# The White Ribbon

For God, and Bome, and Bumanity.

Thought for the Month. . . everything he wants us to do."

"God sends us always strength enough, and sense enough for everything he wants us to do."

—John Ruskin.

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# Franchise Day, September 19th Maori Day, October 26th

### THE PAINFUL INCH

Although fifty-four years have passed since the glad news of the granting of the franchise to women in New Zealand was wired by the Prime Minister, Mr. "Dick" Seddon, to the President of the W.C.T.U., Mrs. Sheppard, we are still at the stage of thinking it a wonderful thing if a woman is given recognition as being perfectly fit to carry out the duties of some public position as well as the men who have previously been its occupants. Our daily papers were headlined with the news that Miss Mabel Howard had been given a portfolio. In Australia, the same thing is manifest. The ap-pointment of Mrs. Cardell-Oliver as Australia's first woman Cabinet Minister was the occasion of much rejoicing in her own State of Western Australia, where a great gathering assem-bled in spite of heavy rain to do her honour. Greetings were received from the Premier, and every evidence of pleasure was given because of the distinguished position now to be occupied by her. Perhaps we are less demon-strative in New Zealand, but, though we did not hear of similar expressions of excitement when Miss Howard's promotion took place, it is well known that deep satisfaction was felt in all quarters where it is realised that in the speedy adjustment of the public mind to the facts relative to the election or appointment of women to positions of responsibility will be found the solution of many harasing problems of long standing.

Slowly it has come—this hard-won admission of woman's fitness for great service in other than domestic fields, so careful and wary has been the transition from the age-old opinion that the biological function with all accruing thereto, is the only one woman is

capable of fulfilling, to this of our day when great and exacting duties are confidently put into her hands with no doubts as to her ability to deal with them effectively. Slowly, but with an almost imperceptible increase of the pace, it has been making its quiet way into the consciousness of the people. It is possible that we may hear now and then, like an echo in some old cathedral cloister, such words as: "Woman's place is in the home, and she should stay there," or: "Women have no heads for politics; they will vote for the man with the nicest eyes," and such well-discredited, out-of-date cliches; but it would be a brave man



Miss Janet Atkinson

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who would want to send all the nurses, office-workers, telegraphists and telephonists, teachers, shop assistants, waitresses, factory workers, not to mention the scores of other types of workers who keep the wheels of industry turning, to live out a languid, monotonous existence "in the home." It could not be done for a thousand reasons, and the fact is known at last. The slow creeping in of the tide has not yet flooded the principle of "equal pay for equal work" into the minds of the community, but it is sure to come. More than a cursory glance is necessary before this principle is seen to be sound. The balance of employment hangs on it, if this could only be realised. Study, thought, and research on our part, as women who have so great a weapon in our hands as this franchise, "is our duty to our day and generation." And it may be that, even in our day, the "painful inch" may become the "flooding main."

### SPECIAL REPORTS

### SPECIAL REPORTS Miss McLay at Dannevirke

The visit of Miss C. M. McLay to Dannevirke was productive of much good. She put in full time visiting hopeful members and sympathisers

and gained us six new members. Sunday, at 10 a.m., she addressed the elder Bible Class members at Knox Church. At 11.15, the Rev. Mr. Skuse, of the Methodist Church gave her 15 minutes of his time to address Youth in the service. In the evening, Miss McLay gave a very interesting and instructive address in the Salvation Army Hall on "Woman's Place in the Fight against the Evils of Life," with special reference to the Drink Traffic. On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Paviour Smith very kindly opened her home to us, and 20 ladies were very delighted to listen to Miss McLay as she un-folded to us the story of how the W.C.T.U. came into being. Miss Burlace sang a solo. Mrs. Skuse returned

thanks, and Captain Mounsey prayed.
On the Tuesday afternoon the
Methodist Missionary Union invited Miss McLay to give a short talk to their members. This being "Mothers' Day," afforded a good opportunity of sowing seeds for wise motherhood. In the evening, Miss McLean, who was hostess to our visitor for two days, made contact with our Maori friends and they were kind enough to make available two periods in their services for Miss McLay to give them an outline of her work, and the Union interest in the Maori folk, as shown in the Maori Hostel in Auckland. They gave undivided attention, and are hoping for another visit.

We thank Miss McLay for her visit and pray God's blessing on all her efforts for our worthy cause, "Home and Humanity."

D. M. CALCOTT.

#### Mrs. Reed at Raetihi

Our July meeting was postponed from the 10th to the 15th of July when we received a visit from Mrs. Reed, of Wellington.

Mrs. Reed brought her own film projector and showed temperance films to members from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. One hundred of the senior pupils of the school were also invited to attend. They arrived punctually with a teacher in charge and were shown two films, and given afternoon tea in the hour at our disposal. Mrs. Reed, who left for Wellington by Tuesday night's train, expressed herself as being wellpleased with her visit.

### W. R. Superintendent Resigns: Woolston Union

The Woolston Union expresses deep regret on the resignation of their "W.R." superintendent, Mrs. Beckingsale, who, for many years, has done this work faithfully and well. Her failing health has been the cause of her resignation, and her office will be hard to fill. Every month she most faithfully delivered the "W.R." to 21 subscribers. She is loved by all, and we do thank her for her untiring work and look forward to her continued attendance at meetings.

### Valedictory Social to Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, North Canterbury District

A pleasant social afternoon was tendered to Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, disetrict vice-president, who is leaving the district to reside in Wellington.

Mrs. Clark opened with Psalm 121 and prayer. Apologies were received from Miss McLean (President, Christchurch branch N.C.W.), and from Mesdames Atcheson, Taylor, Smith, of Spreydon and Woolston Unions. A programme arranged by Mrs. Woodward was much enjoyed; solos and duets by Mesdames Filer and Wea-therhead, and recitations by Mrs. Gee were included.

Mrs. Clark, in presenting our guest with the gift of a handbag and shoulder-spray, spoke in appreciation of her work and willing help at all times Other members voiced their appreciation and wished her Godspeed and every happiness in her new home.

Mrs. Grigg suitably replied, saying how happy she had been in all her associations with the members of the North Canterbury district, and regretting her departure. Afternoon tea brought a happy and enjoyable gathering to a close.

### Mount Albert and Avondale Unions Join Forces

Mount Albert gave Avondale a very warm welcome when they decided to amalgamate with them. From the Avondale members a secretary has been provided, a long-felt want being thus supplied.

Lately a visit was paid by the Mt. lbert Union to Astley House, a Methodist Home for elderly women. The function was so successful that they were invited to come again, which they intend to do before Christmas. The afternoon was spent in a programme of songs, recitations and an address by the president of our Union, Mrs. Mountjoy. Afternoon tea was provided by the visitors. All agreed that a pleasant and profitable time had been spent.

Members attended the annual meeting of the Council of Temperance Education, when they listened to an ac-count from Miss C. M. McLay, of her work in the Rotorua district.

#### Social Afternoon: Onehunga Union

On July 10th, the monthly meeting of the Onehunga Union was held, but took a special form, invitations having been sent to all the local Women's Guilds to be present. Bad weather lessened the attendance. A message of sympathy was sent to Miss Caughley, whose sister had recently passed away. Most pusiness was held over for next meeting. Mrs. Wanhill and Miss Gor-

don contributed solos, and recitations were given by Mrs. Cullen. The speaker was Mr. Falkner, his subject being "Citizenship," and in his usual forceful manner, he carried his audience with him. Making feeling reference to the influence on his life of his mother, whose training had left an indelible impression on his mind and heart, Mr. Falkner said that he had never been able to do things of which she would have disapproved. He asked the question whether, in view of the selfishness and irresponsibility so rife in the world, we can really say that the British people are a righteous nation. The effects of drink in connection with dances was recognised by the Government. The need for constant discouragement of social drinking was spoken of convincingly, and Sir Cyril Newall's example in regard to toast-drinking in coffee, Lord Montgomery's total abstinence, also were mentioned.

Home Meeting

Onehunga also held a special Home meeting at the residence of Mrs. Fordyce on July 24th. Choruses and a short Devotional period were followed by recitations given in her usual charming manner by Mrs. Hatten; and an address by Miss Grigg, who spoke on her recent trip to Australia, describing the places she visited. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, every-one feeling it had been well worth whole.

