

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"The continuing unto the end, until the matter be thoroughly finished, yields the true glory."
—Sir Francis Drake.

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EDITORIAL

"WELLINGTON, 1948"

The annual "trek" from all parts of the Dominion this year led to the Capital City. Friend greeted friend, new delegates were helped to find their feet in a new place and among strange faces; and Wellington itself seemed to welcome the Convention with open arms. How beautiful the sunshine and glorious blue sky were, almost every minute of the time! Such days of calm, warm, brilliant weather helped to make an atmosphere of happiness and well-being; and this was supported and intensified by the splendid hospitality and generous kindness of our Hostess District Union. Every care was taken to secure smooth running of the Convention machinery; and very real gratitude must be expressed on behalf of the many who came from afar only to find themselves readily at home, among friends and comrades.

And a feast of good things awaited us all. The addresses, discussions, suggestions, and the Devotional periods particularly, built up a store of wealth for future use in many a Union. It is good to think of the numbers who will carry back something of the inspiration they experienced; and of the impetus their reports will give to their Unions.

There is another side to it all, of course. One thinks of the return home; and how the family will greet the mother, sister, or wife. Happy reunions, and renewed pleasure in home life after a little while of doing something different from the usual, are natural sequences. It is possible that this readjustment to everyday living may tend to dim the brightness of Convention days. It is not easy to retain the full sense of the past when the present is so rich in its claims on the best in us. Yet, we hope that delegates will write down, if possible, the story they mean to tell, before its points of interest lose their significance. Unions need to glimpse the great amount of work done; to gain some idea of the scope of our W.C.T.U. activities; and to feel the warmth and friendliness so evident in all the questioning, conferring, and discussing, and also in the social intercourse between hours of serious business. It is no small task to carry all this to a Union meeting in such a way that the members may be able to receive something like a

"SERVICE OF MEMORIES"
"These having died in the Faith..."

The following list gives the names of members who went to Higher Service during the year 1947-48. They were remembered by name at the Service of Memories.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT. — Mrs. E. V. Weir, Treasurer and Peace Superintendent for 16 years; also President at Maungakaramaea.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT. — **Tauranga**, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Ferguson; **Cambridge**, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Bycroft.

WANGANUI DISTRICT. — Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Neilson. Both very valued members.

TARANAKI DISTRICT. — **Hawera** Union. Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Hatchard, Miss Richardson.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT. — **Upper Hutt**, Mrs. Q. Avery, Mrs. Whiteman; **Wellington Central**, Mrs. Peryman, Mrs. Munt, Mrs. Helyer, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Perrett; **Lower Hutt**, Mrs. Aldersley, Sen.

NELSON DISTRICT. **Nelson**, Mr. J. Walker, Honorary Member; **Motueka**, Mrs. Stevens.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT — **Blenheim**, Mrs. Hale, Sen., Foundation Member; **Picton**, Mrs. S. E. Wells, a real stalwart.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT. — **Christchurch**, Mrs. G. Burn, Mrs. F. C. Price, Miss M. Whyte, Miss Elizabeth McKee.

OTAGO DISTRICT. — **Oamaru**, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Dunn, Miss Day.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT. — **Invercargill Central**, Mrs. F. B. McKenzie, Mrs. J. J. Wesley, Mrs. Pryde, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Gilmore, Sen., Mrs. J. D. Gilmore, Mrs. O'Toole.

correct impression, but we urge that the effort should be made. The reading of Minutes in the Handbook will not have the same effect as the personal experiences given by the delegates in their own way to their own Unions.

So, we make our fresh start with our work. As ever, the enemy flourishes his banners and beats his drums; but we go forth to meet him, in the strength of the Lord of Hosts.

SUNG AT THE SERVICE
MEMORIAL HYMN

Tune: "Aurelia"
Our Father, by whose servants
Our cause was built of old,
Whose hand hath crowned her children
With blessings manifold,
For Thine unfailing mercies,
Far strewn along our way,
With all who passed before us,
We praise Thy name today.

They reap not where they laboured,
We reap what they have sown;
Our harvest may be garnered
By ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dowered us
With gifts beyond all praise;
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days.

Before us and beside us,
Still holden in thine hand,
A cloud of unseen witness,
Our elder comrades stand;
One family unbroken,
We join, with one acclaim,
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify Thy name.

