, and that the return to "License" would be a very retrograde step.' (Statement made before Royal Commission.)"

#### Takapuna:

"Threequarters of the world's illness is caused by Alcohol."



A "wet" is a person who tells you he can make the country dryer by making it wetter.

Seems to us that we've got kinda muddled on Prohibition, and are blaming it for creating some kinds of meanness that it just uncovers.

# NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

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## The White Ribbon.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity"

WELLINGTON, MAY 1, 1947.

### NEWS FROM FAR AWAY

## OUR GERMAN SISTERS

Apropos of the suggestion made in Mrs. Mackie's "Talk" on her Peace Report, given at Convention, and appearing on the front page of this issue that we should try to know the people of other lands we publish here a copy of a paragraph from the "Bulletin" as being one likely to help us to think with sympathy and Christian charity of those whose sufferings have been terrible, even though they were our "enemies."

"This letter comes from Frau Fischer of Bremen, Germany. Everything she owned in the world is lost. She says it is difficult to interest people in anything if they are hungry. Continuing, she says:

"It is my aim to build our German W.C.T.U. again. More than 30 local unions were lost, and more than 1,500 members from there died on the streets last winter. This was in East Germany. In January I began to gather together the members in British and American Zones. I thought, and still think, the practical work in our alcohol free houses, as well as in factories for fruit juices has given us popularity and shelter against the Nazis, but will also be able to give us best possibilities in the future. Our plans for rebuilding and for organising are greatly hindered by lack of everything, food and coal, and inability to secure workmen.

As long as God gives us life we will do our duty for Him and home and every land. We beg of you do not be disappointed if we cannot work as well as we would like to, because we are rather feeble, and our frailty is mounting from month to month, even from week to week."

This letter was received at World Secretary's Office in reply to one sent from there.

## FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

No more heartening news could have been received than that of the great triumph described in the following extract from the Australian Temperance Advocate:—

"On Saturday, February 15th, the people of New South Wales declared themselves concerning the closing hour for hotels in that State. The hours submitted were 6, 9, and 10 p.m. They gave a thumping verdict for 6 o'clock closing.

This decision does credit to the good sense of the people, and consequently, it is not surprising. The New South Wales judgment is an expression of the sanity of mind of the average Australian, who is neither a wowser nor a fool. Being a man of ordinary intelligence, he knows that an increase in hours for drinking would mean that more drink would be sold, and in consequence more drunkenness would prevail. Apparently the New South Wales elector does not want any more of that indecency sprawling over the State. Of course, the barons of the breweries know these things, but, not being particularly sensitive about public decency, they were willing and prepared to spend large sums of money to gain an extension of hours for sale, believing that what is expended this year would be recovered next year if the extended time for the sale of liquor were allowed. Their hope was an hypothesis: the supposition did not succeed.

## FROM AMERICA

*Arresting Statement by R. S. Lufkin.*

"Lassitude within the alcoholic beverage industry, plus the ambitious campaigning of Drys, will return Prohibition to the United States within from four to six years."

Mr. Robert S. Lufkin, secretary of the National Tavery Association and president of the Massachusetts Retail Liquor Dealers' Board of Trade, made the above

startling statement before a meeting of the Maryland Retail Liquor Dealers' Association held at Alcazar, Baltimore.

In April, the same speaker predicted the return of Prohibition within six to eight years. He now says:—

"After travelling thousands of miles around the country on behalf of the liquor industry since repeal—and I have travelled about 34,000 miles since the first of January, I have moved up the arrival of Prohibition from eight to six years, to SIX to FOUR years."

No wonder the industry seeks to extend its sphere of influence.



### LETTERS FROM BRITAIN

11 Belvedere,  
Weymouth,  
4th November, 1946.

Dear kind friends in Feilding and Masterton, New Zealand,—

We have just held our Branch monthly meeting, and I am writing at once to send the thanks of our members to you.

Please excuse a joint typed letter, but we passed a resolution that has to be sent to the Mayor and Corporation, and the clergy and ministry of the town, so as I am the Branch Secretary, you can imagine all the work I have to do—as well as send the notice to the local papers.

We have 20,000 sailors in our midst, the Fleet having come to our harbour, and no accommodation for social facilities except one small Salvation Army Home, AND the places where they can get intoxicating drinks. This is something I am absolutely ashamed of and I shall try to rouse the town to action. During the war we had a fine "B.W.T.A." Canteen and Club, of which for five years I was Commandant, and over one and a-half million meals were provided, sometimes over 2,500 in one day. But the Churches wanted their halls back after the war, and much as we have tried we cannot find other property. We want to run a peace-time club. Our monthly meetings are held in the Liberal Club premises. If only the Churches would realise their opportunities and the work crying out to be done! I get really worked up. It is so difficult to get anything done, alas!

But to return to your parcels. The members were delighted. I had

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“THE WHITE RIBBON”

Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the Year Ended December 31, 1946.

As you will see in the Statement of Accounts we finished the year with a small *debit balance*, due, as was the case last year, to unions not sending in their subscriptions before the end of the financial year. We still are able, however, to show a surplus in our accumulated fund.

The number of copies of the paper printed each month is still 2,950, although in one month we required 3,000. There has been a small, steady request for spare copies and we have been able to dispose of most of them.

New subscribers total 207, a decrease of 2 on the previous year's number. Against this we have written off 142, leaving a nett increase of 61. This is almost double the number we increased by last year. Of those written off a great many have received the call to higher service.

The number of new subscribers in the different districts are:—

South Island		
Nelson	....	1
Marlborough	....	4
North Canterbury	....	85
South Canterbury	....	5
Otago	....	11
Southland	....	10
		116
North Island		
North Auckland	....	8
Auckland	....	29
South Auckland	....	5
Taranaki	....	10
Hawke's Bay	....	18
Wanganui	....	4
Manawatu	....	5
Wellington	....	5
		87

The Union with the largest number of subscribers is Riccarton, with 25. This Union wins the Banner for 1946.

The winners of the “White Ribbon” Vase for 1946 are Riccarton, having 141 subscribers.

The Union with under 20 members having the largest increase in new subscribers, on a percentage basis, is Inglewood, with 46% gain.

*Beacons:* The number of “Beacons” sent out each month rose to 383, an increase of 30. This was mainly due to work being done in the Maori Department.