### Social Afternoon: Devonport Union

A special social afternoon was held by Davenport Union in July, North Shore Unions, Takapuna, Northcote and Birkenhead, also local organisa-tions, including the Methodist Ladies' Guild, Presbyterian Missionary Union, Home League, having been invited to be present. Other visitors were Miss Gibbs and Mrs. Paisley, of Dunedin and Invercargill Unions about 50 ladies being present. The hymn, "All Round the World," was sung very heartily, followed by prayer, after which the president welcomed all-comers.

Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, addressed the gathering, explaining the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U. Solos were sung by Mesdames Mamahon and Wanhill and recitations were given by Mesdames Hatton and Blake. Miss Weigall gave a Temperance talk, and afternoon tea and Benediction brought the afternoon to a close.

### CORRECTION

We regret that in the "In Memoriam" notice of Mrs. R. Petrie, of Spreydon Union, a slight error was made in the quotation with which the notice ended. This should have read: "Thus in the evening came the Mas-

ter's call

Quietly and sweetly lulling her-to

And in the afterglow, as shadows

The 'place prepared' will certainly be blessed."

### President's Message

Dear Friends,

Will you allow me to stress the fact that we are fast approaching the time when we must make momentous decisions in regard to the conduct of our Unions. I speak especially of the matter of nominations for official positions that will be vacant in our Local, District and Dominion Unions before many months are past.

The points to be borne in mind are, I think, chiefly these: Earnest prayer that those who are suitable may be willing to accept nomination; that they may already have, or be willing to acquire, the necessary qualifications; that we may find Presidents who feel the absolute necessity for ending the liquor trade; that we may find Secretaries and Treasurers who take their work very seriously, who attend to letters and returns at once, not weeks after they should have been dealt with; that all officers are out of office at the annual meeting and that if we nominate a fresh person we are not "putting anyone out." Don't let us ever forget that those who have held office care about the Union and will surely not allow any personal feeling to affect the work should someone else be elect-

We all feel that the Union work is "For God," therefore, we are willing, nay, anxious that it shall be as perfectly carried out as possible.

Will you carefully consider the following points, for the preparation of which we are indebted to Mrs. Mountjoy, as forming a resolution of protest from Dominion Officers:—

- 1. Urging reforms which were proved to be beneficial during the war period by means of legislation, especially—
- 2. Restriction in advertising.
- 3. Prohibiting drink on trains and other public conveyances.
- Prohibition of the removal of liquor from licensed premises during closing hours.
- 5. Prohibiting the sale of wine without a magistrate's licence.
- Creating an offence of keeping liquor for sale by an unlicensed person in a licensed district.
- Arrest and search without warrant for selling or exposing liquor for sale by an unlicensed person.

And so, as we face many duties, some of them difficult, let us pray the prayer of Robert Louis Stevenson: "Help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces: let cheerfulness abound with industry." May God bless us, everyone, and may we have no other desires than to serve Him and honour the King.

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations are called for Dominion Officers for 1948-49.

These should be in the hands of the undersigned by OCTOBER 10th in order that publication may be made in the NOVEMBER "W.R." Nominations for Dominion Superintendents will also be accepted.

R. M. UNDERHILL, Recording Secretary.

### Maori Girls' Hostel

The much-appreciated half-crown subscriptions and other small donations have built up a fund of £45 to help with necessary repairs and painting. Subscriptions may be sent to Mrs. Long, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, or to Miss C. M. McLay, 115 Bassett Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.

### Strayed

A W.C.T.U. Hymnal with music, belonging to Miss C. M. McLay, with her name inside. Probably left at a meeting, or lent. Its return would be welcomed.

Address: 115 Bassett Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.

### District Conventions

Auckland-September 21st to 24th:

South Auckland—September 17th and 18th: Tauranga.

North and South Canterbury—September 16th, 17th and 18th: Temuka. Wanganui—September 24th.

### For Reporters

District Convention Reports

The editor cannot undertake to include Convention addresses in the reports, but will be glad to have them for use as opportunity arises in future issues. All reports must, please, be limited to one column of our space.

#### THIS IS IMPORTANT.

#### Union Reports

Some reporters still omit the NAME of the UNION, and the DATE of the meeting, causing much waste of time for the editor. Please assist by including these details.

No Union's reports will be published in two consecutive issues; but all reports sent will appear in due course. Back Numbers of "W.R."

July, September and October issues, 1944, are wanted. Please notify the

#### editor.

### TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Brooklyn:

"Professor Hare, of Pennsylvania, submitted 17 kinds of beer to scientific tests, and his opinion is that 'the nutritive value of beer is so small that a whole barrel contains no more actual nutriment than a loaf of bread."

### Given at Takapuna:

"Dr. Chas. Hill, of P.M.A., says: 'Alcohol is one of the worst health problems we have to face today."

### REPORTS FROM DOMINION OFFICERS

### Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS TO JULY 31st, 1947

N.Z. Fund (General Fund): Oamaru £1; Masterton £1; Wellington £2/2/-; St. Albans 10/-; Oxford £2/2/-.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund: Hawera £2; Rangiora 18/-; Dargaville 10/-; Ponsonby £2/14/-.

Organising and Educational Fund: Wanganui East 7/6; New Brighton £1 10/-; Ashburton £5.

Maori Fund: Warkworth 11/-; Auckland 10/-; St. Albans 10/-; Christchurch Central, "Y" branch, 14/-.

World's Missionary Fund: Upper Hutt 10/-; Mosgiel 5/-; Hawera 10/-. Caravan Fund: Personal donations,

Christchurch, £6/11/-; Maungatoroto, 5/-.

5/-.
Treasurers are reminded that payments to the Organising and Educational Funds are now due.

### M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

August 11th, 1947.

### Membership Report

	New
N	fember:
Dargaville	5
Reefton	2
Hastings	14
Invercargill Central	1
Christchurch	3
North Brighton	1
Wellington Central	1
Donnelly's Crossing	3
Auckland	3
Transfers	_
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Total	33

C. TOOMER, Corresponding Sec.

### List of New Subscribers to the "White Ribbon"

From 11th July to 12th August, 1947: Mt. Eden 2; Remuera 3; Tauranga 1; Hamilton 1; Cambridge 1; Levin 3; Wairoa 1; Brooklyn 9; Blenheim 4; Riccarton 2; Papanui 1; Oamaru 2; Invercargill 1; Maori Dept. 5. Total 36. Total number from 1st January, 142.

### Donations to "White Ribbon" Day

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations:-

Opotiki 15/-; Johnsonville 12/-; Brooklyn 12/6; Papanui 7/6; Kaikorai 5/-; Karori 7/6; Riccarton 10/-; Whangarei 10/-; Tauranga £1/7/-; Levin 8/-; Linwood 10/-; Christchurch £3 3/-; Mosgiel 5/-; Shirley-Richmond 9/6. Total £10/2/-.

Correction in previous list, Hawera,

7/6.

Total donations to "W.R." Day Fund, as at 12th August, 1947, £20/6/10.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

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All Union advertisments must be sent to the Business Manage, to whom all payments for Advertisements, Beacons, Y.P. Supplements and subscriptions must be made.

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"For God, and Home, and Humanity"

WELLINGTON, SEPTEMBER 1, 1947.

#### WE COME TO UNITE

### Pathways to International Peace PRAISE CHANGES THINGS

In the early day; a missionary came to the Far North of New Zealand. Recognising the beautiful quality of the Maori voices, he taught the people to sing great hymns. One day, word came that an enemy tribe was advancing. Preparations for war were made, and the missionary intensified the singing of great largues.

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A river separated the pa from the advancing host. The day of battle opened. The missionary marshalled the people along the banks of the river on the pa side. The enemy danced the fierce haka and waited.

At a sign from the missionary, the trained choir broke forth into song. The beautiful works of the gospel of peace and love reached the ears and the hearts of the astonished foe. Hymn after hymn pealed forth, till at last the implements of war were thrown down, the river was crossed, and empty hands were held out in friendship. "Your songs have reached our hearts and have brought peace."

How easily might quarrels be averted, foes turned into friends, war for ever ended, if only people would learn to sing. We are told that the Maori is the finest native race in the world. Much has been said and written about the gentle, kindly, responsive nature of the people. Those who work with them know this to be true.

How many people pause to think of the tremendous ordeal into which the Maori race was thrust just one hundred years ago? A great colonising nation, with an old civilisation vastly different from their own, with habits and customs and ways of living which they could not understand, swept into their primitive life, and changed the very face of their world. The shock must have been tremendous, and the marvel is, that utterly unprepared as they were, they have so quickly assimilated and adapted themselves to the life of the Pakeha colonist.

