

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth."—John Oxenham

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EDITORIAL

We are glad to be able to furnish a condensed and perhaps somewhat inadequate report of the main features of the great World Convention held in June of last year at Asbury Park, New Jersey, U.S.A. at last. We are greatly indebted to various publications, especially the "White Ribbon Bulletin" and the "Union Signal" for our information; and must also thank Mrs. Kasper, whose return from America was made soon after the conclusion of the Convention, for much interesting detail. While this cannot claim to be a full, or perhaps even perfectly reliable report, we hope that at all events, it will serve to bring some idea of the happiness, warmth, and inspiration enjoyed by the 2,000 delegates who attended. It may also help to strengthen our own devotion to the great cause of Temperance by giving us a small picture of the outstanding events. It is a fine thing to realize that we are an actual part of the World Union, and that we would have found ourselves quite at home even those many thousands of miles away, as our sisters, Mesdames Kasper and Mackie, did. "One in heart" with our fellow-members in every land we can feel that we are indeed "Drops in an ocean of infinite love"; and that "We all belong" in very deed.



Mrs. Boole

Mrs. Boole's parting words at Asbury Park:

"It is satisfying to be devoted to a cause that is longer than one's life. As I have been standing here, as it were, on a mountain peak of experience, looking at the problems of today, recalling the past, I pass on to you the heritage of the principle and policy of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the co-operation, the friendship, and the loyalty that have come down through the years. Here is the torch—it is yours to hold high!"

A GREETING FROM

Mrs. J. Forrester-Paton, new World President:

Dear Friends and Fellow Workers all over the World,—

I send you warm greetings on taking over office, and ask that you will remember me in prayer as I assume new responsibilities. We have had a most happy and really inspiring Convention at Asbury Park, New Jersey. The friends in U.S.A. loaded us with kindness and hospitality, and we felt at home with them at once. We are only sorry you all could not have shared in the fine experience, but we were remembering you.

May we go forward now to new endeavours and to work in God's strength for the coming of His Kingdom as we strive for Temperance, Purity, and Peace in all countries.

Yours cordially,

NORA M. FORRESTER-PATON.

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Convention Assembles

At the famous and beautiful home of such gatherings, Asbury Park, after many months of careful preparation by the Hostess Country, and anxious planning by the attending delegates, on Thursday afternoon, June 5th, hundreds of women wearing the White Ribbon Bow thronged the streets, wending their way towards the First Methodist Church for the opening event of the Convention, the International Worship Service. So many were the worshippers that the very large church could not accommodate them all; and the sight of so many women representing so many lands, but "one in Christ" was deeply moving. Mrs. Anna Brattstrom, of Sweden, and Mrs. Clara Macoubrey, U.S.A., conducted the service. Many prayers were offered, delegates from China, Guatemala, South America, India, being among those taking part publicly. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, U.S.A. president, closed the service; and, with a sense of gratitude for "journeying mercies" more deep than usual because of the new and various modes of travel employed; and a strong sense of comradeship in a common, divinely imposed task, the delegates streamed out, and made their way to the First Baptist Church, for the "Get Acquainted" Reception.

THE RECEPTION

The story of this reception is really thrilling. It occupies three pages in the "Union Signal" and is positively amazing. The decorations, the table settings, the "delicious, home-made cookies," of which there were several thousands, the beverages, and the excellent arrangements for the comfort of the guests are all described with a wealth of detail which any New Zealander would enjoy reading. Suffice it to say here that the perfect organization of every part of this enormous reception was something at which to marvel, and reflected the greatest credit on the Department of Non-alcoholic Food Products, in whose hands the whole responsibility had been placed. The story of the cold drinks alone is fascinating, 1,200 servings of these having been used, in addition to the 720 servings of tea in another room. Sur' delightful details of gifts, brightly coloured napkins, flags, as are given just make one wonder more and more. For "getting acquainted," there was every opportunity, and Mrs. Ella Boole, shaking hands with hundreds of delegates, stood the test magnificently during the three hours of its duration.

WELCOME NIGHT

In the evening a mighty gathering assembled in the great Convention Hall, on three sides of which the

Atlantic laps the foundation piers. Great singing, congregational and choral, was an impressive feature of the occasion. Greetings from leading U.S.A. citizens, including Congressman J. R. Bryson, were given, and Mrs. Leigh Colvin gave a typically warm-hearted and cordial welcome in the name of her thousands of helpers, to those who travelled so far to the U.S.A. Replies were made by delegates from Sweden, Scotland, and Canada.

CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER

We are on familiar ground at once when we learn that Mrs. Ella Boole's gavel "called Convention to order." From now on the story is of Departmental Reports, Officers' Reports, and exactly such an agenda as that with which we are so familiar is dealt with. The difference is that while we deal with our great work in terms of our own little land, here it is dealt with in terms of the whole round world. News from remote places with unfamiliar names, from the great lands of China and India, create intense interest. Beautiful national dresses worn by some delegates add brightness to the scene. Great addresses are given by the president, Mrs. Boole, the secretary, Mrs. Cecil Heath, and also by eminent men, including Dr. Daniel Poling, Brig.-General Frank E. Stoner among others.

SOME OUTSTANDING FEATURES

As always some events stand out as being peculiarly noteworthy. The Peace Night is one of these. Mrs. Cecil Heath's address on this occasion is fully reported, and is a very great contribution to the study of this tremendous question. Another is Mrs. Liu's address on the work in China, read in the writer's absence by Mrs. Chou. How moving and how amazing this story is! The Presidential address, given by Mrs. Ella Boole, who is now to lay down the office she has held with such distinction for the past 16 years, is truly remarkable. At the advanced age of 89 this intrepid woman reveals a mental vigour, a fearlessness, and an inspired belief in the rightness of our cause, which combine to fill all hearers and readers with admiration and wonder. "Methods of dealing with the drink habit," dealt with in a Forum led by Mrs. Wheatley, English president, and contributed to by Miss Dorothy Staunton, English "W.R." editor, Mr. H. Cecil Heath, Mrs. Agnes Charteris, Mrs. Allie Aro-Englund, and Dr. D. Leigh Colvin, must have been of unusual value.

YOUTH WORK

The Saturday morning was spent in hearing of, and planning for, youth work. Miss Lenadell Wiggins was able to prove by speakers from China, Mexico, Canada, and Ireland, that work among children CAN be done anywhere; that the doing of it is basic to our work, and the only material on which our Unions can be built with real stability. The Ocean Grove L.T.L. gave an item in conclusion of this session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President, Mrs. J. Forrester-Paton; President Emeritus, Mrs. Ella Boole; Hon. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Cecil Heath; Hon. Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. Hillock; Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Munns; Vice-presidents, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Miss Isabelle McCorkindale, Mrs. Allie Aro-Englund.

Those of us who remember Miss McCorkindale's visit to New Zealand some years ago will share in Australia's pleasure at the distinction she has gained.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

This was conducted by the superintendent of the Flower Missions Department, Miss Sadie A. Hall. As names were read of many comrades now passed on, Miss Hilda Rose, the young delegate sent to the Convention through the legacy of Mrs. Agnes Slack-Saunders, touched a blossom in a large bowl of white flowers.