*Y.P. Supplements:* The monthly orders for this paper rose to 114, eleven more than the previous year, and the number of papers sent out reached 6,950 in the peak month. These were, of course in addition to the copies enclosed with “The White Ribbon.” The total number of Y.P. Supplements sent out in 1946 was 63,260. This is 14,510 more than in 1945. It indicates a greater interest in Temperance educational work among our children.

Throughout the year fifteen ladies and

gentlemen in the Wellington area have assisted our work by carefully addressing the wrappers for the paper each month, and I should like to thank them very heartily for the magnificent help given.

I would also like to thank the principals and staff of Messrs. Wright & Carman Ltd., and our Auditor, Mr. G. A. N. Freeman, for their support and help to our paper.

We pray that through the united efforts of all our members the circulation of our paper will increase, that the knowledge of the evils of alcohol which we give from time to time may be widely spread and that always its influence may enlighten and influence for good those who read it.

A. D. GRIGG.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946

Expenditure		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing	....	566	4	9
Stationery	....	7	18	11½
Postages	....	17	6	2
Prizes, Y.P. Supplement Competition	....	1	7	1
Convention Expenses	....	8	14	0
Honorarium and Soc. Sec. Charges	....	27	10	0
S. r. d. r. i. e. s.	....	1	6	0
Bank Charges	....	0	14	0
		£631	0	11½

Receipts		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Sales	....	509	16	5
Advertisements	....	66	15	0
W.R. Day Fund	....	40	14	3
Donations	....	0	4	6
		£617	10	2

Excess Expenditure over Income, year ending 31/12/46	....	13	10	9½
		£631	0	11½

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1946.

Liabilities		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund at 31st December, 1945	....	99	14	5½
Less Excess Expenditure, year ending 31/12/46	....	13	10	9½
		£86	3	8
Assets		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	....	3	18	2
Cash at Bank of N.Z.	....	47	15	6
Typewriter	....	10	0	0
Business Manager's Desk	....	9	10	0
Editor's Desk	....	15	0	0
		£86	3	8

Audited and found correct.  
G. A. N. FREEMAN.  
12/2/47.

“HOSTESSES, MESDAMES —”

Very often the hostesses at the meetings restrict their part to the providing and serving of refreshments, and cleaning away. Some branches prefer not to have afternoon teas, because of the loss of time, others find it a distinct help to elderly members, to those that have a distance to come, to those so busied that attending the meeting means considerable effort and crowded activities before and after.

Done efficiently, it should not take up much time, and decidedly it encourages a social atmosphere; but the word “hostess” means more than “caterer.”

Surely it is for the hostess to do fully what she would do when playing the role in her own home. That is, welcome members individually, (even if there is not time for more than a word and smile, the personal touch counts); particularly any attending after absence, perhaps due to illness; to introduce new-comers; to see to the details of preparation, such as placing seats, opening windows, putting out books. If there is no settled rule as to these matters, either they are done, or partly done, haphazardly, or they fall to the lot of Mrs. Do-all; which always turns out to be a bad policy in the not-so-long run; or to the resident, who always has a full-time job. It pays best to have each member take them in her turn, and they fall naturally into the hostess role.

When first I joined, forty years ago, there was frequent discussion over the right “eats” to bring. More than one president of my early memories used always to stand out for bread and butter or buttered scones, with only one other item, and that plain. The reason was that routine, simple food prevented rivalry in cooking; and any unfair burden on very busy members and those with lean purses. Logical as this was, there were always some thoughtless members who indulged themselves by more lavish giving, inevitably embarrassing others. Butter rationing has ended that menu, but the main issue still has to be considered, to keep to simple food, and help the meting by being a complete hostess.

Katherine Mercer.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The ordeal was once again endured, out in the street this time. The results, however, more than compensate for the agonies endured by so many who would “rather go to the dentist than be photographed.” Our front page is the richer for this souvenir.

“The drunken driver is not the greatest menace on the road. The driver who has had a few drinks will take the chances he would never take without alcohol.”—“The Voice,” October, 1945.

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

Although the terrible evil of Drug addiction has not as yet become one of New Zealand's problems, we are informed that it is a thing to be reckoned with even here. Statistics are not readily available, and we are unable to speak with any authority, but the following article from the World Superintendent of the Narcotic Drugs Department, should be read carefully by all members of our Union.

### NARCOTIC DRUGS DEPARTMENT

Supt., Mrs. Loretta M. Hoyman.

507 West 59th St.,

Apt. 2 RE,

New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

January 10, 1947.

Dear Friends,—

As I am now on furlough after seven years in the Near East as Secretary for the World's W.C.T.U., this letter goes to you from the United States with all good wishes for you and your work in 1947. May I ask that you send me reports of your activities and of conditions and problems in your countries to reach the above address not later than May 1st, so that they can be used in a summary for the World's Convention.

It is needful that we be always active in opposing this narcotic vice which surcharges the needless misery of drug addiction on a world already suffering. However, World's Narcotic Week, February 21-28 can give added stimulus by press work (articles and short notes), by radio, in schools, churches, clubs and meetings of all kinds.

Three years ago Prime Minister McKenzie King of Canada wrote: "Just when we most need to be clear-headed, in order to face the hard facts before us, there is all too frequently a very real inclination to give way to dangerous tendencies merely as an escape from realities." Much has been written, too, of the very real danger to servicemen in countries where drugs are easy to obtain and of the temptation to "easy money" in smuggling these between foreign countries or into their own. Nor do we forget notable work done against drugs by some of them.

You will be interested in a resume of Miss Moorhead's article in the Foreign Policy Report of April 6, 1946. Before World War II international control of opium and other dangerous drugs was recognised as one of the most successful actions of the League of Nations. Opium treaties (conventions) were ratified by sixty-seven nations; estimates for medical needs were made; all legal international trade in narcotic drugs supervised and sanctions applied. Narcotic Drug control was a notable example of international co-operation so wisely established in time of peace that it withstood the shock of war.

Advance was made during the war and a meeting held in Washington in 1942. The Judd resolution requested the State Department to urge all opium producing nations to limit production and growth to medical and scientific

needs of the world. Afghanistan replied to the note, sent by the U.S.A. to countries concerned, that its opium production was to cease. Iran, which had signed none of the League conventions, did not reply, but in March, 1946, the Prime Minister in a radio address said in regard to "The problem of opium and its production. The smoking of opium is practised to such an extent that it will endanger the health of coming generations. I have issued orders for a commission to be appointed to study the problem and submit a report and proposals so that the necessary action can be taken to stop production of opium and the smoking of this deadly poison." On April 10 the Council of Ministers approved a decree to prohibit cultivation for this year.