One dares to pause again and to think how wonderful it would have been for the Maori people had the colonists brought only that which was good and constructive, and worthy of emulation in his own civilisation.

### The Best and the Worst

But facts must be faced. While the Pakeha brought that which is best, the foundation of his civilisation, the Word of God, he also brought the curse of his nation, alcohol, and the beverage alcohol habit. To an aboriginal race, alcohol spells destruction.

How quickly the alcohol habit spread among the Maori people!

Ignorant of its destructive nature, and guilelessly following the example of the Pakena, the Maori easily became the victim of this deadly, poisonous drug. Alcohol, being a racial poison, causes degeneracy, and degeneracy is a great source of crime. In his book, "Alcohol and the Human Race." A. P. Hobson says: "The necessary basis for war is found in degeneracy. Remove degeneracy and there will be no more necessity for wars within the human species than within any other species in nature. Put an end to degeneracy, which is only another way of saying, 'Put an end to drink,' and wars will cease from the earth."

If that be true, what a marvellous crusade the W.C.T.U. has engaged in!

Our organisation was founded over 70 years ago primarily to outlaw beverage alcohol from the nations of the world, because a few thinking women had learnt the great facts about alcohol.

Macri Organiser

Shortly after the Union was organised in New Zealand, a department of work among the Mooris was started. A young Maori woman, Miss Hera Stirling, was appointed Maori Organiser, and did a remarkably fine piece of work for the Union among her people. Trained as a Salvation Army officer, Miss Stirling travelled throughout the East Coast of the North Island, Rotorua district, the King Country, and in far-away parts inaccessible to the Pakeha. Gifted with a magnificent singing voice, Miss Stirling sang her way into the hearts of the people, preached the gospe! of redeeming love, and "organised for doing good" the people of her own race.

Her only means of transport was a horse, and the familiar figure of the rider on the steed brought the light and warmth of friendship into many a heart and home. Many Maori Unions were formed. Temperance teaching given in schools and colleges to Maori Youth, and always the great foundation principles of Christian Faith and living were the keynotes of her work. Men in leading positions among the Maoris today testify to her influence upon their young lives, and thank God for her coming.

After many years of faithful service and varied experiences, Miss Stirling became the wife of a clergyman of the Church of England, and continued her work in a new capacity. Mrs. Hera Munro is still carrying on her temperance work among young people in Rotorua.

#### Moral Landslide

The unsettled state of society, world-wide, consequent upon world wars, and its attendant serious moral landslide, has greatly increased the alcohol habit among the people of all nations. Men and women drink to get away from the realities and problems of life. The Maori has not escaped this reaction.

The need for the friendship and the educational work of the W.C.T.U. among them is more clamant than ever, and the women are especially eager to co-operate with us in our efforts to arrest the moral landslide which threatens the well-being of both races.

As Maori Organiser, I have had the privilege of visiting and working among the Maoris for some years, and have learned to love and appreciate them. I would pass on for your consideration some impressions gained and glimpses of work accomplished or begun.

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## "Home Letters Received at Falmerston North"

4 Chichester Street, Westminster, S.W.1. England.

Dear Mrs. Coles,

Very many thanks from various aged and infirm (and some not so aged but somewhat infirm) residents of Westminster, who have benefited by the generous gifts of soap sent by the Palmerston North Union of the W.C.T.U. Household soap, and to a lesser extent, toilet soap, has been very scarce here, and the sight of it produced a sparkle in the eye that will soon be matched by a few more on sundry clothes lines. Westminster is the soo jest city in England after Sheffield, and its inhabitants complain bittery of the hard water and shortage of soap which add to their laundry difficulties. However, one of the recipients of your soap has just handed me a copy of the "World Digest" with an article on New Zealand, wherein we read that your housewives have to coniend with volcanic ash on their washing at times. Fortunately, we don't suffer from volcanoes; only a blitz which seems to erupt every 25 years! None of us will ever forget the morning of May 10th, 1941, after one of the heaviest blitzes on London. The sun was shining brilliantly at Highgate, which is about seven miles from here, but here we had a dense fog from smoke, and a rainfall of black, charred paper and pieces, which floated down all day, although the raid ended at dawn. There was some dirty work at the cross-roads that time! An old Irish patient of mine had to be taken to hospital with shock, and cuts on the face and nose, and greeted me with, "Hello, doctor, ole Hitler thought he'd give me a black eye, but he missed the mark and punched my nose instead." She was hit three times in different raids, but still emerged triumphant. A week ago she was nearly killed when the front of the house, weakened by blitzing, suddenly fell down. This week I took her some of your soap, and this was her greeting: "Oh, sure, and 'tis nice to see you, doctor—just when I'm feeling I don't like myself at all. And this is from New Zealand, you say? However did they know my name and address now? Well, isn't that nice of them? And me with a week's washing all piled up to do." She is 72, living alone now. She has three sons, all married and living away. As one of them said: "Ma got more knocking about here than any of us did abroad in the fight-

Another lovely soul of fifty-odd is going blind from a mixture of diabetes and too much tobacco smoking. She was told she must give up smoking, which was a great blow to her. So I sent her some soap and a new pipe and suggested that when she felt she couldn't resist smoking, she should

blow bubbles instead. She replied that that was tantamount to offering a doll to a woman who had lost her baby, but that all the same she was grateful for the soap which she proposed to use in the orthodox manner. She has lost weight to such an extent that it would be impossible for her to stand in a queue, so the soap is really a great help to her.

Another recipient is a cheery little body who is nearly crippled with arthritis and unable to do her own washing, but can get it done by a friend with the soap she received, and was delighted with her good fortune.

Two other patients, each with an ulcerated leg, were equally enchanted with your gifts. The medicated soap will soothe the envenomed skin of an allergic sufferer, and the toilet soap is pleasing to two old ladies with little of life's luxuries to bless themselves with.

We are sometimes sad when we hear of bits and pieces of the Empire dropping away like crumbing fragments from an ageir—rock. And then comes a letter such as yours, and all the kindly thoughts and generous help from folk who've never known or seen us, yet call us kin, and we realise that by God's good grace, there are bonds of love that bind our countries more firmly than any treaty of conquest could ever do; and our hearts are lifted up once again. We shall ever remember with thankfulness the help that New Zealand has given.

We appreciate it deeply.

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Yours sincerely,
A. GILBEY.

### News of Our Delegates to World Convention

190 Medway Street, Westminster, London.

Dear Miss Jamieson,

The parcel of good things in tins came to Headquarters while I was away at Convention in the States. Very many thanks to the senders from the recipients. I gave the distribution to members of the office staff, who mainly live alone, or with one other person. People with only one or two ration books are shorter of "points"—for which all of your gifts would have called if bought here; and so they greatly appreciate these additions. We are all grateful for the practical help from our "White Ribbon Sisters."

At the Convention it was good to meet again friends from whom we had been parted for so many years, and we from the B.W.T.A.U. had a very happy time, and a great welcome.

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Your two New Zealand delegates were much applauded for their enterprise in flying over. It is a pity that travel is so costly, for it does curtail

# "WITHIN THE VEIL" Mrs. H. Doreen, Mrs. J. H. Griffithe, Palmerston North Union

At the August meeting of the Palmerston North Union reference was made to the passing of two valued members, Mrs. H. Doreen and Mrs.

J. H. Griffiths.

Mrs. Doreen had been hospital visitor for the Union for many years. She used to have a baking morning every Friday, and then in the afternoon she would visit the hospital, taking with her the dainties she had made. She loved to work, and felt that the patients were always glad to see her. She used to get stamps for them, post their letters and do any other little errand they wished. On some occasions, she would even have them in her house to convalesce.

Our Union always considered that she was the right woman in the right place, and that she was doing really effective work. It was effective because it was done in love—love to her Lord, and love to the vatients. When she was no longer able to do this work she still attended meetings and took an interest in the temperance cause to the very last. She passed away on Monday, July 14th, in a private hospital. She is now in the presence of the Master Whom she served

with a life-long devotion.

