

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"The standpoint of the child is the only one from which we can safely face the future of the country and of the world. It can never be well with the world until it is well with the child."—Dr. George Thorne.

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Is it Well with the Child?

Down through the centuries this question still rings in our ears. Never in history has there been more organised effort towards securing for the child things to which he has a right, even before he comes into the world. To work towards his physical well-being is the aim of the Plunket Society in our own land; and that of kindred societies in practically every civilised country to-day.

It is a long time since the wife of Manoah received her instructions from the angel visitant, regarding the child she was to bear later on. No wine or strong drink, or any unclean thing was to pass her lips, she was told. Today the Plunket Society gives the same instruction to the mother to be, only

one among many others. It is highly significant that it was the only one given to the mother of Samson. Warnings, suggestions, and the accumulated wisdom of the ages are at the service of the prospective mother. Great anxiety is shown by all the other mothers she knows as to her health and well-being, and even more as to that of her child. If she follows out all she is told, her baby should be, and usually is, healthy, strong, and beautiful.

But, more is to follow. Health, and all that makes for it, may be safely ensured for the child. How about the psychological conditions in which he is slowly developing? The dark

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THE BOMB.—*When it comes to Ruin and Destruction, you haven't a thing on ME, my friend.*

THE BOTTLE.—*That's just where you make your biggest mistake — I destroy BODY AND SOUL!!!*

AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

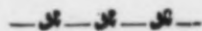
METHODS DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Mrs. Hugh Kasper.

On May 14th, the Auckland District Union held a two-session School of Methods. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided at the morning session. After Devotions, Mrs. J. Williams gave a "Public Speaking Study," the theme being "Confidence and Line." International work was discussed and letters from Mrs. Elia Boole re the World Convention were read. Miss A. M. McLay, International Superintendent, gave an excellent and inspiring address on the work of the Christian Citizenship Department.

At the afternoon session, a paper written by Mrs. J. Williams on the work of the "Little White Ribboners" Department, of which she is the District Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Kasper spoke on the Medical Scientific Temperance Department, and discussion followed. Opportunity was taken to bid Mrs. Kasper God-speed on the eve of her departure for America to attend the World Convention. Lovely flowers and gifts were presented to Mrs. Kasper.



"CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP" DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Miss A. M. McLay.
Address Given at the Above School of Methods.

The franchise is a citizenship right. It is a privilege and a responsibility. We should use it intelligently. Women should take a great deal more interest in elections. Parliamentary elections claim our interest, but we should not neglect local, municipal, and licensing committee elections. Perhaps better men and women would be elected if Christian women took more interest.

The best work in the Citizenship Department that Unions could undertake is to train the young. There is an excellent opportunity in the Band of Hope and the L.T.L. These are splendid training places for Christian Citizenship. They are unique, and so comprehensive in their scope, i.e.—1. Evangelistic: To win children for Christ. Not merely a challenge to loyalty to Him. They need a personal Saviour—a Faith with a foundation.

2. Instruction given is definite. They are taught the facts about alcohol and the reasons for total abstinence.

3. Injurious effects of smoking are well taught, and instruction given on keeping the body clean and fit. This knowledge is very necessary today. So many young people drink and smoke.

The Christian citizen must govern his actions by some standard. His business and social associations should bear the hallmark of his Christianity. Our Christianity must affect our life

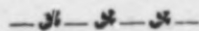
here, just where we live. It is true that the best people of the land, irrespective of religious beliefs, are ready to take a stand for righteousness, but how far are they willing to fight for it? How many are prepared to translate Christian attitude into civic action? The first step is to show our colours, and the next step in getting somewhere is getting together in order to make our influence amount to something.

Two of the great evils of our land, drink and gambling, are too lightly viewed by many so-called Christians today. How few church people are prepared to oppose the practice of the use of intoxicating wine at a wedding breakfast, or even to refrain from drinking if they are guests? How few, alas, are prepared to discountenance participation in raffles and art unions, and other forms of gambling.

Christians should set a much higher standard in their community associations.

Members ought always to wear the Bow.

—A. M. McLAY.



"ANTI-GAMBLING" DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Mrs. Pirrett.
"Money Without Work" — Address Given by Mrs. Hiatt, Dominion Vice-President.

"What's the harm?" Raffles and art unions are proclaimed harmless. A motor-car or a piano, or even a cushion or a bag of coal for 6d. is tempting, and no one will miss 6d. Even children are induced by small sums, for some prize, to part with their pennies, and if success comes, they have acquired a taste for gambling. The principle, or want of principle, is the desire to make money without work.

What is it in human nature to which gambling makes such an appeal? The answer is, man's love of excitement, and his greed. Gambling excites. As one speaker said, "Gambling tickles the covetous passion. A man purchases thrills by risking his money with the chance of getting someone else's. Some of those who find life too flat and stale escape into a fantastic world by gambling." Some men and many women find their excitement in a game of bridge, where considerable sums of money may change hands in an hour or two.

A football match, a horse race, a foot race, wrestling, billiards or even an election become tame to many unless they have a personal interest in the result. There is a chance of adding to the zest of the sport by putting a few shillings on the likely winners, and going home with more money than when setting out. Why not?

I have known of a girl of 15 winning a small sum the first time she put money on a game. She won't stop at that. One person in a hundred may be richer at the end of the year's betting, but 99 are poorer.

Nothing is sadder than to see a young life gradually deteriorating. Little by little the ideal is lowered, and nothing undermines character more than indulgence in this gambling craze. Money and self become the objects to be lived for. Even if money is won, there cannot be true happiness for the moral feelings become blunted. Gradually truth and honesty do not stand in the way of success. Frequently the gambler takes money to make up for his losses in gambling, and disaster follows. Gambling kills the man's power of finding satisfaction in things as they are, and his pride in facing life as it is. Life is tremendously interesting as it is. Games are interesting as they are. To call in the covetous passion is a confession of mental and moral bankruptcy, and is a slur on life itself.

The heart of the gambling problem is found in the fact that it is unearned money that is at issue. Nothing is given for something. Gladstone said, "What can be the fun of getting other people's money without earning it?" Rev. John North says, "The gambling habit takes its toll of a man's character. It affects his efficiency. The lure of the unearned money creates in many a feverish excitement through which they lose grip. Such men are incapacitated for those problems and tasks with which they ought to grapple with their whole soul. A decline in interest is a decline in real efficiency and that is an inevitable consequence of the formation of the gambling spirit. The victims of the gambling mania are impatient of the slow, wholesome methods of industry and thrift. A man who finds himself possessed of a week's wages through a lucky guess about horses is sure to find his estimate of values disturbed and the honest way of earning is depreciated in his eyes. Gambling, whether for large sums or small, blurs the margin between right and wrong, and unites in itself nearly every condition of folly and vice. That is where the harm is.

God is love. His teaching is, Love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no evil to his neighbour. How remote from that is the gambler who grows rich on what he wins of others' money. At Monte Carlo the Suicides' Corner reveals the hideous nature of this demoralizing vice. Misery and remorse follow the losers, and the majority are losers. The law of love is thought, consideration, self-sacrifice and service for others. May God help us as members of the W.C.T.U. to hold fast to the law of love, which makes us our brother's keeper, our sister's keeper, and may we steadfastly set our faces against this God-dishonouring custom, and train our children that honesty is the best policy. No sight in the world is finer than to see a young man or a young woman developing his or her talents in a right direction, growing daily, as Jesus did, in favour with God and man. Gambling excludes all that is lovely and of good report from the character of its victims.

President's Message

Dear Friends,—

What encouragement have we received during the last month? More important still, what encouragement have we given?

On a number of occasions lately important members of the Bench, as reported in our daily papers, have spoken very plainly of the damage caused by the consumption of alcohol by members of the public. Put these statements of known facts with your "ammunition" ready for use in your educational work.

Are you not proud to have a woman Cabinet Minister? Ever since the Union fought for the franchise, and won it, women have waited and hoped to see women of integrity in high places. Now it is our privilege and our duty to give the Hon. Mabel Howard all the goodwill and moral support we are able. Her position is by no means an easy one.

Is your leaflet distribution going well? I hope so. Even if you can only carry out a tiny piece of educational work, do it. Do you remember the old hymn—

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make a mighty ocean,
And a pleasant land?"

Do not for one minute forget that even the smallest service rendered with cheerfulness and goodwill will help to make this a truly "pleasant land"—but also it does that magnificent thing—it helps to show forth the love of God to a world sadly in need of hope and cheer and love.

Yours in the service of the Master,
C. E. KIRK,
Dominion President.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

APRIL-JUNE, 1947

Lyttelton, 1 new member; St. Albans, 1 new member; North Brighton, 1 new member; Linwood, 1 transfer; Waipukurau, 2 new members; Napier, 18 new members.