—George Wallace Briggs.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Delivered March 3, 1948, by Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

In the whole of the world's history there has never been a time when the power and ability of women has had such open acknowledgment and, from most people, such willingly expressed appreciation. The two Wars which are within the memory of many of us and within the knowledge of all, certainly provided many opportunities for women to prove their mental and physical equipment; in the fighting Forces, in Industry, in Commerce, and in that foundation Force the "Home Front." Of all the women who command our loving respect surely none hold a higher place than those who stayed at home and cooked, sewed, washed, cared for children and old people, helped short staffed hospitals, packed goods for overseas loved ones and for Red Cross distribution, all these extras done in their "spare time," though goodness alone knows how they found any, until they were so weary they could hardly keep their eyes open or bear to put their shoes on. All this done with cheerfulness and courage in spite of hearts torn with anxiety for the safety of those they loved. All this because we were marching to victory! Where are we going now? What sort of victory are we marching toward? Are we marching at all? Recently we have been encouraged by the appointment of women to some executive positions; but, with their appointment, comes our responsibility to do what we can to help them to achieve the best within their reach; the responsibility, also, to see that such women are fully informed as to the evils of the Liquor Trade. Quite a large number of people say, "Oh, I don't want to know about those things." That is a pity; but we must see to it that they are told. If they will not do the right thing when they know, we cannot help it. If we have given them the facts they cannot expect us to give them the brains to use them. That is their business. Recently there have been a number of things to encourage us in our work. In our own country we find some of the Churches very much alive to the work of the Devil as exemplified in the liquor traffic. Doubtless there are many Churches who are still, for various reasons, unwilling to stand solidly for the abolition of this traffic. Still, it is, I think, safe to say that it would be difficult to find a Church in which there were not "five righteous" in this matter. Then again we are frequently reminded, both over the air and in the daily papers, that the consumption of alcohol by motorists, even if only taken in small quantities, is liable to produce accidents. It is not so very long ago that if an intoxicated motorist could walk a straight line it was accepted as proof that he was in a fit state to drive a car. Now scientific investigation has proved, far beyond any

possible doubt, that a person who has drunk even one glass of alcoholic beverage, be it wine, beer, or cider, is inevitably poisoned and his judgment impaired to a greater or lesser degree.

It is difficult to understand the apathy of Christian people, especially Christian women, in regard to the horrors caused by the use of beverage alcohol; women who during the War would have allowed nothing to stand in the way of their hospital, parcel-packing, bed-making duties, now seem to think death, serious physical injury, and moral degradation are of little or no moment. "I didn't come to the meeting, because I had a visitor staying with me; I had arranged to meet a friend in town," &c. All these and many other excuses are offered as reasons for not helping to safeguard either one's own or one's neighbours' young people and children, and for not joining in the march for victory over evil. We would have been very ashamed if our friends had given such a feeble excuse for not doing their share of hospital work or comfort packing. Of course there are quite a number who are at various times prevented from attending the Union meetings by circumstances beyond their control. To them we offer our sympathy and are thankful to know that they are with us in spirit. What are we to do about those apathetic ones and those who do not care at all? Who are the people who give most help to the liquor traffic? Those who want to make money quickly, and to that end set aside the moral and physical welfare of their neighbours for the sake of "big money." Those who say, "Oh, I don't drink much. I can take it or let it alone." Can they? If they can "let it alone," if it means so little to them, why do they not let it alone? Then there are those who say, "Oh we never keep it in the house. We only have it for Christmas and New Year, or birthdays or weddings." These people consider themselves "moderate" drinkers. So they are, but would any one of them defend "moderate" lying or "moderate" stealing, or "moderate" murdering? If not, how can they defend moderate drinking, which is acknowledged to be the most prolific and, indeed, the chief cause of all these things, together with disease, cruelty, and every known vice. Does it not strike you as more than a little queer to hear people, who appear to be quite sane, setting aside certain times and seasons when they will with pleasure hand round glasses of poison to their family and friends? They declare with such an air of virtue that they would not think of keeping it in the house. Why, if it is so fine a thing do they not keep it in the house? Is it not because right down in their hearts they know that the thing is evil?

We have watched with great interest the progress of the Beer Boycott. We know what the results of beer-drinking are but it is not often that our daily papers publish such delightful facts, which only need to be read to prove how much better off a non-alcohol-drinking community is compared with one of the beer-drinking kind. The following appeared in the "Dominion" of December 11, 1948:

GREYMOUTH, December 10.

Since the beer boycott—or the "beercott" as it is now known—was imposed on the West Coast it has had six important results.

Gardens now receive more attention; houses are being painted and repaired; absenteeism at the mines has almost disappeared; earnings have increased; coal production has never been higher; and everyone agrees there is a better social and domestic atmosphere prevailing than there was before.

These points are made in an official statement issued by the Grey Valley Miners' Central Committee.

We hope that at least some of those who learnt the advantages of abstinence from alcoholic beverages will have sufficient strength of mind and purpose to continue on their better way.

There are many indications of a forward movement in the States, and this extract from the "Union Signal" of December, 1947, should greatly hearten us.

Four States Show "Dry" Trend

From New York, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee comes news of victories for the "drys" in local option and municipal contests.