TWO-MINUTE MESSAGES FROM FAR AND NEAR

On the final evening two-minute messages were given through the microphone. This was a delightful feature. Practically every country had a message to give; and we note with interest that Mrs. Mackie, N.Z. delegate, spoke for us. A red rose was raised as a signal when the allotted two minutes was up. That sounds rather pleasant.

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Boole handed to Mrs. Forrester-Paton the gavel of office.

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President's Message



Dear Friends,—

How many of you are busy making arrangements for attending Convention, I wonder. Also, how many of us are remembering to prepare ourselves for a wonderful time; this Convention should be memorable, not only for the inspiration and fellowship, but for the plans of work which will be made. If you have any ideas on the best plans do let us have them; if you cannot attend send them by your delegate; above all give thought and prayer to our work.

Did you see that in the city of Bombay a big step has been taken to clean up the Pictures in the matter of alcoholic consumption—the news is "Movies in this city have abolished drinking scenes as immoral, and such scenes will appear only if they are intended to ridicule alcoholic beverages. . . . If the scenes show liquor to be any sort of degenerating factor in society, they will be shown as usual, but if they tend to glorify drinking in any way they will be cut from the reel." (New York Temperance Work.)

If the Government there can be so awake to the real dangers of the consumption of alcoholic beverages why not our own Government? What a field for educational work. Let each of us set to work on the member for our own district.

May God bless and encourage each one of us and may we always remember that the power of right is with us.

Yours in service,

C. E. KIRK

Dominion President.

"A BROTHER DECEASED"

LOUIS EARL FALKNER

"Now the labourer's task is o'er,

Now the battle day is past;

Now upon the farther shore

Lands the voyager at last."

It was with a great sense of shock that the news of the sudden death of Mr. L. E. Falkner was received by the many people with whom he had worked, and in a more personal way, by the large circle of personal friends by whom he was intimately known and loved. That the ranks of Temperance workers had lost a very strong and influential member was realized with a deep feeling of sorrow, and also of dismay, for such as he are few and far between. The story of temperance work in New Zealand during 50 years would be long in the telling if all Mr. Falkner's contribution were included. Probably his love for, and intensive work in, the Band of Hope Union will be remembered long years hence. His musical ability and organizing faculties came into action for many years at a great Band of Hope Festival, held annually in the Auckland Town Hall, when large crowds attended to hear and see what the children could do. His book, recommended some months ago in our columns, on Band of Hope work, is an excellent Manual for those seeking to carry on this work. Methods are detailed, recitations, dialogues, and sketches of great variety are included, and no Band of Hope worker can afford to be without this great help.

As organizer of the N.Z. Alliance he did fine work for many years, and the Auckland Council has depended on his energy and initiative almost entirely. A life-long foe of the liquor trade, he was fearless in his denunciation of it and increasing in his efforts to secure its abolition.

Whilst the W.C.T.U. feel deeply that they have lost a true friend and sympathiser, they also realise that other fields of Christian work are similarly affected. It is in Sunday School work that he will be more sadly missed probably than in any other. As a pioneer of modern methods in Sunday Schools he did much to re-vitalise this most important part of Christian activity. He strove effectively to make it a fine and reliable foundation for the building of Christian character in the community.

As a member of the Church of Christ for 55 years, of the choir for 25 years, as choir-master for 15 years, as Sunday School superintendent for 35 years, and as a Church Elder for 15 years, his record is almost unique. His place will not be easy to fill. And, as we think of the loss his going has been

to these public organizations, our hearts are very full of sympathy with those loved ones to whom he meant so much, and who suffered such sudden bereavement. We know that their sorrow is soothed by knowledge of his entrance into fuller life, "where there is abundance of joy for evermore."

THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

Have you ever dwelt on the way Jesus used the everyday things around Him to illustrate His parables? Nothing was too unimportant, nothing too small to escape His eye—the Son of God, Who became man and dwelt among us. So eagerly did He try to get in touch with the people that He used every common, every-day article connected with all sorts of home duties. He used such things as bread, salt, water, lamps, oil, candles, fires, losing a coin and fetching the homely broom to sweep out the dark corners, and the natural joy and relief at the finding of it. The ubiquitous sparrow, common in every country, the daisies, lilies, roses, trees, grape-vines, grafting, building of houses, strong foundations, old and ragged clothes, wedding garments, even the task of feeding the pigs, the hen and chickens, serpents, the hills, the great white billowing clouds, the grass starred with blossoms, harvesting, winter—nothing too great to bring down to our level—nothing too small to point a lesson. And Praise His name, He's just the same today, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." He knows our difficulties, our sorrows, our joys; and, greatest and best of all, He loves us through it all. Let us rejoice and praise His name for ever.

N. PERRETT.

"DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

Teach me, my God and King
In all things Thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee.
A man that looks on glass
On it may stay his eye;
Or, if he pleaseth, through it pass
And then the heaven espy.
All may of Thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture: "For Thy sake"
Will not grow bright and clean.
A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws
Makes that and the action fine.
This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

GEORGE HERBERT.

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ABOLITION OF THE LIQUOR TRADE

FIRST RECORDED MEETING FOR THAT PURPOSE HELD IN NEW ZEALAND

Recorded by R. A. A. Sherrin.
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The trade in spirits having attained large proportions on the river banks of the Hokianga, a public meeting was called at Mangungu on the 21st September, 1835, for the purpose of prohibiting the importation and sale of ardent spirits on the river Hokianga, Lieutenant McDonnell in the chair, when the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

1. That the British residents and natives do from this (21/9/1835) agree that the importation and sale of ardent spirits be abolished.

2. That Captain Young and Mr. Oakes, with Moetara, a native chief, be appointed to board and examine all vessels entering the Hokianga River, and to make their commanders acquainted with the native law against the importation of ardent spirits, which will be subject to seizure if attempted to be landed, as also the boat in which such ardent spirits shall be found.

3. That the creditable determination of Mr. Manning and Captain Clendon to follow the example set by Captain McDonnell, the additional British Resident, in stating all the spirits of his establishment previously to this meeting, be publicly recorded.

4. That Thomas Mitchell, George Stephenson, John Jackson, and Robert Hunt be appointed a committee to decide on all measures connected with this meeting.

5. That in order to the more effectual crushing this infamous traffic, it is also agreed that if it can be satisfactorily proved that any person imports or sells ardent spirits after this date, a fine of fifty pounds shall be levied on the vendor or purchaser, namely, twenty-five pounds each. The amount of the said fine to be put to such purposes as the committee shall direct in defraying any expenses which may be incurred, to support the objects of this meeting. It is not intended that any spirits now held as the property of others shall be destroyed but shall be shipped from this river at the earliest opportunity, of which the committee shall give due notice to the agents, in order that no excuse may be pleaded.

6. That a fair copy of these resolutions be sent for publication in the Sydney "Herald" and in the Hobart "Town Courier."