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"JOURNEYING MERCIES"

A Letter from Mrs. Mackie

Canterbury Hotel,
San Francisco,
May 28th, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Christian,—

Just a line to say we had a most interesting and educational trip. But, oh dear, the Customs Department nearly drove us silly. The time it took to go through our papers each time we landed anywhere. The first island was quite all right, but to arrive at Canton Island at midnight was too much for me. The natives entertained us to supper, and cold fruit drinks such as pineapple, orange, etc. It was refreshing, as the temperature was 100 degrees. Our next stop was Honolulu. We have four hours there. It was so interesting, although hot as usual. Pearl Harbour interested me very much; also the Hawaiian women and

children. They were garlanded with beautiful flowers. This is the custom, I believe, when relatives are going on holiday. Even the wee children wore the flowers. These children are very pretty and particularly clean. Here again we had great fun with the Customs officials. They said: "You women are always doing something. So you are on the drink question again!" My reply was, "Yes; and I am delighted to see in all your dining rooms, written up in large letters, 'No liquor sold in our dining rooms.'" "Yes," he said, "it would not do to have liquor when we need efficient service from our men."

The Clipper trip was most tiring. We could not sleep in a sitting position, but the stewards and stewardesses were kindness itself. The meals were simply perfect, and the marvellous way the Americans have of serving them is great. The Clipper was full of passengers. Mrs. Kasper and myself booked in at the Hotel Canterbury. It is a marvellous place to be sure, and you can just imagine how we enjoyed our first bath since last Tuesday. After breakfast, we went to our room and slept for two and a-half hours. The paper man came to our door for a "write-up" on the trip, but the proprietor said, "They are very tired and are resting." I heard a loud "What?"

The dollars and cents "get me"; and I am trying to get them in their right value. San Francisco is beautiful, also Honolulu. We leave by plane tomorrow morning for Philadelphia—an all-day trip—arriving at New Jersey in time to have two days' rest before Convention. I am glad I came; but feel very tired. The plane trip takes it out of one. Mrs. Kasper joins with me in love to all our dear ones in New Zealand.

Yours in the work,

ETHEL M. MACKIE.

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A PARTING MESSAGE FROM MRS. KASPER

169 Tamaki Drive,
Kohimarama,
May 18th, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Christian,—

I have only a few days left before leaving for the World Convention. I am very thankful to say I feel much better.

I received a letter from Mrs. Boole which gave me quite a thrill. They are taking my Departmental report, so I can announce the three schools to be held in the first business session, and she asked me to be the presiding officer on Monday afternoon, June 9th. She says the theme that afternoon is "Trouble Spots in Asia," with speakers from Japan, Korea, India and Malaya.

I may be able to send some matter from Convention.

With kind regards,

I remain,
In service,

AMY KASPER.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

LETTER FROM BRITAIN

Received by Mrs. Reed, Wellington.
Dear Mrs. Reed,—

Your letter written on November 20th reached me here on January 2nd, and the parcel about which you wrote came safely this week. I was at our Headquarters today, and brought it home with me. Will you please thank the members of the Central Union in Wellington for their most generous gift? The contents look delicious. If we were not in the throes of the Arctic spell, with a gas cut, so that cookery is uncertain of success, I should have been tempted to make an apple pie immediately. I assure you, I shall do so on the first possible occasion. It is most kind of our New Zealand colleagues to remember us and our dull diet. I suppose we have enough calories if we take the trouble to count them, but, in fact, I find calories most uninteresting. The gifts from friends overseas give the little filip we need because they make for variety, and we are finding the old saying true—"Variety is the spice of life."

This week we have been direly disappointed because the House of Commons has voted that the Civic Restaurants may apply for licenses to sell Drink. That clause had been taken out in Committee; but after a three hour debate on Monday, was re-inserted. I was fortunate enough to be in the House for nearly all the debate; and if more members had listened to the Notice speeches, perhaps they might have voted differently; but, when a "three-line Whip" is sent out, one must have real convictions to defy it and vote against it. A number of the Labour members did vote against the Licences; others did not vote at all. The disappointing thing is to see people, who are themselves abstainers voting for drink because their party tells them to.

However, we shall now have to rouse public opinion, so that the authorities do NOT apply for licences; or, if they do, bring opposition into the licensing meetings and convince the Justices that the granting will be unnecessary. So you see we are having our work cut out for us.

Greetings to all White Ribboners; and many thanks,

DOROTHY STAUNTON.

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BEER MAKERS' FEAR

NEW YORK, May 6.

The alcoholic beverage industry would have to extend its organisation to counteract the efforts of the "drys," said Mr. George Eads, the brewing industry's consultant on prohibition.

He warned the National Beer Wholesalers' Association today that 263 political subdivisions in the United States went dry in 1946 while the "wets" gained only 65 units. He added that the "drys" were busy reorganising the principal units which had brought about prohibition.

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"PARENTAGE AND STRONG
DRINK"ALCOHOL AFFECTS THE
GERM CELLS

Although probably most scientists hold that from the point of view of heredity the germ cells are sacrosanct, many believe that they can be damaged by environmental agencies like lead, venereal diseases and alcohol in the blood of the parents, and that these poisons may produce "enduring modifications" that may continue for several generations.

To find out the extent of the influence of alcohol on the reproductive cells, statistical data has often been used, and although this confirms the findings of experiments on animals, this method is open to the criticism that any excessive incidence of defect in the children of habitual drunkards might be due not to the influence of parental alcoholism, but to the presence of a syphilitic taint or to an original faultiness in the stock. On this account it is better to rely mainly on data obtainable from the systematic examination of the genital glands in alcoholic subjects and from breeding experiments on animals.

The state of the reproductory glands in habitual drunkards has been investigated by various observers, two of the

more recent ones being Bertholet and Weichselbaum, who have shown that "a wasting of the testicles with absence or scanty production of the fertilising cells (spermatozoa) is to be found in the majority of male alcoholics dying in the prime of life, while in the female, alterations of a similar character may be discovered in the ovaries." It has been shown by experiments on rabbits that corresponding morbid changes can be produced in the genital glands. Stockard showed that in a series of experiments on guinea-pigs, the offspring of the alcoholised animals in comparison with the young of the control animals, were conspicuously inferior in strength and vitality, and in many cases showed gross abnormalities, and that these bad effects were transmitted through several generations.

Dr. Mjoen in "The Problems of Eugenics" says: "In the infant embryo and at conception we find a still greater sensitiveness than in adults, which in all probability is so great that the harm done by alcohol would be fatal to the race in a short time if Nature had not provided the germ cells with special protective arrangements. Alcohol does not affect sound stock except when taken during conception, maternity or lactation." But Dr. Courtenay C. Weeks says all the newer evidence points to the fact that, in spite of Nature's barriers, alcohol can affect the germ cells, and that procreation during a period of intoxication entails a definite hazard as to the quality of the offspring which may result.

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

Dr. Watt Eden says: "I do not think that it can be disputed that alcohol consumed by the mother will pass into the foetal circulation . . ."; and Dr. C. C. Weeks says—"There is no way in which she (the mother) can safeguard her unborn child except by complete abstinence during the course of her pregnancy."

Dr. Bunge long ago pointed out how often the daughters of alcoholic fathers were unable to nurse their babies.

Dame Louise Mellroy and Prof. Amy Fleming (the past and present Professors of Midwifery at the Royal Free Hospital, London), have both repeatedly emphasised the danger of

"THE POWER OF WOMAN-
HOOD"Address given by the Rev J. F. Jack,
Palmerston North.

Mr. Jack said that the war was not really over, as the world was still passing through unprecedented trials and tribulations. The war of 1914-18, waged in the cause of liberty, had been a colossal failure. The supposed peace ended in 1939 with the bugles ringing out "War with Germany." The world's centre of defence had been the small island of Britain. It had been "The thin red line." Frances Willard had been the thin white line. She had organised the world's womanhood, not for injuring and slaying, but for doing good. She had made an organised defence against the cause, not the effect. The cause of war was sin—an old-fashioned word today, but all it connoted was alive and powerful as ever. The loss of the Sabbath was threatened; material things were becoming more and more prominent, the spiritual receding more and more into the background. Strong drink was slaying its thousands. Multitudes of men, women and little children were dying of starvation while the food they should have eaten was being used to make grog.

These evils would have to be destroyed if the world was to be the land of milk and honey the Creator intended, and man was to live in the image of God, and not as the brute beast. Here came in the work of woman. She was the "power behind the throne." History made mention of the hero and the reformer, but there was no word of the woman in the background who created his ideals.