Mrs. Griffiths joined our Union at the Palmerston North Convention, when the White Bow was pinned on by Mrs. Hiett, then Dominion President. She was not young, and failing health prevented her attending the meetings, but she took a great interest in the cause paid the sub most willingly and was always pleased to hear of the doings at the meetings. Her funeral took place on August 7th, whilst Palmerston North meeting was in progress. She, too, loved our Lord, and served Him to the utmost of her ability.

the delegations from afar. No one was present from Australia, and we had only 18 instead of our permitted 60 from England. Some of us had to fly because we could not get steamer accommodation, but this, too, is very expensive. But, despite everything, it was a good Convention, and the meeting together was one of the best things. There is undoubtedly a bond between "White Ribbon" folk that is missing from other conventions. We are now looking forward to 1950 when we meet again in England.

I hope some of you who have been so kind to us will come over; and though we may not, even by then, be a land of plenty in the catering sense, we shall give you a great welcome.

With every good wish, and with many thanks.

### Yours sincerely, DOROTHY STAUNTON

(Miss Staunton is the Editor of the English "White Robbon," — Editor's note.)

### **Great Evangelists and Temperance**

IX-DR. F. B. MEYER

### By Victoria Grigg

"I have no ill-will against publicans as a body," wrote Dr. F. B. Meyer, "but I have learned vehemently to hate the trade, and the facilities which abound so plentifully for the sale of intoxicants. What might not England be if only this accursed traffic were stayed! When will the Church of God in our land arouse herself for one good determined effort to break the thraldom by which myriads are being continually dragged down to perdition?"

God raised up His witnesses for the temperance cause from among the great evangelists of different Christian denominations. Dr. F. B. Meyer was a distinguished Baptist, who became President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Like others, he acknowledged his indebtedness to godly parents, particularly his saintly mother whose parents had been Quakers. Losses in his father's business caused the family to move from a beautiful home at Brighton to London when he was 15. Later, he regarded this as a blessing in view of the contacts it brought him, and the necessity of having to obtain a commercial position. The experience gained in business he regarded as a most valuable preparation for his ministry.

After carrying out much Church work in his spare time, he was eventually accepted as a student for the Baptist ministry, and commenced his pastoral work in Richmond, Surrey; this being followed by a term at York. It was at York, during Dr. Meyer's pastorate that Moody and Sankey began their evangelistic work in England in 1873. And a glimpse was caught of the larger life in which denominationalism has no place; but men were measured by the standard of their devotion to, and knowledge of Christ.

This mission also helped to stimulate his temperance enthusiasm as it did later that of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell.

His next pastorate was at Leicester where he began his great work among prisoners, paying great attention to their spiritual and physical rehabilitation on their discharge. He stated that he felt that he failed in his early years at Leicester, because a certain idea of the dignity of the ministry hindered him from entering freely into the life of the people. His great "prison-gate" work began when a young girl of his church asked him to meet her father when he came out of gaol, and save him from the companions who would be awaiting him. The man he went to meet had been transferred to another prison, but he say one prisoner come out who was met by two women, who straightaway led him into a nearby public house. Meantime, a second prisoner came out, who had no one to meet him, and, not knowing what else to do, followed the others into the public house. Dr. Meyer turned to a group of men standing near on this occasion and said: "Lads, is this the type of thing that happens most mornings?"

"Yes, sir," they said, "mostly."

"But," said Dr. Meyer, "if a man comes out of yonder gaol door, and goes into the door of the public house, he appears to me to go out of the gaol by the front door and go into it again by the back door; for I reckoned that the public house is the back door to the gaol."

"Well," said they, "what's a chap to do? When he comes out of that 'ere place, there's nowhere else for him to go but the public."

Dr. Meyer was informed that the custom of these discharged prisoners had greatly enhanced the purchase price of the public house, ad he determined to do his part to lessen the yearly revenue. The Government money that the prisoners had earned by months of industry and good behaviour was squandered in a few minutes on drink.

From that day, Dr. Meyer came to the prison gate regularly to meet discharged prisoners as long as he was in Leicester, and persuaded nearly 5,000 men and women to have breakfast with him at a neighbouring coffee house. There he took a real personal interest in each one, and, through the Holy Spirit, was the means of many of them beginning a new life with Christ as their Guide and Saviour. This great man of God was eminently practical. All possible avenues were explored to give the men a fresh start n life as bread-winners, a notable one being the sale of firewood. A great work was carried out also to help young lads who were in danger of becoming prisoners.

While in Leicester, Dr. Meyer led a crusade to reduce the number of licences to grocers. He regarded this as one of the worst ways of encouraging drinking amongst women, and his crusade was carried out successfully in spite of intense hostility from the grocers.

The great work at Leicester was followed by a most fruitful pastorate in London, and there, each Sunday afternoon, he and members of his Church would go round the public houses to induce their customers to come to their meeting as soon as the public house doors closed. On Saturdays there would be midnight marches parading the streets, raiding in a friendly fashion the bars, and holding suppers for the "drunks," both men and women, lads and girls,

He was equally vigorous against the gambling evil, as he did so much to deal with the wreckage after each race meeting, Boys who had plundered the till for money to make their bets or pay their losses—women and men in similar trouble. "Let the Church of Christ lead the crusade against this gigantic evil," he said, "by discouraging all appeals to chance, by ousting every form of gambling from sales of work, and by refusing to court the patronage of any who foster the system."

Concerning the drink evil he wrote:

"What a marvellous accession of spiritual and moral power would accrue if all Christian people would rank themselves on the side of total abstinence as a safeguard for themselves and their children, and as a protest against the giant evil of our times, the mother of all woes."

One of the worst characteristics of a liquor seller is his callousness as to the fate of drink's victims and the misery suffered by their relatives. It is left to Christians like Dr. Meyer to give their money and time to lift the drunkard from his degradation and restore peace and harmony to homes made wretched through drink.

### "SACRIFICE"

Ethel Piper

Who fouls his hands and strains his strength

To meet the needs of man, at length, Though not inscribed in halls of fame, Yet adds a lustre to his name.

Who buys not finery, but feeds
The starving ones, she sees their needs;

Her gifts, a sacrifice most sweet; "An-hungered, but ye gave Me meat."

The world has needs, she has them now;

So, pass them not; to these we bow; Amidst our plenty, this suffice, "To Him belongs our sacrifice."

So great deliverance was seen,
For at our gates the foe has been;
Unscathed our land; untouched each
town;

While dear ones fought to save their

We only give for what was given, Our gifts are signed and sealed in Heaven;

Lest, when these times of need be

We disappoint our Lord at last.

### MRS. F. J. T. GRIGG, M.A.

The splendid series of articles we have published from the pen of Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, entitled "Great Evangelists and Temperance," have made their writer's name familiar to all readers of our pages. It is, therefore, a matter of interest that her approaching departure from Christchurch to Wellington, following on the appointment of Mr. Grigg to Dominion Laboratories, has been the occasion of several gatherings in her honour. A report will be found elsewhere of one given by the District Executive, North Canterbury, of which Mrs. Grigg has been vice-president for the last two years. The Society of University Women, and the committee of the World's Day of Prayer, have both held-similar gatherings. We quote from the report of the Christchurch branch of the N.C.W.'s farewell party the words of Miss Mary McLean, president of the Christchurch branch: "Mrs. Grigg has given unstintingly of her time, energy and ability to build causeways of friendship and understanding between component organisations of the council." Other speakers thanked Mrs. Grigg for the good humour, patience and the spirit of friendship she had shown to all members of the council, and expressed admiration for her fairness and strong Christian principles. In replying, Mrs. Grigg said that she had learned much from the N.C.W. A presentation was made in token of the branch's deep appreciation of all Mrs. Grigg had done during the four years of her secretaryship.

Mrs. Grigg expects to leave for Wellington as soon as land sales decisions

are finalised.

### **FLASHLIGHTS**

Speaking of the National Day of Prayer on July 6th, Mrs. Hampton, at the May meeting of the Gisborne Union urged all to pray for forgiveness of individual and national sins. adding that if the British Nation is to lead the way in post-war reconstruc-tion, Divine aid MUST be sought by its peoples.

At the same meeting, Mrs. Morris recalled the great efforts made to win the franchise for women, and showed how necessary it was for the apathy on the part of some women to be removed before it could become law. "We also must stir ourselves and work individually for our cause," she said. "Our motto should be: 'The line shall

not break where I stand.'

At the same meeting of Gisborne Union a discussion took place on the radio talk given by the president of the Invercargill Licensing Trust; in which he had told of the enormous profits made by the Trust and the allotment of money among different organisations, including the Boy Scouts Association. Regret was expressed that beer-drinking should be "glamourised" over the radio net-work and that the Youth of New Zealand should be exploited in this way,

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### Building for World Peace

I am convinced that we, as Christian women, have a remarkable opportunity for building for World Peace through International Friendship by beginning with our own Native Race, and working at our job.