In Japan the measures taken by the military were swift and effective. Germany presents a more complicated problem. Britain and the Netherlands said that when their Far East territories were freed, opium monopolies would cease and they would forbid opium smoking.

Most of the League Narcotics work was moved to Washington, D.C., during the war. The new Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations now takes over. It will, first: aid in establishing narcotic control systems broken by the war, and second: resume reports and statistics for the International organization. The member nations are fifteen: China, France, U.K., U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Canada, Egypt, India, Iran, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland Turkey and Yugoslavia. Many new problems and complications face this commission. A new start will have to be made and much original thinking will have to be done before the solution for the basic problem, how to insure that enough raw material for global medical and scientific supplies of narcotics is produced and at the same time to insure that no surplus production is permitted so as to prevent abuse of this essential material. (End of resume.)

China's efforts against opium continue and a death penalty is inflicted for persistent law violations. In Lebanon and Syria increased planting of hasheesh in almost inaccessible places is reported. Iran has a new society with the double purpose of combating opium and alcohol. Egypt's Narcotic Bureau has lost, through retirement, Major-General Russell Pasha, who has done a notable service for Egypt and the world. This will add to the difficulty of protecting that country from its own and its neighbours' drugs.

Hon. H. J. Anslinger, Commissioner of Narcotics in U.S.A., states, "That crime and narcotics are interwoven is illustrated by the fact that narcotic drug violators head the list of all criminals in the United States having previous fingerprint records, which in-

clude crimes ranging from vagrancy to robbery—and other serious offences."

It was an inspiration recently to visit Mrs. Hess whose Bulletins give such information on Medical Temperance and whose special issues of the Union Signal on Social Hygiene and Narcotics are most valuable. I quote from the former: "The Journal of the American Medical Association, July 13, 1946, issued a strong warning about the danger of addiction to Demerol. A wave of addiction is feared because of reckless statements made in a recent widely circulated magazine article. Demerol was placed under Federal Narcotic control by the Congress, July 1, 1944, because it has addiction properties similar to morphine."

Let us emphasize the dangers of self-prescription, of sleeping potions, of painkillers, and other unknown medicines, many of which contain narcotics and are habit-forming. Students and the public at large often display amazing ignorance as to narcotics—what they are and what they do. They should have the information which will lead to personal abstinence and to a feeling of responsibility for the protection of others by proper laws and their enforcement. Let us not forget that alcohol and nicotine are narcotic drugs.

I would quote again the inspiring words of Cora F. Stoddard: "The new world that is now in the making requires strong, healthy bodies, clear minds, vision, self-control. There is not place in it for the muddling and stupefying effects of a narcotic drug like alcohol in the serious relations of business, of labour, of transportation, of social justice, of self-government. The new era calls for a sense of responsibility, for unselfishness in promoting the common good, for the self-control that deliberately chooses the best and passes by what will weaken, in order that out of the inheritance of many ages and many lands may come nations where liberty and justice, opportunity and capability shall walk hand in hand."

May your special Narcotic Week reach and teach many people! The Christ, "Whose we are and Whom we serve," can give the wisdom and tact for this work.

Yours in the White Ribbon Service,  
LORETTA M. HOYMAN.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### LOST, GREEN BANNER COVER

Left at Convention Hall, or taken by mistake, a green banner cover with leather handle and two leather straps. Would anyone knowing its whereabouts, please communicate with the Dominion Recording Secretary, Mrs. V. Underhill, Lakings Road, Yelverton, Blenheim?



# Great Evangelists and Temperance

By Victoria Grigg, M.A.

## VI. THEOBALD MATTHEW

I proposed to write on Thomas Chiniquy as the subject of my sixth article in this series; but, on thinking it over, felt that it would not be right to do so without first writing of the great man who did so much to influence him, namely Father Matthew. Yes; it was from the ranks of the Roman Catholic priesthood that there arose one who was inspired by a Quaker to take up in God's name, the cause of Temperance. Matthew was called the apostle of Temperance in Ireland; Chiniquy the apostle of Temperance in Canada.

Father Matthew as a young Capuchin friar, was a director of the House of Industry in Cork. It was at the urging of his colleague and friend William Martin, that in 1838, he held his first Temperance meeting in his own school-room in Cork, and then signed the pledge, saying, as he did so, "Here goes, in the name of the Lord." At that meeting, sixty persons followed his example, and this was the beginning of a tremendous crusade which was to influence thousands of people. A portrait of this great man shows a face handsome, intelligent and truly noble. Father Matthew's successes were won in the face of the bitterest opposition of most of his fellow-priests. Chiniquy relates how, when he felt afraid to venture on his own Temperance crusade, he wrote to Matthew for his advice and the help of his prayers. The Irish priest in reply, pressed him to begin the work in Canada, as he had done in Ireland, *relying on God, without paying any attention to the opposition of man.*

It is estimated that about 5,000 persons took the pledge in Cork within a few months of the beginning of the Temperance crusade. In a month after meetings in Limerick, Waterford and other places in Southern Ireland, nearly a quarter of a million people became total abstainers, and it is considered that his ministry in Ireland alone resulted in three million people taking the pledge. He was warned not to visit Ulster on account of the dislike of the Orangemen for priests, but on his first visit there the Orangemen came in Grand Procession to receive him. As Mr. A. M. Sullivan writes, "When Father Matthew saw the Orangemen's flag hung out at Cootehill on Church and Kirk he rightly appreciated the spirit of the display, and

called for three cheers for them. A Catholic clergyman calling for a cordial salutation of the Orange banner, and a Catholic assembly heartily responding, was something inconceivable. It had never occurred before in Ireland and I am afraid has never occurred since.

