

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass; which the Lord hath made known unto us."—St. Luke.

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The Road to Bethlehem

"Come up the road to Bethlehem,
The heavenly herald calls.
Serene upon a slumbering world
A starry splendour falls.
Come with love's fragrant frankincense,
Its myrrh and aloes rare.
More costly than the gift we bring.
Is the one that waits us there.

"Come up the road to Bethlehem,
The heart's long hunger ends,
Where by the Little Son of God,
Our knee in worship bends.
Here, the dull mantle care has wrought
Forever from you lay.
There waits more Peace in Bethlehem,
Than the world can take away."

(Author unknown.)

In the city, dusk was falling. Lights were shining forth already. In the great shops illuminations blazed upon the shoppers adding the last packages to their gay piles. The assistants, looking rather weary by now, still smiled pleasantly. Children dragged weary limbs along; but, sustained by the promise of a golden morrow, were cheerful still.

The King's palace was a scene of splendour. Wonderfully dressed crowds thronged the beautiful halls. Music and dancing announced high festival. Even the servants wore a gala-like air, and their work seemed all joy.

In the hospitals, patients smiled through their pain at the preparations going on. The decorations were lovely and fantastic. Wreaths of evergreen shining with bright berries, pennants, and garlands, flowers and glittering baubles came into their line of vision gradually, and pain seemed to hold his hand for a while.

Out at sea, passengers and crews seemed filled with a lightsome, care-free spirit, and moved about their ships singing old tunes softly. On the moors, the sheep were quietly led homeward to the folds. The animals on the farms slept.

In homes, mothers moved mysteriously on secret business of their own. Only the elder children noticed them.

In great silent churches, dim lights burned with tender lustre. From some, soft organ notes passed out like sound clouds to mingle with the music of the streets—the strange music of human life.

At last, it was dark. The lights were gone. All was still in the palace and in the homes. The children were asleep and the fathers and mothers dreamed of the happy morrow. Only an occasional sigh or moan gave sign of the hospital's unsleeping life.

But, in the darkness, a mighty throng moved silently, yet with eager faces lit by a strangely beautiful light, along a narrow, slow-climbing road. The King and Queen were there. They wore no crowns, but a royal beauty and dignity revealed their identity. Mothers and fathers, some holding the hands of their children, some carrying them in their arms, streamed up the road, gazing intently. Here a young sailor, his face shining under his white cap; and there, an old fisherman in guernsey and knitted cap, strode along with rolling gait. Bands of nurses, carrying patients on stretchers, came smiling amid the throng. And shepherds with crooks, their tread slow and rhythmic, seemed to guide and help some who might have fallen. Unnumbered, undistinguished multitudes, they all gazed upwards to the mystic light. It came from a Star.

A soft sound of bells came from a great distance. Gentle singing began among the crowds, like a mere rumour of music, but it swelled forth into a mighty wave of irresistible power and beauty—

"Come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord."
And the Day dawned.

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A. D. GRIGG,
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OUR DEPARTMENTS

Have you sent in your Departmental Reports yet? Please do so as soon as possible.

LITTLE WHITE RIBBON DEPARTMENT

Now that the annual meetings are all over, will Cradle Roll Superintendents please send their reports to their District Superintendents **at once**?

Please give the following data:

- 1.—No. on Cradle Roll at beginning of the year.
- 2.—No. of new members.
- 3.—Present Cradle Roll.
- 4.—Adult membership of Union. (This is necessary for count grading.)
- 5.—Activities—Literature distributed, parties, homes visited, etc.

Where there is no District Superintendent, please report direct to me not later than December 20th.

Dominion Supt. C.R.
L. M. BREWER,

85 Todman Street,
Brooklyn,
Wellington.

MAORI DEPARTMENT

Will local Superintendents of Maori work, or Secretaries of Unions, please send me a report of all work done in this Department during the past year? I shall be glad to receive all such reports before December 31st. Thanking all workers and with greetings and good wishes.

CATHERINE McLAY.

79 Haupapa Street,
Rotorua.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP, FLOWER AND PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENT

If your Union has done any work in the above department during the year, I shall be glad to receive a report before the end of December. Where there are no superintendents of departments, will Secretaries please send me a report?

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Friends,—

May I ask you to send me your report on the Evangelistic work done by your Branch? This is a department that all will be able to report on, because all our meetings are opened with Devotions.

Also—you may have had some special times of spiritual blessing, so do sit down and just drop a line to Miss E. M. Appleby, Maori Girls' Hostel, 60 Shelley Beach Road, Ponsonby, Auckland.

Do it now! Meetings are over for the year, and you will have a very happy feeling in your heart and mind in all reports aer away.

With all good wishes for Christmas,

Yours in W.R. Bonds,

E. M. APPLEBY,

Dom. Supt., Evangelistic Dept.

BACKBLOCKS, CAMPS AND INSTITUTIONS

Will all members of Unions who have received Questionnaires regarding the work of the above Department, please reply to me as early as possible, and **not later** than December 31st, so that reports may be included in my Dominion report?

Yours in "White Ribbon" Bonds,

ALICE MOYES,
Dominion Supt.

8 Weka Street,
Nelson.

SOCIAL AND MORAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH AND NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

Dear Friends,—

I hope you have all been working this department as it is so important, especially in these days. Now that the district conventions are over, will the District Superintendents please send their reports to me as soon as possible, so that we may have a good report of the year's work for Dominion Convention?

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,

RUBY M. MOUNTJOY,

Dominion Superintendent.

71 Quadrant Road,
Onehunga, S.E.3.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION DEPARTMENT

Dear Fellow-members,—

As there was no L.T.L. Superintendent last year, I am sending out questionnaires to all Unions. I notice several L.T.L.'s reporting in the "Y.P." Supplement, which are not listed in last year's Handbook. So that we may keep the list up to date, will all Secretaries please return questionnaires promptly?

Thanking you,
(Mrs.) W. MOORE.

Warkworth.

ANTI-GAMBLING DEPARTMENT

Dear Sisters,—

The time has again arrived for reporting all work done in this Department. Will you please report every bit of work done, no matter how small? If you do not, I cannot make my report. My questionnaire has been sent to all Unions. Please say all you have done.

Yours in "W.R." Bonds,
M. PIRRETT.

c/o Smalley and Pirrett,
Box 1979, Auckland.

(Please note change of address.)

HIGH LIGHTS

AT HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT CONVENTION

WEAKNESS OF TRUST CONTROL

(Mrs. H. E. Grainger)

"That it would be easier to obtain intoxicating liquor than a cup of tea in a restaurant."

"That the system of allocating some

of the profits (called 'Social profits'), to sports bodies would be a wrongful education of youth."

"That there was no provision for any further voting on this matter."

ADDRESS BY MRS. H. PATERSON

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Paterson spoke ably and charmingly, opening her address by quoting from a speech delivered before a gathering of doctors in America by Sir William Ostler, a famous physician; wherein he spoke of the past as a good nurse, especially to the weanings of the flock, saying that man's worst deed is to allow what is past to run to waste in an unmeaning present. He went on to say that for us, as in Plato's day, there is a higher and a lower education, and that the education we must need is not that given in schools, but the great influence of character upon character.

Mrs. Paterson then went on to tell of the work of pioneer teachers of the value of total abstinence at a time when the excessive drinking of alcohol was so prevalent that there was a great deal of disease as a result. John Wesley, the great evangelist of England, Father Mathew of Ireland, strongly advocated total abstinence. Then seven business men of Preston, England, pledged themselves to total abstinence, and when they did not die, as was expected of them, millions in the United Kingdom followed their example; and drunkenness and crime noticeably decreased. Bands of Hope were started for the young, and four and a half millions out of eight million schoolchildren were in these Bands. The speaker then went on to tell the story of the development of Temperance work in New Zealand, sponsored by fearless men and women, among whom were such well-known men as Sir Robert Stout, Mr. T. E. Taylor, and Sir Francis Dillon Bell.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Dargaville:

"The result of medical inspection in the schools of New York has revealed the fact that 53% of the children of alcoholic parents are dullards as compared with 10% of the children of abstainers."—Dr. Alexander Bryce ("Law of Life and Health.")