Maori Hostel Movement

This is proving a great success, and the venture of Faith which the Auckland District Executive made in 1943, in opening the first Maori Hostel for Girls in Auckland has been amply justified. A Christian home, friendship and loving care have been extended to hundreds of Maori girls—the future citizens and mothers of our Native Race. Many girls, now married, and building Christian homes of their own, others teaching in Native schools, or filling positions elsewhere, write affectionately to "My Auckland Mother," or return "Home" at intervals for a happy holiday. The other five hostels in Auckland-three of which are run by the United Maori Mission, one each by Methodist and Presbyterian Churches—are also doing a splendid work for God and Maori Youth. "Y" Work

The largest "Y" Branch in New Zealand is the "Rangimarie" one (which means "Peace"), and is carried on among the Hostel young people and their friends. The membership is over 70, the average attendance 50. (On special occasions, over 100 will attend.) The teaching given is evangelistic, scientific, and intensely practical. Young people are trained in leadership. Singing is a feature of all meetings.

Work Among Women

The organisation of Maori Unions has begun. The first one was started in Te Kuiti, in June. The prayer work of our Union and its crusade for total abstinence and the outlawing of the aicohol traffic made a great appeal to our Maori sisters. Twenty-one signed the Pledge at the inaugural meeting, and at the first Union meeting, two days later, eight more signed. Within a fortnight there were about 37 members. Their willingness to accept office was a real thrill to the heart of the organiser, and there are many fine workers in the Union. A Cradle Roll was started, two bright young mothers assuming responsibility for this splendid work. Other departments of work were initiated, officers were instructed, and we look forward to welcoming representatives to our next Dominion

A few days later at Otorohanga, a joint Union of Pakeha and Maori was organised. Several Maori women signed the Pledge. A Maori Cradle Roll was started, and oversight of the Maori work in the district was kindly undertaken by Sister Nicholls. We commend to your prayers our Maori sisters as we remember that they, with us, are--

"Joined in God's cause, heart to heart, hand to hand,

We all belong, we all belong." A number of visits were paid to far-

out setlements, and good meetings of women addressed. Several pledges were signed. In some places, men attended too; and much interest was shown in the scientific talks on the Effect of Alcohol on the Brain. One man said: "That's one on me. thought beer went to a man's legs and made him wobble. I didn't know it affected his brain!" Another man asked to sign the Pledge, and said: "I wish you had come here 30 years ago."

I had the pleasure of addressing a Tribal Committee, recently formed under the nwe Maori Act for the advancement of the Maori Race, in one centre. One of the leaders told the audience that he had signed the Pledge 40 years ago when Miss Hera Stirling addressed the boys at his college. He had never broken that Pledge, and now desired his wife and daughter to join the W.C.T.U.

In several other places, officials of Tribal Committees were contacted, and every one told me he was determined to keep heer out of his pa.

A Boys' Club, of about 70 Maori and Pakeha members, was addressed, and 15 signed the Pledge. Several had already signed.

Cottage meetings were held with small groups of neighbours, Devotional and Temperance talks given, Pledges signed, and members added to Kuiti Union.

A very interesting day was spent at Mokau, 50 miles distant, on the Tas-man Sea coast. There was a very interested group; two women signed the Pledge and were linked to New Plymouth as associate members. One fine young man of 19 also signed. School children were addressed.

#### Clothes Sales

I attended quite a few of these, assisting as saleswoman or cashier. It was most interesting. The clothing is a real benefit to many mothers, and others as well. Children's clothes are in great demand, also men's for work. If any of you are pressed for room and desire to quit old clothes, household furnishings that are usable, etc., just parcel them up and address to Sister Nicholls, Matai Street, Te Kuiti. Support the Maori missionary of your own Church by all means, if you have any; but, if not, here is an open door. The proceeds help the funds of the

#### What Union Members Could Do

Pray for the Maori people; for your Maori sisters in the Union; for the missionary and temperance work being done among them.

Prayer will lead to understanding and friendship. Friendship will open up avenues of service. Service will draw two great races together and unite Pakeha and Maori in a strong Christian citizenship, which is the sure foundation of national and international peace.

CATHERINE McLAY.

### HOME MAKERS CORNER

### By "Lynette" EGGS AND SOUFFLES

Eggs are an article of diet esteemed by people of all nations and are among the earliest of our foods. The Book of Job, generally considered to be the oldest book in the Bible, talks of the insipidity of egg whites. We do not know just what sort of bird laid Job's eggs, but modern hens are descended from birds originally domesticated in Burma, perhaps as early as 2000 years before Our Lord. Among domestic poultry the eggs of the duck, hen, turkey, guinea fowl, partridge and others are all offered for sale, On the north-western coast of Scotland sea birds' eggs are collected and eaten, and in Africa, both native and Europeans eat the eggs of the ostrich, which the natives remove by stealth from the communal nest which several females make together. When the sitting bird is away from the nest, the eggs are taken out with sticks to prevent the taint of humanity alarming the birds, and in this way they are induced to continue laying to replace the missing ones. The shells are used throughout Africa as drinking vessels. Many nutritious dishes can be made with eggs and their ease of digestibility makes them ideal dishes for invalids and children.

### Souffles

- 3 tablespoons butter.
- ½ teaspoon salt.
- 3 eggs, separated.
- 3 tablespoons flour.

cup milk.

Melt butter in a saucepan, add flour and salt, then milk, and bring to the boil, stirring constantly. Add yolks to the sauce and cool. Add stiffly beaten whites and bake in a greased dish in a moderate oven for about 45 minutes. Variations:

Vegetable souffle: Drain cooked vegetables and mince them. Add 1 to 1 cup to the hot sauce.

Cheese souffle:

Add 1 cup grated cheese to the hot sauce

Sweet souffle:

Add 1 cup honey and juice and rind of half a lemon,

Fruit souffle:

Add ½ to 1 cup of cooked, sweetened, and sieved prunes, apples, apricots or peaches.

Souffles are all too apt to flop when removed from the oven and must be served at once, but a fondue resists that temptation.

SOLUTION TO No. 15

Across: 1. Laud; 5. Peel; 9. Snoring; 12. He; 14. Point; 15. So; 16. Intemper-12. He; 14. Point; 15. So; 16. Intemperate; 19. Sear; 20. Apes; 21. Rich; 23. Ogle; 25. Loma; 27. Disinclined; 30. E.C.; 31. Varan; 32. D.D.; 33. Revenge; 35. Jade; 36. Esau.

Down: 2. As; 3. Unperceived; 4. Doom; 5. Pine; 6. Entrainings; 7.

E.G.; 8. This; 10. Ripe; 11. Foes; 13. Energic; 15. Stemmed; 17. Tails; 18. Apron; 23 Odes; 24 Acre; 26 Adds; 28. Nave; 29. Lane; 33. R.A.; 34. Ea.

### MORE LETTERS

### Mrs. Kasper Writes from Pasadena, Los Angeles

1311 Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, August 1st, 1947.

Dear Sisters,

I would like to tell you a little about our stay in Pasadena, Mrs. Lee-. Cowie's home.

When Mrs. Mackie and I arrived from Salt Lake City, we were met by Mrs. Cowie and the Pastor of her Church the Rev. Rival Hawkins. Mrs. Cowie is going a wenderful work here. Her whole life is given to good works. She is conducting a prayer crusade. Instead of the Hatchet, a group of women, about 50 sometimes, after a prayer meeting, visit hotel singing, reading portions of Scripture and They have been received repraying. spectfully, and it has aroused Churches which are doing something to help. Mrs. Cowie holds a prayer meeting every Wednesd afternoon in her home, and I was privileged to be pre-

Mrs. Lowie is loved by all here, and feel the "White Ribbon" sisters in New Zealand feels she belongs to them too, and would like to hear of her. She is now or, and rises every morning, and breakfasts with the family. On Sunday at 9.45 a.m. she teaches in an adult Sunday School, then often goes miles out of Pasadena to preach. Last Sunday ....s. Mackie and I went with her. It was 99 in the shade. She She will do the same tomorrow. preached an excellent sermon. She is just as alert as ever, has an answer to every question.