The effects of Father Matthew's Temperance were remarkable indeed. The consumption of spirits dropped from over twelve million gallons to five and a-half millions. Public houses decreased from 21,326 to 13,018. Assaults with attempts to murder, homicides, and such heavy offences dropped from 12,096 to 173 in three years. The Rev. William Wright describes a visit to Ireland in 1843, and states amongst other things: "On inspecting prisons in Dublin, I was informed one was closed and for sale; in another I saw upwards of one hundred cells vacant, and in other gaols a similar state of things. At the Police Station the men admitted that they had not half the employment they formerly had. Some 600 to 800 public houses had been closed. Magistrates had been obliged to appoint two days a week for Savings Banks instead of one, the deposits were coming in so quickly. It is now as common in Ireland to meet a poor man with a decent coat on his back as formerly it was rare. In Waterford it is estimated that there are upwards of £100,000 worth of value in clothes and furniture in the cottages of the working classes above what there was two years back."

During the whole of this campaign, Father Matthew was violently opposed by many, particularly of his own faith. He was threatened and slandered. He was accused of growing rich by the sale of Temperance medals, whereas he had contributed so heavily to the cause that he became bankrupt. Though he suffered, he was undeterred. In 1843 his visit to England resulted in thousands of pledged abstainers; in London alone, 70,000.

It was during a Temperance campaign in America that he met Thomas Chiniquy who says: "My best source of information and wisdom was from letters received from Father Matthew, and my personal interviews with him when he visited the United States."

He told Chiniquy never to rely too much on the excitement of the multitude,

and never to give the pledge without giving a complete course of lectures on the damning effects of intoxicating drinks. He said, "We must demonstrate to the people that these alcoholic drinks are absolutely destructive of their temporal as well as their eternal life."

Chiniquy says a profound impression was made on him when Father Matthew referred to the pain and sorrow he felt on account of the ridicule and drinking habits of his fellow-priests. Several took the pledge before their parishioners only to break it immediately.

The interview with Chiniquy took place in a hotel in Boston, and Father Matthew said that there the drinking habits of bishops and priests were such that he felt forced to withdraw from the bishop's palace and come quietly to the hotel. "In saying these last words," Chiniquy writes, "that good and noble man burst into a fit of convulsive sobs and tears. He concealed his face in his hands, and for nearly ten minutes could not utter a word. The spectacle of the desolation of a man whom God raised up so high, and so much blessed, and the tears of one who himself dried up so many tears, and brought so much joy and comfort to so many desolate homes, has been one of the most solemn lessons my God ever gave. For who had received more merited praises, and who had seen his own labours more blessed by God and man, than Father Matthew?"

The original Temperance medal in Cork bore on one side the pledge, and on the other a design which is very impressive. A man holding a banner labelled "Sobriety," and a woman holding a banner labelled "Domestic Comfort," stand on either side of a child bearing the letters "IHS" (Jesus the Saviour of men). Immediately above these letters is a lamb bearing a banner. The picture makes one think at once of the words, "The Son of God goes forth to war." At the feet of the man and woman are two little children. Surmounting the shield is a Cross, and above the Cross the words, "In hoc signo vinces" (In this sign you conquer). The whole design suggests absolute reliance on Christ in the keeping of the pledge.

Father Matthew said, "*The Temperance Cause is a cause in which we should all unite. It is the cause of our common humanity and the cause of God.*"

### MODERATION

What is moderation in the use of liquor anyway? Is it the constant slight use of alcoholic beverages? Is it an occasional slight use?

This thing is almost sure: that the constant "moderate" use of alcoholic beverages will probably become a greater use; either a greater use of quantity, or a greater use of absolute

alcohol by shifting from beer and wine to distilled spirits. Even the chronic effects of the long-term "slight use" of alcoholic beverages are certainly not fully known. These effects cannot be good.

As a social policy, the occasional "moderate" use of alcoholic beverages is more questionable for this reason, that it is comparatively easy to abstain

always, but it is difficult to say yes today and no to-morrow. Well-bred persons certainly do not on any social occasion press alcoholic beverages upon those who are known abstainers. But the man who tries to abstain occasionally or to restrict his consumption to only small amounts, is very much more liable to be subjected to social pressure.

—The Voice.

## HOME MAKERS CORNER

By "LYNETTE."

## THE HAYBOX AGAIN

With North Island power cuts complicating the cooking of family meals, more about Haybox Cookery seems appropriate. Instructions for making a haybox were given in the issue of August 1, 1946, but, for the uninitiated, it is a box, lined with paper, and filled with hay, into which casseroles of food, brought to the boil on the stove, may be put to cook by their own stored heat.

Many dishes requiring long, slow cooking are admirably handled by the haybox, with the added advantage that they can be started when the power is on, and served, perfectly cooked, at any time up to three hours later quite independently of the electricity. Porridge and other breakfast dishes can be cooked overnight, and warmed in the morning. Soups, and many luncheon and tea savouries can also go into the haybox. Celery, broad beans, all the pumpkin family can be cooked in this way, but not cauliflowers or greens, as appearance and food value suffer from the long cooking.

Here are three suggestions for haybox dinners, each allowing for three casseroles. (A box to take more than three becomes too large for most kitchens.)

1. Beef olives, potatoes, carrots (cut in rounds and served with chopped parsley), and a cold sweet.

2. Ox tail stew, potatoes and steamed pudding (done in haybox).

3. Pork pot roast, potatoes, pumpkin, and a cold sweet.

**Beef Olives:** Take 1½ lbs. stewing beef and pound in seasoned flour. Cut into thin pieces about 2 x 4 inches, and spread with the following stuffing:—

2 ozs. bread crumbs, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley, ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind, 3 ozs. bacon chopped, fat from the meat, ½ teaspoon mixed herbs, 1 egg.

Roll up meat and skewer with a toothpick or tie with string; sear in hot fat, add water and bring to boiling point. Thicken and place in haybox. Remove skewers or string before serving.

**Oxtail Stew:** Cut up tail, roll in seasoned flour, sear in hot fat, add water and bring to boiling point. Put into haybox for two hours; then add carrots, parsnips and onions, bring to boil again and then return to haybox till wanted.

**Pork Pot Roast:** Take about four lbs. shoulder of pork, rub with seasoned flour, brown on all sides in hot fat and add 1 cup of water. Cook on top of stove for half an hour, then in haybox for two hours. Add six quartered apples and half cup raisins. Reheat and return to haybox for half an hour. Serve with gravy made from liquid.

## THOMAS BRACKEN

(To the Editor)

Madam,—

I have been asked to edit a selection of the writings of Thomas Bracken and to supply a biographical introduction. I should therefore be grateful if you would let me appeal to any of your readers who may have letters or other papers that would help in my researches.

The Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library, Bowen Street, Wellington, has consented to receive material on my behalf. It will be returned after I have consulted it. Information and assistance will be gratefully acknowledged.

For those who may care to write to me personally my address is:

4 Newcombe Street,  
Naenae,

Lower Hutt.

ROBERT SOLWAY.

## TRUE IN 1913: TRUE TO-DAY.

Beer never built a cottage. It never stuffed a hungry little stomach. It never inspired a kiss of purity. It never planted a garden or sent a happy little girl to swing upon the gate in anticipation of father's return. It never made a contented hearthstone or bred a yeomanry to inspire their country with sturdy pride.

It deals in mortgages and evictions. It wrenches bread from the fingers of childhood. It triumphs in blows and hate, in suspicion and fear, in lust and disease. It tramples upon the flowers, strikes the hinges from the gate and sends the little ones flying from father's approach. Selfishness, hopelessness and decay smite the land in which it rules.—"The Voice," 1913.

## DRINK MAY BECOME MASTER.

It is well not to form a habit which may "become your master." Some habits may injure, even though they do not master. The alcoholic habit is one of them. No man ever yet became a regular drinker of alcoholic beverages and found himself spiritually, mentally or physically the better for it. Always the worse. That is worth remembering. There is also another side to it. You may become a drinker and drink may not become your master. But suppose that, by your example, someone else begins to drink and alcohol becomes his master! Whether we like it or not, everyone is, to some extent, his brother's keeper. "I have a right to drink," said Henry Drummond. Then he said (remembering those weaker than himself), "But I have a more Christ-like right not to." It is worth thinking about.

In keeping with the current rage, there's the miniature cocktail—one drink and in a min-it-ure out.

## SOLUTION TO No. 11.

**Across.**—1, Ridge; 5, Basso; 10, Area; 12, Shin; 13, Compassions; 14, Enos; 15, Apse; 16, Eli; 18, Brunettes; 20, Ass; 22, Rice; 25, Spun; 27, Acidulating; 28, Seen; 29, Into; 30, Essay; 31, Ergot.

**Down.**—1, Races; 2, Iron; 3, Democracies; 4, Gaps; 6, Asia; 7, Shopkeeping; 8, Sins; 9, Onset; 11, Uselessly; 16, Ena; 17, Its; 19, Erase; 21, Ingot; 23, Ices; 24, Edna; 25, Stir; 26, Unto.

## "W.R. CROSSWORD" — 12

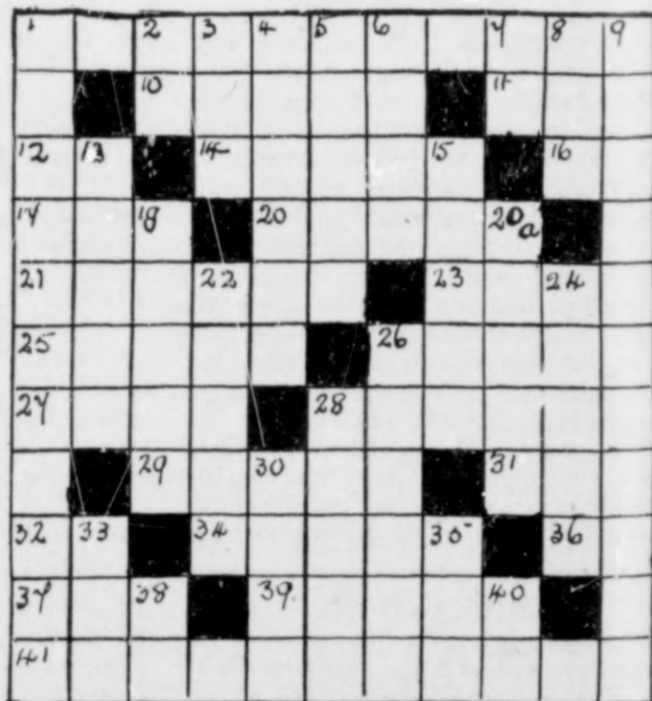
## CLUES.

## Across

- 1.—As a medicine.
- 10.—A lazy fellow.
- 11.—A drink to be shunned.
- 12.—Preposition.
- 14.—Camera.
- 16.—Because.
- 17.—Pronoun.
- 20.—Sensational.
- 21.—Dodges.
- 23.—Tempt.
- 25.—Measuring instrument.
- 26.—Guide.
- 27.—Region.
- 28.—Speed up.
- 29.—Dickens wrote of him.
- 31.—Snow-shoe.
- 32.—Supposing.
- 34.—Small spar.
- 36.—South Georgia.
- 37.—Bottle (verb).
- 39.—Animals.
- 41.—Fastening.

## Down.

- 1.—The science of numbers and space.
- 2.—Theological degree.
- 3.—Annoy.
- 4.—Less tropical.
- 5.—Indian river.
- 6.—Stingy.
- 7.—Note of the scale.
- 8.—Lady literate in Arts.
- 9.—Last evening.
- 13.—Lubricator.
- 15.—Highland attire.
- 18.—Softened.
- 20a.—For two performers.
- 22.—Darlings.
- 24.—Smokes.
- 26.—A lover of torture.
- 28.—An early visitor to Britain.
- 30.—Gem.
- 33.—Another note of the scale.
- 35.—Detective (slang).
- 38.—Refusal.
- 39.—Be quiet.





# Bulletin of Union News

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Executive Meeting, March 31:** Mrs. Mountjoy presiding and Mrs. Hooper leading Devotions. The President reported that Mrs. Kasper's health was much improved, and Mrs. Petchell reported that all those elected to the Licensing Committee at Takapuna were Temperance men. All stood in silence, in memory of Mrs. Peryman, news of whose death had just been received. Letter of sympathy to be sent to the Rev. Clifford Welch who conducted the Convention Communion Service, in the sudden death of Mrs. Welch. Mrs. Mountjoy presented Mrs. Williams with a book in token of gratitude for her work in connection with hospitality for Convention delegates. "Mother's Day" gathering arranged. President reported that a number of members had received "Long Service" badges at Convention.

**Remuera, March 24:** Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided. Attendance fair. Devotions led by Mrs. G. Robinson. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Reports of Dominion Convention given by Mesdames Robinson, Gane, and Miss Tozer. Thanks given by President for these reports.