Given at Takapuna:

"Physicians and physiologists of repute almost without exception, advise that the taking of alcoholic drink before the day's work is over involves some loss of accuracy, of efficiency, and of speed in work."

Given at Oamaru:

"The chief ingredient of alcoholic liquor is alcohol, and alcohol is a potent poison to human tissues. It is not in itself a beverage, or drinkable substance at all. Undiluted, it is to the human tissues a poison and nothing but a poison. Diluted, it is still a poison, the toxicity of which is inversely proportionate to the degree of dilution."—Dr. John G. Richards, D.S.O., M.B.B.S. (London), M.R.C.S. (England), L.R.C.P. (London).

WELLINGTON DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Wellington W.C.T.U. were hostesses to delegates from nine branches who met at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on 23rd October, for their Annual Convention. Miss V. Jackson presided and led the opening Devotions, speaking on the need for Faith and a Long View. Miss Brooks welcomed the delegates on behalf of the entertaining union. Greetings were sent to Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Helyer, and a greeting received from Mrs. Tyler of the Carterton Union. Discussion took place on the use made by the teachers of the copies of the Temperance booklet supplied to schools in the district and it was decided to seek more information from the Board office. The District Treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance. The Youth work report, given by Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Sired showed further activity in our L.T.L. at Belmont and the "Y" branches at Belmont and Brooklyn. Good results had been obtained in the Scientific Temperance examination. Lantern and microscope had been used in the meetings held during the year. Bands of Hope at Kurapuni and Johnsonville also doing good work. All Unions reported on work done during the year, special emphasis being placed by Masterton delegates on the great efforts made to ensure all possible being done to limit the scope of Trust control in Masterton. It was announced that a member of the Upper Hutt Union had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the order M.B.E. for services rendered at Trentham Military Camp during the war years. The order, with its beautiful ribbon, was shown to delegates. During the year a new Union had been started at Petone, which needed the prayers and support of all unions so that it might grow and become a help in that area. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Watt, Upper Hutt, President; Mrs. Brewer, Brooklyn, and Miss Jackson, Masterton, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Reed, Central, Secretary; and Miss Atkinson, Wellington, Treasurer. District Superintendents were re-elected, one department being left vacant until a volunteer could be found for it. Preliminary arrangements for Dominion Convention in 1948 were made, the committee to meet as soon as arrangements for a hall were finalised. During the lunch hour Wellington Union conducted a "Bring and Buy" for the benefit of Convention funds, the table being very quickly cleared of goods. A vote of thanks to the entertaining union was passed. Convention closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

SPECIAL MEETING TE KUITI MAORI UNION

The newly-formed Maori Union at Te Kuiti held a special gathering on October 17th, when members of the Otorohanga and the Te Kuiti Pakeha Unions were also present. In spite of very inclement weather, a fine number attended in the Methodist Church, under the chairmanship of the Rev. R. C. Patchett. Mrs. Christian, of Tauranga, was welcomed as she entered the Church, by the traditional Powhiri, the Maori members, led by their President, Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, chanting the beautiful words of welcome. After the opening Devotions in which the Rev. N. K. Kukutai assisted, Mrs. Joseph spoke words of welcome in her native tongue, then in English. Mr. Kukutai also added kindly greetings.

Mrs. Kenny, President of the Otorohanga Union, read the lesson and Mr. Patchett called on the speaker, giving her a welcome on his own account also. Mrs. Christian spoke on "Road-making," showing how development and progress must always follow on the preparing of the road for the people. The work of the W.C.T.U. was essentially road building, and all those who took part in it were building for the future of the race.

Following on the meeting, which was closed with hymn and prayer, a delightful tea was served in the hall, which was decorated beautifully by the members with flowers, and excellent examples of needlework, and here a further conference on our work was carried on informally. Mrs. Rawinia Ewan, Treasurer, and Mrs. Kukutai, with their helpers, were in charge of the tea arrangements and had decorated the room. Many interesting questions were opened up, and a very profitable time was spent in general chatting about these. Mrs. Christensen, President of the Pakeha Union, and Mrs. Aupouri Joseph acted as hostesses. Sister Nicholls, whose work is too well known to need comment here, assisted in every possible way in making the occasion pleasant and useful. Mrs. Emery, Press Reporter, also gave valuable help.

Evening Youth Meeting

In the evening, a Youth gathering was held, the attendance at which suffered because of a very strong counter-attraction in a School Fancy Dress Ball. All the same, good work was done with those who were present. Mrs. Christian conducted and addressed the gathering, speaking on the effects of alcohol on food, and organs of the body, and also showing by diagram and experiment the various stages of intoxication. Pledges were signed, and the youthful listeners expressed their thanks in pleasant words at the close. After a good discussion, it was agreed to form a Band of Hope in the New Year, when it was hoped that members of all ages would be gained. The meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology.

SILVER JUBILEE, TAURANGA UNION

On the eve of the District Convention (South Auckland), the Tauranga Union celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, many delegates for the Convention being present. Mrs. Christian presided, and with her on the platform were the Dominion President, Miss Kirk, J.P., Mrs. F. Faulkner, J.P., His Worship the Mayor, Mr. L. R. Wilkinson, and Mr. George Dash, of Waimate. The hall of the Methodist Church was beautifully decorated, and a very good audience was present.

The President outlined the history of the Union, telling of the formation of a Union as long ago as 1896. Various lapses took place, but there had been continuous activity since the final reorganisation in 1922. Letters from past officers, and messages of well-wishing were received.

Mrs. Exley, a past officer, had travelled from New Plymouth in order to be present.

Congratulations and greetings were given by His Worship on behalf of the town, the Rev. P. J. Wainwright, Mrs. Faulkner, representing Women's organisations, Miss Kirk, on behalf of the Dominion officers, and Mr. A. J. McKinney, president of the local branch of the N.Z. Alliance. Mrs. A. A. Bensley, Vice-President of the Union, suitably replied.

Flowers were presented to the ladies on the platform and to others who contributed musical and elocutionary items to the programme.

Mr. George Dash, J.P., then spoke in a breezy, happy manner, congratulating Tauranga on its work and influence, and urging the continued and increased need for such work. Stories and reminiscences kept the interest of the audience very keen throughout the address.

The Hon. B. C. Robbins, veteran M.L.C., and a lifelong supporter and friend of Temperance, was unexpectedly present, and on being requested to speak, gave a most inspiring, short speech, in which he mentioned his pleasure in having been able to attend the gathering, and spoke of his great admiration and regard for the W.C.T.U. This address was received with great enthusiasm, the speaker's great age (91) giving him a unique place in the community's regard, and his fearless championing of our cause being a helpful and encouraging addition to the programme.

Delightful items were contributed by local artists. The Jubilee cake was cut by Miss Kirk, the twenty-five candles being lit by Mrs. York, and extinguished by Mrs. Foxcroft, both of whom had held office in the Union for the full period of its life. Supper was served after the singing of the Temperance Doxology.

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"ONE FOR THE ROAD"

In days long ago, when the traveler started on his journey astride his trusty steed, it was a custom for his host, or his lady love, to hand to him as a last token of well-wishing, a "stirrup-cup" of ale. It was not a very good custom, even then, but at least there was some safeguard for the victim of the mistaken kindness in the fact that the said steed could be relied upon to have his brain unimpaired, and his reactions natural and uninjured, so that if the "cup" had done its worst with the rider, at any rate the horse would probably land him at his destination safely.

Today, we have a survival of this custom in the "Poor hospitality of 'One for the Road'" as it is termed in the current issue of the Auckland Automobile Association's "Bulletin." The most timely warning is given in the Editorial, from which we quote the following:

A current radio safety-first broadcast has as its theme the driver who has been at a party with his wife and is pressed to have "just one more for the road." The wife advises him not to, but her advice is countered by the jovial "friend's" mistaken sense of hospitality and desire to prove that he and his companion "are men who can carry their liquor." Whether it will be admitted or not, it is a fact that

there are not many men who can resist such an appeal to their "manhood." The drink is taken, and there is an accident in which the wife is killed.