We shall be leaving for home on September 6th, and what a lot we shall have to tell.

With kind regards to my "White Ribbon" sisters.

Yours in service,

AMY KASPER.

### Mrs. Hickson and the "Bring and Buy"

My Dear Winnie.

The days are getting longer now, aren't they? John won't come in for tea till it's too dark to see anything, and that's a bit of a nuisance, Still, as he says, the work in the garden's got to be done. Well, it's the same every year. I'm sure I don't know why I bother to get tea ready before I see the last of the sun.

I've been baking today. Our W.C.T.U. meeting is tomorrow, and we have started to have a Bring and Buy. Our secretary thought it would be a good idea. Some of the ladies said they thought it would be a lot of work and they didn't think we needed to do it. But she said no one need to do a lot specially for it, if they just brought along any little thing they had, such as a few plants, or a lettuce, or two or three of the scones they were making that morning for their morning tea, or any old thing. Well, we started two months ago, and really it makes quite a bit of money and people are on the look-out to see what there is and are as keen as mustard to get something. The president

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### "W.R. CROSSWORD" - 16

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### CLUES

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- Rags "Et Brute?" (Julius
- Forefront
- For example To revel noisily Hunt (old spelling)
- Bury
- 31. A curse
  33. Girl's name
  34. Tributary of the Danube
  35. English river
  36. Unit of work

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  Town on Persian Gulf
  English tree
  Stating again positively
  Great English Quaker

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- 14. The same 18. Abbreviated "Thank-yous"
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- 30. Ages 32. At home.

says it creates interest, and I suppose it does. So this morning I just made some of the old sort of rock cakes we used to have at home-you know the kind-and how we used to go after them. Mum tried to keep them out of sight, but the boys always seemed to smell where they were. I made a good lot, and used a bit more dripping than we used to, and they're very nice, if I do say it myself. They'll sell all

You'll remember that little old piece we used to say about little drops of water and little grains of sand making the mighty ocean, etcetera. Well, it does seem to remind me of that when all the little bits come along for the Bring and Buy. There's nothing big, and yet we make such a lot of money with it. It's one way of helping that

anyone can do. Lorna's husband's been having boils. Awful, they are. The doctor has given him something to put in his bath water, and Lorna was nearly weeping over the telephone this morning when she tom me it had made the bath all brown and even the walls. However, if it stops the boils it'll be worth it, for if there's one thing more than another that makes a man a trial to his wife, it's them.

I must stop. It's bedtime. Love from John and Meg.

### AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

### ORGANISING DEPARTMENT Miss Annie McLay in Northland

Five weeks spent in Northland with some of the worst possible weather was not the most inspiring thing for Miss Annie McLay, who writes that the success of many meetings was much lessened by the weather.

"I think the visit could be regarded more in the nature of a survey," she writes, 'an'd I learned various things, ie, not to go to the 'winterless north' in the winter! The Unions are all needing a great deal of help. In Dargaville I paid a great number of visits and gained five new members. A small new Union was commenced at Donnelly's Crossing, and I am just waiting to hear the result of the first meeting held last week.

"At Wellsford a very promising new Union was organised with 12 members, and a very active, interested President familiar with our work. (Auckland District.)

"New members are an absolute necessity if the work is to go on in some places."

### A. M. McLAY. Mrs. Reed at Wanganui

Mrs. Reed has been instrumental in arousing interest in the Wanganui district. We hear from the District Secretary, Mrs. Ogg, that the Unions reported at the executive meeting their great pleasure in her visit and that

they were looking forward to meeting new members at their monthly meeting. Also the C.R. list had been added

At Raetihi, Mrs. Reed addressed a meeting of over 100 school children, showing films.

### N.Z. ALLIANCE ANNUAL

It was a very earnest and anxious gathering of men and women who assembled in the Taranaki Methodist premises on July 24th. Matters of extreme urgency were on the agenda, and the general feeling was that in temperance history now in the making a crisis was impending.

It is not possible here to give anything like a full account of all that took place, or even of all that came under discussion, but as W.C.T.U. members, we should know something about those matters on which we ourselves may have to express an opinion.

Of course, the Masterton Bill, now before the House, was one of the most outstandingly important subjects. Those who have read the July number of "The Vanguard" will see how terribly retrograde are the provisions of the Bill. Restaurant drinking, the freedom to have an unlimited number of licences, and the permitting of the employment of barmaids are all provided for; and each of these is a dire threat to all that we stand for. Milners' clear summing up of the whole position has been sent, we believe, to every Member of Parliament, and we advise all our members to obtain and read carefully the statement in the Vanguard. Copies can be had from the N.Z.A. Headquarters, Box 1079, Wellington,

### Trust Control

The terrible "cleft stick" in which the temperance party finds itself, the necessity for making a decision as to the lesser evil of two evil things, for this it is, occupied hours of the conference. Surely, never have we been faced with so difficult a problem. Every effort to arrive at the point of making a statement which would not appear to imply agreement with the principle that ownership in some form was favoured by the conference, failed. Again and again it seemed as though some finality were being reached, but in the end, it was deferred for six months, during which time area and electorate committees would be asked to consider the question and their decisions known to the superintendent, Mr. Milner. The evils of Private Ownership as against those of Trust Control seemed on the whole to be regarded as the greater.
"Trust Control" is still something of

a nebulous term, pending legislation on the whole thing. With certain qualifications suggested by the Alliance, it would be widely different from that which has functioned in Invercargill. We hope to give some information on the point in our next issue.

Since the conference, we understand that the Hon, Minister of Justice has been waited upon by a deputation appointed by the conference, and that he has met the members thereof in a

friendly spirit. Certain matters were admitted by him to be against the volume of expressed public opinion, and for that reason would not be pressed by him. Chief among these was res-

taurant drinking.

### Bulletin of Union News

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, Monday, August 4th: District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, occupied the chair. Good attendance. Mrs. Beaumont led Devotions, and a Temperance Fact was given by Mrs. Anstice. During the month a letter of welcome had been sent to Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery and a reply was received from him which stated that he Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery and a reply was received from him which stated that he was very happy to be in New Zealand. Mrs. Long 'gave a most encouraging report of the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel. Miss A. M. McLay reported very interestingly on her work in the Northland, especially in the Wellsford district, where a new Union had been formed, consisting of 12 members. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the annual meeting of the New Zealand Alliance held in July at Wellington, to which she and Mrs. Long had been appointed as delegates from Auckland. Mrs. Mountjoy also reported on the monthly meeting of the N.C.W. and brought forward some remits for a ruling at the next N.C.W. meeting. Further arrangements were made for holding the District Convention in September.

Takapuna, August: Fair attendance, Mrs. Morgan Richards presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Gilmour in the absence of our faithful Miss Cullen through illness. Correspondence from executive re increased price of "W.R." and letter expressing disappointment regard-ing the Masterton position was approved. Nominations for Dominion officers discussed. All subscriptions paid. Reading by Mrs. Roper brought meeting to a close. Tea and Bene-

Mount Albert, July meeting: Held at the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Long, matron, was the speaker and gave a very interesting and encouraging talk on the work at the Hostel, making us feel that it was very well worth encouraging talk on the work at the Hostel, making us feel that it was very well worth while. After tea was served, members were shown all over the house and all felt that we owe much to Mr. and Mrs. Long for all they have done to improve the hostel inside and outside, and for their continual interest in the spiritual welfare of the girls.

onehunga, June 12th: "W.R." Day observed. Letter from Australia asking for Maori penfriend for an Aboriginal girl. This to be arranged; also for two other girls. Mrs. Ashby read leading article from "W.R.," urging efforts for the increased sale of our paper. Mrs. Mountjoy followed, speaking on the subject of "Corporate Control."

June 26th: Home meeting at residence of Mrs. Ballard. Devotional period and discussion on lifting of Liquor Advertisement restrictions. "Sing, say, or pay" period much enjoyed, especially "whistling" solos by Mrs. Perrett. Tea and chat closed a pleasant afternoon

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, August 1st Cambridge at the home of Mrs. Lewis, district secretary, Mrs. Christian presiding. Devotions, Mesdames Christian and Kemsley. Discussion on organising work done votions, Mesdames Christian and Discussion on organising work done by Miss Catherine McLay, and proposed to be done by Miss A. McLay. District Convention arrangements finalised for September 17 and 18; invitation to attend Tauranga's "Silver Jubilee" celebration being also considered. Circular to be sent to all Unions in district, and special welcome to newly formed and reorganised Unions. Finance discussed and plans made for "Bring and Buy" at Convention. Meeting closed by President with

Thames, July 2nd: Good attendance of members to hear Major Moore speak of some aspects of rescue work done by the Salvation Army, which is made very difficult by the temptation of the open bar. He also spoke of the recent "Commando" Raid in Auckland and illustrated its success. Mrs. Whiteside was welcomed as Treasurer in place of Mrs. Scown who has left the district.