Womanhood owed much to Jesus Christ. In Roman times woman was under the thumb of man, and was her husband's property. Members of the family were reckoned only on the father's side.

In Aryan times, the wife was under the absolute control of her husband, and could be sold, beaten or killed, but, in
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alcohol to motherhood and the unborn child.

Then, of course, there is the post-natal stage to be considered. None would deny that the welfare of the child after its birth is almost bound to be adversely affected if either or both of the parents are addicted to alcohol.

RUBY ADENDORFF.

—Cape of Good Hope "White Ribbon,"
April, 1946.

SPECIAL REPORTS

VISIT OF MISS C. M. McLAY, DOMINION ORGANISER

Dannevirke Union

The visit of Miss McLay to Dannevirke was productive of much good. Apart from personal visitation, by which means she gained six new members for our Union, she addressed Knox Bible Classes at 10.15 to 10.45 on Sunday, gave a fifteen-minute address to the Methodist Youth Group in the morning service, and gave the address at the Salvation Army Hall in the evening.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Paviour Smith kindly opened her home for a company of women to join our W.C.T.U. members in enjoying a recital of the early days' fight and warfare to banish drink, and eventually to commence the W.C.T.U. We were all deeply stirred by what we heard. Captain Mounsey prayed, Mrs. Borlace sang a solo very pleasingly, and Mrs. Skuse returned thanks to all.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Methodist Missionary Union granted Miss McLay permission to speak briefly to those assembled, on the object of her mission. Mrs. McLean was able to arrange for our visitor to visit the Maori Pa, when she was able to tell the residents about the work being done for their people in Auckland. They were very thrilled and pleased with all she told them. About forty were present. They afterwards entertained her to supper.

It was unfortunate that Miss McLay's visit took place during the absence from home of our Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President.

We are all very grateful for the work

The Power of Womanhood—continued.

spite of this, was his companion in labour, and occasionally, in times of stress, blossomed out as a prophetess.

In India, woman was considered a thing of infidelity, extravagance, envy, impurity.

In China, it was much the same; she was the man's beast of burden.

Jesus had changed all this, and, therefore, woman would do much for Him. They had been the last at His cross and the first at His tomb.

The salvation of the world, the speaker said, depended on women. They could save it if they lived up to the ideals of Frances Willard. If they would band together and assert themselves, they could stop wars. If they would proclaim, "This shall not be. My sons shall not be used as cannon fodder," there would be a new world, and women would be there to greet it.

Mrs. Hodder expressed thanks for the inspiring and challenging address. She said our motto was "For God, Home and Humanity," and if this were lived up to sincerely and fully, it would help in the bringing in of the new world of which he had spoken. She hoped all women would accept the challenge.

—C. JAMIESON.

done by Miss McLay, and now are hoping for a return visit.

MARLBOROUGH WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The monthly Day of Prayer for Women was held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall on Thursday, May 29th.

Special requests for prayer were again handed in, and the sick were specially remembered. Those taking part were Mrs. F. Blythell, Miss E. Tarrant, Mrs. Kirkham; Mrs. Milgrew and Mrs. E. Leslie acting as organists.

Inspiring and helpful addresses were given by the leaders, and reverent prayers were offered in which the congregation joined. Hearty singing, appropriate Scripture readings, combined to produce a deeply spiritual and helpful atmosphere which was felt by all. A missionary letter from China was read, also one from a young girl in Germany. This was especially interesting, as the writer, in spite of hardships and sufferings during the war, having lost all her possessions, including her health, could still claim to be a Christian, and in her letter could still praise God for His wonderful goodness and preservation of her.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Masterton Union

The Masterton Annual Cradle Roll Party was held in the McLaren Room, Knox Hall, on May Day. Bowls of flowers and a fine day added to the pleasure of all present. Mrs. J. Taylor, Cradle Roll Superintendent, welcomed the mothers and children. A good number of mothers and over thirty children were present. Toys and picture books were distributed to the tiny tots, and sweets to the older ones. Items rendered by children from the Methodist Home, and the Reynold twins, were most enjoyable. Salient points from the Dominion Convention were reported by Miss Jackson. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and done full justice to by the children.

A happy afternoon party concluded with the singing of the Temperance Doxology.

HOME MEETING

Onehunga Union

A Home meeting, held at the residence of Mrs. Mountjoy, at Onehunga, was well attended. A solo was given by Mrs. Clark, duets by Mesdames Batterham and Terverndale, and a recitation by Mrs. Hatton. An address was given by Major Brown, formerly a Salvation Army officer, who had married another officer. Following on his death, she had come to reside in Onehunga. The speaker told of God's marvellous leading, in sickness and health, throughout her life; of the many occasions when she had made what she considered good arrangements, which ended in disappointment at the time, but were in the end realised to have been divinely planned as they eventuated, and much better than her own planning. She described various incidents during passing years, telling of her life in England, many years in India, and later of her life and training in New Zealand. Mrs. Brown is musical, a fully qualified nurse, and an

interesting speaker. We were told of how she became truly converted at the age of ten, while at a boarding school in India, and ever since then has proved the truth of the promise that God will never leave or forsake those who trust Him. Much information was given, and photos were passed round. Time not allowing the conclusion of the address, Mrs. Brown consented to finish it at our May meeting. Afternoon tea concluded a very profitable gathering.

MISS McLAY VISITS THE NAPIER UNION

Words fail to express the grateful thanks of the officers and members of Napier Union to Miss McLay for her untiring efforts on behalf of the work so dear to all our hearts. Miss McLay opened her work in this district by speaking at the monthly meeting in Napier. Following that, Miss McLay visited Southern Hawke's Bay, returning to Napier for a brief rest before going on to Wairoa and Gisborne.

On her return to Napier, Miss McLay was kept very busy visiting and speaking at the following meetings:—The Hawke's Bay Steam Laundry, during morning tea, the proprietors kindly extending the time from ten to twenty minutes, to allow the speaker time to present her message more fully; The B.W.M.U., Home League, Methodist Auxiliary, Torch Bearers, Hukarere "Y's," Maori Club, Methodist Bible Class, Baptist Sunday School, Napier "Y's," and a public meeting held in Y.W.C.A. Room on May 29th. At each of these meetings, Miss McLay gave a vital, up-to-date message, all different to suit ages and types. An invitation was extended to all who were not members to join up, with the result that the membership was increased by sixteen.

At Hukarere

It was fortunate indeed that the usual monthly meeting at the Hukarere Maori Girls' School was due during Miss McLay's visit to Napier, as it afforded an opportunity for her to meet the girls, just about a hundred in number, and gave the girls the greatly appreciated privilege of hearing Miss McLay speak of the Hostel work, and her contact with the Maori people in Auckland and elsewhere.

Before Miss McLay went on to the second part of her address, a break was made in which the secretary of the group, Pat Smith, read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the girls entertained with action and part songs.

The girls listened with keen attention as Miss McLay went on to tell of the injury that alcohol and smoking do to the human brain and body in general, and to warn against the beginning of habits which can so quickly dominate and ruin splendid young lives.

Ngahine Morgan, President, duly thanked Miss McLay for her words of interest and advice. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction, after which the girls clustered round their guest for a personal chat until taxi time, and in this way sealed the friendliness of the whole meeting.

A LESSON FROM THE PAST

By F. W. TATE.

In certain much-prized books are pictures illustrating the occasion when the Roman armies under Titus besieged the ancient city of Jerusalem, and finally overthrew it in A.D. 70. Historians tell us that in the prolonged siege and the fall of Jerusalem over one million Jews were slain, a great number being crucified on the hillsides surrounding the city, and that the captives were dispersed as slaves to the various parts of the old Roman Empire. It is their descendants who are even now seeking to return to the home of their forefathers.

One of these pictures shows the city in flames and the Roman soldiers fighting their way through the broken walls in the last stage of the siege. The other picture always fascinates me: it shows the siege in progress; the great stone walls with the Jewish soldiers manning the battlements and seeking, with the crude weapons of their day, to ward off every attempt to scale the walls or to breach them. In the foreground are the armies of Rome, with huge catapults throwing hefty rocks against the walls, or over the walls to come crashing down among the Jews; towers, mounted on rollers, with archers at different levels and protected by wooden walling, being rolled closer and closer to the walls; and most interesting of all, the old battering rams—a huge wooden beam, with a heavy head shaped like a ram's head, protruding from a covering protecting the crew from the arrows and rocks, and sometimes boiling oil, cast upon them by the defending soldiers upon the parapet above.