Who is the chief offender in these circumstances? The driver, of course, should have had sufficient moral courage to refuse the drink. But the show-off friend, anxious to give a display before the women-folk of the warmth of his hospitality and ability to drink, must take a large share of the blame. Responsibility for a fatal accident, even if indirect, cannot be a pleasant thing to have on the conscience, but it is a risk accepted daily. It is a risk taken in clubs and bars and homes without the slightest thought. Rather than hospitality, it is an example of selfishness, of a selfish disregard for the welfare of the driver and of other users of the road.

There is also the fact that such men are not drunkards in the customary sense. The persistent drunkard is comparatively easily kept off the road. The danger comes from the **occasional drinker**. The remedy lies in co-operation between motorists and their friends. The hall-mark of a man is not his ability to drink, but his capacity to say "No" and mean it. A man, in the real sense, is also ready to set an example. It is easy to say "No thanks, I am driving the car," but the refusal loses its effect if it is only a mild protest as a preliminary to "one for the road." On the other hand, note is taken when the refusal, and the reason for it, is persisted in.

Some people are receptive only to fears of pains and penalties. They are provided for under the laws concerning drunkenness while in charge of a car. Future road-safety campaigns, so far as these people are concerned, have need only to remind them of the penalties. More attention could be focussed on the casual drinker who may be made accident-prone through a faulty sense of values concerning hospitality and manhood.

It is a dreadful commentary on this false friendliness that at Christmas time, the risk of accident is so much increased by it that specially emphatic warnings are given over the air, inspired by such tragic memories of other holiday periods. It may well be asked whether the necessary emphasis is placed on the fallacy of the "friendly" glass, in these broadcast warnings. Drivers should pray to be delivered from their "friends."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOMINION CONVENTION
NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERSVice-President: Mrs. Ethel Mackie.
Treasurer: Miss G. Gibbs.

Owing to the absence from New Zealand of Mrs. Mackie, the consent to her nomination was received too late to be included in the list of nominations published last month.

In the unusual circumstances, the late consent of Miss Gibbs to her nomination was gladly accepted.

ANNUAL DOMINION CONVENTION

Will Union and District Secretaries please take notice of the following:

1. **Hospitality:** When your delegate has been appointed and if requires hospitality, write immediately to Mrs. C. G. Johnson, 2 Shirley Road, Karori, Wellington, W.3.

2. **Convention Roll:** Send the name of your delegate to me, as soon as appointed.

3. **Credential:** Provide your delegate with a **Credential** which should be handed to me at **commencement** of Convention.

4. **Service of Remembrance:** I should be glad if you would let me have the names of members of your Union who have passed away since last Convention **not later than 26th February**.

5. **Competition Banners:** If your Union is the holder of a Competition Banner, please see that it is **taken to Convention, or sent to me there**.

THANK YOU!

(Mrs. V.) R. M. UNDERHILL,
Recording Secretary.
Blenheim.DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
ARRANGED IN GROUPS FOR
DISCUSSION AT DOMINION
CONVENTION

1. Backblocks, Literature and Library, Bulletin.
2. Little White Ribboners, L.T.L., Band of Hope.
3. Anti-Gambling, Good Citizenship.
4. Evangelistic, Bible - in - Schools, Sabbath Observance.
5. Maori, Home Meetings, Notable Days and Educational Bureau.
6. Press, Legal and Parliamentary.
7. Scientific Temperance Exams, Sunday School and Bible Class Temperance, "Y's."
8. Social and Moral Hygiene, Methods.

President's Message

Dear Friends,—

By this time I suppose we have decided just what we would like to give to those whom we love for Christmas. Also, I suppose, most of us have found that our purses do not stretch to the extent required by our desires, so that instead of giving some costly gift we have to content ourselves with something more humble. Aren't you glad that you do not have to reduce your love in the same proportion as you have to reduce the value of your gift? I am.

There are those wonderful gifts we can each give without troubling our purses: Prayer for each other and Goodwill toward each other; these gifts should go especially to those in any kind of trouble, to those whom we find it difficult to understand (and who probably find us very trying folk), to those who are indifferent to the havoc made daily by the liquor trade, the slack members of our Unions, etc.

If you and I take only a minute or two each day to definitely giving our Goodwill, I am certain that the persons to whom we give it will be cheered and helped.

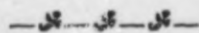
Jesus set great store on friendship. He showed us what friendship really meant. Friendship, with all that it implies, is surely the world's greatest need today.

As the bells ring out the glorious call, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men," may we, every one of us, give a larger gift of Goodwill and Prayer than we have ever done in the past.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all and in the often-quoted words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone."

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK,
Dominion President.



THE TRAGEDY OF DRINKING MOTHERS

"Some Boston drinking places look like baby clinics in the afternoon, so many carriages are parked outside."

This startling statement was not the complaint of a disturbed Prohibitionist, nor even of a social worker. As a matter of fact the statement was made by Mary E. Driscoll, chairman of the City Licensing Board of Boston, Massachusetts, as quoted by a United Press dispatch from Boston on March 29, printed in the Philadelphia "Inquirer."

The headline of the item announced: "Boston Saloons Told to Halt 'Baby Clinics'" and the article stated also:

"Boston proprietors were asked by the City Licensing Board today to cease serving liquor to women who have babies in their arms and discourage the practice of parking baby carriages outside saloons."

---South California "White Ribbon."

More District Conventions

NORTH AND SOUTH CANTERBURY AT TEMUKA

September 9th to 11th, 1947

Mrs. Densem, South Canterbury District President, opened the joint Convention of North and South Canterbury at Temuka, on September 9th, and led the opening Devotions, speaking on the importance of right thinking and its power in bringing the "Peace of God" into our hearts.

Motions of sympathy were passed, and letters were to be sent to bereaved members. Greetings from distant friends were received. Reporters and letter-writers were appointed. The reports of both districts as read by the secretaries showed fine work being done among the unions.

Mrs. Dellow, of Timaru, read a paper on "How We Can Help the Younger Generation," and a discussion arose therefrom on the drinking scenes shown in many films. Afternoon tea was supplied by the Methodist Ladies' Guild. Branch reports brought the afternoon session to a close.

On Tuesday evening, a very enjoyable "Welcome" social was given by the hostess Union, Mrs. Densem presiding. A good musical programme was much enjoyed. The Mayor of Temuka addressed the gathering and inspired us with the interest he is taking in our work, and the Rev. Mr. Woolford welcomed the convention on behalf of the Ministers' Association.

On Wednesday morning the Convention Communion Service, conducted by Captain Taylor, and the Revs. Nichol, Woolford, and Duncumb of the Timaru Baptist Church; Mr. Duncumb giving an appropriate address. The Methodist Women's Auxiliary served morning tea. A paper written by Mrs. Duckett, President of Waimate Union, was read by Mrs. Stark. This dealt with different aspects of our work and led to a discussion on gambling and raffles.

Officers were elected as follows: All returned again with the addition of Mrs. Griffiths as Vice-President for North Canterbury, and Mesdames Hewson and Millar for South Canterbury.

Mrs. Clark, North Canterbury President led Devotions for the afternoon opening, speaking on the need for Faith. Miss Henderson's paper on "State Control" was read and it was decided to make a leaflet therefrom. Three "Long-Service" Badges were presented by the first President of the Temuka Union, Mrs. Aiken, to Mesdames Allenby, Sinart and Buck. Bouquets were presented to the last-named lady, and to Mrs. Hewson, present President and a foundation member.

Afternoon tea was served by the P.W.M.U. An instructive address was given by the Rev. Mr. Johnstone of Geraldine.

Thursday morning Devotions were led by Mrs. Markham. Letters of cheer

and sympathy to various friends were authorised. The B.W.M.U. served morning tea. A paper written by Mrs. Pirrett on Anti-Gambling was read and discussed. A special letter of appreciation was to be sent to Miss C. M. McLay for her work among the Maori people. Votes of thanks to all helpers in a very successful Convention were passed, and Convention closed in the usual way, Mrs. Densem conducting.