August 6th: The newly appointed Methodist Minister, the Rev. Mr. Rowe, talked to a fair gathering of the entrenched evils of the Liquor Traffic, especially amongst servicemen. as he

Traffic, especially amongst servicemen. as he saw the results in his overseas service. He stressed the importance of Youth Education. A petition urging the prohibition of liquor advertisement by screen, radio, poster, or

writing, to be sent to Parliament via our M.P. The meeting empowered the president to confer with the secretary of the local branch of the Alliance as to a joint scheme of advertising Temperance Slogans on the cinema screen. C.R. afternoon arranged for

cinema screen. C.R. afternoon arranged for September.

Te Kuiti: Union reorganised by Miss Mc-Lay held its first meeting in July, Miss Mc-Lay giving an address on "Reconstruction." Officers appointed were: President, Mrs. Christensen; Mesdames Stratford and Patchett, Vice-Presidents; Secretary, Mrs. G. Elliott. Mrs. Stratford also appointed "W.R." agent. Enquiries to be made regarding "Y.P." Supplements for distribution, also hymnals. An address was given by Mrs. Christensen, entitled "Go Forward." Another member enrolled. Tea and prayer closed meeting.

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Executive Meeting, July 30th: Held at New Plymouth. Representatives from Hawera, Eltham, Inglewood and New Plymouth. Morning tea prepared by Mrs. Loveridge. Mrs. Hurle, District President, warmly welcomed all. Devotions led by Mesdames Wells and Stewart. Great regret expressed at the resignation of Mrs. Tarraut, for many years District Secretary; and a record of her service to be placed in the minutes. Mrs. Cox appointed in her place. Meeting arranged for Stratford in August. Sorrow expressed at the death of Mrs. Aitken, former Eltham Secretary. Miss Drew spoke about the Masterton "Trust" and advised members to learn all they could about it. Next Executive meeting to be held at Elham. Prayer by Mrs. Arthur closed the meeting. Prayer by Mrs. Arthur closed the meeting.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, July 18th: Good attendance, Mrs. Chesswas presiding. Mrs. Reed, of Wellington, who had been doing organising work for the previous fortnight in the district, was present. The Unions reported great pleasure regarding Mrs. Reed's visit, as a result of which new members are added to the Unions, and Cradle Roll numbers have been increased.

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Mrs. Duxfield was appointed delegate to the Mrs. Duxfield was appointed delegate to the N.Z. Alliance annual meeting to be held in Wellington. Dominion Corresponding Secretary's letter read, and all urged to think prayerfully about nominations for Dominion Offices. Mrs. Goodey spoke most inspiringly in thanking the members for sympathy and flowers at the time of her bereavement. Plans for District Convention to be made at next District Convention to be made at next

### MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin, July 11th: After reading the article on Gambling, the President urged all members to do their utmost to stop the ravages of this evil among the young. Scientific Fact and Pledge at both meetings. Letter of thanks for greetings and flowers sent to her while in hospital was received from Mrs. Andricksen. Roll Call answered by text or verse, containing the word "Rest." Memorial Day observed by suitable readings given by Mrs. Kennerley. A jumbled names competition was won

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by Mrs. Simson, a visitor from Christchurch.
One new member received and welcomed. Band
of Hope meetings to be started. Tea hostesses,
Mesdames Rose and Henskie.

August 8th: Bad weather affected attendance. Mrs. Andricksen welcomed back after
her illness. District Executive report given
by Mrs. Kennerley. Letter of love and sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Tomlinson who is
ill. Poster and essay competitions discussed.
Mesdames Tomlinson and Plaster thanked for
the afternoon tea, the hostesses also for serving same. Mrs. Kennerley presided at both
meetings and Captain Williamson led Devotions.

Palmerston North; August afternoon for mothers of Cradle Cradle Roll children. Devotions led by Mrs. Hodder. Members stood Devotions led by Mrs. Hodder. Members stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Doreen and Mrs. J. H. Griffiths. Decided to write to Mr. O. Wilson, local M.P., asking if cost of postage on food parcels could be eliminated or decreased. Several items were given, followed by a helpful address by Mrs. Adjutant Simpson (S.A.).

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Dannevirke, July meeting: Mrs. Major Caldcott, president, in the chair. Devotions, Captain Moursey (S.A.). Memorial Day observed,
Messrs. T. E. Taylor, L. M. Isitt, Rev. J.
Dawson, Dr. Bedford, Mrs. Don, Mrs. Atkinson, Mary Clement Leavitt, and Frances Willard all remembered with honour. Paper on

"Thomas Chiniquy" from "W.R." read. Fact taken from "W.R." editorial on "The Child."

Napier: Visitors from Hastings Union added interest to meeting for July. Mrs. Lewis, president, welcomed all, after which the meeting was carried on by the visitors, Mrs. Hickmott taking the chair. Mrs. Thorp led Devotions. Pledge repeated. Temperance facts given by Mrs. Granger. Solos contributed by Mesdames Martin and Thorp. Mrs. Burton was the speaker, giving a stirring address on "Women, Christian, Temperance, Union." Mrs. Ryan, on behalf of Napier Union, thanked the Hastings ladies for their visit, which, it was hoped, would be reepated. Tea and prayer by Mrs. Hickmott.

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Gisborne, May 27th: Mrs. V. Clement presided, and Mrs. E. Hampton led Devotions.

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miss Mc-Miss C. M. McLay, speaking of Miss are Lay's enthusiasm regarding temperance pros-pects in Gisborne. The recent radio talk of the president of the Invercargill Licensing Trust. A remit on this matter is to go forward to Dominion Convention. (See "Flash-lights,") Mrs. Morris spoke on "How we lights.") Mrs. Morris spoke on "How we got the Franchise," and referring to the successful work in the U.S.A. resulting in voluntary return to Prohibition in many States.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Petone, July. Second meeting of revived Union. Nine present. Inspiring and encouraging address by Mrs. Paterson on the dangers of alcohol at social functions, urging us always to use our influence against its use,

always to use our influence against its use, especially at weddings. Salvation Army ladies, hostesses. Benediction.

Lower Hutt, June 25th: Cery fine meeting, though smaller than usual. Mrs. Spencer in chair. We remembered White Ribbon Day in our collection. The L.T.L. and the "Y" work was reported upon and pleasure expressed about formation of a new "Y" branch at Brooklyn. Rev. A. Browne was our guest speaker. He decided against a temperance address, although he did comment on the encouraging growth of Prohibition in the States. His message was based upon Heb. 12: I and 2. Truly one of great inspiration to those present. We could only regret the absence of those who rarely stay away. Meeting closed with prayer and Benediction.

Brooklyn, June 22nd: One of our oldest mem-

with prayer and Benediction.

Brooklyn, June 22nd: One of our oldest members, Mrs. Pearson, was hostess at her home, Mrs. Brewer presiding. Mrs. Mardon brought greetings from the president and other officers from different Unions in Sydney. Mrs. Mardon's mother was one of our pioneer temperance women in Wellington. Reports on hospital visiting. "Y.P." Supplements to be sent to various local Sunday schools. Extracts from "W.R." were read. Temperance Fact. More discussion on the Royal Commission's findings. Benediction. Sales table did good business under Mrs. Pearson.