Probably the most important incident was the election last week at Knoxville of an ex-Tennessee University football star, Judge James W. Elmore, Jun., who, although a Republican, was elected Mayor on a "dry" platform openly endorsed by those opposed to legal sale, over George Dempster, Democrat, who reputedly was backed by the Crump pro-liquor machine. Report of the unofficial vote gives Judge Elmore a margin of 1,089, or a total of 11,914 to 10,825 for his opponent.

The national significance of this result appears to be that Mayor Elmore is likely to greatly strengthen the enforcement of the dry law in Knoxville, now said to be the largest "dry" city in the country.

Word from New York indicates that out of 18 local option campaigns launched, the "drys" won 14, in 10 different counties; the "wets" two. Two others were thrown out because of incorrect petitions. Of the 14 counties which voted dry, five changed from wet to dry.

Ohio correspondence shows that nearly 100 local option contests were

held November 4, with scattered results indicating many dry victories. Four precincts in Columbus and one township in Franklin County voted dry.

Kentucky correspondence indicates that the last wet oasis in eastern Kentucky, Pike County, the largest county in Kentucky, having nearly 800 square miles and 91 voting precincts, voted dry by 910 votes, putting 139 saloons out.

In all these contests, the outstanding feature was the reliance upon purely factual data in bringing the question to voters.

Surely the above proves the value of educational work. These people know their facts and see to it that others do, too.

Never has the call for education on the evils of the liquor traffic been more urgent. Our young women and young men are thronging into the commercial and civic life of the country. Are we seeing to it that they know the value of keeping clear heads and living decent lives? Surely each one of us is challenged by the life and death and resurrection of Christ to use to the utmost our prayers and brains to help these young ones to help themselves.

Learn all you can about the evils of the liquor traffic; if you **should** learn anything good about it you could tell us that too.

We can only reach our goal, of a country cleansed of this iniquitous and soul-destroying traffic by taking steadily, step by step, the road that lies before us. We must realise that we have not time to miss steps or to take short steps when we might take long ones.

In the time before next Parliamentary election let us try to find men and women to represent us who are not afraid to stand four-square against the liquor traffic; men and women with clean records, both in public and private life.

Radio programmes still need reforming. Keep at it. Children are still needing greater protection; sometimes, alas, protection from their parents.

There is work for every woman in one or more of our Departments. Surely out of 23 Departments every one can find an interesting and worthwhile avenue of real service; and, above all, there is the crying need to remove the stumbling block of alcoholic beverages out of the way of our sisters and brothers.

In closing I would like to bring before you these quotations, "Refrain not to speak when there is occasion to do good." "A great door and effectual is opened to us," and through it, under our banner with its motto "For God, Home, and Humanity," with the help of the Lord we march to certain VICTORY. As you go forward in this year of our Lord, 1948, I give you the wish with which the early pilgrims used to cheer each other, "I wish you Good Luck in the name of the Lord."

A NEWCOMER'S IMPRESSIONS OF CONVENTION

Jane Emery

We arrived in Wellington to attend Convention, expectant of—we were not quite sure what. The smiling welcome of two charming members of the Wellington W.C.T.U., who met us, assured us of what lay ahead.

Convention opened under the gracious guidance of the Dominion President, Miss Kirk, whose kindly charm linked all delegates together in happy harmony. She was ably assisted by her capable officers, whose help was so courteously and freely extended to all throughout the first days of Convention.

As newcomers we were intrigued, interested, and imbued with the sincere, happy spirit of it all; and struck with the earnest desire of these delegates to give of their best to matters placed before Convention. That this annual event is a training-ground, giving insight into the vast fields of humanitarian endeavour encompassed and encouraged by the W.C.T.U., and fulfilled, to a great extent, was obvious to us novices from the beginning. In the bettering of conditions for children, men, and women, and all humanity generally, our organisation works quietly and efficiently at its target for good, influencing the laws of the country in the right direction.

Its world-wide endeavour for the welfare of humanity in peace, prosperity, and health, was brought home in few words very vividly to Convention, by our two accomplished delegates who attended the World Convention in America. At that huge gathering of the world intellect of the W.C.T.U. movement, black, brown, white, and yellow delegates met to learn from each other, and to combine with each other in their effort and action for World Welfare—to stamp out humanity's No. 1 degrading curse, the drink traffic, with its attendant evils.