7. That the thanks of this meeting be given to Captain McDonnell, the additional British Resident, for the very warm manner in which he has advocated a cause so replete with benefit to all, and for his impartial conduct in the chair.

About 500 of the natives were present at the meeting and a few of the colonists. In accordance with the fourth resolution, a deputation proceeded to a vessel shipping timber for Australia, and, making known the decision of the meeting, "the delivery of the grog on board" was demanded. The master, finding there was no alternative, reluctantly complied, making this observation, "Matters have come to a pretty pass now that we are compelled to go on our voyage without our supply of grog." The captain, how-

ever, ordered the puncheon of rum to be hoisted on deck; it was taken by the natives to the gangway, the bung drawn, the sailors coveted treasure emptied into the sea, and the cask handed back to the captain, who remarked, "I have no more spirits on board."

Some of the settlers renewed their excesses openly, and some of them went so far as to visit the mission chapel at Mangungu and dance round it holding bottles of rum in their hands. One of them, named Thomas Styles, received a blow from John Marmon, which gave him only 24 hours to prepare for death. He was a man of mark among his fellows and when seeing how fatal would be the effects of the blow, he sent for the missionaries, expressed his sorrow on account of his determined opposition to them and the confederate chiefs, and as a proof of his compunction, he ordered all his rum puncheons to be taken from his store and their contents to be poured on the ground in the presence of his assembled associates.

This was about April, 1837.

"WITHIN THE VEIL"

In September, 1947, the members of the late Rakaia Union lost a very dear friend in the passing to higher service of Mrs. Boag, who was president from the inaugural meeting of the Union in October, 1914, till October, 1936, remaining as vice-president while the Union continued to function.

Mrs. Boag was also South Canterbury District President for a number of years, probably about eight. She was much loved by all who knew her and was an inspiration to all. She was a sufferer for many years, and many a one took fresh hope and courage from being with her.

Sent by Mrs. Hopwood.

MRS. C. TEAGUE, SYDENHAM UNION

At the February meeting of the Sydenham Union the members stood in silence in memory of their late member, Mrs. C. Teague, who had passed away recently.

In a few well chosen remarks our President paid a tribute to the memory of our late sister, who was one of the earliest members of our branch, at one time holding office. Throughout a long and useful life Mrs. Teague proved a loyal and enthusiastic Temperance Worker, being connected with the Good Templars and the Band of Hope Union. Although almost blind during her last few years the late Mrs. Teague derived untold pleasure when a member or friend was available to escort her to our W.C.T.U. meetings, and her presence there was an inspiration to all. She will be sadly missed from our ranks.

Sent by Mrs. Drewett.

ONE EASTER DAY IN ENGLAND

A grey morning it was. All around the mountains were veiled. Derwent-water, that loveliest of lakes, gleamed mistily through the fine drizzle, and soft cloud rolled slowly among the valleys and openings all round the shore. The road was a little muddy, but the birds sang so gloriously even through the dimness that we forgot everything else. The two miles, sometimes over the field path, and again on the road, seemed a mere nothing; and as we neared the beautiful church, "Crossthwaite," the bell was still calling the worshippers from far and near. Raincoats were removed, umbrellas furled, and with a last look at the damp, colourless scene, we entered the Church.

It would be impossible ever to forget that entrance. Suddenly we came into a blaze of glorious light and beauty. The outside world instantly forgotten as, with a gasp of wonder, we saw how Keswick parishioners had prepared their Easter Morning Service. Thousands of daffodils, golden, strong, sturdy blooms, gathered in great baskets from the hillsides, from the lake shore, were just a splendour of stored sunlight in every corner of the dim old building. Every window, pew railing, altar vase, altar rail, pulpit step, and choir seat was outlined, filled, decked with the exquisite gold of the flowers. What a message they gave! How deeply the truth of the Resurrection of Our Lord reached our hearts! When Canon Rawnsley, that friend of Wordsworth, Ruskin, Shelley, Coleridge, said "Christ the Lord is

TWELVE STEPS TO HELP TO ELIMINATE EVEN MODERATE DRINKING

1. Keep smiling. The world does not like sore-heads. It likes people who can smile and fight in spite of every obstacle and discouragement without being mean or ill-mannered.

2. Spread facts about harmful effects of alcohol. Science is all on your side. It is on the side of abstinence, not moderation.

3. See that the facts about beverage alcohol are taught in all schools and colleges.

4. See that alcohol is kept out of all high school and college life.

5. Do not support newspapers and magazines which carry liquor advertisements.

6. Write members of governments and radio stations insisting that all liquor advertising be kept off the radio.

7. Make war on gambling and vice.

8. Prefer hotels without bars and cocktail hours.

9. Provide acceptable substitutes. Drinking has been so deeply established in social habit that it cannot be uprooted without something to take its place.

10. Fight the big city interests. The ultimate stronghold of liquor is the big cities.

11. Refuse to elect friends of the liquor traffic to public office.

12. Organize, give, teach, and work. War against alcohol slavery is a **Major Enterprise** calling for great sacrifice and sustaining effort. It must be fought by people with vision and patience, courage, and goodwill.

(From the "Christian Advocate.")

risen today," one single organ note pealed forth, and the crowded congregation rose and burst into that great Easter hymn as with one voice. It was as though the truth and import of the event being celebrated had dawned for the first time on those worshippers. Every word, every "Alleluia" seemed to be heartfelt in an almost overwhelming manner. And all through the service, the simple, beautiful English service we used to know, the same deep joy and thankfulness seemed to be manifest. The sermon was filled with the same spirit, and the Canon spoke thus: "The daffodils have lifted their golden

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WHY MONTGOMERY IS AN ABSTAINER

Some of the readers of the August number of "The Patriot" will remember that "The Mail," July 5, 1947 (Ade-laide) published a statement from a member of Montgomery's staff, that the famous Field Marshal's "only reason for abstaining from liquor was that he 'did not like the taste of liquor.'" In our comments in "The Patriot" we pointed out how improbable it was that a man who was declared by the same authority to have "no food fads" should be so freakish as to step out of line with his brother officers when honouring the loyal toast, solely on the ground of a trifling aversion to "taste."

The Key to "Monty's" Character

Alan Moorehead, in his "Life of Montgomery," lays down this sound principle: "To understand Montgomery one has to keep in mind his early relationship." The following quotations from Moorehead's book furnish the data that will help us to understand his rigid abstinence in the most responsible period of his adult life.

His father, "Bishop Montgomery, neither smoked nor drank." (p. 27.)

"No wine was drunk in that house." (p. 31.)

"He steadfastly refused to sign the pledge against drinking." (p. 31.) This strengthens one's conviction that Monty's abstinence was the outcome of his own independent thinking, plus the bias of his home life.)

"In Ireland no drop of liquor ever crossed the threshold of the Montgomery home." (p. 41.)

"At the age of 21, when Bernard Montgomery emerged from Sandhurst Military College he had yet to taste his first whisky and soda and he did not smoke." (p. 43.)