**Epsom Green Lane:** Opening meeting for 1947, March 20, held at the Maori Girls' Hostel. Members first attended the funeral of their beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Geison, at the Green Lane Congregational Church. Mrs. Geison passed away suddenly while helping to nurse a very sick friend. We thank God for every remembrance of her. Mrs. Long, ably assisted by Mollie, acted as hostess at the Hostel. Convention report given and a most profitable afternoon was spent. A "Love Gift" to Mrs. Long of £2 was made, for the purchase of some useful article for the Hostel.

**Henderson, March 19:** Mrs. Chadwick presided. Convention report given. Interesting talk by Miss Appleby on "The Ups and Downs of Organising." Discussion on the gambling question.

**Ponsonby, March 20:** Mrs. Joiner presided and led Devotions. Temperance Fact, Miss Runciman. Letter from Mrs. Lee-Cowie received by President, gave news of her, and the Misses Pyle's continued good health. Rev. H. C. Matthews, of St. John's Methodist Church, spoke on "A Life of Service." Pledge and Benediction.

**Kohi-St. Heliers, March 20:** Fair attendance, Mrs. Kasper presiding. Temperance Fact. Vote of sympathy with Mrs. Lediard in the death of her husband. £1 received from Wesley Methodist children towards Temperance education. Arrangements made for farewell to Mrs. Farr.

**Mount Eden, April 1:** Mrs. J. D. Smith presided in the absence of the President. Mrs. Mountjoy gave report of Dominion Convention. Suggestions for making meetings interesting made by members.

**Onehunga, March 13:** Annual Cradle Roll Party. Beautiful weather. Arrangements by Miss Caughley, C.R. Superintendent.

March 27: See "Special Reports."

**Takapuna, April meeting:** Fair attendance, Mrs. Morgan-Richards presiding. Devotions, Miss Cullen. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Winstone. Mrs. Petchell gave vivid account of the work of the Licensing Committee, and as all our men were elected, there was great rejoicing. Decided to invite all these new members of the Committee with their wives to a Social Afternoon, with the workers also. Mrs. Morgan-Richards was presented with the "Long Service" badge. She also reported on the first day of Convention. Sales Table did well. Benediction.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Tauranga, April 1:** Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Bensley. All stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Peryman, and Mrs. Hickey, mother of one of the members. Excellent report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Hunt, delegate. Mesdames Walker (Nelson Union), and Alley (Northcote Union) welcomed. N.C.W. report given. Temperance Fact and Pledge. Flowers to be sent to a sick member and to a bride recently arrived. Arrangements for Silver Jubilee and District Convention discussed. "Bring and Buy" for local funds.

**Hamilton, April 1:** See "Special Report."

## HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

**Dannevirke, March 11:** Mrs. Paviour-Smith presided in the absence of the President, and took Devotions. A Palmerston North visitor welcomed. Letter received from District Secretary telling of Miss C. McLay's proposed visit. Agreed that the Temperance Fact should be sent to the local newspaper for publication. Prayer in closing.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

**Wellington Central, March 19:** Mrs. Israel in the chair in the absence of Mrs. Sired on holiday. Attendance fair. Illness of several members reported and letters to be sent. Mrs. Morris reported on District Convention. A fund was planned for Dominion Convention to be held here in 1948. Letters of thanks for parcels sent to England received. Members urged to pay membership fees and "W.R." subscriptions as early in the year as possible to simplify the work of Dominion Officers. Convention report given by Mrs. Reed. Tea hostess, Mrs. Hault. Benediction.

**Lower Hutt, March 25:** Mrs. Spencer presided over small attendance. Some sick and some holidaying. Prayer of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs. Peryman. Convention report given by Mrs. Reed, District Secretary. Hearty thanks for excellent report. Benediction.

**Johnsonville:** Cradle Roll party held at the home of Mrs. Davis on March 22, nine mothers and thirteen children attending. Happy afternoon spent with games and especially the good things provided. Band of Hope and Bible Class members assisted Mrs. Davis in the entertaining of the children.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

**Nelson, February 11:** Mrs. Toomer presided. Good attendance. Rev. R. A. Blampied led Devotions. Speaker, Mrs. Sherratt, on "Life of Elizabeth Fry." Paper also read by President from "N.Z. Motor World," entitled "Booze at the Wheel." Benediction.

March 11: Miss Cooke presided in the absence of the President at Dominion Convention. Five members at Convention, so only fair attendance. Major Brunton led Devotions. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Gubb, who was in charge of Cradle Roll for a long time, and Mr. J. H. Walker, the husband of our one-time District President. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Pocklington, of Dunedin, entertained with a humorous recitation, and Major Brunton gave a delightful talk on Edinburgh, singing one verse of the "Covenanters' Hymn" as a conclusion. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Andrews, Lummis and Snodgrass. Meeting closed with the "Sigil."

## MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

**Springlands, March 18:** Mrs. Underhill presided, fair attendance. Several absent through illness. The devotional study was from Epistle General of Peter, chapter 1, the Christian's Hope. Very helpful verses given in response to the roll call. Regret voiced at the loss of their home by fire to Mr. and Mrs. Twidle. The Banner for L.W.R. was presented by the President to Mrs. E. Leslie, Superintendent. The President gave a talk on some of the highlights of the Dominion Convention as experienced by herself. The members listened with interest and thanked the speaker.

**Blenheim, April 1:** Good attendance of members and visitors. One new member initiated. Mrs. A. T. Milgrew and Mrs. Adjutant Kearse led Devotions. Very comprehensive report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. P. Stephens, who received thanks. Tea and Benediction.

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Riccarton, March 13:** 21 present. Mrs. Griffiths presided. Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Concert to be given on April 19 at Women's Reformatory. Articles for use in the Therapy Department at the Templeton Farm asked for. £4 raised for the "O. and G." appeal. Decided to send a further £2 to Headquarters Fund, and a food parcel to Britain. Mrs. Griffiths gave interesting talk on her recent trip to Perth, Australia. Vote of thanks passed. Hymn and Benediction.

**Linwood, March 25:** Mrs. Mackie presided. Members stood in silence in memory of our late sister, Mrs. Peryman, for many years

Editor of the "W.R." Mrs. Mackie, in the absence of the Convention delegate, Mrs. Fuller, spoke on her report, which was very comprehensive. Mrs. Beiby and Mrs. Hugh Graham, our Baptist and Presbyterian ministers' wives were received as members. Help for Obstetrical Hospital and Templeton Farm given. Good reports given in connection with the Band of Hope picnic, and Mental Hospital visiting.