It was not all work at the Dominion Conference. A reception of welcome, interspersed with songs by accomplished artists, teas, visiting lecturers, church services, and organised outings were recess high lights. We took advantage of the glorious sunshine Wellington so kindly favoured us with in such great measure, to enjoy a trip across the harbour to Day's Bay. It was a perfect Saturday afternoon, warm sunshine, tempered with gentle sea breezes from the sun-flecked blue-

green of the harbour, stretching out to the water-line of its surrounding hills, hazy with the sun-kissed blue of the heavens above. The "Rangatira," with its trim whiteness and bright orange funnels, rode gently beside the grey, weather-worn wharf. A flock of sea-gulls alighted on the glistening blue water beside it but soon rose again with a whirr as our launch chugged in to collect us. The jetty was crowded with people in holiday mood, and we milled and surged with them up the green gangway on to the launch, with the infectious lightness of "the afternoon off" atmosphere prevalent.

From our seats on deck we watched Wellington recede and take on its proper dimensions, with the tang of the sea in our nostrils. Our gaze swept round Halswell's Point to the curve of Oriental Bay, the congested masses of the wharf with its cosmopolitan shipping to the ill-fated "Wanganella," round the abundant curving miles of the harbour to Petone, and further round, to the point of our excursion, Day's Bay. The hills and slopes of Wellington were a blur of houses, bright roof-tops intermingled with an abundance of trees and shrubs. Soames Island lay to the right in a gossamer haze; the rock on which the "Wanganella" met its fate stood out in defiance within the roadstead to the open sea. Trim white yachts cruised by in elegant leisure as our launch chugged onward. The drowsy tranquillity of the open spaces mingled with the joyous laughter of gleeful children and more serious adults was good to experience.

We landed at Day's Bay and climbed the shady bush track which took us up and up to a marvellous view of Wellington and its environs. We came down, elated, to afternoon tea in the whitewashed, up-to-date pavilion with its shady verandah, and delightful garden retreats. Day's Bay is a Paradise of Peace with its lovely native bush mantling the steep slopes and deep gullies, and the rooftops of red, yellow, and white—just vivid patches of colour standing out of a tufted cloth of green. The beach beckoned and claimed its quota of enthusiasts. Motor cars lined the parking area of the Bay, facing out to the sea. Revellers boated, swam, walked, ate, and paddled. Tinies built castles in the sand, while others such as we just drowsed on the warm, sandy banks, drank in the lovely lines and activity of the Bay, contemplating lazily the beauty of life.

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CONVENTION

"WHITE RIBBON" EDITOR'S REPORT, 1947-1948

It is with much pleasure that I
present the editorial report for the
past year.

After three years of work on the
paper I can sincerely say that I have
enjoyed that of the past year more
than the preceding ones, probably
because of having learned much more
about it through experience. A certain
degree of orderliness in the arrange-
ment of material has been achieved,
which is all to the good. It has been
my aim to make the paper as useful
as possible to the Unions by supplying
information suitable for special days
and periods. It is unfortunate that
sometimes the issue has been too late
to be of service in this regard to
Unions meeting early in the month. I
have tried to arrange for two months
sometimes, but not always, time and
strength not always being sufficient for
this. By keeping one page regularly
for certain subjects, I have sought to
make it easy for any Union officer to
make full use of what is there for her.

Reporting.—My very sincere thanks
are due to the Union reporters who
have so regularly sent in their reports.
In order to economise in the matter of
space, the system of printing two-
monthly instead of monthly reports for

each Union has been very helpful.
Some reporters have been perturbed
because their reports have not
appeared in the month they expected,
but they will all appear in due course.
The news will be just as interesting
as though it came out earlier, and it
makes a real difference to our busi-
ness manager if we can save this space
on the particular page given to the
reports.

I am sorry to have to refer to the
mistake made in quite a number of
instances in reporting Annual Meet-
ings. Reports on the year's work are
often sent along. It is quite out of
the question for these to be printed.
If all Unions sent this along at least
twice the number of pages would need
to be used. It should be realised that
the work of the Unions is reported
monthly, and does not need to come
again to the paper at the end of the
year. The names of officers elected
should be included, but please, not
those of superintendents. Space is the
trouble once again. It should also be
remembered that if an address has
been given containing something of
really unusual interest and value to
our readers, it must not be put into
the ordinary monthly report. A little
"Special" report should be given, or
a "High Light" made of the most out-
standing parts.

It should not be necessary for any
reporter to say that the Minutes were
read, or that the Pledge was repeated,
or that afternoon tea was served.
These things are "routine," and have
no value or importance as "news."
Union reporters should be told of this.

I have to thank several members for
sending articles of real use. These are
most welcome. Departmental Super-
intendents do not make as much use
of our columns as they might. At
least one paragraph or article should
come from every Superintendent, tell-
ing, once in the year, something of
how her work is going, something she
is doing to further it, or suggesting
some line for Unions to follow. Such
contributions as these are most helpful,
and will be very gladly welcomed. I
am glad to say that very few Unions
now make the mistake of sending
advertisement matter to me instead
of to Mrs. Grigg, our Business
Manager. The Money side of the
"W.R." belongs to the Business side.
I am no business woman, to my shame
be it confessed, and so I am grateful
for being spared everything pertaining
to that part of our work.