In India "he drank a glass of port after dinner." (p. 46.) (Evidently the "taste" was not so repugnant to him then! Are we to conclude that later on his "palate" turned him against liquor, or that his experience of the effect of liquor on the morale of the army made him hostile to it?)

"In 1911, when we find the break for Bernard with his childhood was now almost complete, he came again more strongly than ever under the spell of his father. They resembled each other in their simple piety and abstemiousness." (p. 49.)

"Drink and tobacco were practically vanishing from his life when in Palestine" in 1930. (p. 73.)

In the light of the above, we may reasonably conclude that the teetotal principles of a cultured Christian home, plus his later observations of the rotting influence of drink on the army, made Montgomery a rigid abstainer.

STATEMENTS HEARD AND NOTED AT THE WORLD CONVENTION IN U.S.A.

By Mrs. Hugh Kasper

Congressman Joseph R. Bryson, of South Carolina, sent greetings, and as he was not able to be present, his secretary read his speech. He declared that one third of the nation's territory is now dry by Local Option. He said that in 20,469 localities in which election on the prohibition of liquor was taken the "drys" had won in 12,519. "The dry area," the representative said, "contains a population of 30 million persons." The "Gallup Public Opinion" poll indicated that 33% of the people of the U.S.A. favour prohibition. His opinion was that the sale of liquor should be prohibited by Constitutional laws. He finished by saying, "We have practically succeeded in banning opium from the entire world. I am hopeful of the day when the same can be said for the alcoholic beverage traffic."

Clinton H. Howard, Washington, D.C., Superintendent of the National Reform Bureau, took for his subject, "What's the matter with Prohibition?" He said, "We talk about the habit, and ignore the traffic; we talk about alcoholic addiction instead of alcohol extinction; and we have substituted the word 'sick' for 'sin.' In past years," he continued, "there were more than a score of prohibition members in Congress. Now Senator Arthur Capper is sole advocate in the Senate, while the Rev. Joseph Bryson conducted a lone fight for war-time prohibition in the House. Mr. Capper is a representative for Kansas, who "wrote" Prohibition in 1880. While a few counties have been lax, in most of them the laws have been well enforced. The Noble experiment has been tried for more than two-thirds of a century, and has been proved a great success. There is little drunkenness in the State, little crime, little poverty; the percentage of illness is among the lowest; the per capita of wealth is near the highest of any State. In culture, in prosperity, and in freedom from political scandal, Kansas far outshines her wet neighbours."

Mr. Howard finished this address by saying: "The matter with Prohibition is that the Church, Protestant and Catholic, is slipping; the top Generals of the Army of the Lord are compromising with evil." He said "The Ten Commandments have been nullified through the centuries. They have never been repealed; and the nations that have disregarded them have perished from the face of the earth. And there is not one of those Ten Commandments that the liquor traffic does not break in every saloon and liquor outlet in this land."

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National President of the U.S.A. W.C.T.U.

IS SMOKING BAD FOR US OR NOT?

By Our London Science Correspondent

Tobacco, cigarettes, and smoking are big topics today. Smoking has been banned in Brisbane cinemas—restriction enforced for fire-preventative measures that affects those who are fortunate enough to get anything to smoke at all.

Now what is the medical truth about smoking? Is it bad for us or not?

A serious charge is made in the Journal of Pharmacology. Nicotine, according to three research workers, seems to have a bad effect on fertility.

Rats injected with nicotine failed to have litters far more frequently than control rats, and those that did breed had far smaller litters.

Now nicotine has far less effect on rats generally than on man, so that it is quite possible that the decline of human fertility is partly caused by increased smoking.

Professor Raymond Pearl found from a study of over 6,000 men that the percentage of non-smokers, moderate smokers, and heavy smokers living to be 70 years old was 45.9, 41.4, and 30.4 respectively. No doctor has yet given a satisfactory reason why this should be.

On the other hand, tobacco is very useful, as most of us know, against metaphorical "cold feet," but that is a mental effect rather than a physical one.

Experiments show that tobacco-smoking lowers the temperature of hands and feet by tightening up the

says: "Women are staying out of bars in increasing numbers. The number of women drinkers in public places has declined on an average of one-third throughout the country since the start of the war." She said that, during the war, half to more than two-thirds of the midnight patrons in most saloons were women; but many of the men back from the war front have insisted that their wives stay out of bars.

Miss Dorothy Staunton, England, Editor English "W.R." said: "Current suggestions to nationalise the liquor industries of Great Britain and Canada were branded as illogical, anti-social, and a threat to Temperance." She read a report by H. Cecil Heath, London barrister, which contended that making the liquor business a part of government would solve no existing problems, while creating new ones. Nothing can justify the purchase by the State of a business which, when run by private individuals, has carried the moral reprobation of the community.

(More of these statements will be published later.)

blood-vessels and reducing the amount of blood flowing through them.

Tobacco-smoking raises the level of sugar in the blood. This is exactly what some people need, and exactly what others must avoid.

It would appear that on this count smoking would benefit some people and hurt others. The smoking of dirty pipes has been claimed as one cause of cancer of the tongue.

In all it cannot be said that there is very strong evidence that tobacco is a menace to health, but, as the British Medical Journal frankly points out, no smoker has been able to prove that it ever does anyone any good.

But it is the psychological side of smoking that is probably more important. Smoking is a habit which grows on us. We usually claim to smoke because it is soothing to the nerves.

Now there is no physical way in which smoking can be said to soothe the nervous system. Probably, if everybody chewed straws it would have as useful an effect.

The chief effect of smoking is precisely the same as that of thumb-sucking; it is the adult way of soothing any anxiety or disappointment or worry. It is an organized and costly form of nervous fidgeting.

In women it is usually an assertion of equality, or evidence to whom it may concern of nonchalance or emancipation.

By helping us in our anxious moments it performs a very useful social service, and if we all had to stop smoking suddenly there would be an increase of bad tempers, of nervous breakdowns, even perhaps of petty crime.

All this has nothing to do with the nicotine content; it is purely psychological. It makes no difference whether you inhale or not.

The psychological effect at the present moment of the tobacco shortage is one of elation when you manage to get an extra ounce.

Wherever I go I find self-appointed heroes; people who are feeling an added pride in themselves for the way in which they are exercising self-control.

But this thumbs-up stage will give way to a thumbs-in stage sooner or later.

If it is not actually thumbs it may be chewing gum, or snuff, or straws, or nail-biting, or nervous drumming on the table, or new brands of swear words, or a revolution.

Some of those are cheaper than tobacco, none needs dollars.

"The Courier Mail," Brisbane,
May 14, 1947.

Net Profits of Trust Hotels Shown in Balance Sheet

"Six o'clock closing, with no after-hour trading, leads to large sales of bottled drink," said the chairman of the Invercargill Licensing Trust (Mr. H. Ritchie) in his annual report on the Trust's operations for the year ended March 31, 1947. "We are inclined to think that evening drinking hours would at least restrict drinking in homes or silent drinking."