I read that these battering rams were suspended from the top of the shelter and when drawn back and released, their own weight carried the head with great force against the wall. Some were so heavy as to need up to a hundred men to operate them. But then look at the great strength of those ancient walls, and the comparative insignificance of a wooden beam, even with a metal head. One blow would be quite useless, but after a number of blows in the same spot, the strongest stone began to crumble a little, later to crack, and eventually a breach would be made. That is, provided it could be kept operating long enough in the face of all the opposition directed at it by the defenders above. Upon the success of such devices the fate of many a mighty ancient fortress-city has hinged.

And so today, let us apply this picture from the past to certain great forces each seeking to overthrow the other. Who are they? On one side the combined forces of Temperance, with its organisations and co-operating bodies such as the Churches, opposed to that great enemy of all that is good, the drink traffic, walled in as it is, with all the protection that money and craft and graft can secure. Let us remember how men with comparatively puny weapons would breach the walls and destroy the strongest and the proudest strongholds of the past. But it meant constant battering, without giving up, without giving the enemy a rest, even though the walls towering above seemed absolutely impreg-

nable. How many ruins of ancient fortresses throughout the old world bear mute, but enduring testimony to the success of constant unflagging effort?

And in this war in which we are engaged we have not only confidence in our weapons, but the certain knowledge that we do not fight alone. We know that God is with us, and that He is vitally concerned over the salvation of even one victim from the clutches of Satan and his agencies. So with prayer, let us make full and constant use of every available weapon, whether it be books, papers, circulars, stickers or seals, etc., backing up the spoken word and the living example, and so reaching those places where the spoken word cannot always enter, but the printed call to temperance may.

Scripture says: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." This promise surely applies to this work.

MRS. HICKSON WRITES TO HER SISTER

You will be thinking something has gone wrong; as I am so long in answering your last. I'm all right really, only I seem to have a lot to think about lately, what with one thing and another. I'd better tell you the truth, and that is that I have at last taken a boarder. I always said nothing would make me do it, because I have quite enough to do, and I do like to have my house to myself and John, of course, and the children when they are here. You see it was like this. There's been a lot of talk about people coming to the town to jobs of one sort and another, and not being able to get anywhere to live. There was quite a stir about young girls living in caravans, two together, all through last winter, and some of the women's societies talked a lot about starting some sort of hostel for them, but it came to nothing. Too big a job, I reckon.

Mind you, Win, I wouldn't have liked it if it had been Lorna or Mavis in some place where they had no house to go home to, but at the time it seemed no business of mine and I didn't bother myself about it. I sometimes wondered what was doing, but nobody seemed to be talking about it, so I thought it was all right. Well, last week our minister came to see me and asked me if I would think over taking a young girl just coming to work in Mackworth's. She had come from somewhere down south, and didn't know anybody here. I said why did she come without fixing up about where she would go, and he said she had been ordered by the doctor to come to a warmer place. Oh well, I said, I never have and I never will, so I think you'd better try someone else. He said he had, but everyone seemed to have someone staying with them or had let a room or something else, and he was feeling a bit down in the mouth about it. I'm sorry I said, but I have quite enough to do without someone extra to do for. He said the girl was willing to help as much as she could in the house, and would see to her own room. Oh, yes, I said, but there'll be all the extra cooking and getting her out in the mornings, and having to get ready

for her coming in at night. And I have done my share of that in my time, and am ready for a bit of rest. He said, "Yes, I know you have. You did it for Lorna and Mavis and the boys." Just then Win, I seemed to see Lorna coming in at nights. She used to look so tired, and would sit down by the fire if it was cold, and after a while have her tea, and then she would be all bright again.

The minister said, "I expect you miss them a bit now and then, don't you?" I expect it was thinking about Lorna, but I found myself not able to speak. I just nodded my head.

Well, he said he'd be going, and he might have some luck. He wanted to get the girl in. She was a nice lass, and he knew her mother and father. So he went out the door looking a bit quiet. And like an old silly, I up and said, "Oh, well if you think she is all right, send her here. I had just suddenly thought

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ANOTHER OVERSEAS LETTER

Very many thanks to the members of the Palmerston North Union for the food parcel. It has come at a most opportune time, as there is so much illness and distress here at present. Many homes are cold, comfortless and cheerless here just now, and their occupants ill in bed, so jellies, soup, dripping and syrup speedily reached their journey's end in various grateful stomachs. I gave a 2lb. tin of syrup to an old man of 79, who nearly wept for joy, as he is always short of sugar, and has a very sweet tooth. The jellies went to a child and a patient of 50, dying of inoperable cancer. What a God-send the fine flavour was to the child's parched tongue. She will die in a week's time, but was delighted with the jelly and one of the sea-meal custards. Soup went to an old lady living in one room, heated only by a glimmer of gas, and two sisters ill in bed with cardiac disease and bronchitis—no fire and no one to attend to them.

Life is a bit chilly here at present. Electricity is cut off from 9 to 12, and 2 to 4. There are no lights in the streets at night, and there is very little pressure in the gas. Coal is vanishing, coke hard to get, and logs uncertain. Snow has come, thawed, and frozen again, and winds are of the lazy type that go straight through you instead of going round. So it is very nice to have some warm thoughts from some warm-hearted folk, and some little extras, which have given my patients an extra cheer amidst their troubles. Most of us are grouching hard in true British fashion, it being one way to keep warm by letting off steam. However, we shall fight it through as we fought the rest, and live to laugh at the queer things we do now. Even your packing was interesting. I read both the "W.R." magazines right through.

With many grateful thanks and all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,

A. GILBEY.

NOTE.—Dr. Alice Gilbey has made such good use of the things sent her, and as she is a member of the B.W.T.A., other Unions might also like to send parcels to her. Address—4, Chichester Street, St. George's Square, London, S.W.1.

FROM THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS

"TOO MUCH MONEY" — YOUNG MEN AND DRINK

"This practice of breaking into premises by night is one that is becoming almost common in New Zealand," said Mr. Justice Fair in the Supreme Court this morning. "It is usually committed by men in good employment, and from a sheer lack of principle and honesty, without any kind of necessity at all."

His Honour was addressing three prisoners who were before him for sentence after pleading guilty to a joint charge of breaking, entering, and theft. They were Patrick Harris-Iles, 22, labourer, John Burke, 22, wharf labourer, and Kevin John Halliday, 23, motor driver, and labourer.

His Honour went on to speak of young men having too much money to spend on drink as one of the reasons why they got into trouble, and added: "Your offence was due to you having taken drink to excess during the day and then embarking on this offence as a means of getting the liquor you wanted to drink."

In admitting the three men to probation for two years, his Honour ordered that each of them take out a prohibition order. He also ordered that during the term of probation each man pay £2 a week to the Probation Officer, if earning more than £5 a week, and £1 a week if earning less, the money to be repaid at the end of the period.

The Judge also ordered Harris-Iles to pay £10 towards the cost of the prosecution and the other two £5 each.

—"Evening Post."

COMMENT BY A JUDGE

P.A. HAMILTON, April 29.

Referring to a manslaughter charge against a Maori in the Supreme Court at Hamilton today, Mr. Justice Fair said the evidence would show that the Maori had been drinking heavily all day and was very much under the influence of liquor.

"You will probably have noticed that over many years now the circumstances relating to a large proportion of the more serious crimes always indicate that the persons involved have been drinking and that crimes have resulted from some state or other of intoxication," added his Honour.

"In the case of Europeans the intoxicated person usually commits some sexual offence, and, most unfortunately, against young children. In some cases there is a loosening of self-control when a person drinks too heavily."

Referring to the effect of drink on Maoris his Honour said that unfortunately loss of self-control in a Maori too often led him to crimes of assault or violence which endangered the lives of other people. The Maori himself could not be wholly blamed for this as he was not very far removed from the days of the tribal wars.

"It seems," said his Honour, "that some amendment to the existing licensing laws to prevent Maoris from getting intoxicated, as a protection for themselves as well as to others, or some other remedial measures may prove beneficial." —"Evening Post," 30/4/47.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCE- MENTS

PROPOSED HOSTEL FOR ISLAND GIRLS IN AUCKLAND

A new venture is contemplated by the Auckland District Union, as the result of a request from the Department of Island Territories, in the shape of a Hostel for Island girls, similar to our Maori Girls' Hostel at Parnell. To gain some idea of the prospect regarding staff, the Auckland District Union has sent the following notice:—

"Applications are invited for positions on the staff of a proposed Hostel for Island Girls in Auckland. This is a position of trust and responsibility. A Christian married couple, or two Christian women (pakeha), to whom this work is a call, would find an excellent opportunity of Christian service.

"Also similar staff will be required for an existing Hostel for Maori Girls in Auckland.

