

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"Let us have faith, that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

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## "NEWS OF BATTLE"

Like a clarion call comes the news of a brilliant campaign on behalf of the Temperance Cause being carried out by our own dear old friend, Mrs. Lee Cowie. Mention has been made of her brave carrying of the war right into the enemy's camp, in New Zealand daily papers. In a letter received from her a few days ago, she says:—  
Dear Fellow-worker,—

We are in the thick of a mighty "Prayer Crusade" which has thrilled all America, and reached to Canada and England. We have been broadcast and televised all over the U.S.A., and I am overwhelmed with letters of approval, and appeals to start the "Crusade" in other places. What about New Zealand? Tell our Christians of every creed to read Proverbs 24:11-12; Jeremiah 9:20-21; Ezekiel 33:1-9.

It is time for every child of God to "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."—We have been sitting too long at ease in Zion (Amos 6:1) and the judgment of Merodach may fall on us.

God bless you. My love to every friend and fellow-worker.

Ever in glorious service,  
BESSIE LEE COWIE.

Cuttings and papers from California bear news of the success of the Crusade. Under a picture of our old friend, we read: "Twenty modern 'Carrie Nations' will take to the streets today for Round Two in the W.C.T.U.'s battle to 'let the Lord's light into Pasadena's Bar-rooms. The embattled women, led by Mrs. Lee Cowie, 87-year-old 'world missionary two for the W.C.T.U., will call at Colorado down-town street bars, read passages from the Bible, and offer prayers for the souls of the guzzlers and barkeeps.

They will also call the attention of the proprietors to a section of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, which states that "there shall be sufficient interior light in retail premises to make possible the immediate identification of patrons." Mrs. Cowie, in an exclusive interview said that the W.C.T.U. feels that more light, spiritual as well as physical, would reduce the amount of drinking in bars.

She said the Pasadena Union of the W.C.T.U. will send resolutions to Sacramento and to Washington, urging laws to make bar-room interiors visible from the street. "The city of Alhambra recently passed a law to let the Lord's light into bars," she said. "Such a law should be nation-wide."

Mrs. Cowie considers her life to be so rich and varied, and so strenuous, that she can only say, "What hath God wrought?" She blames the Demon Rum for the majority of divorces, traffic deaths, and wayward girls. "Hospitals and divorce courts are jammed with the wreckage of drink," she declared. "And don't forget the fact that this situation costs the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Mrs. Cowie said her main concern, however, is the effects of drink on women. "We don't want to see our girls and women destroyed," she said, her eyes welling up with tears. "Again and again girls have told me that their fall began with a glass of wine at a social gathering."

Mrs. Cowie's crusaders will be armed with Bibles, and carry placards reading: "Wine is a mocker"; "Which—Bible or Bottle?"; "Sign the Pledge"; "Liquor Takes Lives"; "Alcohol is Venom"; and "Save our Girls." They will meet at the First Methodist

Church for prayers before sallying forth on Colorado Street.

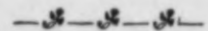
"There will be no violence," said Mrs. Cowie. "We don't intend to indulge in objectionable conduct."

The writer of the above article prefaces his remarks with the following: "We thought you might like to know something about a woman who, despite her 87 years, can confound guzzlers and barkeeps on their own ground."

In another clipping from a Wellington paper, we are told: "All the women are over 60. They march into bars and cocktail lounges reciting psalms. They concentrate particularly on women in the bars, engaging them in conversation. Frequently they break into 'Onward Christian Soldiers.'"

Meanwhile, in New York, Mr. George Eads, the Brewing industry's consultant on Prohibition, said that the alcoholic beverage industry would have to extend its organisation to counteract the efforts of the "drys."

He warned the National Beer Wholesalers' Association that 263 political sub-divisions in the U.S.A. went dry in 1946, while the "wets" gained only 65 units. He added that the "Drys" were busy re-organising the principal units which brought about prohibition.



### IMPORTANT NOTICES

Union Secretaries are reminded that Nominations for Dominion Officers should be taken at the August meetings. They should be in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. V. Underhill, Lakings Road, Yelverton, Blenheim, by September 30th.

### FOR UNION REPORTERS

The Editor would be helped in her work if Reports of Union, "Y" Branch, and L.T.L. or Band of Hope meetings were sent in on SEPARATE sheets of paper. Scribbling pad paper will do.

South Auckland Convention will be held at Tauranga, September 17th and 18th.

Essay and Poster Competitions: See page 1 of "Beacon."

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## AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

### ORGANISING DEPARTMENT

#### HERE AND THERE WITH THE MAORI ORGANISER— CATHERINE McLAY

Continuing in Hawke's Bay, and after some very interesting experiences in Dannevirke, I turned northward, en route to Napier. At Waipawa, Mrs. Bibby met me, entertained me to dinner, and motored me to a meeting of the P.W.M.U. at Otane. After the address, three new members were enrolled for the Waipawa Union, and feeling that the break had been worth while, I caught the train at the little station and reached Napier that night.

Resting there for four days, I addressed the B.W.M.U., and also a Youth Rally of about 100 on the Sunday evening, and met the Executive of the local W.C.T.U.

Proceeding by railcar to Wairoa, I chummed up with two very nice Maori girls, and through one of them made some helpful contacts in scattered Maori districts, where literature is now being sent. Next day, Wairoa Union held a very good meeting for me, at which the possibility of forming a Maori Union was explored, a few Maori ladies being present. In the evening a film meeting was held, and an address given to about 35 young people and some adults. "Y" work was suggested, but could not be undertaken at present. A fine Maori meeting, with films was held at Takatima Pa. Literature distributed to Y.P., and much interest shown. Several visits were paid to lapsed members and others; and some new members promised. Help given to new officers.

Going on to Gisborne, five days were profitably spent. On Saturday morning I was invited to a meeting of the District Maori Tribal Committee, and asked to speak on our work, especially the Maori Hostel Movement in Auckland. Great interest was shown, questions asked, and appreciation expressed. The Welfare Officer, a very fine Maori gentleman, told the meeting he had signed the pledge 40 years ago, on a visit by Mrs. Hera Munro to his school, and that he had kept it. The local Union was met and addressed. Bible Classes, Youth Rally, Girls' Club, League of Mothers, Home League, were addressed, two new members and promises gained, and visits paid. Frequent earthquakes created and maintained an atmosphere of expectancy.

I was very interested to meet the Presbyterian minister, who had recently arrived from Clydebank, Glasgow. The Bible Classes in his church were the largest I have contacted, and very fine training is being given the young people for service—local preaching, etc. Time did not permit of introducing "Y" work, but their programme is very full. I was also interested to find that the Methodist minister is our ex-president from Karori. I met quite a few ex-

members, girls now married, and have linked them up with local W.C.T.U.'s.

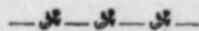
I have introduced the "Y.P. Supplement" to several Maori ministers and deaconesses for distribution to children. In one Maori Sunday School I addressed, one little girl had with her several Supplements, neatly bound into a folder, and apparently brings them every Sunday in expectation of another to add.

Returning to Napier, which was my headquarters, I had a busy week, commencing with a Morning Tea talk to girls in a steam laundry. Smoking is so prevalent among girls today that I felt constrained to deal with it very plainly, pointing out the terrible consequences of the habit. Several have thanked me, and some have said, "I often wish I had never started." There is great need for "nicotine education." The expert advertisements are the curse of the young people.

A very fine gathering of Maori girls at Hukarere College was addressed; at least 110 being present. There is a large "Y" branch with most efficient young officers. I spoke for an hour, with a lull, at half-time, during which the girls gave beautiful Maori items. A talk was given to a small group of Maori Y.W.C.A. club. Temperance talks given at Sunday School, Bible Class, Torchbearers, "Y's," women's meetings. Sixteen new members were gained for the Union, mostly through personal visits.

I am deeply indebted to my many kind friends and hostesses throughout Hawke's Bay for the loving care and sympathetic help given to me, which made the work possible.

At present I am combining General Organising with Maori. In the August or September issue, I shall contribute an article on "Maori Work in the King Country," which might be useful to read on Maori Day.



#### OTOROHANGA UNION RE-ORGANISED

A very fine meeting of 35 Maori and 10 pakeha ladies was held in the Methodist Church at Otorohanga on June 11th, to consider the re-organisation of the Union. It was decided to re-organise a joint Union of pakeha and Maori members.

On June 24th, a further meeting was held, the Union being re-formed, there being thirteen Maori and seven pakeha members enrolled, 20 in all.

The Officers elected are:—President, Mrs. Kenny; Secretary, Miss N. Rogers; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Clark; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Hukutai; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Wharenuui.



#### NEW UNION ORGANISED AT TE KUITI

Miss C. M. McLay reports a new Pakeha Union formed at a meeting held in the Presbyterian Church at

## FLASHLIGHTS

Speaking at the Auckland Union July meeting, Captain and Mrs. McCallum told of their work during the recent "Commando" raid on Wellington hotels. They explained that the two-fold purpose was to find the reasons for non-attendance at Church, and also to turn the hearts of the people to God. Mrs. McCallum and her lady friends conducted a singing campaign. The "raid" was considered a great success. With the personal messages and the sweet singing, better desires were started in the hearts of the listeners and definite cases of conversion were recorded.

At the June meeting of Hastings Union, Mrs. Lewis spoke on the "White Ribbon." Among other things, she said:—

"The 'White Ribbon' is for our use. Make it ours. Do not glance through it while drinking a cup of tea. Rather study the articles, and become able to pass on the facts. Get other people interested in it to swell the number of its subscribers. When sending reports, articles and facts, write on one side of the paper only.