The "BEACON" still rather weighs
on my spirits. The almost entire lack
of response from those for whom it
is prepared and published is depress-
ing, and it is difficult to keep up any
real feeling that it is doing a job that
is worth while either for the "Y"
members themselves or for our work
in general. It may be advisable to
make some change in regard to this
part of our publication. To the
Dominion President, the Youth
Director, and to the Past Presidents
who have responded to Mr. Chambers's
request for an article during the year,
I wish to express my very warm
appreciation. They have been most
helpful. It is not possible for me to
know what value the "Beacon" has for
our young people unless they them-
selves take some part in it, and make
some effort to establish contact with
the Editor about their work. Nothing
would be more gladly done than this
part of the paper if it could be felt
that it was of any use to anyone.

The "Y.P." Supplement continues to
be used quite extensively. The
"Rechabites' Corner" supplied by Mr.
Carpenter, District Secretary for
Canterbury, is helpful, and ensures a
larger sale for the sheet. Children
might be encouraged to send in little
bits of news or letters for it. Other
children enjoy reading them. I have
to apologise for the late arrival of
last year's prizes for the painting
competition. This was due to a mis-
understanding, and was rectified, this
year prizes going out very quickly
after the awards were made by Miss
Atkinson. We owe Miss Atkinson
sincere thanks for judging the
children's efforts. The "Animal" series
seem to have been popular.

*To our Business Manager, Mrs.
Grigg, I cannot adequately express my
gratitude. Her help during the year
has been splendid. In addition to her
most exacting duties she has gone to
the printers each month to make sug-
gestions and alterations regarding the
"set-up" of the paper. This has been
done with her usual efficiency, and has
made my work easier.

Our printers, Messrs. Wright and
Carman, have done their best for us,
as in past years. Staff shortages make
their work difficult, and the delay in
the issues appears to be unavoidable.
I have to thank them for their
courtesy and patient endeavour to
please us at all times, and for the
good work they have turned out for us.

“THE WHITE RIBBON”

Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1947

Following on an increase in the cost of production, the subscription was, in April, 1947, raised to 3/6 per annum. The Unions responded very well to this increase in the subscriptions, but we did not receive sufficient, in subscriptions and donations, to completely cover the year's working costs, and had to draw on the surplus from former years, to meet our payments.

New Subscribers totalled 192, a decrease of nine on the previous year. We have written off 170. Of this number 37 have received the call to their Eternal Home, 17 have been written off as not paid up, four have left their addresses and are untraceable, and 112 have cancelled their subscription for various reasons. Of those written off as “unpaid” may I say that accounts have been sent to them for their subscriptions, several times, but no replies have been received.

Of the new subscribers the numbers in the different districts are:

South Island

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Marlborough | 11 |
| Nelson | 8 |
| North Canterbury | 39 |
| South Canterbury | 2 |
| Otago | 20 |
| | 84 |

North Island

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| North Auckland | 7 |
| Auckland | 16 |
| South Auckland | 19 |
| Taranaki | 5 |
| Hawke's Bay | 9 |
| Wanganui | 5 |
| Manawatu | 13 |
| Wellington | 34 |
| | 108 |

The union with the largest number of new subscribers is **Brooklyn**, with 27. This union wins the Banner for 1947.

The “White Ribbon” Vase has been won by Riccarton, for 1947, with 138 subscribers.

The Banner for Unions with under 20 members, having the largest increase in new subscribers, on a percentage basis, is Te Kuiti (European), with 37½ per cent. gain.

Beacons.—The number of “Beacons” sent out each month rose to 525, an increase of 142. This has followed the work of our Organiser among the Maori people.

Y.P. Supplements.—We now have 140 orders for monthly copies of our young people's paper. The total issue for the year came to 73,025 copies, and all these were disposed of. This is an increase of 9,765 copies over the previous year. This is a splendid effort towards giving Temperance Education to our children, a work which should be undertaken by every union.

Once again I would like to thank the principals and staff of Messrs. Wright and Carman, Limited, for their helpfulness and co-operation in print-

ing and issuing our paper. Also to express our sympathy in the loss of Mr. R. A. Wright, their senior partner, who for so many years has been one of the supporters and upholders of the temperance cause in this country.

To our auditor, Mr. G. A. N. Freeman, too, I would like to offer my grateful thanks for his kindness in checking and overseeing the book-keeping.

And I would like specially to ask you to express, by acclamation, your thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who each month undertake the work of addressing the wrappers for your papers, and so do for us an important part of the “White Ribbon” work.