HAWKE'S BAY AT HASTINGS

September 24th, 1947

A pleasant day made for the happiness of those who assembled for the Hawke's Bay District Convention at Hastings on September 24th, in the Campbell Room of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lewis, District President, was in the Chair, with Miss Ensor, District Secretary, at her side. The opening Devotions were led by the Rev. G. R. Harris, of Hastings, who brought a timely and fitting message from the life of Nehemiah. Mr. Harris emphasised the need for constant and continued effort, as a new generation is always arriving, and the task is always to continue the building up in each succeeding generation.

A welcome to delegates was extended by Mrs. M. Smith, President of Hastings Union. After the routine business, a pleasant interlude was provided by the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Smales, on her resignation from the position of District Treasurer, which she acceptably held for a number of years. Greetings were received from Miss C. McLay. Union reports were presented by the various delegates, and various remits brought by them were adopted for sending on to Dominion Executive. Gisborne and Napier presented papers on subjects to be discussed, the former being "Is Temperance a Dead Issue?" and the latter, "What Are the Weaknesses of Trust Control?" Mrs. H. E. Grainger capably dealt with this.

Noontide Devotions were led by Mrs. McIntyre of Wairoa.

The afternoon Devotions were led by Miss Bibby. The "highlight" of the Convention was the address given by Mrs. H. Paterson, of Eastbourne, which was most charmingly and ably delivered. (See "Highlights.")

A hearty vote of thanks from the very large audience who had assembled to hear Mrs. Paterson was accorded the speaker. The remaining sessions were occupied with various reports, and plans of work. The officers were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Ryan, of Napier, as Vice-President. The invitation for next year came from Wairoa Union, which next year celebrates its 21st anniversary. This was received with acclamation. Votes of thanks with special reference to the hostesses were passed to all helpers in a successful and enjoyable Convention.

OTAGO DISTRICT

At the Annual Convention of the Otago District, held in Hanover Street Baptist Hall, Dunedin, the highlights of the gathering were the addresses given by Miss C. M. McLay and the Rev. A. H. Ivory.

At the morning session, Miss McLay stated that alcohol has been found to be a racial poison, which is ruining the race before it is born, and destroying the minds and brains of men. She referred to the work being done for mental defectives in Scotland, of which she could speak with first-hand knowledge, and said that in nearly every case there was a history of drunkenness in the family. In working to promote temperance, we are reducing the number of defective children.

At the afternoon session, the Rev. A. H. Ivory said that the passing of resolutions was not sufficient to combat the Drink Trade, but the most powerful weapon was well-informed and well-directed public opinion.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mrs. V. M. Hazlewood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. Hiett and Mrs. V. Dickinson; Secretary, Mrs. M. Rippin; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Graham; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. P. M. Dow; "W.R." Superintendent, Miss M. Ford; District Superintendent, Y.P.C.T.U., Mrs. Dickinson.

SOUTHLAND

7th November, 1947

The Southland District held its Convention on Friday, 7th November, the meetings being held in the Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. T. A. Thomson conducted the morning Devotions, and acted as Secretary for the day's meetings. The Preamble was read and the Pledge repeated.

Only seven Unions were represented by delegates, but the meetings were interesting and heartened members who were becoming discouraged. Owing to the number of deaths exceeding the number of new members the total membership has dropped a little. Gore Union won the tablecloth for greatest increase, and Invercargill Central had the largest Cradle Roll.

A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Dash, of Waimate, announcing his proposed visit to Invercargill, and a small committee was appointed to arrange meetings for him with groups of young people.

At the afternoon session, Devotions were led by the President, vocal duets were rendered by Mesdames Bell and Pope, and afternoon tea was enjoyed. The highlight of the Convention was the address delivered by Mr. M. Leadbeater, Rector of the Southland Boys' High School. His talk, on the subject of Social Responsibilities, was both informative and encouraging, and helped to renew in White Ribboners confidence in the worthwhileness of their cause.

A vote of thanks to the speaker, proposed by Mrs. E. Holmes, was carried by acclamation.

GREAT EVANGELISTS and TEMPERANCE**X.—GENERAL BOOTH**

By VICTORIA GRIGG, M.A.

No people opposed the work of the Salvation Army at its commencement more than the publicans. In fact, in one town, the magistrate reported the charge sheet reduced to one-half as a result of the Salvation Army meetings. In this place, the publicans, alarmed at the decrease of their trade, offered the women officers £300 if they would transfer their efforts elsewhere.

William Booth was born of humble parents in Nottingham, on April 10th, 1829. At the age of thirteen, he was apprenticed to a pawnbroker for six years, and surely the hand of God was in this, because it was here he learned so much of the miseries of the poor, and saw the havoc drink played with people's lives. He longed to change their conditions. The sound teaching he received in the Methodist

shocked to find that his brother-in-law was a hopeless drunkard, and that his beloved sister had also become one of alcohol's victims. With this personal grief, and the vision of clothes pawned on account of drink, can we wonder that one of the first rules for his officers and members was that they should be total abstainers? As he could find no other work, he had to return to pawnbroking, but at the same time he preached in the streets and parks. At the age of twenty-three he was invited to become the minister of a small group, one man guaranteeing him a salary of £1 per week for three months. It was in this work that he met his wife, then Catherine Mulford, who came from a refined home. As a small child, she had always shown a desire to help anyone who suffered.



Church made him form high standards for the application of religion to daily life. When he was nineteen, his apprenticeship having concluded, he passed through the severe trial and testing of a year's unemployment. The experiences he suffered gave him sympathy with every man in such a position, and later on the Army was to care for the members of the "unemployed."

He decided at last to go to London to his married sister. Here, he was

One day she saw a policeman taking a poor, dirty drunkard to the lock-up. A crowd of boys followed, jeering, but little Catherine walked beside him to the gaol, so that he should know that someone was sorry for him.

The marriage of William and Catherine Booth was one of the great Christian marriages of all time. Together they commenced a great work for the poor and wretched of every description. What would our magistrates do, in many cases, if the Army

officers were not in court to take charge of some poor unfortunate who has made a slip? "Committed to the care of the Salvation Army" is a common term in our newspapers.

When the Army began its work, its greatest opposition came from the liquor interests. A mild form was the throwing of buckets of water from upstairs windows on Salvationists having meetings below. A more serious organised effort was made in a large country town of which the Mayor was a brewer. The publicans made men drunk with an unlimited supply of strong drink, and set them on the Salvationists, the police offering no interference. "Skeleton Armies," bands of roughs, bearing for their insignia a skull and cross-bones, appeared in many places and attacked the Salvationists. Army officers and members were arrested and thrown into prison by magistrates who were often in league with liquor interests. The police thought it easier to lock up Salvationists than to deal with drink-maddened mobs. However, cases where magistrates had unjustly sentenced Salvationists were taken to a higher court. A number of appeals were granted, and the same towns were publicly rebuked and ordered to pay the cost of the appeals.

Every kind of evil from dishonesty to immorality was charged against General Booth and his Salvation Army but he and they learned how to suffer and overcome, and meantime continued their triumphant work of winning the lowest back to God.

The Army rules are clear and definite. Officers and members must not drink, smoke, gamble, or run into debt, and these rules keep the Army standards high. Other churches could much profit and blessing follow the Army example in setting these standards for the conduct of their members. In addition to the Army's definite opposition to liquor interests, we find them conducting homes for those who have become drunkards. They have these homes in New Zealand as well as in other countries. In our own country there is a home for men who are drunkards and drug addicts on Roto Roa Island, and a home for women in similar condition at Wellington.

There have been as many as a hundred men at a time on Roto Roa, and it has been estimated that about 77% of the men and women who pass through these homes do not come before the courts again for drunkenness. What tragedy can be behind statistics. So many men, so many women, in homes for inebriates! Their plight brings grief and shame to mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers somewhere. Who looks after drink's victims? Is it the publicans and brewers, who make their fortunes from selling this poison? You and I know very well that those who show them brotherly love are the men and women who are themselves total abstainers. The officers of the Salvation Army

carry on their work in the spirit of Christ and their great founder, General Booth, and it surely needs the grace of God to spend one's life among the outcast of society. They have their reward when men and women are set free from the enslavement of alcohol, and a greater reward still when some, alas, not all, take the greater step of yielding their lives to Christ.