Speaking at the Hastings Union meeting in May, the Rev. Mr. Cattanch took for his subject, "The Church in Russia." He said that Religion and Communism could not go hand in hand, but believed the Church had become popular of late years because we had heard of it behind the army and the government. Russia was so vast, and so different, that we could not compare our Church and religion with theirs. There was no religious instruction for the young. The homes which should be a centre of religious instruction, had no home life as we know it.

At the Sydenham Union's July meeting, Mrs. H. Graham gave a very helpful address, reminding her hearers that:—**God Can, God Is, God Hears, God Has, God Does.** The speaker endeavoured to show that in our time of need our Father is ever ready to help in a personal way, if we only have faith in His power to do so; that very often our work in the Temperance Cause does not produce the results we desire, simply because we are not willing to avail ourselves of God's promises—and if we can only realise that God's care is always round about us, protecting us each day, we shall be able to go forward bravely, facing whatever the future may hold.

Te Kuiti, on June 23rd. A good deal of spadework had been done previously, many women contacted and possibilities explored. The Rev. R. Maddock, Presbyterian minister, presided. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. Christensen; Vice-President, Mrs. Stratford; Treasurer, Mrs. Hamilton.

Eight members were initiated.



## President's Message

Dear Friends,—

Let us give thanks for the opportunities for service, the service of prayer as well as the service of deeds: the news of Unions formed or re-organised: the outlook of forward "Y" work: the increasing interest in the scientific teaching as to the harmful results of the consumption of beverage alcohol. One could fill a page stating reasons for thankfulness. While we exercise our privilege, and duty, of thankfulness let us be keener than ever to do our part in wiping out this terrible drink evil.

Before we make any decisions as to the best requests to make to Cabinet Ministers, etc., let us be sure that the thing we are advised to ask for is really good, always remembering that our Pledge is to pray and work for the **abolition** of the liquor traffic, that traffic which destroys more health and happiness than any other one known factor, and which does nothing in return for that destruction except put money into the pockets of greedy people.

We, who believe that it is not the will of our Father that any should "stumble or be made weak" through this deadly poison, must redouble our efforts, never doubting that victory will come.

Those who fight **with** God are those who **win**.

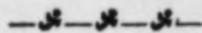
"We have God's own promise and that **CANNOT** fail."

With cordial greetings,

Your friend,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.



## LIST OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 9th May to 10th July, 1947

Maungaturoto, 1; Epsom-Greenlane, 2; Henderson, 1; Tauranga, 1; Eltham, 1; Raetihi, 3; Levin, 1; Feilding, 1; Palmerston North, 2; Foxton, 1; Napier, 1; Brooklyn, 13; Springlands, 2; Blenheim, 1; Bryndwr, 1; Opawa, 1; Dunedin, 2; Port Chalmers, 3; Maori Dept., 1; Lower Hutt, 1; Hawera, 1; Gisborne, 1; Mt. Albert, 1. Total, 43.  
Total from 1st January, 108.

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The following donations to "The White Ribbon" Day fund are gratefully acknowledged:—

New Plymouth, 16/4; Dargaville, 4/-; Feilding, 13/6; Miss Watt, Feilding, 5/5; Blenheim, £2; Northcote, 10/-; Dargaville, 6/-; Dannevirke, 6/-; Napier, 10/-; Mornington, 8/6; Port Chalmers, 10/-; Upper Hutt, 10/-; Wellington Central, 10/6; Onehunga, 14/3; Hawera, 14/-; Hastings, 14/10; Reefton, 10/-; Wellington, 8/-. Total to date, £10/11/4.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

## WORLD CONVENTION

### News From Our Delegates

We are delighted to receive the following letter, with one for the Y.P. Supplement from Mrs. Kasper, from our delegate, Mrs. Mackie.

2308 Ashmead Place,

Washington.

4th July, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Christian,—

We have been in Washington nearly one month, and will be leaving on the eleventh for Chicago, Evanston, Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, etc.

We are being treated royally here. New Zealanders are truly "on the map" in America. I will give you a brief outline of our doings.

We have visited White House, and I was greatly impressed with its simplicity. "Period" furniture, certainly—nothing pretentious, though. The crystal chandeliers are exquisite.

This week the W.C.T.U. women have been so good to us. Miss Smart took us to a sitting of the House, and we heard Father Walsh and Dr. Poling on "Military Training." It was interesting to me, naturally. We also listened to the Senate in session. We met some of the Senators in their offices. Senator Capper is a very kindly old gentleman, and is with us in Temperance work.

Miss Smart is doing really outstanding work as the Legislative Director for the W.C.T.U. She is a qualified lawyer.

Mrs. Frommet, a member of the Union, and second Vice-President of the district, invited other W.C.T.U. women to a very beautiful luncheon at her home, and one of the guests drove us to Mount Vernon. This will always be a green spot in my memory as long as I live. It is absolutely beautiful—the avenues of green trees, some flowering specimens, and the wide, winding roads, with thousands of yellow and rust lilies in clusters—well, it is so glorious, I wish you could have seen it too.

When we arrived at Mount Vernon we were escorted through the home of George Washington—as he left it. It is so well worth seeing, and from the upstairs windows one gets a very extensive view of the Potomac River. Mrs. Frommet and I walked down to the tomb of George and Martha Washington. I was given a large piece of ribbon from the wreath sent by "White House." I cut it in half and gave Mrs. Kasper a piece.

One day we visited the New Zealand Legation. Sir Charles and Lady Berendsen were away at New York, but we are invited again to see them both. Miss Coates, our late Prime Minister's daughter, chatted with us, and a Miss Fraser, of Waimate, who knew friends of mine there. They have helped us very much, as we have been able to visit prisons, having a car and driver at our disposal. We shall be seeing children's courts, women's prisons, boys' homes, etc.

Thursday next, a picnic is being arranged for us by another group of W.C.T.U. ladies there, to the Monastery and famous Water-lily gardens, supposed to be unsurpassed in the world. Last Sunday afternoon, we were at Dumbarton Oaks. I have not seen a garden like it anywhere, and the Museum was interesting. My dear husband used to get International Literature from there and I was glad to see the place.

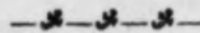
I am just putting things down as they come into my head, as I must memorize things; so if it appears somewhat disjointed, you will quite understand. We have been to the top of the Washington Monument in a lift which carries 33 people at once, and is in use all the time, people coming and going. The view from the top is extensive and beautiful. We have visited Abraham Lincoln's monument many times, and when it is lighted up at night it is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever in art. Also to see the Capitol lighted at night is marvellous. We visited the Walter Reed Hospital, and spoke over the air to 2,000 beds. We have seen and visited a Masonic Home for Women, and a place for Career Women. **Everybody** seems to be considered in Washington.

I can tell you with pride, New Zealand has the eyes and ears of the world, and I am very proud to be one of her beloved people. We have certainly led the way in many reforms and if we can bring something back which will be of use, we will certainly do our best. Strangely enough, I am taken all the time for an English woman. I say, "No, no, I am New Zealand-born." Little Dr. Howard, a Quaker and a Senator, asked, "Are all the ladies tall, like you, Mrs. Mackie?" I was amused. By the way, you know the next World Convention is to be in London; Sweden next.

Americans have very little home life. Most of the meals are taken in eating houses. That is why we have enjoyed being invited to friends' homes.

I am so impressed with the little squirrels. They are fairly tame, and the bird life is different from ours. Hummingbirds, robin redbreasts, the cardinal, etc., etc. The insect life is

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Upper Hutt, 1 new member; Sydenham, 1 new member; Bryndwr, 1 new member; North Brighton, 1 transfer; Papanui, 1 transfer; Wellington Central, 1 new member, 1 transfer; Tauranga, 1 new member, 1 transfer.

C. TOOMER.

New Unions and Branches organised by Miss C. M. McLay as follows:—

Ohinematu "Y" Branch, 19 members; Te Kuiti Union, 8 members, Pakeha; Otorohanga Union, 20 members, Mixed; Te Kuiti Union, 37 members, Maori.

Re-organised by Mrs. Reed:—

Petone, 1 new member.

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TEMPERANCE ACTIVITY IN  
THE CHURCHES

After a period during which it almost seemed as though the Churches had decided to leave Temperance work to those who would undertake it if they felt like so doing, there is tremendous encouragement in hearing of a very definite re-awakening to responsibility in many Churches and in different countries. How it could be otherwise, in the face of the present situation which is fraught with the gravest danger to the Church life of the future, we cannot imagine. The awakening was bound to come sooner or later. Only those who **would** not see were blind to the certain consequences of ignoring this threat to every good influence the Church could wield. If W.C.T.U. members, through their Church contacts, can assist in stimulating interest in the subject, it is most earnestly to be hoped that they will seize any opportunity that offers itself. During the recent electoral campaign, surprise was expressed by many of our workers in different places, at the readiness with which Church organisations responded to their expressed willingness to address meetings on the subject. That willingness is not only evident during cam-

paign periods, but is there at any time if the right approach can be made.

In any case, it is grand to read that U.S.A. Methodists are planning a great Temperance Advance. Every member is being called upon to sign commitments to Total Abstinence. Every Conference in the U.S.A. sent a representative to a great Board of Temperance Conference in Chicago; a group of religious educators, chosen and headed by the Rev. Dr. John Q. Schisler, of the Board of Education, and editors of Church publications, formed this conference, which will be an historic mark, in that it is the first occasion in which every General Board of Methodism has co-operated in an organised Temperance movement.