"Conditions and terms of service can be obtained from—

MRS. J. W. LONG,
9, Cleveland Road,
Parnell, Auckland, C.1."

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Tauranga is to have the South Auckland District Convention, on September —???

NOTICE TO UNION REPORTERS

In future, in order to save space, each reporting Union's reports will appear two-monthly instead of monthly. Reporters are asked to SEND reports MONTHLY as usual. SPECIAL reports will be published as they come, each month.

PLEASE NOTE

Announcements concerning events planned for dates which will be past when the next issue appears will NOT be published, as they will serve no purpose. Next issue will be AUGUST, and announcements with all other copy must be in the Editor's hands by July 15th.

CORRECTION

In our June issue we stated that Miss C. McLay would be available for Organising work in the North Island. We wish to correct this, and to say that Miss Annie M. McLay's name should have appeared in the announcement.

Those wishing for Miss McLay's help should write to Mrs. Toomer.

GOOD NEWS FROM TE KUITI NEW MAORI UNION FORMED

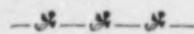
Miss C. M. McLay addressed a large meeting of Maori women in the Methodist Church, Te Kuiti, on Thursday, June 12th, presided over by the Revs. N. K. Kukutai and R. E. Patchett, local Methodist ministers. Sister Nicholls arranged the meeting, which began at 11 a.m. with a Devotional period conducted by the two ministers. The early history of the World W.C.T.U., its aim and objects, were briefly sketched by Miss McLay, and the women were asked to consider the formation of a local Union. Lunch was provided, and

a very happy recess period was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Elliott, a life member of the W.C.T.U., presided over the arrangements.

Business was resumed, and after some instruction by the Organiser, and discussion, 21 women signed the Pledge of Membership. Mrs. Emere moved, and Mrs. Kukutai seconded, that a Maori Union be formed. Carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected:— District Superintendent, Sister Nicholls; President, Mrs. Joseph; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Kukutai, Mrs. McNaught, Mrs. Roa; Secretary, Mrs. R. Emere; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Ewan; Cradle Roll Superintendents, Mesdames Turner and Heke; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs. Puka Anderson.

The Initiation Service was read and a further meeting was called for Saturday. The meeting closed with prayer.

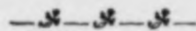


IN MEMORIAM

MRS. GARLICK, AUCKLAND UNION

Mrs. Garlick, one of the early members of the Auckland Union received the Home Call just recently in her 100th year. Though unable to attend the meetings for many years past, the Temperance Cause had a warm place in her heart.

For many years she was a Sunday School teacher in the Methodist Church. Her late husband was also a great Temperance worker in the early days. He and Mr. Wesley Spragg, Sir George Fowles, and other Temperance stalwarts who have passed to their reward, through their influence and efforts were the means of thwarting an attempt to get a license in a new hotel which had been built in Mount Albert. They canvassed the district for signatures to a strong protest against the license. The result was that the license was refused, and the hotel was used as a shop. So Mount Albert has never had a license in the district.



"WITHIN THE VEIL"—MRS. R. PETRIE, SPREYDON UNION

In the passing of Mrs. R. Petrie, the Spreydon Union, Christchurch, has lost one of its most loved members, and the Prohibition Cause one of its most stalwart and enthusiastic workers. To those of us who were privileged to enjoy her friendship, the kindly smile, encouraging word, and sympathetic gesture inspired us with new vigour to "carry on."

The beautiful funeral service in the Baptist Church (which was filled to capacity) testified to the respect and esteem in which our late sister was held by the folk among whom she lived.

"Thus in the evening came the Master's call,

Quietly and sweetly lulling her to rest;
And in the afternoon, as shadows fall,

The 'place prepared' will certainly be blessed."

—C.J.U.

HOME MAKERS CORNER

By "LYNETTE."

SOUPS

To the French, the stock-pot is almost the equivalent of the English teapot, for what may be regarded as their national dish is "Pot-au-feu" (literally "pot-on-the-fire"). It used to be that the peasant women always had the pot hanging over their fires, and the delicious liquid was always there to welcome and warm those entering the home. Bourgeois families now serve pot-au-feu at least once a week. Beef bones are boiled from three to fifteen hours, the stock strained and cooled to remove all fat. A piece of top-side (about 2½ lbs.) is added and brought slowly to the boil. All scum is very carefully removed and then are added carrots, parsnips, turnips, celery, leeks, onions, cloves, a bouquet of herbs and salt. This is simmered for about three and a-half hours. The meat is served at table; and the liquid strained for a delicious clear soup.

We can find many occasions for soup—as a main dish for luncheon or tea, or a light soup as an appetizer for dinner. Invalids benefit from beef tea or broth, perhaps more from the appetizer point of view than from the nutritious, for the meat juices in the soup cause the digestive juices to flow, and thereby promote appetite. Hot soup can be a very effective stimulant, too, and on a cold winter's night it does much to cheer departing guests on their homeward way.

Modern food manufacturers have made soups a simple and time-saving dish for the housewife—the food value of tinned and packet soup is not to be despised.

Many people like something "crunchy" to relieve the bland texture of some soups, and croutons (little cubes of bread, toasted in the oven), or sippets (bread cubes fried in a little butter or dripping) are often used, but chopped and fried parsley, or bacon can be added at the last minute, or grated cheese sprinkled on the top of the soup, and crisped in a hot oven.

Here is a nutritious "Cream of Lentil" soup:—

½ cup of lentils well washed. Chop 1 small carrot, parsnip, and onion; put all into two cups of stock, or water, with seasoning, and cook all till tender. Put through a sieve. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a saucepan, add 1 tablespoon of

flour, and one cup milk. Bring to the boil and serve all hot.

An Italian soup, "Minestra di due colori" (soup of two colours), is an unusual dish. Melt 2½ ozs. butter, add ½ lb. flour, 1 pint milk, pinch salt, and pinch nutmeg. Work to a smooth consistency over a slow fire. Cool and add two whole eggs, two yolks, and 2 ozs. cheese. Divide paste in half, and mix one half with either boiled sieved spinach, or ½ cup chopped parsley. Drop small piece of alternate yellow and green paste into boiling stock, and serve all hot.

Is It Well With the Child—continued

shadow of the Divorce Court has fallen on thousands of young children in our own land. The dislocation of the home atmosphere, the shocks of changes in places of abode from homes where father and mother, brothers and sisters were the normal occupants and companions to foster homes, orphanages, and such-like substitutes for what is the undisputed right of every child, have been, and are responsible for a dreadful harvest. Delinquency, of which so much is being heard in the countries of the world, thrives best in the soil of broken home life. It is beyond question that the wave of child crime which has dismayed society everywhere, has had its origin in the wave of irresponsibility of parents, "due to the war."

"Due to the war!" It is a glibly-uttered phrase. We hear it in all sorts of connections, unnecessary to name. Have we become so lax in our standards as to accept it as an explanation for such crimes against our children's

prospects of becoming fine citizens of a fine country as are being committed daily by their own parents? Is it too much to claim that if those parents had been brought to see, through religious education, that certain things were **wrong**, and not to be excused on such flimsy grounds as being "due to the war," many hundreds of these children might still be happy in their own homes with all the security and care-free happiness to which their birth entitled them?

Where is the plague spot? We say the Home is the place where responsibility should be assumed. But in how many homes is there a true understanding of that responsibility? The vicious circle is revolving; more irresponsibility is being evidenced, and we are driven back to positions from which we should never have moved. God in the heart, in the home, in the school, in the community, realised and owned, is the only answer to the heart-breaking problems surrounding the life of the child of today. Our prayers, our work and thought are needed as never before. "Save the Children" should be our slogan. Our work for Temperance, for "Bible in Schools," for all that is aimed at restoring to the beautiful childhood of our time that which seems to be lost, temporarily at least, the guardianship and care which leads to the development of the best, should be our constant care. A Christian parentage, a Christian home, and the life of the truly Christian community should be the lot of every child born into our civilisation. Only so can we truly say, "It is well with the child."