Mr. Ritchie mentions Tasmania as a locality where drunkenness figures have declined since the adoption of drinking hours between noon and 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. till 10 p.m. "We look forward to the time when our saloons can be called social centres, with drink as only a small portion of the entertainment," he added. "We already can see the tendency in our sit-down saloons. Members are becoming satisfied that the policy of the Trust, now that it is becoming more widely known, is progressing along the right lines, as the general behaviour of our patrons is very good indeed."

The balance sheet shows that the profit (including Head Office revenue) is £131,558 and the net profit is £26,561. Of this £9,057 goes in taxation, leaving £17,504, which is the real net profit of the Trust.

The net profits of the various establishments conducted by the Trust are presented separately, and the greatest profit is shown in the operation of the Kelvin Hotel, the net return of which was £14,761, while the Clyde came second with £9,032 and the Appleby third with £6,410.

The Brown Owl restaurant showed a loss of £1,683.

	Profit £	Loss £
Appleby Hotel	6,410	—
Avenal Hotel	104	—
Brown Owl	—	1,683
Cecil Hotel	2,295	—
Clyde Hotel	9,032	—
Deschler Hotel	267	—
Grand Hotel	6,905	—
Kelvin Hotel	14,761	—
Rugby Park Bottle Store	295	—
Southland Hotel	56	—

Interest payments amount to £9,007.

Included in the detailed expenses are £282 for flowers and £229 for disinfectant, while one of the biggest single items is £1,328 for electricity.

Big items in the furniture replacements are £600 for replacement of glasses, £628 for crockery, £851 for linen, £440 for cutlery and £116 for mops and brushes. Replacement for keys are set down at £7.

In the maintenance section paint is charged at £1,094, carpentry £1,361 and gardening £508.

The bar, restaurant and board and residence takings at the Trust concerns are shown as follows:—

	Bar £	Rest. £	Resi- dence £
Appleby	30,827	—	—
Avenal	5,583	—	2,495
Brown Owl	9,223	30,134	—
Cecil	6,118	—	4,631
Clyde	44,363	—	—
Deschler	6,554	—	8,754
Grand	73,778	—	17,440
Kelvin	64,289	—	—
Rugby Park	2,804	—	—
Southland	5,302	—	—
Southland	5,302	—	1,253

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Auckland District Executive Meeting:

"The seriousness of the adverse influence of alcohol upon the vigour and energy of the white corpuscles cannot be over-estimated. Herein lies the explanation of many infections, many prolonged illnesses, much chronic ill-health, and many premature deaths."—G. Simwood, M.A., M.D.

Given at Brooklyn Union Meeting:

"A total abstainer has an advantage over any man who drinks alcoholic liquor in any contest of physical endurance."—Don Bradman, Australian Cricketer.

"Beer and Food—Thirteen glasses of beer equals one glass of milk."—F. Richardson, Public Analyst.

Beer must be judged by what effect it has on the human organism. As a drink beer is not satisfying. As a food it fattens without nourishing. As a social custom it is degrading and demoralising. Since you drink to quench your thirst, since you eat to get nourishment, since you take part in any social relation to better yourself and your friends, beer stands condemned as a usurper and a false witness on every claim it offers.

Convention Assemblies—contd.

Many beautiful gifts were received by Mrs. Boole from the various countries, among them being an unusually beautiful Paisley shawl from Scotland, and a maple-leaf brooch set with brilliants, from Canada.

CLOSING SERVICE

The Convention closed in the traditional manner, with the singing of "God be with you" and the Benediction.

SOME OF THE EXTRA THINGS

Although it is impossible for us to tell half of the pleasant, surprising, kind things reported as having been done for the entertainment and comfort of the delegates, we can say that the members of the U.S.A. Unions set an example of whole-hearted, generous, loving, and thoughtful concern for the well-being of their guests. Mrs. Kasper tells of drives, luncheons, gifts innumerable. Among these last should be mentioned the presentation, to every delegate of a little work-bag, by the New Jersey ladies. And special mention should be made of the outing when the largest number of people ever taken by bus in Asbury Park on a sight-seeing excursion, went out on the fleet provided, of course in relays.

One Easter Day in England—contd.

horns of beauty in every vale, the birds have returned, and Christ is risen from the dead."

Communion followed, beginning with the singing of the tenderest, most searching of all Communion hymns.

"And now, O Father, mindful of the Love

That bought us once for all, on Calv'ry's tree."

How quiet, how reverent, and how intimate it all seemed. The very Presence was with us then.

And it was over. We went out of the church to find, most amazingly, that it was raining, it was darker and sadder than ever. We had seen golden sunlight all around us during the time of Easter worship, and had completely forgotten that outside were rain, mist, and cloud. But in every face a light shone that could not be put out.

HOME MAKERS CORNER

DELICIOUS FRUIT DRINKS

(Contributed.)

Thirst Quencher: 1 cup orange juice, 1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup maraschino cherry juice, 2 tablespoons honey, 1 cup water, 1 pint vanilla ice cream, 2 tablespoons sliced maraschino cherries.

After juices are mixed with honey, chill. Add ice cream. Stir till partially blended. Makes 1½ quarts.

Raspberry Nectar: $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, 1½ cups water, 1 cup raspberry juice.

Make a lemonade of the three first ingredients and add the raspberry juice.

Golden Gate Punch: $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar, 1½ cups lemon juice, 1 cup orange juice, 2 cups grape or berry juice, 6 cups water. Garnish with lemon slices.

Loganberry Punch: 6 cups loganberry juice, 2½ cups grape juice, 2 cups orange juice, 2 cups canned apricot nectar.

Mix all and serve.

Grape Lemonade: Freeze grape juice cubes in refrigerator tray. Make a tart lemonade and pour over grape-flavoured ice cubes.

Garnish with mint.

Mixed Fruit Nectar: 2 cups canned apricot nectar, 2 cups pineapple juice, 1½ cups canned pear nectar, 1 cup orange juice, 1 cup water.

Fruit Beverage: 1 quart strawberries, 1 quart red raspberries, 4 cups water, 1 cup sugar, juice of 3 lemons, 1 pint lime or orange carbonated beverage.

Mash and cook fruit slightly. Strain through cheese cloth. Mix juices thoroughly, and when ready to serve combine with carbonated beverage.

Lemon Punch: Juice of 6 lemons, juice of 6 oranges, sugar syrup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mashed strawberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup crushed pineapple, 1 quart water.

Mix the fruit juice and sweeten to taste with sugar syrup. Add crushed fruit and water. Garnish with lemon or orange slices if desired.

Note.—Sugar syrup is prepared by boiling together equal parts of sugar and water about 10 minutes; pour into sterilised jar, chill, and use for beverages.

By kind permission of the SPAUSA, the N.Z. Alliance, Palmerston N., have pleasure in recommending the above.

SOLUTION TO No. 19

Across.—1, A.P.C.; 4, Ups; 6, Cap; 9, Riot; 11, Boip; 12, Charlatanry; 13, Ace; 14, Ass; 16, Fed; 19, Order; 20, Alley; 21, Orb; 23, Ail; 25, Ada; 27, Investigate; 29, Ones; 30, Eton; 31, Nor; 32, Usk; 33, Ems.