In our own land, the very energetic and well-organised action of the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church calls for comment. A questionnaire sent out under authority of the General Synod to all sections of the Church, and expected to be returned by the end of July, is a searching enquiry into the many aspects of the Temperance question as they affect members individually, and also as they affect the attitude towards the matter on the part of the whole Church. An article on the temptations of drinking that young people have to face is to be prepared by the Rev. S. W. Webber, for the Youth Number of the "Outlook." The "Brains Trust" on the Liquor question held at Dunedin Presbyterian Women's Fellowship, was an outstanding effort to bring the facts, regarding our New Zealand position to the ears of a large number who might otherwise have remained in ignorance.

The Baptist Church of New Zealand has also taken a clear line in a special issue of "Contact," the Baptist Young Men's Bible Class Magazine, which appeared late last year. Six times the usual number were printed for this issue, and it was twice its usual size. It was a notable contribution to the available information for young people, and shows that this Church has the liquor question very much at heart.

For all these signs of vitality in the places where it will have opportunity to increase, all Temperance workers of every creed will give thanks and rejoice. It behoves us particularly to do all we can to fan the flame till its heat is changed to work.

## WITHIN THE VEIL

ELLEN SOPHIA DEARLOVE,  
NAPIER UNION

Another link with the old bush pioneers of the Pahiatua district was severed when Ellen Sophia Dearlove passed away at Napier, aged 94 years. Nearly 70 years ago Mrs. Dearlove came out from England to join her husband who had preceded her, and had taken up a farm in the Pahiatua bush. For many long years, with the true pioneering spirit, they toiled at the job of making a farm out of the primeval bush. When this was accomplished they retired to Hastings, and lived there for some years before moving to Napier about 35 years ago. Mrs. Dearlove and her late husband were staunch supporters of the Methodist Church all their lives. It was during their early days in Napier that they played a large part in the prohibition campaigns of those times. They were chiefly instrumental in raising the funds that built the Willard Hall in Napier for the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Dearlove was buried in the Hastings cemetery with her husband, who predeceased her 22 years ago. The Rev. W. G. Henderson officiated at the graveside.—J.H.O.

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TEMPERANCE FACTS GIVEN  
AT UNION MEETINGS

Dunnevirke:

When the great Canadian physician, Sir William Osler, was asked by a student, "Is it true that alcohol makes people able to do things better?" he replied, "No, it just makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."

Dargaville:

"The future belongs to the child. The three great enemies of child life are Ignorance, Poverty and Alcohol—and the greatest of these is Alcohol."—Sir Donald McLean, K.B.E., P.C.

For a Laugh:

"There are two sides to every question," said an interjector at a Temperance meeting. "Yes," said the speaker, "but it makes a mighty big difference to the fly which side he chooses."

80% of the cases of V.D. are due to the influence of alcohol. Alcohol and V.D. go hand in hand, there is no doubt about that.—Dr. Arthur Evans, F.R.C.S.

"Do you know? One pint of milk costing 3d. has greater food value than twelve pints of stout, costing 8/-? Each pint of stout contains one ounce of alcohol—a Narcotic Drug."



# Great Evangelists and Temperance

By Victoria Grigg

VIII.—DWIGHT L. MOODY

No evangelist of the nineteenth century is better known by name than D. L. Moody. Two great international organisations owed much to him—the Y.M.C.A. and the Student Christian Movement. Like the other great evangelists of whom I have already written, in addition to being a powerful pleader for souls, he was a great Temperance reformer, full of sympathy for drink's victims, and full of ardour for their reclamation.

He was born in 1837 at Northfield, Massachusetts, the sixth of nine children, of whom twins were born a month after their father's death. As his mother was left penniless, his early life was spent in conditions of very real poverty, but he was fortunate in that his mother was one who put her trust in Him Who promised to be a Father to the fatherless.

It was the earnest solicitude of his Sunday School teacher which led him to accept Christ as His Saviour, and from that time, he sought to witness for God, and to serve Him faithfully. At the age of nineteen he left Boston for Chicago, and lost no time in attaching himself to a Congregational Church. He set out at once to bring boys and girls from the streets to Sunday School, and the very first Sunday he brought 18 young people, dirty and unkempt, some even barefoot, to form his first class. In visiting these children he was led into some of the worst streets of the city, where public houses abounded, but nevertheless he recruited large numbers. On the north side of the city where crime and vice were rampant, he started work in a disused public house. He literally followed out Christ's command to "go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in."

His work among the poor and wretched made him a thorough-going abstainer. He realised the immense obstacle drink was to the acceptance and progress of Christianity. He became a stern, uncompromising opponent of drinking habits and the liquor trade, and he begged Christians to fight their utmost against this curse. "It is a hellish traffic," he said, "taking many thousands to an untimely grave." The converts at his missions were urged to become teetotallers.

In his early twenties he was faced with making a great decision. His early mission work was all done in his spare time, and before him were great possibilities for becoming a rich and successful business man. On the other hand, he felt he could devote his whole life to evangelistic work. With the example of George Muller before him, he chose to become a full-time evangelist, relying solely on God for his support.

It is interesting to us as "White Ribboners" that our own Frances

Willard had one of her earliest experiences of public Christian service under D. L. Moody. He influenced such men as Dr. F. B. Meyer, Professor Henry Drummond, and Sir Wilfred Grenfell, in their zeal for the Temperance Cause.

When Moody visited Britain, wonderful scenes were witnessed in the great cities. Dr. Bonner, of Glasgow, wrote, "It is such a time as we have never had before in Scotland. The old Gospel is preached: Christ the Substitute, Christ's blood, Christ's righteousness, and Christ crucified, and the Holy Spirit breathing over the land."

During his second mission at Glasgow, an organised campaign was entered upon for the rescue of drunkards, when it was shown very clearly that the Gospel had lost none of its power to meet the most desperate cases.

A choir of 400 men's voices was formed from those who had been rescued from the gutter. At some of his missions, Moody used the Friday evenings specially for Temperance purposes, and said that few of his meetings touched his heart more than these. Remarkable testimonies were given on these occasions by former drunkards and previous moderate drinkers who were led by Christian motives to become abstainers.

Moody deemed no effort too great to reclaim the drunkards. He prayed for them, sought them, and appealed to them personally and publicly. He truly loved his fellow-men, no matter how brutalised or degraded. He said that the drink-sellers' prosperity spelled fatherless children, took the bread out of the mouths of widows and orphans, caused drunkards to reel along the paths, and degraded sisterhood to walk the streets. In addressing an English audience, he said, "There was another law passed here in the days of Wilberforce, and that was that no slave could breathe under the Union Jack—that slavery was to be swept away. But you have something worse than this in England—the accursed liquor traffic. When will you sweep IT away?"

Moody died in 1899, but his question still awaits a reply. Despite enforced rationing of bread, Britain has allocated 50,000 tons of the 1946 barley crop, and 75,000 tons of the 1947 barley crop to be used in the manufacture of alcoholic drinks. Last year in New Zealand we turned more than a million tons of barley into beer. Meantime, our poultry farmers and pig breeders cannot obtain sufficient grain for their purposes. Worse still, the results of using the grain for such purposes are seen in our police courts and broken homes. Oh God! Give us courage to work still harder to drive this evil from our midst.

## MRS. HICKSON WRITES TO HER SISTER

July, 1947.

My Dear Winnie,—

It was nice to get your letter, but I was sorry to hear you had had 'flu. It's not so good any time, but in the winter, specially when it's wet weather, it does make you feel miserable. You just hate getting up when you are getting over it. When you are in bed and simply *can't get up*, well then you can seem to enjoy it a bit; and it seems a pity to be disturbed when you begin to feel better. Lazy—that's how it makes me feel. Oh well, I just hope you will soon be getting over the getting better, because that is worse than the being really sick part.

Well, what do you think about the Royal engagement? I think it's about time we had a bit of excitement over a real happy thing like this seems to be. After so long when our only news seemed to be about the war, and all the things that weren't going to be put right whatever people said, when it was all over, it does give one a bit of a thrill to think of a Royal wedding again.

Our Princess Elizabeth seems just like a happy girl, don't you think so? And her intended looks to be a jolly, up-standing young fellow, too. It seems no time at all since she was born, and here she is getting married. You and I were girls then, do you remember it all? Her mother was so sweet. Did you remember seeing her at Rotorua, and how she joined in the singing of the hymn? She's still lovely-looking, even if she has got a little more of what Lorna called ombongpwang, but we call m-a-s. You know we all get that in time.

We have had a bit of worry at our W.C.T.U. meeting about this liquor advertising business. It seems the Prime Minister says what he did in stopping a lot of advertising was only for during the war, and he had to let everything go back to as it was when the war got over. It's a pity if a thing is so bad that we can't run it in war time, but have to go back to it as soon as we can. He said that if the people wanted it, he would stop it, but they didn't want it. I'm sure I did, but I'm only one, worse luck.

I don't like to see the adverts. appearing here and there again. They give me a bit of a shock when I see them. They must do an awful lot of harm. Our President says we ought to do something about it, but it's hard to know what. One thing she said was that if we got a magazine or paper with some liquor ad. in it, we should mark the place and send it to the office saying we wouldn't take it if they didn't cut that sort of thing out. If enough of us did it, they might take some notice.