"W.R. CROSSWORD" - 14

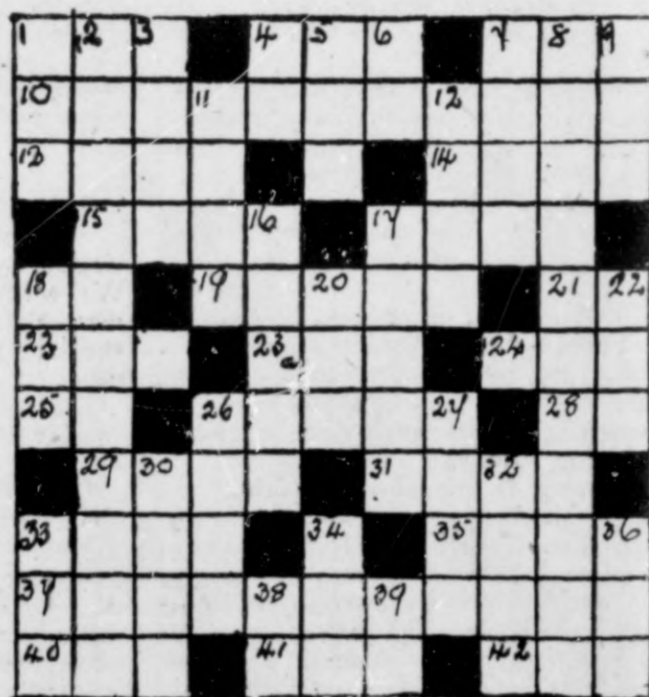
CLUES

Across

- 1—Pronoun.
- 4—Wood.
- 7—Before (Latin prefix).
- 10—Out (slang).
- 13—Biblical name.
- 14—Biscuit.
- 15—Entry.
- 17—Classify.
- 18—Pertaining to.
- 19—Material.
- 21—Exists.
- 23—Behind.
- 23a—Source of light.
- 24—Skilled airman.
- 25—Concerning.
- 26—Mercenary.
- 28—Denoting presence.
- 29—Animal sound.
- 31—Pause.
- 33—Scatters or spreads.
- 37—Self-reliant.
- 40—Pen.
- 41—Fuss.
- 42—Past time.

Down

- 1—Tinge.
- 2—Moderate.
- 3—North Britisher.
- 4—In progress.
- 5—Tree.
- 6—King's Counsel.
- 7—Teem.
- 8—Idling in the country.
- 9—Scottish river.
- 11—Sign.
- 12—Press.
- 16—Hoarder.
- 17—Of 23a.



SOLUTION TO No. 13

Across—1, Brown; 5, Plait; 10, Lope; 12, Inch; 13, Am; 14, Tired; 17, Er; 18, Cab; 20, Fed; 21, Ado; 22, R.A.; 24, Dr.; 25, Conveners; 27, Ay; 28, No; 30, End; 32, Ivy; 34, Wad; 36, Lo; 37, Sneer; 39, i.e.; 40, Lama; 42, Earn; 44, Shale; 45, Spies.

Down—1, Black; 2, Roma; 3, Op; 4, Wet; 6, Lid; 7, An; 8, Iced; 9, Throw; 11, Preserved; 15, If; 16, Ed; 19, Broad; 21, Arrow; 23, Any; 24, Den; 26, Bells; 29, Edens; 31, Noah; 32, In; 33, Ye; 35, Aire; 37, Sal; 38, Rep; 41, Ma; 43, Ai.

- 18—Means of locomotion.
- 20—Negative (French).
- 22—Fixed.
- 26—Container.
- 27—Vile.
- 30—Current.
- 32—Tropical tree.

- 33—Poetic "It is."
- 34—Colour.
- 36—Often found at bottom corner of a page.
- 38—Maori village.
- 39—Refusal.

FOR DISTRICT OFFICERS

It sometimes happens that circumstances arise in a district with which the officers find themselves unable to deal. If you find this is happening in your district, will you write and ask us for any help or information you think we may be able to give you? Our reason for asking this is that what is your problem may very easily be that of another district officer, and an answer published in a regular column devoted to Union working, may be more useful than an individual letter. If the latter is indicated as the best sort of response to an enquiry, it will certainly be sent.

At a recently held officers' meeting (Dominion), the matter of procedure regarding "Lapsed" Unions was discussed at some length. As the result of this conversation the following points were made clear.

1.—That it is the duty of the officers of the Lapsed Union to REPORT the fact of the Union's having closed down to the District Secretary. If any hope exists that the Union may be resuscitated, the DISTRICT OFFICERS should make some effort to do this. A Lapsed Union is a tragedy and a grief to all who have the cause at heart.

2.—IF and WHEN it is decided that all efforts to keep the Union in action are unavailing, it is the duty of the District Secretary to REPORT to (a) The Dominion Corresponding Secretary (Mrs. Toomer); and (b) To the Business Manager of the "White Ribbon" (Mrs. Grigg). Mrs. Toomer needs to know so that she will not include "Lapsed Unions" in the Handbook for the ensuing year. Mrs. Grigg needs to know the position regarding the "W.R." subscribers; and the Agent for the Union that once was. A very desirable thing is for the Agent to be asked to continue to act, for most of the subscribers will probably wish to continue to receive the paper even if their meetings are no longer held. The District Officers should assure themselves that these matters are in order, as they are the link between the Union and Dominion Officers, except when the Union Officers themselves make the necessary contact. Unfortunately, when a Union lapses, it is because for various reasons, its officers are unable to do the work belonging to their office, so it is unlikely that they will be able to see to these details.

3. The question of property in the shape of hymn-books, text-books, etc., and money, belonging to Lapsed Unions was considered, and the following points were made clear:—

(a) Such property and effects should be handed to the District Secretary to be held for the use of any Union in the District requiring it. If not required in the District, it is to be sent to Dominion Headquarters.

(b) Any moneys remaining in hand should be sent at once to the Dominion Treasurer (Miss Lovell-Smith). In the event of a Lapsed Union being restarted, proper adjustments will be made.

SHALL I BECOME AN ALCOHOLIC?

Most of my friends drink and it is the accepted practice in my social set. Sometimes, we drink a good deal over weekends and holidays. Not enough to get drunk, you understand; just to be sociable.

But the other day, I saw a statement that upset my complacency. I read that there are, in the United States, over 600,000 alcoholics.

All at once, I realized that probably most of them were once social drinkers even as I.

What are my chances of slipping from my present status of "social" drinker to "chronic" drinker or alcoholic?

I read that one of the tests for alcoholism is the need for a drink the morning after a big party.

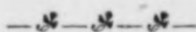
Another is the practice of drinking alone.

A third is the inability to get by certain hours—such as eleven or five o'clock—without a "bracer" or by certain places such as a favourite cocktail lounge or the "eighteenth hole" without indulging. All these seem indications of a growing habituation to drink.

Then all at once I thought:

"Why not stop before any of these signs begin to show?"

And now I know I shan't be an alcoholic because I've quit drinking alcoholic beverages for keeps!



THE ATTACK ON THE HOME

In 1937, Mr. Ralph Kettering, Secretary of the American Brewers' Association, wrote an article in the *Brewers' Journal*, urging "a concentrated campaign to sell beer to the housewife." He sought the brewers' co-operation in the placing of beer "in its rightful place, alongside of the bread and other foodstuffs, in the pantry of the homes."

"Why not," he asked, "place beer on the family marketing list so that the good housewife, with market basket on arm, will consider her family shopping incomplete unless there is an ample supply of beer for the week-end for all the family?" After listing a number of people who, a hundred and more years ago, used beer as a regular drink, he went on to say: "Why not encourage good will, public approval and a happy future by going to the very heart of the problem in enlisting the housewife on our side and, through her, the family and the on-coming generation? Let her fight the battles as she surely will when once we have convinced her of the healthful, necessary qualities of good beer."

That was ten years ago. In the article below, from the Canadian "White Ribbon Tidings," we are told of the repercussions in Canada. Here is something we may have to face in New Zealand. The organisation of the campaign did not stay in U.S.A.

GROCERY SALE

Gradually the Ontario campaign for grocery sale of beer is taking form. It began in whispered rumours. Then it was set forth as the climax and conclusion of a brewer's booklet that was widely circulated. Finally it was openly sponsored by a powerful morning newspaper that leans in the wet direction. It will not be surprising if grocery sale is vigorously advocated by private members and possibly sponsored by the government at the next session of the Ontario Legislature. Stranger things have happened.

Why is grocery sale of beer and wine especially dangerous? It makes another industry an ally and partner in the liquor business. It familiarizes women and children with purchasing drink and classifies it as a food instead of a drug. It leads to drinking on credit—in Ireland many a grocery sale of beer was entered as cheese, and the auditors marvelled at the extent of the cheese consumption. Worst of all, it leads to home drinking and children are indirectly taught that drinking is a normal custom.

Many grocers would refuse to sell beer. They want to have nothing to do with it. Other grocers who see easy money to be made through a larger percentage of profits than on other goods, in the long run will discover that money spent on drink reduces spending power for staple groceries. Beer selling groceries may expect to forfeit the custom of families deeply concerned to have Canada become a sober nation.

—"The Temperance Advocate."



SPARKLETS

A member of the *Springlands Union* expressed concern because children were playing with gas masks, and pretending that war was going on. She felt that the idea of Peace, not War, should be encouraged in children's play.