Down.—1, Arc; 2, Piha; 3, Coach-driver; 5, Phase; 6, Consolidate; 7, Airs; 8, Ply; 10, Tre; 11, Baa; 15, Cog; 16, Fro; 17, Dab; 18, Eye; 22, Rates; 23, Anno; 24, Les; 25, Age; 26, Atom; 27, Ion; 28, Ens.

CURRENT TOPICS

Mahatma Gandhi.—The shocking news of the assassination of Mr. Gandhi came as a revelation of the senseless lust for the destruction of the good and fine that seems to animate whole communities at times. This great and good man had shown to a wondering world what the power of non-violent resistance can be. In the very spirit of Jesus Christ, he had sought to draw the warring elements in India together; and though success was only partial, and though evil still triumphed, nothing can alter the fact that his influence was very powerful in the efforts towards mutual understanding and final peace. In his death his true place in the hearts of his countrymen was revealed. A truly heroic figure he will always remain, the world over.

Drink Crimes.—Recent Supreme Court sittings have dealt with a number of offences and crimes in which drink was the ruling factor. The dreadful effect of drink on the power of self-control is revealed in more than one case, in such a way as to make one wonder that publicans are allowed to go unpunished for selling to men already intoxicated. Theirs is the major crime.

Poliomyelitis Epidemic.—It is a matter for thankfulness that the present epidemic, long-drawn-out as it is, is not so severe, as yet, as some others have been. On good authority, it was stated recently that of the children at present in the Auckland Hospital, no more than about six will suffer malformation from their attack. Of the six, it is expected that all will

be practically normal after about two years. In the fatal cases, the respiratory organs have been attacked, and the progress is rapid, little hope being held out from the onset. It is only a small proportion of the whole which has been thus affected. Our prayers are for the speedy staying of the pestilence.

Y.P. Supplements.—It is hoped that those who see to the distribution of the large numbers of "Y.P. Supplements" to Sunday Schools, etc., will please make great efforts to see that all the numbers issued during this long Recess period find their way into the children's hands eventually. This will entail some extra work, but if the little sheet is to be of real use there should be continuity.

Convention in Wellington.—That this will be an interesting Annual Dominion Convention is certain. The reports of Mesdames Mackie and Kasper, the "Group" study of departmental reports, and the various functions all promise a week of stimulating, helpful intercourse and real inspiration.

Situation in Britain.—The depressing news that Britain must still continue in her strenuous, hungry years should give us all reason to consider what more we can do in the way of food parcels. The many letters of gratitude received from unions and individuals should lead us to sacrifice, if need be, for those in such real need of food. Dr. Gilbey and Miss Dorothy Staunton will see to it that every article goes to someone to whom it will mean very much.

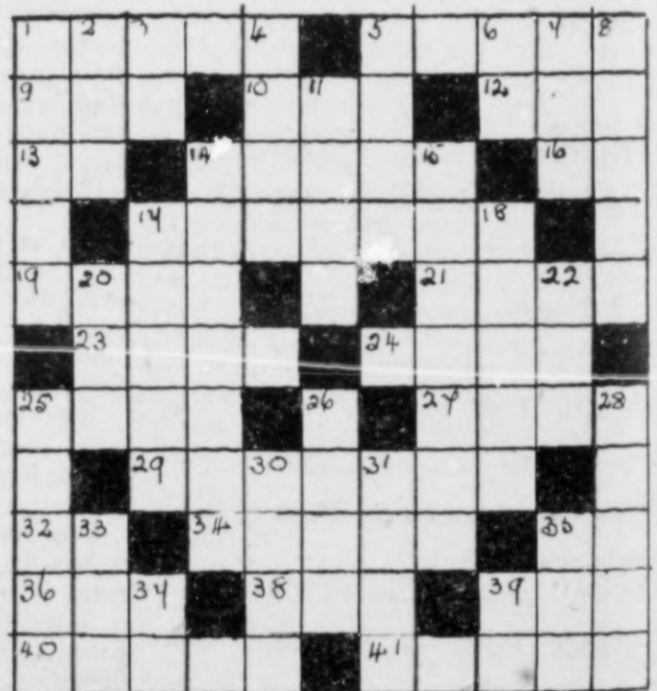
"W.R. CROSSWORD" — 20

CLUES
Across

- 1—Female of the species.
- 5—Regulates.
- 9—Line of light.
- 10—Lyric poem.
- 12—Rock.
- 13—That thing.
- 14—Leather strip.
- 16—Three-toed sloth.
- 17—Sheep-worker.
- 19—Storm.
- 21—Trick.
- 23—Valley.
- 24—Melt.
- 25—Entranced.
- 27—Face.
- 29—Decides.
- 32—Enclosed.
- 34—Used extreme speed.
- 35—Because.
- 36—Follow.
- 38—Used of 1 across.
- 39—Success.
- 40—Bird of happy omen.
- 41—Thin.

Down

- 1—Twist and squeeze.
- 2—Grain.
- 3—Possessive pronoun.
- 4—Memorandum.
- 5—Raise.
- 6—Look.
- 7—Period.
- 8—Take.
- 11—Attract.
- 14—Refuge.
- 15—Read carefully.
- 17—Flat-handed blows.
- 18—Corrodes.
- 20—Girl's name.
- 22—Observe.
- 25—Attacks.
- 26—Bite into metal with acid.
- 28—Cornish delicacy.
- 30—Piece of work.
- 31—Ugly look.
- 33—Negative.
- 35—Help.
- 37—Be off.
- 39—Not used of 1 across.



A Lesson in Courtesy

By A. E. Cook. From Canadian
"White Ribbon Tidings."

One lovely summer afternoon Mrs. Barr and her neighbour, Mrs. Graham, were sitting in the lawn-swing on the former's shady lawn, chatting as they busied themselves sewing for the Red Cross. Both ladies were active members of their respective churches, in Missionary Work and in Ladies' Aid, as well as being ardent members of, and workers in, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. All through the war they had helped the Red Cross, sending parcels to boys overseas and preparing many "bundles for Britain." Now the actual fighting was ended they still sewed and collected clothing for the needy folk in the war-devastated countries of Europe, welcomed war-brides, visited hospitals, and in other ways did all they could to help those in dire need.

Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Graham were both in their later thirties, with teenage young people in their homes. As was natural they spoke of the many temptations their young folk had to face in these ultra-modern days, especially in the supposedly "smart set" to which so many teen-agers belonged, a set which seemed to think a party could not be a success unless there were "cocktails," or wine, or beer, according to the taste of the group.

"You know," Mrs. Graham remarked, "I'm puzzled at the attitude of many otherwise intelligent and good-hearted women who have succumbed to the prevailing custom of serving what they call the "social glass," and some who never used to have liquor in their homes now think they **just must** serve alcoholic drinks. They seem to take it as a personal affront if a guest dares to refuse these beverages and asks politely for a glass of water. Why do you suppose they act that way?"