It's nice we got the marmalade sugar after all, isn't it? It's a job that looks at one all the same.

With love and be sure to get well soon.

Yours loving sister,

MEG.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

### MR. GEORGE DASH VISITS ASHBURTON

After having addressed the W.C.T.U. meeting at Ashburton on May 18th, Mr. George Dash took charge of the Band of Hope meeting in the evening, making a festive and instructive time with rhymed "Quiz" items, and an address.

On the Thursday evening, at the Ashburton "No License League" meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev W. T. Blight, Mr. Dash gave an address, using the half-hour for which he had been asked. His subject was "Publicity," and was so interesting that two speakers rose to protest that the speaker had only spoken for half his allotted time.

Mr. Dash travels to meetings at his own expense, and is available for meetings where reasonably possible. His prayer is to be of use in the Temperance cause for as long as his health will allow. We wish him God-speed in his quest for opportunity, remembering with gratitude his many acts of constructive generosity.

### YOUTH WORK Northcote Union

At the Northcote meeting on Tuesday, 10th June, there were 14 present. A book was presented to Mrs. A. Turner, the junior member of the Union, in appreciation of her Temperance training of the Girls' Life Brigade, of which she is the President. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Turner and to the Brigade on the success of the girls at the recent Temperance examinations when the 20 members who sat all passed with approximately 80% marks—the second highest in New Zealand.

Mrs. Mountjoy, President of the Auckland Executive, who addressed the meeting, added her congratulations and also those of the Executive.

Mrs. Wright, Cradle Roll Superintendent, reported an increase of four little "White Ribboners." Mrs. Hales, the senior member of the Union, who shortly celebrates her 90th birthday, pronounced the Benediction.

### SILVER JUBILEE Riccarton Union

Riccarton Union celebrated their Silver Jubilee on June 12th, Mrs. Griffiths, President, in the chair. The room, bright with flowers, was filled to capacity, invitations having been sent to all women's organisations in the district, and to sister W.C.T.U.'s.

The meeting opened with a hymn, and the Lord's Prayer; and a very telling Temperance Fact was given.

Vocal items were given by Mesdames Fulton and Morrow, elocutionary items by Mesdames Wooley and Maddams, and violin solos by Mr. Maddams—seventeen items in all. The accompanist was Mrs. Hilda Reeves. This very enjoyable programme was arranged by Mrs. Middleton.

A presentation of a beautiful reading

lamp was made to Mrs. A. T. Newth by the members, with loving appreciation of her twenty-five years' unbroken service as Secretary.

Afternoon tea was dispensed and a birthday cake, made by the President, was cut.

Mrs. Clark, District President, gave greetings and thanks for our co-operation with the District during twenty-five years.

The President thanked those who had given items and Mesdames Reeves and Middleton, and a most enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology.

### MISS McLAY IN HAWKE'S BAY

The Gisborne Branch of the W.C.T.U. was very pleased to welcome Miss C. M. McLay to the Gisborne district last month. During her visit to us she spoke at a meeting of the Turanganui Tribal Committee who were particularly interested in her account of the Maori Hostel for girls in Auckland, because of their proposal to establish a hostel on similar lines in Gisborne. Miss McLay also addressed the League of Mothers, the Salvation Army Home League, an After-Church Rally at the Y.M.C.A., the Presbyterian Bible Class, and the Methodist Girls' Club, where there is the possibility of forming a "Y" Branch. Miss McLay met members of our local Union at a Social Afternoon, and a happy time was spent getting to know one another. During Miss McLay's visit, opportunity was taken to present Mrs. Goffe, our retiring President, with a book of Daily Devotions, as a token of love and gratitude from the members for her long and faithful service to the Gisborne Union.

### MISS McLAY AT WAIROA

Miss McLay arrived on the 11th of May, and on the 12th addressed a combined meeting of women in St. Andrew's Hall. The attendance was very disappointing, but those present were very much uplifted by Miss McLay's personality and address. On the evening of the same day Miss McLay addressed a combined Rally (Youth) at which the attendance was again small. Temperance films were shown. An endeavour to form a "Y" Branch was unsuccessful.

On Wednesday the 13th, Miss McLay addressed a meeting chiefly of Maoris at the Takatimu Hall. This was the most successful meeting of her visit, being well attended. As the outcome of the meeting, 50 Y.P. leaflets are to be distributed monthly amongst Maori children by the Rev. Mr. Tamahori.

### SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

#### Christchurch Union

On May 28th, Miss C. Henderson presiding, an Afternoon Social was held in celebration of our sixty-second Anniversary. Our President welcomed the visitors, Mrs. Hardy-Cookson

(Mayoress), Miss Mary McLean, and a good percentage of delegates from other Unions.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. F. Price, a valued and esteemed member, and thanks for sympathy were received from Mrs. D. G. Sullivan and family.

Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, Vice-President of our District Executive, conveyed to us greetings from the District Executive, with congratulations; and delegates from all Unions present extended to us their Unions' greetings.

Mrs. Horwood gave an inspiring address on the "Life of Mrs. Josephine Butler," to show what individual women can do to right the wrongs in the world. During the afternoon, vocal numbers were sung by Miss Isabel Riddle, and humorous recitations were given by Mrs. Collins. Greetings and flowers were sent to Mrs. Patchett, our senior member, who has just celebrated her ninety-second birthday, and posies were presented to our guests of honour, to the performers, to our President, and to Miss E. Gordon, a foundation member of our Union.

### THIRTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

#### New Brighton

On June 2nd, New Brighton celebrated their 36th Birthday with a most successful Social Afternoon, when good representation of other Unions was present. Our President, Mrs. Edmonds, expressed particular pleasure at having with us Miss Gordon, and Mrs. Graham, formerly Miss Harband. Greetings were received from other Unions. Mrs. Middleton had kindly arranged to bring the visiting artists, who provided us with a most entertaining programme, consisting of piano solos, vocal solos and duets, recitations and humorous sketches, thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Thanks were expressed at the close. Tea was served by members of all our Unions.

### "MOTHER'S DAY" SOCIAL

#### Oamaru

The Oamaru Union held a "Mother's Day" Social on May 12th, Mrs. Winn, President, presiding over a good attendance of members and friends. After taking the Devotional period, Mrs. Winn welcomed all present, making an appeal for new members, and stressing the importance of individual Temperance work. A White Flower was presented to all present by Miss Lonasnell. An enjoyable programme of musical and elocutionary items was presented, and Mrs. Rix gave an appropriate address. Opportunity was taken to bid farewell and give good wishes to Miss Kirkness, Mayoress, on her approaching marriage, flowers being presented and a fruit bowl. A happy evening in a beautifully-decorated Hall was spent.



# A Policewoman's Experience with Beverage Alcoholic Problems

By VIOLET HILL WHYTE

National Director of Work Among Negroes.

Of all inducements to antisocial behaviour, to acute delinquent acts, or to the commission of crime, beverage alcohol is, I believe, the most frequent cause and the most speedy contributor to violations of law and order.

We will agree that it is easily secured and may be quickly consumed. We will agree that no two individuals react exactly alike after drinking.

We will agree that frequently it transforms a good citizen into a bad citizen, an unobtrusive quiet man into a relentless murderer, a citizen of good repute into a rapist who will kill to satisfy his lust, a business man with a good family background into a desperate, determined burglar, or a care-free happy youth into a surly, unmoral sex delinquent or thief.

Beverage alcohol is a known deceiver, a blackout for illicit acts of every kind, a defence mechanism for the unwary, the disillusioned, the frustrated—in other words, many thousands of persons who need spiritual or social guidance, medicine, or surgery take a drink because of a lack of courage to face facts or to face man or God.

Character is a beautiful flower, but in little children it is an exceedingly frail plant, one that needs air, sunshine, pure water, careful handling. In my work I see countless little children who live in back rooms behind the corner bar, children who travel up and down rickety steps over "Paradise Inn" or "Charlie's Bar" or "The Ritzy Hole" or "Slimey's Cafe," or who nightly go up three-foot alleys to "my home"—the children who constitute a large section of the masses. These children see men and women drink; they listen to men and women using profane language while drinking; they see men engaged in indecent exposure and other revolting acts; they see women (sometimes their own mothers) vomit on the streets; and yet we expect them to be girls and boys who will conduct themselves according to Christian standards of right and wrong. These girls and boys have no fear of God or man. They do not fear God because they do not know Him. They do not fear man because he has no respect for himself.

As an officer of the law I see older youth as they are coaxed or persuaded towards delinquent action, many times by mature and hardened frequenters of the streets or slums. I see some of the innately finest take their first steps in the direction of the "underworld"—through late hours, in questionable company, at commercial dances, patronising the alluring walking bars.

## That First Bottle of Beer

Often I handle cases of high school and college age youths in a bewildering

state of sex receptivity because of the effects of the social cocktail, stalwart youth suddenly become timid, listless, or perhaps incoherent, restless or even incorrigible because of that first bottle of beer.

I listen time and time again to their explanations, "I don't understand why one bottle of beer should do me this way," or "Honestly mam, all I had was one cocktail. No, I did not buy it—a man gave it to me."

Often I feel a twinge of pity for the mass of youth who are restless and confused because of adult misdoing, because of the wholesale licensing of places to sell alcoholic liquor; youth who have thrown aside tradition, education, family, and even home because they love the seductive music; they love dancing (the kind you cannot understand); they love beverage alcohol and are powerless to resist it. It is not easy to resist the tavern in the slums, where it is the only bright spot.