The testimony of the Salvation Army was wholehearted as to the improvement wrought by Prohibition in America. Evangeline Booth gave a graphic description of the difference on the first Christmas under Prohibition and preceding ones. Men who were formerly under the care of the Salvation Army at Christmas, through intoxication, were spending their time happily at home, and the Army had a much easier time.

General Booth and his followers knew only too well that in their efforts to ameliorate social conditions, Drink was and is Public Enemy No. 1.

William Booth died in 1912. His last words to his son Bramwell are a message of love and hope and comfort to us all who labour in the cause of Temperance to remove the stumbling blocks from the way of our brothers and sisters. "The promises of God are sure."

SPECIAL REPORTS

HOME MEETING, DARGAVILLE UNION

On October 23rd, Dargaville ladies met together for a special occasion at the home of Mrs. Bradley, when Twenty Years' Service Badges were presented to Mrs. D. Bradley and Mrs. Noble. Mrs. Jolly opened the meeting with Devotions, a favourite hymn of Mrs. Bradley, "I Need Thee Every Hour," being sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Jolly spoke of the work of the two ladies during the twenty-five years of Dargaville's existence as a Union. Both were foundation members, Mrs. Bradley being "W.R." agent for eleven years. Mrs. Noble taking over when it became necessary for her to do less work. Mrs. Noble has also been Treasurer, and gave help with the Band of Hope in the early days. Minutes of the first meeting were read. Both ladies suitably replied.

A competition for the best telegram with words having as initial letters those of the words "Temperance Cause" brought some amusing and quite clever results. Afternoon tea was served by our hostesses, Mesdames Noble and Jolly.

FEILDING CRADLE ROLL PARTY

In October, Feilding Union held a Cradle Roll Party, which was well attended by mothers and children.

DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts, Oct. 1st to Nov. 10th

N.Z. Fund: Winton, 10/-; Point Chevalier, 7/6; Timaru, £1; Spreydon, 10/-; North Brighton, 5/-; Port Chalmers, £1; Shirley-Richmond, £1; Fencourt, 4/-; Papanui, 2/6; Cromwell, 10d.; Leigh, 2/-; Hastings, £1; Henderson, 5/-; Masterton, £1; Levin, 9/-.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund: Winton, £1; Timaru, £1; Onehunga, £1; Spreydon, 10/-; Oamaru, 16/6; Cromwell, 2/-; Papanui, 10/-; Wanganui Central, £1; Hastings £2; Opotiki, £1/10/-; Henderson, 10/-; Auckland, £5; Tauranga, £2.

Organising and Educational Fund: Winton, £2/11/-; Pt. Chevalier, 18/-; Spreydon, £3/3/-; Timaru, £7/16/-; Tinwald, £1/4/-; Karori, 15/-; Onehunga, £2; Mātaura, 7/6; Oamaru, £7/13/-; Shirley-Richmond, £1/5/6; Cromwell, 7/6; Papanui, £1/14/6; Pukekohe, 16/6; Leigh, 6/-; Wanganui Central, £2/5/-; Dunedin, £11/12/6; Hastings, £5/0/6; Kohi-St. Heliers, £1/2/-; Opotiki, £1/10/-; Henderson, £1/4/-; Stratford, 18/-; Auckland, £7/3/6.

Maori Fund: Point Chevalier, 7/-; Thames, 10/6; Miss Oates, £8; Timaru, 10/-; Riccarton, 10/-; North Brighton, 5/-; Oamaru, 10/6; Cromwell, 4/2; Papanui, 2/6; Woolston, 9/-; Christchurch Central "Y's" 12/9; Palmerston North, 10/-; Waipawa, 4/6; Wanganui Central, 12/5; Wellsford, 15/-; Dunedin, £3; Hastings, £1; Masterton, 8/6; Hamilton, 10/-; Dannevirke, 5/3; Tauranga, £1/10/-; Nelson, £1/4/-; St. Albans, 10/-.

Franchise Day Collection: Point Chevalier, 5/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Woolston, 4/-; Kaikorai, 5/-; North Brighton, 5/-; Hawera, 10/-; Oamaru, 8/-; Shirley-Richmond, 10/-; Cromwell, 2/-; Palmerston North, 10/-; Wanganui Central, 10/-; Kohi-St. Heliers, 2/6; Stratford, 5/-.

World Missionary Fund: Pukekohe, 10/-; Palmerston North, 10/-; Wanganui Central, 7/6; Stratford, 5/-; Point Chevalier, 7/6; Timaru, 5/-; North Brighton, 5/-; Oamaru, 12/6; Cromwell, 2/7; Papanui, 2/6.

Caravan Fund: Mrs. Hewson, 10/-; Hopwood, 5/-; Gore, £2; Masterton, £2.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

Mrs. Tremain welcomed the guests and outlined the work of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Taylor gave an interesting talk to the children, who then entertained with games. Cakes, soft drinks and ice-cream were served to the Little White Ribboners, and afternoon tea to the grown-ups. A pleasant afternoon was closed with prayer.

HOME MAKERS CORNER

By "Lynette"

LESSENING THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Towards the end of the year we often hear the housewives counting off the weeks to Christmas with more than a hint of dread in their voices. It is unfortunate that the Christmas message of peace and goodwill is lost for some in a flurry of cooking, shopping and summer holidays. Invariably the weather is hot and this adds to the trial of the many preparations. The wisdom of doing the Christmas shopping early is well known, and yet few realise that the baking can be lightened by doing much of it in advance, and also by planning for simpler methods.

In addition to baking the Christmas cake early, it is a good plan to stock up with biscuits at the same time. Such things as Afghans, peanut brownies, Anzac biscuits, chocolate biscuits, and gingerbreads, take none of the precious dried fruits and keep indefinitely in airtight tins. If you feel you can't spare your tins for so long, use mason jars instead. Mince pies are one of the most delightful traditional delicacies and do not necessarily mean much work at the last minute. Dried apples are quite suitable for the mince, and when prepared, it can be stored in jars for weeks beforehand. Place on the shelf alongside the mince a packet or two of bought pastry (which only requires the addition of water) and the pies are as good as made!

Have you ever tried a jellied Christmas pudding? It has all the flavour but none of the heaviness of the hot pudding and is much better suited to our climate. Here is a recipe:—

Cold Christmas Pudding: 1 level teaspoon gelatine; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water; 1 cup milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts, 2 tablespoons cocoa, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, pinch salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla, whites of 2 eggs.

Soak gelatine in water. Warm milk and cook in it the fruit, nuts, sugar, salt and cocoa. When the mixture boils remove from heat and stir in the gelatine and vanilla. Beat and add the egg whites and set in a mould.

Threepences and sixpences always add to the fun of eating the pudding, and can be cleaned quite easily by boiling in an old aluminium saucepan, or a saucepan containing a piece of aluminium such as an old lid. When the water is boiling add for each quart of water 1 tablespoon each of baking soda and cooking salt. This easy method can also save you time in cleaning your table silver, the tarnish being transferred from the silver to the aluminium by a reaction similar to electro-plating.

Finally, here is a quick way of icing a sponge or other light cake. Place a paper d'oyley over the cake and sift icing sugar on to it. Press the icing sugar through the holes on to the cake with a spoon. Remove the d'oyley very carefully and the remaining pattern looks very effective, especially on a chocolate cake.

In Loving Memory



PROMOTED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Mrs. Annie Helyer, Wellington Central Union

In the passing of our loved friend, Mrs. Annie Helyer, the W.C.T.U. has said good-bye to a stalwart. For by far the greater part of her long life, nearly ninety years, she evinced both by word and work her determination to fight evil, particularly as caused by the liquor trade. In the far back days she, together with her husband, gave yeoman service in the Prohibition League and later in the New Zealand Alliance. But always she found in the Union the best scope for her work toward the abolition of the liquor trade and to both Wellington and Central Unions she set a fine example of quiet, steady faithful work. Although very quiet in manner she had a forceful personality and an unusual business ability. For some years she held office in Wellington Union and later transferred to Central, where for nearly thirty years, up to the time of her death, she held the office of Treasurer. Her books, beautifully kept, and her knowledge of the work always up to date.