May our paper, through a much wider and larger circulation during this coming year, reach out still further towards those who as yet are ignorant of the ravages of the liquor traffic in this land.

A. D. GRIGG.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Year ending December, 31, 1947

| Expenditure | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|----|
| Printing and publishing | 608 | 5 | 4 | |
| Stationery | 31 | 16 | 11 | |
| Postages, telegrams, and tolls | 15 | 1 | 1½ | |
| Prizes, Y.P. Supplement competition | 1 | 2 | 6 | |
| Convention expenses | 11 | 1 | 0 | |
| Honorarium and Social Secretary charges | 26 | 17 | 6 | |
| Sundries | 1 | 4 | 2 | |
| Bank charges | 0 | 14 | 0 | |
| | £696 | 2 | 5½ | |

CONVENTION REMITS

(Remits were printed in full in February Number.)

The following remits were deleted, Nos. 8 and 11.

No. 2 was altered to read: “That this Convention views with alarm the pernicious sex literature being imported, and also published in New Zealand, and desires the Government to prohibit the importation and also the publication in New Zealand of this type of literature, as, in its opinion, the social and moral well-being of the younger citizens are adversely affected by it.”

No. 13. The Resolution adopted at the World Convention was substituted for this: “Being gravely concerned at the continued wastage of grain and sugar in the manufacture of intoxicants, especially at this time when millions of people are in dire need of food, we pledge ourselves through our National Unions in all countries to protest against such wastage, and to urge our Governments to discontinue the use of food materials for any kind of intoxicating drink.”

No. 16. The last phrase of this was altered to read, “And urges that in the interests of common morality the granting of Art Union permits shall be abolished.”

No. 10, dealing with the holding of Convention bi-annually, was lost.

Receipts

| | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------|------|----|----|
| Subscriptions and sales | 571 | 14 | 0 |
| Advertisements | 61 | 19 | 4 |
| White Ribbon Day Fund | 39 | 5 | 9 |
| Donations | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| | £674 | 3 | 6 |

| | | | |
|---|------|----|-----|
| Excess Expenditure over income, year ending December 31, 1947 | 21 | 18 | 11½ |
| | £696 | 2 | 5½ |

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1947

| Liabilities | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|-----|----|
| Accumulated Fund at 31/12/46 | 86 | 3 | 8 | |
| Less Excess Expenditure year ending 31/12/47 | 21 | 18 | 11½ | |
| | £64 | 4 | 8½ | |
| Assets | | £ | s. | d. |
| Cash in hand | 3 | 0 | 7½ | |
| Cash at Bank of New Zealand | 26 | 14 | 1 | |
| | 29 | 14 | 8½ | |
| Typewriter | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Desk and Pigeonholes | 9 | 10 | 0 | |
| Desk | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 64 | 4 | 8½ | |
| Audited and found correct. | | | | |
| G. A. N. FREEMAN. | | | | |
| February 2, 1948. | | | | |

All the rest, some in amended form, were carried.

An additional Resolution suggested by Mrs. Emery, of the Te Kuiti Maori Union, was “That we urge upon the Government the appointment of specialist teachers in all schools for the teaching of the Maori language, arts, crafts, genealogy, and traditional history.”

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

MARLBOROUGH

Women from all Churches gathered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, on Friday, February 13, to join in the keeping of the Women's World Day of Prayer. The programme, arranged by members of the International Day of Prayer Committee in the United States was used. This was divided into sections, the following ladies acting as leaders: Morning — Mesdames N. Forbes, Bayley, Taylor, and Miss E. Tarrant; afternoon—Mesdames Kirkham, Kearse, Julian, and Bythell. Scripture readings were taken according to the programme, in the morning by Mrs. Underhill, and in the afternoon by Mrs. Hale. Hymns as set out on the programme were used, with Mrs. W. D. Pike at the organ. Attendance at both sessions was good.