**Reefton, March 11:** Remits received from Greymouth N.C.W. discussed. Mrs. Thompson Junr. read the story of Billy Bray, from "The White Ribbon." Closing prayer by Mrs. Thompson.

**North Brighton, March 18:** Mrs. Noonan presided and Mrs. McIlwraith led Devotions. 8 present. A new member initiated. Band of Hope report showed two meetings held, and C.R. reported 4 new members. Arrangements for 21st birthday party. Press Reporter, Mrs. McIlwraith, and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Goldman appointed.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote, March 25:** Good attendance. Mrs. Tredenswick presided and spoke on "Missions." Mrs. Webb reported a very successful "C.R." party, 25 children having attended with their parents. Donation of £1 received from Mrs. Anderson for party expenses. Mrs. Burnell appointed Treasurer, Mrs. Webb having resigned in favour of "C.R." work.

**Christchurch, March 12:** Miss Henderson presided. Discussion on "What Doctors Say About Alcohol."

March 26: Miss Henderson presided. Convention report given by Miss Lovell-Smith, also Women's Rally report. President told of the Aims and Objects of the meeting of the International Alliance of Women held this year in Switzerland, at which twenty-one delegates attended. Peace resolutions passed.

**Sydenham, April 3:** Mrs. J. Filer presided over eight members and three visitors. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Comprehensive and interesting report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Clark, District President. Hearty vote of thanks. One of our visitors initiated as a member by Mrs. Clark.

**New Brighton, April 3:** Mrs. Edmond presided and Mrs. Flower led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Invitations to Union Birthday Socials received. A new member initiated by Mrs. Edmond. Mrs. Ellis, our Secretary received her "Thirty Years' Service" badge, after which Mrs. Hall told us that it was thirty-two years since she had initiated her daughter, Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Ada Hall as members, and they had been faithful workers in the cause ever since. Mrs. Flower, Convention delegate, presented an interesting report, for which she was thanked. £1/10/- promised for N.Z. Fund.

**Spreydon:** Meeting presided over by Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Gemmell leading Devotions. As this took the form of a Cradle Roll party, no business was dealt with. Warm welcome given to all. Games, ice creams, paper hats and soft drinks all helped to please the children. Songs by Mrs. D. MacKenzie and recitations by Mrs. Woodcock entertained the adults. Miss Cook, a returned missionary from China, told of many miraculous escapes from bombs and imprisonment during the Japanese occupation. Thanks, tea, and Benediction.

**Riccarton, April 10:** Mrs. Griffiths presided. Pledge re-affirmed and splendid Temperance Fact given. Three parcels sent to the Therapy Department at Templeton Farm; £2 more handed in for the "O. and G." appeal, making a total of £6. An 11 lb. food parcel sent to Britain. Invitations to Union Birthday parties received. Mental Hospital report good. Mrs. Clark, District President, gave intensely interesting report of Dominion Convention. Thanks and closing prayer.

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Timaru, March 25:** Mrs. Holdgate presided. Mrs. Wiles led Devotions. Discussion held on "Need for Women Police." Remits passed for N.C.W. Conference. Benediction.

**Waimate, March 12 and April:** Both well attended, Mrs. Duckett presiding, Pledge being re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given at both. The Rev. Mr. McNeur spoke at the March meeting, on "Fireside Chats," which was most inspiring; and Miss Tooley reported

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## EASTER WEDDING

*Mrs. Hickson Again Writes to Her Sister.*

My Dear Winnie,—

It's a wet day today and I haven't done the washing because what's the use of just letting the clothes lie waiting? So I thought I'd write and tell you all about the wedding, knowing you'd like to hear. We did wish you could have managed to come, but the present came all right. Lorna will write to you herself when she gets back and turns round a bit. Tablecloths are hard to find and these are really great.

Well, it was a lovely morning, Winnie. But it was very nearly ruined for me. The best man, a very nice young fellow he seemed, came with a car the night before, and said to me that he had a case of champagne there to help for the next day. Believe you me, I began to shake, Winnie. I didn't know what to say. He was so nice about it, and seemed to think no one might ever think of a wedding without a drink at the breakfast. He just smiled and spoke quietly. I think I must have stared hard, because he began to laugh a bit, not making fun exactly, but somehow it made me feel as if he thought I was a bit simple, and had to be humoured. That got me going, Win. I didn't want to offend him, but I just knew that champagne wasn't coming into the house. So I said: "Well now, what do you think of that? My husband would die of laughing if I told him what a joke you had tried to play on us. Champagne indeed! As if I didn't know you were having your fun to say you were bringing it here where we all are tee tee. And anyway our parson would raise a dust at the very suggestion." I kept on laughing all the time, but was keeping my eyes open for what he would think. He certainly looked a bit upset, although I kept up the joking style all along. I began to feel a bit sorry for him really, because I suppose he thought he was doing us a kindness.

When I thought it was wise, I began to talk sense to him. He didn't know that we were so against the drink, and said he thought that everybody had wine at weddings. I told him different and told him why, too. By this time Jock and Lorna came into the room, and soon tumbled to it all. They laughed at him, but I made them stop that, and got some supper ready. When he was going he said: "You have made me think, Mrs. Hickson. After all, there's no reason why wine or drink of any kind should be necessary at weddings. In fact, I don't take anything at all except on these occasions, and if it's good to keep off this sort of thing on ordinary days, perhaps it is even better to keep them out of the way on such an extra day as a wedding day." And what he did with the case, I never asked him; but it didn't show its face. He seemed to enjoy the wedding breakfast as much as any of them.

Lorna looked lovely, ever, if I do

say it. And when she came into the church with her father, I just thought how glad I was to have a husband with such strong ideas about right and wrong; and what a good thing it was that neither Lorna, Jock, or anybody else would be made even a little bit merry, as they call it, at our table and in our home on the day when our girl was starting out on her own wedded life. Everything went off without a hitch, only Lorna couldn't find her gloves for going away at the last minute; so I gave her mine I had worn that day only. When she had gone, and there was some fun over that as you'll guess, I found the gloves inside a fruit bottle in the kitchen. I fancy I put them there to keep them safe.

Well, it's all over, and I'm not sorry. Easter weddings are very sensible. There's less to do after all the bottling's done; and you can rest a bit.

It's turned out a lovely day. I think I'd better start the wash.