"Well, I'm not quite sure. I've sometimes thought that back of that feeling of offence is an accusing conscience, which makes the hostess feel that the abstaining guest may make the "cocktail-drinking members of her party suffer embarrassment."

"Yes, I can see that might be. But why don't they ever think how difficult that attitude makes it for the non-drinkers? THEY don't want to offend either hostess or guests, but they feel they should be allowed to choose to drink or not to drink without any fear that they might embarrass anyone else."

Both were silent for a few moments. Presently Mrs. Barr spoke.

"I had an unusual experience along that very line recently. All hostesses aren't discourteous to, or thoughtless about, their abstaining guests, you may be sure, and that is what I found out." She paused.

"Go on Mrs. Barr. My curiosity is aroused. What happened?"

"It happened at a Red Cross Tea, where only wine and small cakes were to be served by the hostess. I was apparently a stranger to all but my hostess, whom I had met at a tea given by our W.C.T.U. in aid of war-orphan's. She was a gracious, cultured English lady, and had made us all feel happy and at ease. I had noticed one person in the group, a rather loud-voiced, domineering type, whose manner and voice seemed to say "I'm **somebody**" and whose presence was the only jarring note.

"Well, to shorten my story, the hostess began to pass the wine and cakes. I noticed that everyone took the wine, and it so chanced that I was the last to be offered refreshments. I smiled and quietly said, "Mrs. Blank, do you mind if I ask for a glass of water?"

"WELL! of all things!" exploded the arrogant person. "Such **nerve!** I never saw such rudeness."

I knew my face went red, but our gracious hostess looked squarely at the rude guest and countered, politely, but coldly:

"Why do you call Mrs. Barr rude? If you were in **her** home, and she

offered you tea, and you, for your own reasons, asked for hot water, would any guest have the right to be as rude to you as you have just been to Mrs. Barr?"

Turning at once to me, Mrs. Blank said:

"Would you care for a glass of orange-juice or grape-fruit juice, Mrs. Barr?"

"Thank you, I would like some fruit juice if convenient, but a glass of water will be quite all right."

A quiet word to the efficient maid soon brought me the deliciously cold glass of fruit-juice, and as I sipped it, my hostess said to the rather embarrassed ladies:

"I should have been more thoughtful, and have remembered that Mrs. Barr belongs to a group whose one rule for membership happens to be total abstinence from all beverages that contain alcohol, even wine. Please forgive me, Mrs. Barr, for having caused you this embarrassing moment."

There was no need for words, as I am sure the grateful smile I gave her told how warmly I appreciated her courtesy."

"Well now, that's what I call a truly courteous lady," was Mrs. Graham's comment. "But really, I wonder why those hostesses who feel they must serve alcoholic drinks nearly always fail to provide for the non-alcohol users? But I must be going. The family will soon be in for supper. (Yes, we're old-fashioned and have dinner at noon.) Thanks for that pleasant story. I only hope that old 'battle-axe' felt properly **squelched**."

"O, come now, don't be too hard on her. Think what a grand opportunity she gave Mrs. Blank to teach her a needed lesson in social courtesy."

"Goodbye Mrs. Barr, I'll be looking for you at our tea at the Market next week."

"I'll be on hand, never fear. Good-bye."

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, February 2: District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy presided. Mrs. Anstice leading Devotions. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Mr. L. E. Falkner, the late Mr. T. H. Eccersall, the late Mrs. Gibbon of the Mount Albert Union, and the late Mrs. Ward-Campbell of the Titirangi Union.

A report on "Y" work was given by Mrs. Kasper, and Miss Appleby reported that a new Maori Girls' Hostel, under the jurisdiction of the United Maori Mission had been opened in Shelley Beach Road, Ponsonby.

A greeting was received from the World President, Mrs. John Forrester-Paton, of Scotland. It was reported that a jumble sale had realised £24 for the painting of the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Mountjoy reported having received a request from the Y.W.C.A. to broadcast a New Year greeting on behalf of the W.C.T.U. on January 5, 1948; and having sent a suitable greeting. Mrs. Mountjoy was appointed District Delegate for Dominion Convention.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, February 5: Opening meeting for 1948. Very good attendance. Special speaker, Mrs. Hugh Kasper, J.P., who gave a very interesting and graphic account of her experiences while travelling to and from the World Convention at Asbury Park, and described vividly impressions received at the Convention. Mrs. Maunder appointed Convention delegate, and Mrs. York representative on local Pan-Pacific group. Beautiful flowers presented to Mrs. Kasper. Devotions led by Mrs. A. Bensley. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs. Whittaker on the death of her husband, and with the relatives of Mrs. Ireland (a staunch supporter), and all standing as a mark of deep affection to the memory of Mrs. Nicholson, a member who had passed away since the last meeting.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting: Delegates from New Plymouth, Inglewood, Ngaire, Eltham, and Hawera were welcomed by the district President, Mrs. T. Hurrell, of New Plymouth, at the meeting of the District Executive held at Hawera. District Convention arrangements made for February 25, Miss Kirk, Dominion President, expected to be Guest-speaker. In the afternoon delegates brought in gifts of soap and soap powder for sending to Britain, to be packed by the Hawera ladies and postage met by the executive. Two letters of thanks for parcels received from London. Devotions led by Mrs. Hurrell, Mesdames Arthur, Holly, and Miss Drew also partaking. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. T. Hall in the death of her husband. Mrs. Johnson was pianist, and solos were sung by Mrs. Tozer. Morning and afternoon teas were provided by Hawera members and served by the tea hostesses and members.

New Plymouth, January 29: Cheery meeting. Psalm read responsively, and prayer offered by two members. Mrs. Armstrong thanked for gift of tablecloth. As Miss Drew has been compelled reluctantly to give up the chairmanship of the Seamen's Rest Committee, Mrs. Hurrell has been appointed in her place. Very appreciative reference was made to Miss Drew's long and able service in this capacity, and she was the recipient of a beautiful spray made by Mrs. Stewart. Most appreciative letters received from Miss Dorothy Staunton and Dr. Gilbey, telling of the comfort and cheer our parcels have brought. Decided to send monthly parcel. Stickers and envelopes for advertising purposes to be obtained. Arrangements made for hospitality to delegates at District Executive meeting. February

meeting opened with devotions and Temperance Fact. Arrangements made for "Seamen's Rest" report for District Convention. Mrs. Walls conducted a Produce Table. Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui East, Cradle Roll Party, November, 1947: A large number of children and mothers were present. The children gave items of songs and recitations which were enjoyed by all. Mrs. G. Spurdle, District Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, was asked to present Mrs. Ogier, late District Superintendent, with a beautiful spray of flowers as a small token of appreciation of the valuable work she has done in the past. The children were entertained with games out in the open while the mothers had afternoon tea, after which the children did justice to the cakes and soft drinks.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, February 4: Mrs. Tremaine presided and led Devotions. District Executive report given by secretary. The president had received a number of letters from England expressing thanks for food parcels sent from Feilding Union. Donations promised for more parcels. Delegate appointed for Dominion Convention. Fair attendance. Collection for World Missions. Mrs. Taylor closed meeting with prayer.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn: First meeting of the year presided over by Mrs. Brewer. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood, who struck the note of courage and strength, this being followed up by the president, who made a stirring appeal for the work of the coming year. Our treasurer congratulated on having reached her jubilee wedding day, to which she feelingly responded. A gift of flowers was made to her in recognition of her service as treasurer to the Union since its inception. Collected during the year £11 for Convention expenses fund. Mrs. Jordan appointed delegate to the District Executive meeting, and, with Mrs. Brewer, to the Dominion Convention. Midday tea to be in our hands for Convention. Good financial position shown by treasurer's statement. President read "Alcoholics Anonymous Programme" from "W.R."