Her interest never flagged and her service was willingly rendered as unto the Lord. Mrs. Helyer held firmly the conviction that service to God can best be given through service to mankind.

Her ideals and her sterling qualities have helped in no small measure to strengthen the very fabric of our Unions.

To Central Union we offer our sincere sympathy, knowing full well how the members there will miss their friend.

For her daughter and granddaughter we pray that their memories of their loved one may be happy and that they may go forward in the strength of the Lord.

Of Mrs. Helyer we would say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

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At the Southland District Convention, members remembered those who had passed away since last Convention. The hand of the Great Reaper has been heavy on the Invercargill Central Union. The following is the list:—

Invercargill Central: Mesdames J. D. Gilmore, Gilmore Snr., J. J. Wesney.

Gore: Mesdames Byars, Hume, Brock.

Invercargill South: Mrs. Grenfell.

Otautau: Mrs. Brown.

Special mention must be made of two very faithful and beloved workers with many years' service to their credit. These are Mrs. Alice Wesney, who for many years served on the District Executive and in the Central Union, and Mrs. Louie McKenzie, also of the Central, and formerly for years District President. They are greatly missed.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, October 14: Mrs. Jolly presided. Mrs. Green taking Devotions. Special mention made of the appointment of two of our members to District offices at recent Convention—Mrs. Green as President, and Mrs. Hill-Taylor as Treasurer; and of the presentation to Miss Edmed of a Twenty Years' Service Badge. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Jolly in the death of her father. Correspondence from Pan-Pacific Association to be brought forward next year. Maori Day observed and collection for Maori Fund taken up. District Convention report given by Mrs. Moorhead Jnr. Pledge, Temperance Fact, Benediction and tea.

Wellsford, October 28: Devotions, Mrs. G. R. Thompson. Mrs. Singleton presided over a good attendance. Maori Day observed and collection taken. Special address on Scientific Temperance given by Mrs. Singleton and keen interest taken by members. Plans of work much discussed. Union organised in August with twelve members, now twenty-two. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meetings, October 6th: District President, Mrs. J. W. Mountjoy presided; Devotions being led by Miss Cook, her subject being "Faith and the Cross of Christ." Mrs. Mountjoy invited members to a "Bible in Schools" afternoon. The Maori Girls' Hostel report was given by Mrs. Long and the N.C.W. report by Mrs. Mountjoy. Letter of sympathy to Mrs. C. Day in the death of her sister, Mrs. Hovord, who was a member of the Devonport Union.

November 3: Mrs. Mountjoy presiding; Devotions, Mrs. W. J. Cullen, her subject being, "They shall mount up with wings as eagles." Nine new members reported from the Wellsford Union. An invitation received from Sister Jessie to attend the opening by the Mayoress of Auckland, Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, of another Maori Girls' Hostel, in Shelley Beach Road. Jumble sale arranged for Hostel painting expenses. Mrs. Mountjoy appointed delegate to Dominion Convention. Christmas party to take the place of the monthly Executive meeting in December. N.C.W. report given by Mrs. Mountjoy. Greetings sent to the Christchurch Union by Mrs. H. Kasper, who is visiting there shortly.

Warkworth, October 9: Good attendance. Mrs. Baker, President, displayed the Silver Vase won by the Union and presented at the Auckland District Convention for best work done this year. Reports on Convention given by Mesdames Baker and Moore, and Maori Day was observed by an address given by Mrs. W. Phillips on her early life in a Maori village, stressing the great difference that Christian teaching made to the outlook and character of the natives. She deplored the lives of many Maoris in the cities today. Special afternoon tea in honour of Mrs. L. Davies, who is leaving the district.

September 11: Attendance fair. Interesting paper on Franchise Day read by Mrs. Baker, President; this being followed by an excellent paper on "Anti-Gambling," by Mrs. Thompson who told of personal experiences of the tragic results of gambling in a P.W.D. camp. A lively and thought-provoking discussion followed. Mesdames Bartle and Thompson elected Anti-Gambling Superintendents.

Kohi-St. Heliers, October 16: Fair attendance at the home of Mrs. Reid. Devotions led by Mrs. Kasper. District Convention report given by Mrs. Biddle. Maori Day remembered in prayer. Mrs. Kasper gave a very interesting account of her plane trip to U.S.A., and read an article on the drinking by young women and girls at Los Angeles, the use of cocktail's, and the many crimes committed as the result. Thanks to Mrs. Reid for hospitality.

Onehunga, October 9: Arrangements made for special Home meeting in November, with sale of work. Excellent reports of District Convention given by delegates Mesdames Cullen and Ashton, and Miss Hobden. The tablecloth in memory of Miss Frances Willard was on view. Interesting discussion on the Licensing Bill.

Takapuna, November 5: Annual meeting presided over by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, who

also took Devotions, in the absence of Miss Cullen. Reports read showed a satisfactory state, especially that of the Secretary, Mrs. Prussing, which was received with acclamation. All officers re-elected. Lovely bouquet presented to President, Mrs. Morgan-Richards, also to Miss Cullen, and toilet accessories to Mrs. Prussing, all being heartily thanked for past year's work. Tea and Benediction.

Remuera, September 17: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. G. W. L. Robinson. Good attendance to welcome Mrs. Kasper on her return from the U.S.A. where, at the World's W.C.T.U. Convention, she had been re-appointed World Superintendent of the School of Methods. After routine business, Mrs. Kasper gave a very interesting talk on her travels, and a very happy afternoon was spent. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Kasper, and tea brought the meeting to a close.

Henderson, September 17: Mrs. Chadwick presided. Devotions, Mrs. E. V. Phillips, recently transferred from the Gairkworth Union, gave interesting account of good work done there.

Ponsonby, September 21 and October 16: Mrs. Joiner presided at both meetings, the Devotions being led by Mrs. B. Christopher. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Millar. Mrs. Millar had been a most consistent member of the Union for some years, representing the Union at District Conventions. Miss Appleby spoke on "The White Ribbon Bow" at the September meeting, and Sister Jessie, on Maori Day, on the "Young Maori People." She dealt with their difficulties regarding drink, especially in the cities, and showed how efficient they became when converted to the Christian Faith. Pledge and Benediction.

Auckland, October 14: Mrs. Long presided over good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Douglas. Very interesting reports on District Convention given by our delegates, Mesdames Warring and Massam. The Bronze Vase, gained by our Union for second place in work on the "Five-fold Plan," was displayed on the table. Grants passed for Dominion Headquarters, Maori Girls' Hostel, Henderson Union School Essay Prize Fund (to enable more prizes to be given). Cards for the Ellen Melville Memorial Fund sent in. Need for painting of Hostel brought before meeting and members made donations.

November 11: Annual meeting. Report and Balance Sheet, and four Superintendents' reports were given. Letters of thanks for donations from Dominion Headquarters, Maori Hostel, Henderson Union, and the Y.W.C.A. Election of Officers resulted thus:—President, Mrs. Long; Secretary, Miss Dewar; Treasurer, Mrs. Swan; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Holmes, Massam, Warring, Whitburn and Douglas; Departmental Superintendents also appointed. Mrs. Long appointed delegate for Dominion Convention. £1 voted for Bible in Schools. All officers and superintendents thanked. Recess from now till March. Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Kuiti, October 13: Meeting held at the P.A. Good attendance. Sister Nicholls led Devotions and gave an address on the evils of liquor and gambling. The President, Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, reported on District Convention held at Tauranga, at which she was present, giving a very full and comprehensive account of the concern shown regarding the drink evil, and the need for early training of the young so that they may avoid its pitfalls. Morning tea brought the meeting to a close.