At the *Epsom-Green Lane* meeting, the Rev. A. S. Wilson said that as Christians we need to be "Cheer spreaders," as was St. Paul. "A little faith in a Big Christ releases great power."

Read at the *Brooklyn* meeting:—"The late Sir Wilfred Grenfell, missionary doctor to the fishermen round Labrador, wrote in his autobiography—'I learned to hate the liquor traffic with a loathing of the soul. I met peers of the realm, honoured with titles because they had grown rich in the degradation of my friends. I saw lives damned, cruelties of every kind perpetrated, gaols and hospitals filled, misery, want, starvation, murder, all caused by men who fattened off the profits and posed as gentlemen. I have seen men driven from the profession of priests of God, making the Church a stench in the nostrils of men, all through alcohol, alcohol, alcohol! I have seen men's mouths closed, whose business in life it was to speak out against the accursed trade.'"

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, June 9: The District President, Mrs. J. W. Mountjoy presided. Devotions being led by the District Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Long. Meeting congratulated Mrs. Mountjoy on her election as a member of the Executive of the N.C.W.

During the month a farewell afternoon had been given to Mrs. Hugh Kasper on the eve of her departure for the World Convention to be held at New Jersey, U.S.A. Mrs. Kasper was presented with a bouquet of autumn flowers from the Executive, and a small presentation from Mrs. Long and the girls of the Hostel. A very helpful "Day of Prayer" held on May 26th, was reported, addresses given by various leaders of sessions being very inspiring. Report on School of Methods, and Educational Conference given, Mrs. Mountjoy, W.C.T.U. representative at the latter.

Epsom-Green Lane, April 17: Annual meeting. All officers re-elected. Third meeting held May 15, Mrs. T. H. Eccersall presiding. Rev. A. S. Wilson spoke on "The Sailors' Chapter" (Acts 5).

Titirangi, April 29: Miss A. M. McLay presided over a fair attendance. Delegates' reports of Convention given. Death of a "Little White Ribboner" reported and letter of sympathy sent from Union. Benediction and tea.

Onehunga, May 8: After opening Devotions, much business was arranged, reports of various meetings given, and matters of interest mentioned, among them being the large number of motoring accidents recently reported caused by drink. Mrs. Brown, who had been unable to finish her address at the last meeting, continued the story of her life, telling of her coming to New Zealand at the age of 21, of her various occupations, and religious experiences, especially noting the guiding hand of God. As a Salvation Army officer, she had a wonderful story to tell. Her earnestness was deeply impressive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames: May meeting took the form of a social afternoon for children, those of school age being specially invited. Well attended. Several recitations, solos and pianoforte solos were contributed by the children. A few minutes were spent in riddle guessing, riddles from the "Y.P. Supplement." Pastor Chalmers held the children's attention with a Temperance talk entitled "Kings." Sumptuous afternoon tea concluded a happy afternoon. Posters and blackboard slogans were used.

Hamilton, June 5: Mrs. Stephenson Craig led Devotions. Rev. Howard Matthews spoke on the urgency of winning lives for Christ, which was the keystone to abstinence from all forms of tainted living.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, April-May: Small attendances, but good work done. Two new members gained. Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Peryman, and message of thanksgiving to Mrs. McGregor for her recovery after being knocked down by a motor car. Convention report given by Mrs. Ogg. Much interest in the decision to retain Dominion Headquarters.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Dannevirke, June 10: Mrs. Paviour Smith presided. A letter of sympathy in her mother's death was to be sent to the President, Mrs. Calcott. Mrs. Smales (Waipukurau) had sent her report as our delegate to Dominion Convention, for which we are grateful. Mrs. Paviour Smith read extracts from a paper on "Wines in Scripture." It showed that pure fruit juices as well as intoxicating wines were used. "White Ribbon" Day was observed with a collection taken up. It was decided to write to the Editor, saying how much the work of the late Mrs. Peryman and Mrs. Christian is appreciated, and how valuable the "White Ribbon's" educative and "helpful for everyday living" pages are.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, March 23-May 28: President in the chair at both meetings. Mrs. Greenwood led Devotions. Mrs. Peryman's work and personality spoken of by Mrs. Brewer, several members paying their tribute to her memory at the March meeting. Report of District Executive meeting given by Secretary. Mrs. Pearson

presented with a wedding gift for her son—a tablecloth—in recognition of her good work at the "Bring and Buy" table for many years. May meeting held at a member's home, 12 attending and many absent through sickness. Hospital visitation arranged. Discussion on distributing "Y.P. Supplements" to Sunday Schools. Read with interest Mrs. Hiett's opposition to the Royal Commission findings. "Bring and Buy" takings to go for Convention expenses fund.

April 27: Special reference made to the death of Mrs. Dudley, one of the most active members, W.R. Superintendent, and one noted for her excellent Temperance Facts at each Meeting. Members had attended the funeral. Convention report given by Mrs. Ross, of Upper Hutt. District Convention report given by President. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Lower Hutt, May 28: Mrs. Spencer presided. Warm welcome to Mrs. Crawford after long absence, and to a new member. Annual visit of the Belmont L.F.L., plus, this time, the newly-formed "Y" branch. Twenty bright young people entertained an appreciative audience. Programme of fifteen items comprising songs, hymns, solos, duets, trios, recitations, readings, and a mouth organ solo. There were three announcers and three conductors for the singing. Benediction to close.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, April 8-May 13: Mrs. Toomer presided over both meetings, a good attendance at the May one. At the April meeting Mrs. Goring, who led Devotions, was thanked by the President for her help to the Union, and presented with a book as a farewell token of love and gratitude. Mrs. Doel gave interesting and comprehensive report of Dominion Convention. An interesting account of "Alcoholics Anonymous" was given at the May meeting by a guest speaker, who had personal experience of this American organisation which is dealing successfully with chronic alcoholism. Several small groups are operating in New Zealand, including one in Nelson. Interesting discussion followed. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Keeble, Sherratt, Buchanan, and Westley.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive, May 15: The quarterly meeting of the Marlborough District Executive was held in Wesley Hall when Mrs. V. Underhill presided over a good attendance of members. Apologies received from Mrs. W. J. Girling, Vice-President, and Mrs. N. Forbes, Recording Secretary. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mr. S. E. Wells in the death of Mrs. Wells, our beloved and stalwart member of Picton Union, and "Y" Superintendent, was passed in silence. The President referred to the enthusiasm for the Temperance cause and for all righteous work which our late sister had always shown, and to the great loss the Union has sustained by her passing. It was resolved to record our sincere appreciation of her work and interest. (Four members of the Executive attended the funeral and carried a floral tribute.) The correspondence included an acknowledgment of our expressed sympathy from Mr. Wells. It was decided to support the Women's Day of Prayer Committee in the suggestion of holding one hour session only in the morning and one and a-half hours in the afternoon during winter months, and to assist by taking part in the sessions. Discussion on the need for organising in Picton and elsewhere and decided to invite Miss A. McLay to visit the district in the spring, and to be the speaker at District Convention. Mrs. Harris, district delegate to Convention, gave her report of business done and there was much discussion. The resolutions passed were re-affirmed and the protest to recommendations of Licensing Commission also endorsed. These were directed to be forwarded to the Member for the District, Mr. T. O. Shand. Mrs. Harris was accorded thanks.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Lyttelton-Heathcote, May 27: Meeting held in Heathcote, 14 members present. Mrs. Stevens, Heathcote, reported on a Rechabite evening she had attended in Christchurch in honour of Sir William Williams, High Chief Ruler of the Rechabites. A "Bring and Buy" for Union funds amounted to £2/5/-.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, May 28: Mrs. T. Holdgate presided over 33 members present. Peace Day observed. Major Wilkes gave an inspiring address, emphasising the fact that only with the presence of Christ in the heart could any lasting peace be found. Mrs. C. Ballantyne delighted with

several songs. Mrs. Woodward reported a busy month at Sailors' Rest. Donations to the "Rest" were gratefully received by Miss F. A. Smith.

Temuka: Peace Day observed, Mrs. Hewson presiding and leading Devotions. Captain Taylor introduced, and gave a helpful and interesting address on "Peace," a vote of thanks being passed. Mrs. Hewson reported on the District Executive meeting, announcing that District Convention would be held this year at Temuka, in September. Band of Hope to open in June under the leadership of Mrs. Simpson, Orari. Invitation for next meeting to be held at a member's home gratefully accepted. Sympathy with Mrs. Goodman in the death of her daughter.

April meeting presided over by Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Grocott leading Devotions. Miss Tooley gave Convention report, vote of thanks being passed.