These same young people—many of whom come from substandard homes—love luxury, just as you and I. All in all they travel in gangs that seek soft lights, music, comradeship, cocktails—they find what they want in the brothels of our cities, in the jitterbug dance halls where alcoholic beverages are sneaked in, if not sold openly.

My sympathies are with those young people. It is the aiding, abetting, conniving of adults that gives me grave concern. My experience has taught me that when a teenage girl stays out all night and sometimes many nights, it is likely that she will have mastered many of the primary lessons in acute delinquency before we can find her. She will boast of how much she can drink. I know that when young men become over-aggressive, unruly, defiant, it very often indicates involvement with criminals or other adults who are really responsible for the misbehaviour being evidenced.

Beverage alcohol paves the way for a "multitude of sins." I see it as a master key, a key that will open the main gate in the huge circus tent. Once inside, youth leisurely takes in side show after side show, each one different, perhaps more exciting, most certainly more alluring. A drink of whisky and the adolescent youth joins the crowd in a gambling joint. A drink of gin or whisky or rum and he (or she) becomes a party to prostitution. A drink of any intoxicating liquor and men and women of every age often behave in a manner below the level of the lowest animal. Beverage alcohol usually is on hand also where there are other narcotics and frequently the alcohol is the tool that

prepares the individual for addiction to other habit-forming drugs.

During my eight years' experience as a policewoman I have covered every type of crime and delinquent act generally discovered and brought to the attention of law enforcement officers. Through careful study and observation I truthfully can say that the majority of crimes I have investigated were committed by men and women and young people either while directly under the influence of beverage alcohol or during the period when the drinker exclaims, "I'm all right now, I'm all right. You see I was drinking, but I'm all right now."

## Why and Where the Dangerous Criminal Starts

With God, all things are possible, but surely one needs to know the extent of underworld pressure on youth of to-day. One needs to know how bloodthirsty the scavengers of vice and crime are to make recruits and to what extent they go to find them. As I said before, my experience has proved to me that beverage alcohol, as licensed today, is the master key that unlocks the gate to the big circus tent. Daily our nation's finest go in and leisurely drifting from side show to side show they become weak, involved, confused, lost, and, as the underworld so aptly puts it, "beat." Yes, "beat" in the race of life, because the decent people in the world are too ignorant of conditions, or too indifferent, to realise why and where and how the dangerous criminal starts.

—From "The Union Signal," 15/12/46.

## WORLD CONVENTION—continued.

strange, too. In the evenings, little flies of some sort have a light in the end of the body. It is like a little electric bulb, but they seem to have different colours. They remind me somewhat of our glow-worms, except that they fly.

If you ever get an opportunity to visit America, do take it. I just love the women here. They are so very gracious. Some day I want to come back to this country. I may when I go to the London Convention.

I have a World Superintendency now. I have taken it for three years to see how it works out with my Peace Superintendency.

Well now, I could write pages more. The heat makes me very shaky. I will conclude with my dear love to all New Zealand friends and sisters in our beloved cause. Thank you for your many prayers. Our Father has given us many "Journeying mercies." Don't stop praying for us, please. (Sankey 494.)

Our united love. Mrs. Kasper is writing soon.

Ever your friend,

ETHEL M. MACKIE.

P.S.—Temp. 91 degrees. Humidity 95 degrees.

## HOME MAKERS CORNER

By "LYNETTE."

## FISH MEALS

When I was studying for examinations at school, I used to feel duty bound to eat fish as fish was described as a "brain-building" food. I imagined that just as honey could give the athlete an immediate supply of energy, so fish could give me an immediate supply of intellect in time for my examinations. Though this is, of course, not so, fish is a good source of phosphorous, which is utilised in the formation of muscle, nerve and brain tissue. Among the other minerals supplied by fish, perhaps the most important is iodine, the goitre preventative. New Zealand soils tend to be lacking in iodine, but we can compensate for this in the fish which abounds in our waters.

Fish is more easily cooked than meat because it has less of the tough connective tissues, and for this reason, too, it is more easily digested. It can be cooked in many ways, but usually requires some accompaniment in the way of lemon garnish or a tasty sauce to give more flavour, colour, or richness.

One of the most tasty ways to cook fish as a main dish for dinner is to bake it whole with a stuffing similar to a poultry stuffing.

**Fish Stuffing:** 1 cup stale breadcrumbs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon dripping, pepper,  $\frac{1}{2}$  small onion chopped, a little water to moisten.

It is a good plan to place the fish on strips of bacon or old sheeting as this makes it easier to lift it out when cooked. Rashers of bacon laid on the fish to baste it are an improvement. The time required for baking is only thirty to forty-five minutes.

Here is a recipe for fish chowder which is a dish half-way between a soup and a stew.

**Fish Chowder:** 1 lb. snapper, 3 cups cold water, 2 rashers bacon, 1 small onion,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups diced carrot, 2 cups milk, 2 teaspoons salt.

Remove the bones and cook them in the cold water 20 minutes. Cut bacon into small pieces and fry with the chopped onion, then add the liquor from the bones, and the carrot. Cook 20 minutes. Add the flaked fish and simmer for 15 minutes, then adding the milk when all ingredients are cooked.

## SOLUTION TO No. 14

**Across**—1, His; 4, Oak; 7, Pre; 10, Unconscious; 13, Edom; 14, Rusk; 15, Item; 17, Sort; 18, Of; 19, Material; 21, Is; 23, Aft; 23a, Sol; 24, Ace; 25, Re; 26, Venal; 28, At; 29, Rear; 31, Rest; 33, Teds; 37, Independent; 40, Sty; 41, Ado; 42, Ago.

**Down**—1, Hue; 2, Indifferent; 3, Scot; 4, On; 5, Ash; 6, K.C.; 7, Pour; 8, Rusticating; 9, Esk; 11, Omen; 12, Iron; 16, Miser; 17, Solar; 18, Oar; 20, Non; 22, Set; 26, Vase; 27, Lewd; 30, Eddy; 32, Shea; 33, 'Tis; 34, Red; 36, P.T.O.; 38, Pa.; 39, No.

## Bulletin of Union News

## NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Dargaville, May 13:** Mrs. Jolly presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Green, who is taking as a series, "Women of the Bible," today's study being "Hannah." Temperance Fact given. Convention report given by Mrs. Jolly, our delegate, and reports on resolutions by Miss Edmed. Branch business discussions on Headquarters Fund, United Nations, Organiser, Long Service Badges, Maori Hostel, New District President, Temperance Exams, and Community Centre.

**June 10:** Small meeting presided over by Mrs. Jolly. Devotions by Mrs. Green, whose subject was "Rebecca." Mrs. Moorhead reported on Community Art Service. Discussion re "Y.P. Supplements" distribution. "W.R." Day observed. A very interesting impromptu dialogue by Mrs. Jolly and Miss Edmed. Collection 6/-, and Bring-and-Buy 6/-.

**July:** President and Devotions as above. Two new members and visitors welcomed. Memorial Day observed, the President saying that the Dargaville Union had not been functioning twenty-five years, and that it was fitting to pay a tribute to our own members who had done faithful service and were now passed on. A list of twenty names was read; after which all joined in singing "For All the Saints."

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**District Executive Meeting, July 7:** District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, presided, Devotions being taken by Mrs. Wanhill.

A letter was received from Mrs. Hugh Kasper, now in America, telling of her doings, especially in connection with the World Convention.

Two resolutions passed regarding the smoking and drinking, going on in non-smoking railway carriages; both to be further considered at District Convention. Miss C. M. McLay, who was present at the meeting, gave a most encouraging report of her work among the Maori people of the King Country.

Mrs. J. W. Long gave a most satisfactory report of the Maori Girls' Hostel work still going on, stating that many gifts had been received from Unions during the month, and from individuals also.

Letters were also received from Miss A. M. McLay, telling of her organising work in North Auckland. Mrs. Long was appointed to act as representative at a meeting called by the Mayor, Mr. J. A. C. Ailum, in connection with the proposed War Memorial for the Fallen.

**Warkworth, June 12:** Good attendance in

spite of heavy rain. After Devotional period, Mrs. W. Phillips described in an arresting manner, her recent visit to the Maori Hostel in Auckland. Members decided to make curtains for the Hostel. Mrs. Rowe then gave an interesting and comprehensive talk on "The White Ribbon." Mrs. Baker read extracts from a 1931 "W.R."

**July 10:** Mrs. Baker presided over good attendance, reading a few extracts in observance of Memorial Day, as speaker arranged for could not attend. Letter from Mrs. Long acknowledging gifts for Maori Hostel. Mrs. dames Forkington and Moore nominated as delegates to Auckland District Convention. The Rev. Mr. Thompson, who said he had Temperance "in his blood," having had a mother and grandmother officers in the W.C.T.U., gave a sympathetic and inspiring address.

**Henderson, June 19:** Social afternoon to entertain mothers and children of the Cradle Roll. Good attendance. Miss Joyce Webber, a deaconess of the Methodist Maori Mission, gave an interesting account of the wonderful work done by the Mission to help the poorer class of Maoris. "W.R.s" and "Y.P. Supplements" distributed. Four new C.R. members gained and enrolled.

**Mount Eden, June 3:** Pay-up Social, Miss McLay presiding. Sister Jessie gave an inspiring address, telling of the work for Maoris done in the city through the hostels, and stressing the need for our upholding by prayer. Musical items were given by visitors.