Ta Ta,

Much love from,  
Meg.

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Letter from Britain—continued.

opened your first Feilding parcel when it arrived, but the second one fortunately arrived an hour before our meeting, so I took it down intact to show them what trouble you had been to, sewing the material etc. It happened to be the birthday of one of our eldest members. She is nearly eighty, very active, and has been a member for very many years and yesterday, on her birthday, she gave us a wonderful tea. She has relations on farms, and evidently they let her have eggs, etc., for she herself had made all the cakes as well as preparing the sandwiches and provided the bread units. She is a Methodist, and strange to say, our new young Methodist minister was the speaker at the meeting, so we were able to share the good things with him.

First of all, the birthday hostess chose her piece of soap, and she also had a tin of pears and the tin of cheese. We gave the minister for his wife, who has a small boy and could not be present, the large tin of malted milk, and every member present had a piece of soap. The large bars we cut up into several pieces. It made the meeting a specially happy one, and we had a lovely time.

The Rev. Mr. Freeman seemed very much impressed, for it was so nice being able to read your letters of such kind greetings to us all. I presided as our President was away. A very big Thank You! We shall have a supper this winter and invite our men-folk and will use the dripping and dried milk then.

The thought was appreciated, but we don't like your going to all the trouble of sending things. We keep very cheerful over here and this wretched rationing will soon be over.

Very best wishes for your elections. We shall be thinking of you then.

I will forward the local paper to you if the report of the meeting is published. They, alas, never put in much about our Temperance meetings, the liquor interest are so great.

A very happy Christmas to you all. With our united love and best wishes,

DOROTHY KING,

Branch Secretary.

Bulletin Union News—continued.

on Dominion Convention very fully at the April meeting, both speakers being heartily thanked. Mr. George Dash was complimented on having secured the Band of Hope Banner for Waimate, he being the President.

### OTAGO DISTRICT.

Oamaru, March 10: Mrs. Winn presided over a good meeting. Mrs. Rawson led Devotions. Three new names added to list. Collectors appointed for Plunket Street Day. Vote of sympathy with Miss Rose in her illness. Rev. R. and Mrs. Mayson farewelled, and thanks expressed for their help in Temperance work in Oamaru, a shoulder spray being given to Mrs. Mayson. Two members sang a duet. Benediction.



**AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Monday, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Mountjoy, 71 Quadrant Road, Onehunga, S.E.5; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, C.4; Cor. Sec., Miss A. McLay, c/o 115 Bassett Road, Remuera, S.E.3; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Road, Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Road, Takapuna, N.2.

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

**ASHBURTON**, 1st Tuesday, in Methodist School Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss E. M. West, 133 Aitken St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. G. Holmes, 78 Chalmers Ave., Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. A. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Tulloch, 23 Peter St.; W.R., Mrs. Tinker, 152 Aitken St.; C.R., Mrs. L. C. Lion, 38 Cameron Road.

**AUCKLAND**, 2nd Tuesday, at Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St., at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungarei Rd., Remuera, S.E.2; W.R., Mrs. Holmes, 100 Arney Rd., Remuera, S.E.2.

**BALCLUTHA**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Sec., Mrs. Allfrey, Main Rd., North Balclutha.

**BIRKENHEAD**, 2nd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. Utting; Sec., Mrs. Wanhill, Marama Terr.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Simpson, Roseberry Ave.

**BLLENHEIM**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Watson, 4 Weld St.; Treas., Miss E. M. Tarrant, Park Tce.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson St.

**BLUFF**, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Roke, Elizabeth St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Vickery, 36 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 43 Foyle St.

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

**BRYNDWR**, Christchurch, 4th Wed., St. John's Church. Pres., Mrs. Pattison; Vice-Pres., Mesdames F. J. Grigg and Kelly; Sec., Mrs. E. R. Clarke, 39 Burnside Rd., Fendalton; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. R. Pugh, 65 Hartley Ave.

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**CARTERTON**, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Tyler; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas., Mrs. Peters; Cradle Roll, Miss Edwards; Devotions, Mrs. Every; W.R. Miss Bairstow.

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

**DARGAVILLE**, 2nd Tues., Presbyterian Church Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly, Victoria Street; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. F. T. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; W.R., Mrs. Jolly, Victoria Street.

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

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. J. Hielt, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 29 London Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cannington Road, Maori Hill; Treas., Miss J. Armit, 21 Butler Street, Maori Hill; W.R., Miss Hutton, Cobden Street; L.W.R., Mrs. Whittington, Manor Place.

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

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

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

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

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

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**PAHIATUA**, 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. F. Ryan, Tyndall St.; Treas., Mrs. Griffiths, Main St.; W.R., Mrs. Pringle, Princess St.

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**PAPATOETOE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kilmar Rd. Pres., Mrs. Bartlett, 132 St. George St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Knauf; Sec., Mrs. Mollard, Allenby Rd.; Treas., Miss T. Heaven, Cornwall Rd.

**PICTON**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Millen; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Potter; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. S. E. Wells, Milton Terr.; W.R., Mrs. Martien, Kent St.; Band of Hope and Y's, Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

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

**PONSONBY**, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Joiner; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Read, Mrs. Olds, Sister Jessie; Sec., Mrs. I. Osborn; Treas., Mrs. Christopher; White Ribbon, Mrs. Wood; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Millar; Maori Work, Sister Jessie; Evangelistic, Mrs. Read.

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

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

**RICHMOND (Nelson)**, 3rd Tuesday, 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.

**SHIRLEY-RICHMOND**, 2.30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, in Presbyterian Church, Randall street. Pres., Mrs. W. Boulton; Sec., Mrs. J. Neville, 37 Percy Street; Treas., Mrs. R. Withers, 16 Randall Street; W.R. and C.R., Miss Schumacker, 59 Petrie 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. Maunders, Roberts St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, Cameron Rd.

**TAKAPUNA**, 1st Wednesday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Winstone and Petchell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Petchell; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Temperance Fact, Mesdames Tremain and Wallace.

**TEMUKA**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. 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, Wynyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

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

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

**TIMARU**, last Tuesday, 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, Okoia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames R. Wilson and Goodey; Treas., Mrs. Goodey, 26 College St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ogg; W.R., Miss Wadsworth, 51 Keith St.

**WANGANUI EAST**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. 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 Dinmiss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. Cheesman.

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