Tauranga, October 7: Maori Day. President in the chair. Good attendance. Fine paper given by Mrs. W. Ferguson on the Maori Character, based on many years of teaching in a Maori School. Convention report given by Mrs. Bensley. Two new members initiated. "Bring and Buy" for Maori Fund.

November 4: Annual meeting. Good attendance. Mrs. Bensley presided in absence of President through illness. Mrs. Hunt appointed delegate to Dominion Convention, and also to local N.C.W. Reports of officers and superintendents read and adopted. All officers thanked for year's work and re-elected. Superintendents appointed, Mrs. Anderson new C.R. Superintendent. Members promised to bring envelopes and stamps to assist her in the work, and "Bring and Buy" proceeds for the day voted to her use. Letters of sympathy to sick members and flowers to president and Mrs. Bryan.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, September 24: Franchise Day. Good attendance. A new member and one returned after sickness warmly welcomed. Letter of appreciation received from Dr. Gilbey for food parcel, and four members offered other parcels. Mrs. Bailey reported that between 60 and 70 men attended the social evenings at the "Sailors' Rest." Gift bags asked for. Mrs. Stewart spoke interestingly on the gaining of Women's Franchise, and Miss Drew told something of the life of Josephine Butler.

October 29: Excellent attendance. The President spoke of work among the Maoris, and the guest-speaker, the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick, spoke from long experience in the Seamen's Mission, of the evils of drink amongst seamen, the rum ration being responsible for a very large proportion of crime. Enjoyable solos were given by Mesdames Raynor and Hawkins, and elocutionary items by Mrs. Brown.

November: An enjoyable social was held on the meeting day, items being given by several ladies. The Rev. Mr. Sedgwick gave an interesting address on his work in the slums of London, and told of the great part played by drink in unhappy homes. Miss Paterson, retired Plunket Nurse, joined the Union and was heartily welcomed. Benediction.

Hawera, October 28: Mrs. W. Thayer presided and led Devotions. Two 22lb. parcels sent to Miss Dorothy Staunton, Westminster, London, the contents being contributed by members. A further parcel almost ready. Afternoon tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Maori Day observed and collection for Fund. Mrs. Thayer gave reminiscences of a recent Methodist Bible Class Camp where she was Camp Mother, and also gave a reading about Carrie Nation, called "A Cyclone In Petticoats." Mrs. Page read the "W.R." article on Maori Day, and also reported having received a special donation for food parcels for Britain. Prayer and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, November 5: Mrs. Tremaine in the chair, and Mrs. Kendall led Devotions. A book, "Happy Recollections," was received from a link in Dorset, in appreciation of a food parcel sent from our Union, also two letters were read from links in Coventry, expressing thanks for parcels received from us. A box for literature had been fixed at Feilding station. District Convention report given by the delegate. Annual reports presented, and showed much good work done. Three First Class Certificates and two Silver Medals had come to the Band of Hope from the Temperance Exams. Visitor from Ashburton welcomed and greetings sent to her Union. All officers re-elected.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, October 14: Mrs. Toomer presided, Mrs. Doel leading Devotions. Maori Day observed. Mrs. McMillan gave a most interesting Convention report. Mesdames Toomer and Sherratt told something of the work being done through the Maori Girls' Hostel, and Mrs. Kidson read several extracts from the evidence given before the Royal Commission concerning the Maori Race and the liquor problem. Mrs. Hippolite, a Maori visitor, gave much pleasure by singing a hymn in her native tongue. Collection for Maori Fund, and an appeal for gifts for the Hostel made. Hostesses, Mrs. Gardiner and Miss Every.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, October 7: Mrs. Adjutant Kearsle led Devotions, reading from "Here Too Is Valour," by Elinor Mordaunt, describing the wonderful courage of people during the war years of 1940-41. Only fair attendance owing to wet weather. Full and interesting report of District Convention given by Miss Tarrant, who was congratulated on her first-time service as delegate. Benediction.

November 11: Annual meeting. Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Kearsle. Annual reports showed satisfactory service. One new member. All officers re-elected, with the addition of Mrs. G. Harrison as a Vice-President. Mrs. Kearsle appointed Evangelical Superintendent with a committee of five members. Votes of thanks. Interesting extracts from the "Vanguard" read by Mrs. Forbes. Benediction.

Springlands, September 16: Mrs. Underhill presided over fair attendance. Very interest-

ing and helpful quotations given in response to Roll Call. President reported on canvass for CORSO which was very satisfactory. Mrs. Roussell appointed delegate to District Convention. Reference made to winning of the Franchise and the work of pioneer W.C.T.U. members. Paper entitled "Romance of Missionary Enterprise," by Miss C. M. McLay, was read; also commentary on writings of Mrs. Paul Robeson, both enjoyed.

October 28: Good attendance. Mrs. Roussell gave brief account of District Convention. Annual donations passed for payment. Very helpful quotations in response to Roll Call. One new member welcomed and initiated. Social hour followed. Piano solos played by Mrs. J. Eyles and Miss O. Blick. An amusing play-reading by Mesdames Gascoigne and Underhill. Sales table assisted funds.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Papanui: Maori Day celebrated on October 15. Mrs. Tillman presiding over a good attendance. Devotions by Mrs. Elliott. Temperance Fact and Pledge; also Roll Call answered with text. Mental Hospital report given by Mrs. Hawken; shoes being urgently needed by some patients. Miss Gainsford welcomed by President, and gave an inspiring talk on the United Mission work among the Maoris.

Sydenham, October 2: Maori Day. Small attendance. Mrs. J. Filer presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Miss Smart, one of our members, gave a really excellent talk on the life and work of the Missionary, Rev. Peter Milne. Thrilling description of hardships borne by this brave man and his young wife in early days on Nguna Island, New Hebrides. Dominion Officers nominated.

November 6: Mrs. J. Filer presided over Cradle Roll afternoon, the mothers and children, with ten members being our guests. Devotions, Mrs. Davies. Arrangements were carried out by our C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. Garlick. Miss Matthews contributed Temperance recitations, some of the small folk also taking part in the programme.

Riccarton, October 9: Good attendance. Mrs. Griffiths presiding, and Mrs. Harris leading Devotions. Various invitations received from other Unions and organisations. Executive meeting report received. Mental Hospital Concert and Women's Reformatory reports given. District Convention report given by Mrs. Anderson. Other correspondence and plans discussed. Benediction.

Woolston, September 18: Nine members present. Mrs. Ramsay presiding, and Mrs. Spier taking Devotions. Business discussed. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

October 14: 12 present. Mrs. Ramsay presided and Mrs. Spier took Devotions. Maori Day and the Rev. W. E. Moore of the Methodist Church gave a very interesting address on Maori work. Mrs. Carrington reported on the Band of Hope and Cradle Roll. One new member welcomed. Parcel of clothing sent for Maori work. Song and Benediction.

Christchurch, September 9 and 24: Miss C. Henderson presiding. Replies received to letters to M.P.'s re Masterton Trust Control Bill. Letter from Miss McLay in "W.R." re her strenuous and most successful organising among the Maoris, read by President. Gifts of clothing for Britain sent to Red Cross. District Convention report given at second meeting by Mrs. R. Black, and greatly enjoyed. Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith endorsing all she said. Many gifts of fat and soap received for sending through Red Cross to Britain.

October 8 and 22: Miss Henderson presiding. More gifts for Britain. Address on Maori Day from Miss Cone, late assistant deaconess on Maori Mission Field. Extracts read by President from "Outlook" re harm to young people through Alcohol and on the life of Elizabeth Fry, among women prisoners over a hundred years ago.

Spreydon, 2nd Tuesday: Mrs. Ancell presided over fair attendance. Miss Olds's report on District Convention gave some very interesting facts and figures. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Woodcock. Mrs. Ancell reported pleasure given to Mental Hospital patient by gift of eggs from member. Recommendation forwarded to District Executive that a speaker from that body be appointed to wait on Sunday School teachers and Bible Class leaders, stressing the need for regular Scientific Temperance lessons to be given. Votes of thanks. Benediction.

New Brighton, October 2: Mrs. Edmond presiding and leading Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Reports on Mental Hospital visiting and District Convention. Mrs. Inns thanked for latter. Bad weather notwithstanding, our members sold £14/4/3 worth of Health Stamps on the first day of sale.