**Kohi-St. Heliers:** May meeting held at Mrs. Lediard's home. "Mother's Day" observed. Temperance Fact. Posters to be distributed to Sunday Schools. Solos given by Miss Anna Farr. Mrs. Kasper was presented with a parting gift, and flowers. Mrs. Bidde will act in Mrs. Kasper's place in her three months of absence from New Zealand, and Mrs. Eady as Secretary. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Lediard for the use of her home for the meeting.

**June 19:** Meeting held at Mrs. Phillips's home, Mrs. Phillips acting as chairman in Mrs. Kasper's absence. "White Ribbon" Day observed. Red Cross posters had been distributed at various buildings. Temperance Fact given. Address by Mrs. Holmes, Hygiene Superintendent, on "The Evils of Alcohol and Nicotine," especially in relation to young married women. Mrs. Phillips thanked for her home hospitality.

**Auckland, June 10:** Annual "Pay-up" Social. Mrs. Long presiding over a large number of members and friends. Greetings received from absent members. A very enjoyable programme of music and elocution was presented. Mrs. Long gave an interesting talk on the Maori Hostel. She stated that the W.C.T.U. would stand firm for the goal of prohibition.

## "W.R. CROSSWORD" - 15

CROSS WORD No. 15—  
CLUES  
Across

- 1—Praise.
- 5—Skin.
- 9—Loud sleeping.
- 12—Pronoun.
- 14—Aim.
- 15—Therefore.
- 16—Addicted to alcoholic liquors.
- 19—Char.
- 20—Mimics.
- 21—Lavish.
- 22—Steadfast.
- 23—"Make eyes."
- 25—Ulceration of mouth.
- 27—Unwilling.
- 30—Postal direction.
- 31—A monitor lizard.
- 32—Dr. of Divinity.
- 33—"Wild Justice."
- 35—Greenstone.
- 36—He liked soup.

## Down

- 2—Like.
- 3—Not Understood.
- 4—Fate.
- 5—Languish.
- 6—Train boardings.
- 7—For example.
- 8—Not that.
- 10—Mature.
- 11—They may be of our own household.
- 13—Energy-giving.
- 15—Checked.



17—Appendages.

18—Garment.

23—Songs.

24—Measure of land.

26—Totals.

28—Part of church.

29—Byway.

33—Painter.

34—A Babylonish deity.



of the Liquor Traffic, which was making so much havoc among the young people. One new member received, and three others by transfer. Letter received from Mrs. Kasper.

July 8: Maori Day. Meeting held at the Maori Girls Hostel, Mrs. Long presiding, and a large gathering of members and friends. Capt. and Mrs. McCallum of the Salvation Army were the speakers. Each gave thrilling accounts of their experiences in their part of the recent "Commando" raids on the Wellington hotels. Afternoon tea and prayer closed a very happy meeting. Two new members joined, and collection was taken for Hostel funds.

Remuera, May 21: Meeting at Mrs. Laird's home to say farewell to Mrs. Kasper before her departure for the World Convention in the U.S.A. The usual routine was followed for the first part of the meeting, Mrs. Kasper giving a talk; and the second part of the afternoon was of a social nature, musical and elocutionary items being given. Tea brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close, Mrs. Laird being thanked for her hospitality.

June 23: Good attendance, presided over by Mrs. G. Robinson, Mrs. Laird leading Devotions. "W.R." Day observed, extracts being read, including article by Mrs. Grigg, and "News from Far Away."

Ponsonby, May 15: Mrs. Christopher gave a brief talk in the unavoidable absence of the arranged speaker, giving stories of her early life when she first joined the Salvation Army, of which she is still a member. She then, on behalf of the Ponsonby Union, presented Mrs. Joiner with a "Long Service" badge, which had been given at the Dominion Convention for twenty years' continued service.

June 19: Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. The speaker was Mrs. A. Lloyd, and she gave a most interesting talk on her work as a Deaconess, especially stressing the work among young children and young people. At both meetings, Mrs. Joiner, President, was in the chair; and Devotions were led by Mrs. Christopher.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, June 3: Mrs. Bulmer presided, and Mrs. Bensley conducted Devotions. Reports on Band of Hope and N.C.W. meetings given. "W.R." Day observed, Mrs. Grigg's paper on "What the 'White Ribbon' Means to Me" being read by Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Williamson also reading an article. "Bring and Buy" for W.R. Fund.

July 1: Good attendance, Mrs. Christian presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley; Temperance Fact by Mrs. Foxcroft. Reports as usual. Plans for Silver Jubilee discussed, and decision made to hold celebration in connection with District Convention in September. Memorial Day observed, Mesdames York reading a paper on T. E. Taylor, and Mrs. Bensley giving personal reminiscences of the Rev. W. Ready. Mrs. Don was also remembered and the special prayer for the day was read. A new member was enrolled, and news of a transferred member was received with pleasure. Pledge reaffirmed and Temperance Doxology sung in closing.

Cambridge, June 26: Mrs. Kemsley presiding over a good attendance. "W.R." Day observed by reading from the "W.R." and a new subscriber gained. Unanimously agreed to forward a letter to Mrs. Hilda Ross, M.P., congratulating and thanking her in regard to her very forceful article on "Moral and Social Hygiene," which appeared in a recent issue of "The Challenge." Strong protest sent against lifting of liquor advertising restrictions. "Bring and Buy" arranged for next meeting. Tea and Benediction.

Fencourt, June 5: Good attendance. Roll Call answered with a verse of Scripture containing the word "gentleness." Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Feisst. The President, Miss Rickard, read an article on "The Secret of Rest." Meeting closed with prayer.

#### TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, May 27: Mrs. M. Thayer presided, and took Devotions. Mrs. J. K. Nairn was warmly welcomed to the Union. She is an ex-president of the Ngaire Union. Mrs. Thayer gave a reading entitled "The Door"; and Mrs. Page read an extract from the "Southern Cross," telling of the work being done by a group of women regarding cocktail bars in the U.S.A. Tea hostesses Mesdames Page and Burton. Prayer and Benediction.

New Plymouth, June 25: A very helpful meeting. "W.R." editorial read by new President, Mrs. Stewart. Members each told briefly what, in our paper, held special appeal for them. One new subscriber. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Wood in the death

of her son. An old member, Mrs. Looney, has passed on, and all stood in loving memory. Solos by Mrs. Hawkens.

Hawera, June: Mrs. Page, Vice-President, presided, and with Mrs. Burton, took Devotions. "W.R." Day observed in readings from the "W.R.", and talks on the "W.R." collection in aid of "W.R." funds. Protest against the lifting of the restrictions on liquor advertising. Secretary to write to our M.P. and to Miss Henderson, our Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent. Tea served by Mesdames Page and Burton. Prayer and Benediction by Mrs. Page.

#### WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central: At a fine meeting welcomed Mrs. McGregor after her absence caused by being knocked down by a motor car; also welcoming two visitors. Eleven members present. Mrs. Mercer reported help given on Street days, an activity decided to discontinue for the future. Mrs. Duxfield reported promised visit with educational films. Arranged for these to be shown at several schools during her brief visit, and for her to speak at July Union meeting. "W.R." Day observed by reading the President's Convention address.

#### MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, June meeting: "White Ribbon" Day. Miss M. Hill led Devotions, referring to Elijah praying seven times for rain, and his confidence in God. Christians should not be fainthearted because prohibition tarries; their duty is to be faithful and leave the rest to God. Four members told of articles in the "W.R." that had interested or helped them. Chorus singing in between led by Mrs. Shearman. Subs. received by Mrs. Coles.

July: Maori Day celebrated. Speaker, Sister Madeleine Holland, a missionary in Ratana Pa, who gave an account of her work there, bringing three Maori girls with her. They gave much-appreciated items. Members brought used clothing which was packed after the meeting in a sack and taken by Sister to the Pa.

#### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings: May meeting well attended; members unable to attend for many months were welcomed by President, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Thorp led Devotions. Speaker was the Rev. Mr. Cattanan, who gave a most instructive talk on "Russia, and the Church Life There."