ADDRESS GIVEN BY MRS. HIETT, DOMINION VICE- PRESIDENT AT THE WELCOME RECEPTION, MARCH 3

When we pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we are answering that prayer as we endeavour to eradicate liquor from our country. There is no one present who does not know that the Liquor Traffic is a stupendous evil from which our country should be delivered. A serviceman in the last war said, "There is no question that if no one in the Army were using liquor we would have the best physical army of any." He continued, "To take away the soldiers' right to obtain it at public houses whilst civilians are allowed to buy it, would be wrong. Liquor should be taken off the market altogether." Some soldiers believed as this man did. They saw the devastation of war, they also saw that drink furthered the devastation and suffering. The only way to overcome the drink evil is to abolish it. We are looking to our Churches to give the leadership. Churches are placed here and there through our country. They preach the gospel of salvation, they also work to overcome evil practices, and evil tendencies that they might save men and women for Christ's Kingdom. We have had the sad experience of seeing men and women fall away from God through drink. This alcoholic poison is one of the best weapons of the devil to destroy the souls of men and women. That is why we are looking to our Churches for leadership. Some of our Churches are giving the lead. When the whole Church of God takes action to eliminate drink, abolition of the Liquor Traffic will be in sight. This is the work for the Church of God. Because some Christians have their eyes open, something is being done. As you know, one of the recommendations of the "Royal Commission" was drinking in restaurants. I am glad to say that the W.C.T.U. was the first organisation to oppose this suggestion. Some of our leading men said it was too soon to make protests, but we did not think so. When the danger threatened Masterton, all temperance advocates woke up, and protests rolled in from W.C.T.U., N.Z. Alliance, Churches, and Rechabites to such an extent that the proposal to have restaurant drinking in Masterton was dropped. Does it pay to protest? Yes. Some folk think we waste time sending resolutions. Masterton saved from restaurant drinking is a proof that resolutions are useful. I sometimes wonder if Britain is being allowed to suffer, that her eyes may be opened to the need of abolishing drink. She has given so much for the safety of the world. She did not stint in her sacrificial giving, and now she is in sore straits, but there is still a great evil that must

be eliminated. The drink trade is holding Britain down. Her drink bill in 1946 was £680,000,000. For every £1 spent in food 15/6 was spent in drink and tobacco. Can anyone sum up in their minds, the broken homes, broken lives, broken hearts, lives cut short, souls lost through the use of £680,000,000 of drink in one year, and in our little land our drink bill of £13,000,000? We stand amazed before the ravages of drink. Let us not be dumb. Many millions of people are starving. Enough grain could be saved to feed these millions by clamping down on brewing. American distilleries at the request of President Truman closed down for 60 days towards the end of 1947 and saved from between 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushels of grain for Europe—in 60 days.

Mr. Stakesby Lewis from South Africa cabled Mr. Attlee, "In view of desperate food position avoid such wanton waste in production of liquor," and wrote a letter following: "The whole world is tired of the wasting of foodstuffs. We hope and pray that the British Nation will not be misled by the liquor interests." God grant that Britain will shake off the shackles. The Prohibition vote in the United States is growing rapidly, so much so that liquor men are advising to cut out excesses or the country will go dry. The W.C.T.U. in the United States had a mind to work, may God arouse the women of New Zealand to do likewise.

At Christmas we sang and recited the blessed song of the Angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men," and we long for the day when God will be glorified and when peace and goodwill prevails in every land. God's message to us is, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." The drink trade is notably engaged in disintegrating the best interests of men and women, making it harder to promote peace and goodwill and making it easier for them to be at their worst. Is this not a challenge to us as doers of the word to be eagerly employed in saving our fellows from the destroying influence of drink. How long is the liquor traffic to be allowed to stand in the way of peace and goodwill? A better world cannot be as long as this evil remains. During the dark days of the war there was no stint of sacrifice. Friends, are we willing to give the service of our lives to this cause? You will hear folk say Prohibition cannot prohibit. What about food rationing? Is that not prohibition carried out successfully? Never again can the excuse for keeping drink on the market because it cannot be prohibited be given as a reason against its abolition. Are you training your sons and daughters to be leaders? Are you giving them a vision of a world without drink? Have you seen bleary-eyed men and women shambling their way to a lost eternity? Have you seen little children deprived of their right to be well fed, well clothed,

deprived of their right to be happy and joyous? Children full of fear, cowed, unhappy, dreading the return of father or mother. Have you seen the crowds of young men and women in hotel bars forgetting their modesty, and their manliness, drowning all that is best, in drinking cocktails, wine, and beer? My friends, are you willing to lend a hand to train the young, your own and others, to deliver the world from this evil? When you pray, "Deliver us from evil" you will be answering that prayer as you and yours lend a hand.

The poppies are blooming in
Flanders,
Hiding the crosses bare
But the spirit of youth still is living
Ready to do and to dare.

Young people are ready if we are.

Frances Willard helped make the world wider for women and more homelike for humanity. She had the will to serve and bear—the will to love and dare. She has reaped her reward. We are here to carry on. We are here at this very time in this strange age of upheaval, not by chance but for God's purpose.

To be alive in such an age,
To live in it, to give to it,
Rise soul from thy despairing knees,
Give thanks with all thy flaming
heart.

Crave but to have in it a part,
Give thanks, and claim thy heritage
To be alive in such an age.

I was attracted to the W.C.T.U. because it stands for the prohibition of the liquor trade; it proclaims the gospel of peace and goodwill and stands for a world-wide family of nations. It stands for home protection, for a safe path for children's feet, it promises hope to the tempted and help to the suffering, it believes in the coming of Christ's Kingdom. God grant that many women in our beloved New Zealand will gladly throw in their lot with women of love and goodwill, the W.C.T.U. Will you do your part in this age to win your friends, to win others to join in this great fellowship and be doers of the word.