North Brighton, September 16 and October 21: Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings, reading a portion of "The Wines of Scripture," by Mrs. Lee Cowie, at the first, and the service arranged by Jennie A. Stewart at the second; other members taking part also. Executive, Band of Hope and Mental Hospital visiting reports all given in October, and Officers congratulated on successes in Temperance Examinations. Decided to hold special "Bring and Buy" in October for Mental Hospital patients. Convention report given by Mrs. Noonan. Convalescent members welcomed and sympathy sent to bereaved member.

Reefton: September 9 and October 14: Mrs. Thompson presiding at both, and speaking on "Highest Ideals" in September, and "The Beauty of Service" in October. Mrs. McElwee read "Challenged to a Debate" from the "W.R." in October, and 10/- was donated to the N.Z. Fund; 10/- also for the Maori Fund. After the reading of the annual report and balance it was agreed to send balance in hand to Headquarters Fund.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Temuka, September 30: Mrs. Holgate presiding. District Convention reports very interesting. Franchise Day observed. (See "Highlights.")

Timaru, October: Mrs. Hewson presided. Two outstanding speakers welcomed, Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, and Sister M. Viney, of Timaru. The former spoke most interestingly on the Drink evil as he had seen it, in passing up and down the country; and Sister Viney delighted her audience with a most vivid picture of life among the Maori people of the North Island, with whom she had worked before coming to the South Island. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Buck and Holliday. Benediction closed a most enjoyable afternoon.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, October 7: Fair attendance. Miss Ferguson presiding. Following on business, the President gave a very interesting talk on the life of Mrs. Lee Cowie. Mrs. McNeilly read a paper, "If Any Man Thirst." Mrs. Duguid gave a recitation. Hymn and Benediction.

Oamaru, October 13: Miss Cowan presiding. Maori Day observed and paper read. Mrs. McWhirter appointed Delegate to Convention. Appeal for books for "J" Force and parcels for Britain through Red Cross. Help asked for Salvation Army street appeal and for sale of health stamps.

Port Chalmers, October 15: Good attendance of members and one visitor. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Mirams, our ex-President, on the sad loss of her husband. Prayer was also offered on her behalf. Letter on work at Maori Girls' Hostel read. "Bring and Buy" Sale held which raised the sum of £2, £1 to be donated to General Funds and £1 to Maori Hostel.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Invercargill Central, July: Miss H. Jamieson in chair, mentioned the passing of five members, Mrs. L. B. McKenzie, ex-President, and ex-District President, and Mrs. J. R. Wesley, who was a Vice-President, and Evangelistic Superintendent at the time of her death. The President gave a talk on The Invercargill Licensing Trust Act, and explained the provisions.

August: The President referred to the passing of a member, Mrs. Thos. Pryde, and welcomed members who were present after a lapse of time. Typed lists (addressed) of members distributed, and membership divide among those present for the collection of subs.

September: President in chair. Reported resolutions sent urgently to Prime Minister and local M.P. Correspondence from Alliance read; also extracts from "White Ribbon."

October: President in chair, welcomed members present by invitation from Invercargill North and South. Pledge repeated. Arrangements for District Annual Meeting read. Nominations for Dominion Officers. An address by Rev. A. M. Kirkwood on "Social Evils Due to Gambling." Solo by Mrs. R. Buick, and social cup of tea.

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HOME MEETING, ONEHUNGA

On October 23rd at the home of Mrs. Mountjoy, a Home Meeting was held by the Onehunga Union, when, after Devotions, recitations by Mrs. Hatton, and solos by Mrs. Brown were given. Mrs. Moore, Leader of the Kurahuna L.T.L., gave a statement on the recent Temperance Examination results, much satisfaction being expressed at the success of the members, which reflected credit on the training given. Most interesting address on her travels was given by Mrs. Hugh Kasper, special interest centred round the fact that the "Polyglot Petition," taken round the world by Mrs. Mary Leavitt for signatures, contained fifty-six Onehunga names. The name of Miss Emily Ball, it was felt, would certainly be among these. This lady was a faithful member of the Onehunga Union till the day of her death about fifteen years ago, at the age of 94. Mrs. Leavitt, at the time, organising in Auckland in 1885, was a guest in the home of the Ball family, and it was recalled that she told Miss Emily that God would certainly bless her for her good care of her father. This was fulfilled in every way.

November: President in chair. District Convention delegate appointed. Correspondence discussed and referred to District to arrange meetings for Mr. George Dash, ex-mayor of Waimate, during his forthcoming visit to Southland.

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

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

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

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

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

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wanhili; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 26 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Road; W.R., Mrs. Simpson, Roseberry Ave.

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

BLUFF, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. McQuarrie Snr.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Mitchell, West Plains; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Vickery, 36 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 43 Foyle St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paviour-Smith and Miss Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. J. 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, Taimui; 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. Cox, George St.; Sec., Mrs. Betteridge, Mangawhera Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Holley, Conway Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Streeter; C.R., Mrs. Cox.

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

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

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

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. V. Clement; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Coles, 8 Mangapapa Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Stockman; W.R., Mrs. Mackintosh, 1 Salisbury Road.

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

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

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Pres., —; 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 Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Grainger, 612 Grey Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Buckingham, 504 St. Aubyn's St. E.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hagerson, Maddison St.

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

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

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Jed 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.

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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; Evangelist, Mesdames Richards and Beckham; Notable Days, Miss J. McCallum; Musical, Mrs. Lea.

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

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

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

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LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, 191 Robeston 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. Anstioe; Sec. and C.R., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, Mt. Eden, S.2; W.R., Miss Shepherd, 111 Mt. Albert Road.

MT. EDEN, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, Workshop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Trevorow, Makora Rd.; W.F., Miss S. Tankersley.

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

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

MOSGIEL, Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, Feb., May., Aug. and Nov. 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; Treas., Mrs. E. Shann, 326 Hastings St.; W.R., Mrs. Gwynne, 24 Jull St.; C.R., Mrs. Donnelly, 3 Lawrence Rd.

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

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

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Stewart, 60 Courtenay St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wood, 2 Cutfield St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mt. Edgecumbe Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Morwood, Leach St.; W.R., Mrs. Brown, 38 Dorset Ave.; Sec., 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.

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ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby and Leadley and Miss Caughey; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Perrett, 21 Cardwell St., Onehunga; W.R. and Home Meetings, Mrs. Ashby; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; C.R., Miss Caughey; 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.

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

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Tuesday, Baptist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres. and Acting Treas., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Sutherland, 69 Marne St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Claridge; W.R., Mrs. Coles, 7 Oxford St.; C.R., Miss Connelly; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames White and Webb.

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

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

PICTON, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Millen, Durham St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. T. Tennent, Auckland St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Martien, Kent St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Kirken, Buller St.; W.R., Mrs. J. Martien; Band of Hope and "Y" Supts., Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

POINT CHEVALIER, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, Pt. Chevalier Rd., at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. M. P. Hooper, 298 Pt. Chevalier Rd.; Sec., Miss Macdonald, Montrose St.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Seed, Pt. Chevalier Rd., W.3.

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, 1st Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Tce.; Sec., Mrs. Thornton, Ward St.; Treas., Mrs. Ellis, Seddon St.; C.R., Mrs. Clayton.

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

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

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

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera, R.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wynyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Duxfield, Okaia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames R. Wilson and Goodey; Treas., Mrs. Goodey, 26 College St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ogg; W.R., Miss Wadsworth, 51 Keith St.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans' Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Conybeer; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; "Y" Supt., Mrs. Bloor.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught, Bartle and Thompson; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, Box 17, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. C. R. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., at Headquarters. Pres., Miss Brooks; Acting Secretary, Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham St., E.1.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Duncanson, 70 Derwent St., S.2.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., Boardroom, Y.M.C.A., Willis St. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Rd., E.1.; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Fairview Cres., W.1; Treas., Mrs. Reed, 6 Bruce Ave., S.W.1; "W.R." Mrs. Parrant; 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.