June: Well-attended meeting. Members and visitors welcomed by Mrs. A. M. Smith, President. Devotions, Mrs. Thorp. Mrs. H. Ross, M.P.'s article from the "Challenge" read. Congratulations to be sent to a helper on his marriage. Mrs. Lewis, District President, spoke on "W.R." Day. A new member initiated by Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. A. M. Smith was the recipient of a "Long Service" Badge, which Mrs. Lewis presented, with evident pleasure. Mrs. Smith joined the Kaiapoi Union in 1906, and became a Foundation member of the New Brighton Union in 1910. Since then she has served in the Blenheim, Hamilton, Palmerston North and Hastings Unions. We give thanks to God for this loyal worker.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive: Bi-monthly meeting held at Karori Presbyterian Church on 26th June. Despite a very cold wet day, a good number gathered. Greetings to a member going into hospital to be sent, also letter of sympathy to member in bereavement. Personal greetings to be conveyed to Mrs. Israel, Supt. Sabbath Day Observance Department. A letter of congratulation and a small gift to be sent to Mrs. Helyer, who has been treasurer of Wellington Central Union since its inception. Reported that the Scientific Temperance booklets were reaching the teachers in the schools, one headmaster assuring a member that the teaching would be given to the children, and expressing sympathy with our aims. For the benefit of unions, the list of Superintendents of Departments was read and a vacancy filled. Ten departments are being worked by District. The Secretary reported that a reply had been received to resolution sent to Government re hours of sale and advertising. Mrs. Reed, District Organiser, reported having contacted ministers and others in suburbs where no unions exist, and doing visiting at Waiwhetu, Petone and Miramar. The first meeting of Petone Union had been held and one new member gained. At Waiwhetu a home had been promised for a meeting if one can be arranged. At Miramar, a member of Central Union had undertaken to organise Cradle Roll work, from which it was hoped to build up other branches. Mrs. Reed also gave information to members re transfer of licenses. Mrs. Turner reported on a visit to the Brown Owl, when staying in Invercargill. Central

Union also reported two new members gained. Karori, Brooklyn and Johnsonville reported on work done, plans for Convention funds, and Books to Schools fund. Lower Hutt reported new members, also good work being done with L.T.L.'s and "Y's" at Belmont, a special event being a Parents' Evening to be held in the Men's Social Hall on July 16, at which Mrs. Spencer will speak. Posters are being made by some of the young people for display at this meeting. A "Y" branch at Brooklyn was planning its first meeting for the 29th June, to be a Sunday Tea, followed by Temperance Instruction. Carterton and Masterton reported special protest made to Cabinet, and that twenty associations were working for the best possible conditions for control of liquor, and funds being raised for CORSO and our own work. A request from British Sailors' Society for help in street collecting was left to individuals to respond to, as the day set coincided with our Executive meeting. Preliminary arrangements were made for 1948 Convention, and small committees formed to arrange hospitality and halls for meetings. Karori Union were warmly thanked for their hospitality.

Wellington Central, May 21: Fair attendance. Special welcomes to Mesdames Long and Bond present after long illness; and Mesdames Dow, of Oxford, and Faulkner. Prayer offered on behalf of several members absent through sickness. Arrangements made for hospital visiting.

Mrs. Spencer attended and brought the members of her L.T.L. at Belmont, and the "Y" Branch, who entertained with a great variety of items. These items were evidence of the excellent work being done by Mrs. Spencer. A hearty vote of thanks was passed, and one of the members expressed their thanks at being allowed to come to the meeting. Members of the Union were asked to remember this work in their prayers, especially because of the possibilities of whole families being won to our ranks through these young people. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Hault and helpers. Birthday posies presented, one special one for Mrs. Helyer, who will be 89 this month.

June 10: Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Sired. Article on "W.R." read by Mrs. Cullen. One new member, who offered to assist with Cradle Roll work at Miramar, and one member on transfer. "Long Service" badge arrived for Mrs. Long, many years C.R. Superintendent. Y.P. leaflets supplied to Sunday Schools during the year numbered 254. Mrs. Kent spoke on her experiences during a ten-weeks' visit to Melbourne. She did not see one drunkard, but saw a great deal of drinking among young girls of seventeen years and thereabouts. Brewery buildings larger than any she had seen in New Zealand. Benediction. Tea hostess, Mrs. Hault. Mrs. Sired presided at both meetings.

Petone, June: About nine present; report of Convention given and much interest shown. One new member signed the Pledge and paid her first subscription. Re-organisation election of officers resulted thus: President, Mrs. Reed; Secretary, Mrs. Peterson; Acting Treasurer, Mrs. Peterson; C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. Dillard. Other officers to be appointed at next meeting.

Masterton, July 3: Held at the home of Mrs. Speedy, Miss V. Jackson presiding. Mrs. Adjutant Home led Devotions. Two new members gained. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Two members appointed to represent us at Women's meeting to nominate two women for the Trust Board. President reported on District Executive meeting. Vocal items rendered. Tea, thanks and Benediction.

#### NELSON DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, June 13: Mrs. Toomer presided and took Devotions. Fourteen delegates were present, representing Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka. Encouraging reports were received from each Union, Richmond and Motueka expressing thanks for help received from visits of District Officers.

Mrs. Toomer reported that the Baptist and Methodist Branches of the G.L.B. in Nelson had been asked to combine for Class instruction for the Temperance Examination. A letter of appreciation was received for a food parcel sent to Britain by the Motueka Union. It was decided to send a appeal to the Liverpool branch of the B.W.T.A. from the District Union. Members were reminded to order Handbooks. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Nelson, June 10: Mrs. Toomer presided, Miss Cooke taking Devotions. Members who had recently visited Tauranga and Hokitika gave greetings from these Unions. Temperance

Fact given. Miss Every, Anti-Gambling Superintendent, gave an interesting talk, quoting freely from an article called "The Gambling Craze," published recently in the "Outlook," and copied from "Smith's Weekly." Figures show that on a per capita basis, every man, woman and child in Australia spent upwards of 10/- weekly on trying to pick winners. Miss Every was thanked for her enlightening talk. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Hay and Scott.

July: Good attendance. Mrs. Walker, Devotions. Protest against lifting advertising restrictions had been sent. Informative talk by Mrs. Gardner, Dominion Superintendent, Sailors' Rest, on work done at Timaru and New Plymouth. Mrs. Toomer gave talk on visit to California, and Mrs. Sheratt sang pleasingly. Temperance Fact. Mrs. McMillan, Tea hostess.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Blenheim, June 6:** Mrs. N. Forbes presided over a good attendance. Welcome to Springlands Union and friends from Tua Marina. Letters of sympathy to four sick and bereaved members. After a short business session, Springlands took the rest of the meeting, Mrs. V. Underhill in the chair. She sang "Green Pastures," and "Thanks Be To God." Most interesting articles read by five of their members, namely "Prayer," "The Burden of the Hour," "Description of Mrs. Lee Cowie conducting a Temperance Crusade into the Cocktail Lounges in Pasadena, U.S.A.," "White Ribbon Day," and "The Human Extinguisher." Mrs. Underhill spoke of the importance of the "W.R." Mrs. Kearse opened the meeting with prayer and Scripture reading. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Underhill.

July 1: 16 present. Minute's silence observed in sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Girling in their great loss. Sick member remembered in prayer. Devotions led by Mrs. Stephens. Three new members initiated. "Memorial Day" observed by Mrs. Forbes reading an article written and an address given by Mrs. Hiatt. Benediction, Mrs. Adjutant Kearse.

**Springlands, May 20:** Meeting held in Methodist Sunday School; good attendance. President welcomed Mrs. G. L. Taylor, guest speaker, who was presented with a sweet spray of roses. Letter of cheer directed to two sick members. Roll Call brought forth very helpful and beautiful quotations by members. Mrs. Taylor then gave a delightful paper on the subject of the Mother of Jesus, in view of the fact of Mother's Day being so recently celebrated. Based on portions of 2nd chapter of Matthew, the speaker referred to the homely and motherly influences upon the life of her Son exercised by His mother. The address was much enjoyed and the speaker warmly thanked. After the Benediction had closed the meeting, afternoon tea was dispensed.

June 17: Members met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne, when the 12th Birthday of the Union was observed. Several members from Blenheim were welcomed and one new member for Blenheim Union was initiated. A resolution expressing deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Girling in the sudden death of their younger son was carried. An article entitled "Early New Zealand" from "The Outlook" was read by Mrs. Cunningham, and enjoyed by all. A very enjoyable afternoon tea was dispensed, a feature being the iced birthday cake made by Mrs. Gascoigne. The President and several members who were absent through sickness were remembered and messages of cheer, together with a piece of cake were sent to them. A competition was won by Mrs. E. Leslie and this, with thanks to the Hostess, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**District Executive Meeting, July 2:** Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, M.A. (Vice-President), in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Hodges. Scientific Fact given by Miss Gainsford. A good attendance of town and country Unions. District Superintendents reported good work done in their departments. Branch reports given. Several Unions had held their birthday parties and entertained guests from other Unions, all spending an enjoyable time together. The following resolution was passed, and the Secretary instructed to forward it to Dominion Executive: "That we support the International Conference held in London on June 16th, on human rights in their request to be made to U.N.O. on the abolition of slavery in all parts of the world." Several Unions reported having written to the Prime Minister (Mr. Fraser) on the removing of liquor advertising restrictions, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Fraser in answer to his reply, stating "We

express regret that restrictions on liquor advertising have been removed, especially in view of the fact that other war-time regulations are still in existence." Arrangements made for the forthcoming North and South Canterbury District Convention to be held at Temuka on September 16th, 17th and 18th. A letter to be sent to the Dominion Executive meeting. Miss C. McLay to attend Convention if possible.

**Riccarton, July 10:** At the residence of the President, Mrs. Griffiths, 21 present. Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. President welcomed a visitor and a sick member who has returned. Mrs. Hertzell's resignation from the C.R. Superintendency received with regret. Letter of sympathy to a sick member. Decided to send 30/- to Executive funds, and a delegate to District Convention in September. Miss Gainsford spoke on "Pioneer Women," outlining the work done by Elizabeth Gaunt, among the Scottish Covenanters and Prisons of her day. Vote of thanks passed and tea served. Meeting closed with prayer.

**North Brighton, May 20:** Good attendance of members and visitors. The following reports given:—Finance, Prayer Meeting, Band of Hope, Cradle Roll, Executive business. Peace Day observed by the President's reading of a special poem called "Established Peace," which was followed by a special prayer for peace. Special vote of congratulation passed to Miss Howard on her elevation to the Cabinet.