July: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Brewer presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. "Y.P." Supplements to be supplied to Brooklyn Sunday Schools. Donations received towards cost of Temperance text books supplied to Education Board by District Executive, and to Convention funds. Letter read from Dominion Corresponding Secretary. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Pearce congratulated on getting 20 new "W.R." subscribers. President reported on recent N.Z.A. Conference, referring to N.S.W. victory

subscribers. President reported on recent N.Z.A. Conference, referring to N.S.W. victory re six o'clock closing. Report on District Executive given by Mrs. Pearce, who was thanked for delicious afternoon tea she had provided. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT
Motueka, July 30th: Miss Cresswell presided over good attendance of friends and members. S.A. members led devotions, Mrs. Toomer, District President, visited and addressed the meeting, her topic being "Christian Service." Inspiring and helpful.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT
Executive Meeting: August meeting presided over by Mrs. Clark, District President. Devotions led by Mrs. Ancell; Temperance Fact given by Miss Gainsford. Delegates to N.Z. Alliance appointed, Mesdames Ramsay, Pugh and Campbell. A remit sent to the local branch of the N.C.W., "That we are not in favour of any political party representation in the N.C.W."
Report of concert held at the Women's Page

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Report of concert held at the Women's Reformatory sponsored by the "Y's" was given by the Secretary.
Superintendent's reports, "W.R." given by Mrs. McLean; Literature, Mrs. Ramsay, who reported having ordered more leaflets and

Handbooks; Peace, Mrs. Whittle reported that the N.C.W. were holding a "Peace" meeting in October. Mrs. Hodder asked all Union superintendents to send in reports and roll number to her before District Convention.

Further arrangements made for District Convention.

Further arrangements made for District Convention, to be held at Temuka, and delegates were urged to write to Mrs. Holliday, Winchester, as soon as possible for hospitality.

Good attendance of delegates, and reports showed good work being done; regular visits to the mental hospital each month by seven of the Unions. Reported that this work is much appreciated by the superintendent. much appreciated by the superintendent.

Lyttelton-Heathcote, July meeting: Attendance of 12. Mrs. Coyle, vice-president, read a paper from the "War Cry" on the Bible. Mrs. Toomer's report was read and discussed. Magazines for Seamen's Institutions. Members invited to an afternoon for Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, district vice-president.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

District Executive Meetings, February 11th:
Six members present, Mrs. Densem presiding.
Apology from Mrs. Duckett, Waimate. Secretary to write to Unions calling attention to Article II of Constitution. Timaru reported having shown temperance films, 100 being present. Letter of sympathy to Miss Fyfe in her bereavement, and to our aged member, Mrs. Norrie. Correspondence received re some temperance work begun in Fairlie.

May 13th: Mrs. Densem, president, in the chair; 10 members present. Much discussion on the question of reorganisation of some "Y" work in conjunction with our W.C.T.U. at Highfield (Timaru). Temuka invited District Convention to their town, for 16th, 17th, 18th of September. Timaru invited all Unions to their Peace meeting. It was agreed to use the pooling sysem to meet the expenses of travelling to executive meetings.

Temuka, July 30th: Meeting held at the District Executive Meetings, February 11th

Temuka, July 30th: Meeting held at home of Mrs. Lovatt, "Dinting House." Hewson presided, Mrs. Woolford taking Devotions. Discussion on Convention arrangements. Solo by Rev. J. Johnston: "I have an Anchor," who later gave an address which was most interesting and for which he was was most interesting and for which he was thanked by Mrs. Grocott. Band of Hope to meet fortnightly instead of monthly. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Woolford and Lovatt. Prayer an dBenediction by Rev. J. Johnston. June meeting held at the Parsonage on account of very bad weather. The comfort afforded inside eclipsed the wintry conditions outside. Devotions led by Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. Grocott presiding. Band of Hope arrangements made to start July 23rd. Agreed to give those attending a cup of cocoa and biscuits at the close in future. Preliminary arrangements also made in connection with District Convention. Delegates requiring hospitrict Convention. Delegates requiring hospitality are asked to communicate with Mrs. Holliday. Address on the "White Ribbon"

given by Mrs. Davey. Timaru, July 29th: Mrs. Holdgate presided. Irs. Priestley leading Devotions. Literature Mrs. Priestley leading Devotions. Liter to be procured for use in Life Brigades. to be procured for use in Life Brigades. Discussion on Immigration followed. Mrs. Woodward reported a busy month at the Sailors' Rest and literature still much needed. Donations to the "Rest" received from the Timam Borough Council, and a "Well-wisher"; also coal from Westport Coal Company. Miss Campbell, matron of Presbyterian Children's Home, was guest speaker, her subject being the work of the orphanage, especially in regard to fitting the children for life and giving them opportunity to become good citizens.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

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Oamaru, June 14th: Devotions, Miss Hall. Speaker, the Rev. I. K. Hopper, who gave a convincing address on the Evils of Alcohol and urging that Bands of Hope should be started again throughout the Dominion. The speaker also contributed two solos, being heartily thanked.

July 14th: Fair attendance. Devotions, Mrs. McIlwraith. Reply from Prime Minister reprotest about raising advertising restrictions for alcohol. Mrs. Scott gave a talk on her experiences in a London slum area, showing the terrible effects of strong drink. The President, Mrs. Winn, took the chair at both meetings.

August 11th: Miss Cowan presided in ab-Mrs. Winn and Miss R. Day. Extracts from Bulletin on other countries' work.

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

RAMOHO, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last hursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Feild R.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Greig; Corr. Sec., Mrs. I Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. 600d, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. Suddaby, y Cumbrae Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, in Methodist School Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss E. M. West, 33 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.

MUCKLAND, and Tuesday, at Y.W.C.A., Upgr Queen St., at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell. See, Miss Dewar, 4 Pompalier Tce., Ponsonb, W.1.; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungarei M., Remuera, S.E.2; W.R., Mrs Holmes, 100 Amey Rd., Remuera, S.E.2.

EALCLUTHA, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Sec., Mrs. Allfrey, Nain Rd., North Balclutha.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 16 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wanhill; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 26 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Octan 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.; Ireas., 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. fres., Mrs. Roke, Efizabeth St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Vickery, 36 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 6 Foyle St.

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

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

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, cnr. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and the Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Benderson, J.P., 15 Euston St., Sumner; Hon. Sec., Miss M. M. Thomas, 25 Cambridge Tee, Cl.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Recarton 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. Barnacks, 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, and Tues., Methodist Schoolnom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paviour-Smith and Miss Thomp-Sm; Sec., Mrs. JJ. S. Hilm, 27 Swinburn St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Jones; W.R., Mrs. Paviour-Smith DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.. Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 29 London Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cannington Road, Maori Hill; Treas., Miss J. Armit, 21 Butler Street, Maori Hill; W.R., Miss Hutton, Cobden Street; L.W.R., Mrs. Whittington, Manor Place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GONVILLE, meets 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., M.s. 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., —; Sec.; Mrs. Burt, 3 Hardley St.; Treas., Mrs. Pickles, 42 King St.; W.R., Mrs. Bradley, 15 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, Fantham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

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

HCKITIKA, 3rd Wednesday, S. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Miss L. Berendt, We'd St.; Treas., Miss L. Wilson, Brittan St.; W.R., Mrs. Stoop, Fizzherbert St.

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

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Jed St., at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss H. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ruthven and Brown; Sec., Mrs. E. M. Brown, 175 Gala St.; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 43 Elles Rd.; W.R. Mrs. Cameron; C.R., Mrs. Millard; Notable Days, Mrs. Ayson.

invercargill North, 3rd Tuesday, 2,30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres, and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jefcoate, 289 Elles Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. Rumler, 46 Lees St.; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson; C.R., Mrs. R T Harris.

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

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

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

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

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

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday, in Bapting 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. Anstice; Sec. and C.2. Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, Mr. Eden, S.2.; W.R., Miss Shepherd, 111 Mt. Albert Road.

MT. EDEN, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Morcom, 68 West St., Newton; Sec., -; Treas., -; W.R., Mrs. Pickering; C.R., Miss McKinney.

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

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

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

MOTUEKA, 2.45 p.m., last Wednesday, at Methodist Church. Pres., Miss Cresswell, R.D., Upper Moutere; Sec. and W.R., Mrs. Cresswell, R.D., Upper Moutere; Treas., Mrs. Wratt, Motueka; C.R., Mrs. Chambers.

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; Tress., 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 Thurscay, 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. Poole.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby and Leadley and Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Perrett, 2l 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.1.; Treas., Mrs. Arkins, 100 Chester St., C.1.; 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.; Corr. 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 Treas., Miss T. Heaven, Cornwall Rd.

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

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

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

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

REEFTON, 2nd 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 Crinan 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 Han, 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; Corr. 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. Hep. son, Hamilton St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdanas 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, Otipua 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, Kaox 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.

WAIPUKURAU, 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, & College St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ogg; W.R., Miss Wanganut Press.

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, 2,5 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vive-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., at Headquarters. Pres., Miss Brooks; Acting Secretary, Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham St., E.L.; Treas. and 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.I.; 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.

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