Ashburton, May: Speaker, Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, subject being "Men and Events of Past Days," in response to an invitation to speak for three-quarters of an hour. The Mayor extended a welcome to the speaker, who was thanked for his inspiring talk.

OTAGO DISTRICT

North East Valley, May 22: Fair attendance. Year's programme arranged, including a visit from Miss C. McLay. "Information Bureau" occupied the greater part of the time, proving interesting and instructive. Miss Gibbs read an article on "Films," with special reference to the unsuitability of so many of them for children, and to the fact that the children could gain admission to any film showing, even if marked as unsuitable. Miss Begg reported on the N.C.W. Conference held at Timaru, including Archbishop Averill's address. Mrs. Vallance reported on the Presbyterian Synod's session on the "Abuses of Alcohol," and Mrs. Lay read an article on the effects of alcohol on the unborn child. Invitations to Green Island Union, and to a combined meeting of Mornington and Kaikōrai to hear Dr. Hunter's ideas regarding the findings of the Royal Commission. Miss Gibbs bidden "Au revoir" before leaving for an extended holiday in Auckland.

Mrs. Hickson—continued.

how awful her mother would feel if she knew her girl was looking for a home and not able to find one, and what I would have been like if Lorna or Mavis had been in the same fix.

So she's here, Win, and I will say she's as nice a little thing as one could have about the place. Lorna came in this morning and said she was glad I had the girl really, as she would be company for us. And so she is. I'm really glad I gave in just for once.

It was rather funny last Sunday, but Mr. Binns, that's our minister, you know, read that bit about "I was a stranger, and ye took me not in." I felt I had just missed being one of those that were meant, and wasn't I glad I had opened our door. So don't scold me, Win, that's a good girl.

Hope you're all well as we are. You'll be coming to see us before long. The time fairly whoops along. Here we are in the very middle of winter, and our summer clothes hardly put away yet. Marmalade time is coming and very little sugar yet. I was asking our grocer if there was any dried fruit to be had, and he said yes, I could have some prunes. I'm not so fond of prunes that I'd rush them, but they're better than nothing, so I said I'd have some and said is there nothing else? He said, yes, sardines. I laughed and said they must be sea fruit. We got a tin, but I've only looked at it yet. It's worth seeing after so long. We'll open it for some special occasion.

Much love from,
MEG.

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; Corr. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. Suddaby, 30 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, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wanhill; Sec., Mrs. Citing, 36 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Road; W.R., Mrs. Simpson, Roseberry Ave.

BLENHEIM, 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; Corr. 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; Corr. 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.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, cnr. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Henderson, J.P., 15 Euston St., Sumner; Hon. Sec., Miss M. M. Thomas, 25 Cambridge Tce, C.1; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Rd., W.2; Assist. Treas., Miss Gordon, 123 Fendalton Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Neutze, 122 Aikman's Rd., Merivale.

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

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

DARGAVILLE, 2nd 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. Hiett, 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.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Rippin; Sec., Mrs. Dow, 37 Cavell Street, Tainui; Treas., Mrs. Graham, 32 Sidey Street, Caversham; W.R., Mrs. Madigan, 155 Valley Road, Caversham.

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

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

FENCOURT, 1st Thursday, in Sunday School Hall, at 2.0 p.m. Pres., Miss P. Rickard, Box 18 Matangi. Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. Tyer, Victoria Rd., R.D. Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R., Miss G. Clark; C.R., Mrs. A. Wiseman.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.W. Room. Pres., Mrs. M. Smith, 102 Townsend St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. G. Pitt, 606 Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Grainger, 612 Grey Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Buckingham, 504 St. Aubyn's St. E.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hagerson, Maddison St.

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

INGLEWOOD, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Ashworth, Rata St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Longbottom; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown St.; Treas., Miss Pollard; W.R., Mrs. Young; C.R., Mrs. Pollard.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Jed Street, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss H. Jamieson, 57 Layard Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ruthven, Wesney and Brown; Sec., Mrs. E. M. Brown, 175 Gala Street; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 143 McMaster Street; W.R., Mrs. Pennington; C.R., Mrs. Millard; Evangelistic, Mrs. Wesney; Notable Days, Mrs. Ayson.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres. and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jelcoate, 289 Elles Road; Sec., Mrs. F. Rumber, 46 Lees Street; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson; C.R., Mrs. J. Harris.

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

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

KAIAPOI, last Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking, Cam Road; Sec., Miss Hamel, Fuller Street; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans, Fuller Street.

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

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

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, 190 Rolleston St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Black, 42 Cranley St.; Treas., Mrs. Beck, 583 Worcester St.; W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller, 20 Buckleys Rd.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m., Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laings Road. Pres., Mrs. Spencer, "Chingford," Belmont; Sec., Mrs. Crawford, 48 Waterloo Road; Treas., Mrs. Cooper, 27 Maire Street; C.R., Mrs. Buck, 67 Hautana Street; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Aldersley; W.P., Mrs. Heyes, Melling Road, and Mrs. Teasdill, Kauri Street.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstice; Sec. and C.R., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, Mt. Eden, S.2; W.R., Miss Shepherd, 111 Mt. Albert Road.

MT. EDEN, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 115 Bassett Road, Remuera, S.E.2; Sec., —; Treas., Mrs. Dunham; W.R., Mrs. Pickering; C.R., Miss McKinney.

MASTERTON, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss V. Jackson, 65 Cole St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Speight; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, Workshop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Trevorrow, Makora Rd.; W.R., Miss S. Tankersley.

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

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

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

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donnelly and Ryan; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfold, 21 Colenso St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. G. Martin, 56 Battery Road; Treas., Mrs. E. Shann, 326 Hastings St.; W.R., Mrs. Gwynne, 24 Jull St.; C.R., Mrs. Donnelly, 3 Lawrence Rd.

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

NEW BRIGHTON, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Edmond, Beresford St.; Sec., Mrs. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. Inns, 90 Marriotts Rd., North Brighton; W.R., Mrs. Holloway; C.R., Mrs. McIlroy.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Stewart, 60 Powderham St.; Sec., Mrs. Wood, 2 Cutfield Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Moorwood, Leach St.; W.R., Mrs. Brown, Seamen's Rest, Mrs. R. Deare, Hamlyn St.

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

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Winn, Isis St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Cowan and Mrs. Acutt; Sec., Mrs. McIlwraith, 10 Till St.; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter, 30 Rother St.; W.R., Mrs. J. J. Clarke, 62 Tyne St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby and Leadley and Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Perrett, 21 Cardwell St., Onehunga; W.R. and Home Meetings, Mrs. Ashby; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; C.R., Miss Caughley; Evangelistic, Miss H. Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Press, Mrs. Mushett; Philanthropic, Mrs. Wadman.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Hight, West Oxford; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Comyns, Ryde, Fenwick, Weston, Norwell and Miss Caverhill; Sec., Miss W. Comyns, "Woodbine," Oxford; Treas., Mrs. Carey, S.A. Headquarters; W.R., Mrs. E. McGrath; C.R., Mrs. Early; Band of Hope, Envoy Carey and Miss Comyns; Evang., Mrs. Markham; Notable Days, Mrs. L. Jones.

OTAHUHU, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m. in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. R. Hughes, Mason Ave.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames West, Ward and Carlisle; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Beaumont, 5 Fairburn Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Ward; Flower and Philanthropic, Mrs. Mears.

OPAWA, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Miss E. M. Gainsford; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., C.I.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.I.; W.R., Mrs. Patrick, 32 Buffon St., Waltham; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jenkins and Ewart Smith.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. R. Sinclair; Sec., Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Box 85; Treas., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; W.R., Mrs. Corney; C.R., Miss McCallum.

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

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Tuesday, Baptist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. D. H. Coles, 70 Oxford St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sexton, 315 Broadway Av.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clavidge; Treas., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; C.R., Miss Connelly and Mrs. McIvor; W.R., Mrs. Carter; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames White and Webb.

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

PAPATOETOE, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 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, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. G. Taylor; Sec., Mrs. J. Chambers, 1 Magnetic St.; Treas., Mrs. Jenkins, Wickliffe Tce.; W.R., Mrs. H. S. Watson; C.R., Mesdames Mirams and Watson.

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

PUKEKOHE meets 1st Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in alternate Churches. President, Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Terrace; Secretary, Mrs. Davies, Harris Street; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellis, Seddon Street.

REEFTON, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Sec. and W.R., Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Hallaran, Buller Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Sara.

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

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

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, 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. 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. Prassing; 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 Trmain 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., Miss Bibby; Sec., Mrs. Sargent, 21 Porangahau Road.

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, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught, Bartle and Thompson; 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 Brocks; 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. J. Bromley, Park St.; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.