June 17: Eleven members and two visitors present. One new member initiated and one received by transfer. "W.R." Day observed. President reported that a letter of loyalty and congratulation had been sent to Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her 21st birthday. A letter received from Miss Howard, M.P., thanking the Union for their congratulations. Mrs. Noonan reported on the monthly prayer meeting held at her home, and Mental Hospital report of visits and gifts was given. A protest has been sent to the Prime Minister on two licensing issues. Mrs. Goldman gave an interesting account of her recent visit to Rotorua. Mrs. Noonan presiding.

**Papanui, May 21:** Devotions led by Mrs. Elliott. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Birthday invitations received from Christchurch and Riccarton Unions. President made reference to the passing of Mrs. Baxter, a foundation member of our Union, who had not been able to take any active part for some years; but retained her enthusiasm for our work. Mrs. Hawker reported on Mental Hospital visiting. Papers on "Peace" and "World Problems" were read and discussed. Mr. Ford, of the Band of Hope Union, gave a talk on the importance of this work.

June 18th: Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. An entertaining Travel Talk given by Mrs. Griffiths, of Riccarton Union, on her recent visit to Perth, W.A., was much appreciated. Mrs. Tillman presided at both meetings. Roll Calls answered with verse of Scripture, and Pledge re-affirmed.

**Spreydon, May:** Devotions led by President. Rev. L. C. Horwood gave a very searching talk on the vital necessity of all members being inspired by deep love and devotion to all. Warm welcome to Mrs. Foster, of Invercargill, a former member. Mrs. Clements conveyed greetings from the Springlands Union. Invitations received from Christchurch, Riccarton and New Brighton Unions to birthday celebration.

June: Devotions led by Mrs. Gemmell. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to our late esteemed member and Vice-President, Mrs. R. Petrie. Temperance Fact, Miss Olds. Mrs. Ancell gave the District Executive report. A remit forwarded therefrom to the N.C.W., suggesting the advisability of appointing policewomen to patrol wharves, and keep young girls away therefrom. Mrs. Sim reported on "W.R." activities, and Mrs. Ancell and Miss Brown on Mental Hospital visiting.

July: Devotions, Mrs. Mackenzie. Temperance Fact, dealing with amount of water used in brewing. Members dispensed morning tea to District Executive. Mental Hospital visiting as usual. Mrs. Fehrenfeld, C.R. Superintendent, reported new names added to roll. President read historical facts in regard to early efforts of stalwart pioneers in the Temperance Cause. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Gemmell. Mrs. Ancell presided at all meetings.

**New Brighton, June 5:** See "Special Reports." July 3: Mrs. Edmond presided and conducted Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Protest to be sent local M.P. regarding the lifting of liquor advertisement restrictions.

**Woolston, May 14:** Wet day but good attendance. Mrs. Ramsay presiding. Mrs. Spier of Carrington led Devotions. Temperance Fact. Our tenth birthday celebrated in the lovely grounds of Risingholme, where games and competitions were enjoyed, other Unions joining in. Good Band of Hope report. Invitations to "Y" birthday party received, and New Brighton's and Riccarton invitations received.

June 19: Meeting at home of Mrs. Carrington. Birthday parties formed. Mrs. Lingham appointed Birthday Superintendent. Mr. Ford, Band of Hope President, spoke very interestingly. "Bring and Buy." Closing prayer.

**Christchurch, May 25:** See "Special Reports." June 11: Mrs. Pearson, a new member, welcomed. Miss Gordon gave enjoyable report of New Brighton Anniversary Social. President read extracts from the "Southern Cross," re Temperance Crusade of Mrs. Lee Cowie, now 87 years of age, and others, going into cocktail bars.

June 25: "White Ribbon" Day observed. Welcome to and initiation of new member, Mrs. Mackenzie. Reports of enjoyable social at Riccarton. Thanks for sympathy from relatives of late esteemed member, Mrs. F. Price. President and members read extracts from "W.R." and paid fine tributes to the Editor and Business Manager. Donation of £3/3/- sent to "W.R." fund. Gifts of clothing sent to Christchurch. Branch of Red Cross. Miss Henderson presided at each meeting.

**Reefton, June 10:** "W.R." Day; 10/- sent to "W.R." fund. Mrs. Thompson, Junior, gave a reading from the "Methodist Times," "United Nations Week." One new member. Meeting closed with prayer.

**Sydenham, June 5:** 14 members present. Devotions, Mrs. Davies. "W.R." Day observed, several members contributing items dealing with the evils of the Liquor traffic. Gift of flowers to be sent to a sick member. Two new "W.R." subscribers gained. Mrs. Munro closed with prayer.

July 3: Mrs. J. Filer presided at both meetings, and Pledge was re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given at both. Speaker, Mrs. H. Graham.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Waimate, June 11:** Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Duckett, President. Pledge re-affirmed. Hospital visitor, Mrs. Ashton. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Johns. Speaker, Rev. Mr. Griffiths, subject being "Peace." Helpful and inspiring address thanked for by special vote.

July 9: Fair attendance. Devotions, Miss Tooley, C.R. Superintendent. Hospital visitor, Mrs. Duckett; Temperance Fact, Mrs. Johns. Beautiful spray taken from Union to Mrs. Gardner, one of our oldest members, on her birthday. Shoulder spray presented to Mrs. Ashton as parting token. She is removing from the district after very good work as "W.R." Agent. A very energetic member. Thanks for her work expressed. Speaker, Mr. George Dash, who spoke on "The Maori Race." His talk was indeed most interesting and instructive. A very hearty vote of thanks accorded.

#### CTAGO DISTRICT

**Kaikorai, July 7:** Mrs. Flett presided, welcoming members from other Dunedin Unions. Dr. Hunter gave a comprehensive address on the Royal Commission on Licensing. Thanks expressed by Mesdames Flett and Bruce. Mrs. Bruce also thanked Kaikorai for the invitation to be present. Feeling reference made to the late Miss Masterton, who had for many years given her services as Treasurer and Organist, members standing in respect to her memory.

**Lawrence, July 3:** Small attendance. Miss Ferguson in the chair. Protest re lifting of liquor advertising restrictions sent to Prime Minister. President read an extract on the amount of money spent on liquor, and Mrs. McNeilly read a very interesting paper on "Team Work." Hymn and Benediction.

June 5: Report of Dominion Conference sent by Mrs. Rippin very much appreciated; also Mrs. Hiatt's address on "Gambling" read. Resolution on Gambling agreed to, and forwarded to the M.P. for the district. Tea and Benediction.

**Port Chalmers, June 18:** Telegram sent to Prime Minister objecting to the removal of the liquor advertising restrictions. Secretary read articles on the object of the "White Ribbon." Extra copies of "W.R." to be secured each month and sent with birthday cards to Cradle Roll children. Collection amounting to 10/- was received. Greetings to be sent to Mrs. Young, who has been sick and to Mrs. Wilson, who is not able to attend meetings meantime.

**Oamaru:** See "Special Reports."



**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. McLeay, 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.

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

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

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

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

**BIRKENHEAD**, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wanhill; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 26 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Vickery, 36 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 43 Foyle St.

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

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

**CHRISTCHURCH**, W.C.T.U. Rooms, cur. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Henderson, J.P., 15 Euston St., Summer; 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; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paviour-Smith and Miss Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Ailm, 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. Hiatt, 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. Wallon, 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.

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

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

**HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Chadwick, Great North Road; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, 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, Pantham 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, Fisherbert St.

**INGLEWOOD**, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Ashworth, Rana 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.S.; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Crescent; "W.R." Mrs. Mcnae; C.R., Mrs. Gandy, Juar.; 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, 194 Rolleston St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Black, 42 Cranley St.; Treas., Mrs. Beck, 583 Worcester St.; W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller, 20 Buckleys Rd.

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

**MT. ALBERT**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Austice; 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, Workshop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Trevorror, Makora Rd.; W.R., Miss S. Tankersley.

**MAUNGATUROTO**, 2nd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. Flower; Sec. and Treas., Miss Edna Cullen, Brynderwyn; C.R., Miss J. Edna; 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. Acting Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. E. Osborne, 23 Factory Road.

**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. Peart, 860 George St.; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, 1 Bouverie St.; W.R., Mrs. McLay, 24 Black's Rd., N.E.1.

**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. Pool.

**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. Claridge; Treas., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; C.R., Miss Connelly and Mrs. McIvor; W.R., Mrs. Carter; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames White and Webb.

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

**PAPATOETOE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 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.

**FICTION**, 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 Thursday, 3.0 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Acting Sec., Treas., and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Road.

**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 Criban St., Invercargill.

**SYDENHAM**, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. J. Filer; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker St., S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Seivers; W.R., Mrs. E. Rogers, 37 Thackeray St., Waltham; C.R., Mrs. Garlick.

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

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

**TEMUKA**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. Wm. Hewson, Hamilton St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Flintoff, Grocott and Woolford; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Prewer, 87 Cass St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. Lovatt.

**TE AWAMUTU**, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera, R.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, 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. Gooder, Pollen St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Scown, 185 Richmond St.; "W.R.", Mrs. Whiteside, Karaka Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Riley, Karaka Rd.

**TIMARU**, last Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m. in Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Holdgate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; C.R., Miss Arras; W.R., Mrs. Howe, Otupua Rd.; Supt. Seamen, Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon St.

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

**UPPER HUTT**, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Watt, Beth St., Trentham; Sec., Mrs. Ross, Martin St.

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

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

**WAIPIKURAU**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Miss Bibby, Rose St., Waipawa.

**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 Brooks; Sec., Miss Kirk; Treas., Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Tce., Wadestown; W.R., Mrs. Duncanson, 70 Derwent St., S.2.

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

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

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