NORTH CANTERBURY

Woolston, Annual Meeting, November 20, 1947: Devotions, Mrs. Spiers; Mrs. Ramsay presiding. Mrs. Clark, District President, chaired the election of officers, which resulted thus: President, Mrs. Tomlinson (Mrs. Ramsay not seeking re-election); vice-presidents, Mesdames Ramsay and Pedler; secretary, Mrs. Webb; treasurer, Mrs. Ramsay. Superintendents were also appointed. A successful "Bring and Buy" stall was held.

Riccarton, February 12: Attendance of 21. Mrs. Griffiths presided and led opening Devotions. Welcome extended to a visitor and to all members after recess. Mental Hospital report given. Delegate to Dominion Convention, Mrs. G. Smith. Five letters of thanks received and one of sympathy to be sent out. Donation of £2 5s. to be sent to CORSO to enable them to purchase a spinning wheel. A sale of fruit brought by the president brought in 16s. 6d., and collection 10s. President gave a helpful thought for the month and closed the meeting with prayer.

New Brighton, February 5: Mrs. Edmond presided at first meeting for the year. Mrs. Goodland led Devotions. Visit to Mental Hospital reported. Treasurer presented annual statement, and thanks were expressed. Mrs. Hopwood, of Tinwald Union, was welcomed as a visitor. She gave greetings and was given return greetings. Arrangements made for annual picnic and World's Day of Prayer.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, February 3: Good attendance presided over by Mrs. N. Forbes. Three apologies. Mrs. Adjutant Kears read an extract from

"Your Father Knoweth" in leading the Devotional period. Letters to be sent to two sick members in hospital. Mrs. Watson appointed Convention delegate. Miss E. M. Tarratt's resignation from the treasurership accepted with regret, Mrs. C. A. Webster being appointed in her place. Arrangements made for Woman's World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Adjutant Kears farewell. Mrs. Forbes read an inspiring article on the sixth verse of the twenty-third Psalm, the Benediction being pronounced by Mrs. Kears.

Spreydon, February 10: First meeting of the year. Attendance fair. Several apologies. Prize-winning essays from Spreydon School read and approved. Helpful address by the Rev. Mr. Lonsdale.

Sydenham, February 5, 1948: Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, conducted our first meeting of the year held on February 5, there being an attendance of 12 members and one visitor. Mrs. Davies opened with Devotions. Members stood in silence as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. C. Teague, who passed away recently. The usual routine business was transacted, a Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Woodward, and our Syllabus for the ensuing year drawn up. Mrs. Filer reported on the Christmas Party given to the inmates of the Women's Reformatory, stating that a happy time was spent by all present. The Benediction was pronounced by Mrs. MacLachlan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BROOKLYN, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sawden, 16 Todman St.; W.R., Mrs. Pearce; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; C.R., Mrs. Gillings.

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, 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. 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, Waiter'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, 2.0 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Miss P. Rickard, Box 18, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Tyer, Victoria Road, R.D., Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R. and C.R., Miss G. Clark.

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, Aiton St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskili, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Aiton St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Canning St.

GONVILLE, Methodist Schoolroom, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancy; Sec., Miss Roots, 27 May St.; Treas., Mrs. Spurdle, 47 Kawatiri Av.; W.R., 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, Tirimoana Road; W.R., Mrs. Johnston; C.R. and Evang. Mrs. E. V. Phillips.

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 Presbiterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Miss L. Berendi, 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.

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; Evangl., 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. McKeae; C.R., Mrs. Gandy, Junr.; Y.P., Mrs. Deans.

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

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

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

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, 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, Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laing's Rd., 2.0 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. Spencer, "Chingford," Belmont; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, 561 High St.; Treas., Mrs. J. P. Cooper, 27 Maire St.; C.R., Mrs. Aldersley; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Cooper; W.R., Mrs. Heyes, Mellington Rd., and Mrs. Teasdale, Kauri St.

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, 2.0 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Warring, 13 Poronui Street, Mt. Eden; 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. Trevorrow, Makora Rd.; W.R., Miss S. Tankersley.

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

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

MOSGIEL, Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, Feb., May, Aug. and Nov. Acting Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. E. Osborne, 23 Factory Road.

MOTUEKA, 2.45 p.m., last Wednesday, at Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Carter, Victoria Street; 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. Atherfield, 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 Cuthfield 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.

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 Hill St.; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter, 30 Rether St.; W.R., Mrs. J. J. Clarke, 62 Tyne St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey Street. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby, Leadley and Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Perrett, 21 Cardwell Street, Onehunga; W.R., Mrs. Ashby; Home Meetings, Mrs. C. Ashton; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; C.R., Miss Caughley; Evangelistic, Miss H. Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Pres., 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. Atkins, 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, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Hall. Pres., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert Street; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Sutherland, 69 Marne Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Claridge; Treas., Mrs. Sexton; W.R., Mrs. Coles, 7 Oxford Street; C.R., Miss Connelly; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. White.

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. Knaut; 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.

TE KUITI (Maori), 2nd Saturday, at —, in —, Pres., Mrs. A. Josephs; Sec., Mrs. J. Emery, Esplanade; Treas., Mrs. R. Ewan; Youth Work, Mesdames G. McNaught and P. Hone; W.R., Mrs. P. Anderson; C.R., Mrs. P. Turner.

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; Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; Treas., Mrs. Thompson, 239 Otupua Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Howe, 166 Otupua Rd.; C.R., Miss Arras; Seamen, Miss Stevenson.

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.

WAIKAWA, 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, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Duckett, Mary Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Kippenberger, Stark, Burnet and Griffiths; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt Street; Treas., Miss S. Hayman, Willowbridge; W.R., Mrs. Tooley, 8 Grace Street; C.R., Miss P. Tooley and Mrs. Crawley.

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

WAIROA, H.B., 2nd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. D. McIntyre; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. McDonald; Sec., Mrs. H. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.; Treas., Mrs. Aldridge; C.R., Mrs. J. McDonald; W.R., Mrs. Edlington.

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

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

WELLSFORD, 4th Tuesday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist and Church of Christ Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Singleton, Mangawai; Sec., Mrs. E. Yates, Te Hana; Treas., Mrs. Singleton.

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 Dianiss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. Cheesman.

WINTON, 3rd Tuesday, every 2nd month, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Miss H. Clement, Great North Road; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Park Street; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie; C.R., Mrs. Dixon.