We could win 5,000 women in one year. Shall we make the number for 1948 1,000 new members? If 500 women won one per month by next Convention we could have 6,000 new members, so 1,000 should not be difficult. Let us make a target. A new member a month. By so doing we are overcoming the liquor hurt and saving a multitude of souls.

I appeal to all women of goodwill to do the practical, sound, and adventurous job of gaining new members. Don't let us smell of mothballs, but let us be adventurers of God, Home, and Humanity.

"AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS"

GROUPS AT CONVENTION

A feature of Convention this year was the study of departmental reports by the "Group Method." Suitable leaders were appointed for the several Groups, which were composed of members interested in perhaps other departments, but whom it was hoped to interest in fields hitherto unexplored.

It was intriguing to notice the animation and brightness of the members when they returned after the Groups were called in. Their "Findings" are given below.

CONVENTION GROUP FINDINGS

I—Scientific Temperance. Leader, Mrs. Mountjoy.

1. Every Union should procure copies of Scientific Temperance booklets for use in our Unions and wherever possible.

2. Perhaps change time of examinations to avoid clashing with school examinations.

II—Sunday School and Bible Class Temperance. Leader, Rev. J. Chambers.

1. It is the responsibility of W.C.T. Unions to keep abreast of work being done in their own districts; and either address Sunday Schools themselves or see that it is done by someone else.

2. Bible Classes might be reached through cards printed with date and place of "Y" meetings, distributed by "Y" members.

3. Girls' Life Brigade and Boys' Brigade good field for work.

III—Anti-Gambling Department. Leader, Mrs. Pirrett.

1. Auckland is the only district to appoint a superintendent for this department. Other districts are urged to consider the matter.

2. That it is illegal to raffle liquor.

3. That where anything detrimental to temperance and social work occurs Unions are asked to contact their local M.P. and the Minister of Internal Affairs.

4. That Pukehuia Superintendent be commended on using her influence to stop raffles for a Christmas party. The straight-out giving method adopted in this place proved most successful.

5. We urge the teaching of anti-gambling to Sunday School scholars and in Temperance Societies.

6. We ask that Church and Public Schools be asked to refrain from promoting raffles or Art Unions as a means of raising funds.

7. We recommend that Unions have a special day devoted to discussion of anti-gambling.

8. We suggest that Unions approach ministers in their respective districts to bring the evil of gambling before their congregations.

9. That the anti-gambling paper by Mrs. Pirrett be prepared by the Literature Department for the use of Unions.

IV—Good Citizenship, Flower, and Philanthropic Department. Leader, Miss C. McLay.

We feel that there is over-lapping in this department. The work is carried out by Church and other organisations. We feel that work on the ravages of the drink traffic and the curse of gambling should have priority in all W.C.T.U. activities.

V—Backblocks, Literature, Library, and Bulletin. Leader, Miss Lovell-Smith.

1. Recommendations: "That branches establish a "scattered members" department which will keep in touch with absent and far away members.

2. That District Nurses and Maori Welfare Officers be supplied with literature, and their assistance in distribution be sought.

3. That papers, magazines, and books be sent to Public Works Camps.

4. That Educational Films be offered to Y.M.C.A. for use in their camps.

5. That branches supply Sunday Schools with the "Y.P." Supplement of the "White Ribbon."

6. The World "White Ribbon Bulletin" was recommended to Unions as containing interesting facts about the work in other countries.

VI—"Methods" Department. Leader, Mrs. Hugh Kasper.

1. All work under W.C.T.U. comes under "Methods" Department. As the departmental work is the life-blood of the Union as many as possible of the departments should be worked.

2. Start with L.W.R., go on to L.T.L., and then to "Y" branch. A handful of children meeting in a private home of one of the members may be the beginning.

3. Departmental superintendents are urged to write in a book all they do and learn about their department, and to pass this on to their successors.

4. Especially should we study our Constitution. If small districts cannot hold Schools of Methods, Study Groups should be set up to instruct new officers and leaders.

5. We suggest that all Dominion Superintendents be supplied with Questionnaires, every Union to receive one with direct questions to be answered.

6. Helps to work in every department can be procured at the Literature Table, such as "Helps to Officers," W.C.T.U. Booklet, "Special Services and Prayers for Notable Days," L.T.L. Manual, L.W.R. Consecration Service.

7. It was recommended that literature from the United States be procured.

8. We suggest that Notable Days Programmes be well organised before the meetings.

VII—Suggestions re "White Ribbon." Leader, Mrs. Kasper.

1. Appoint a faithful and keen District Superintendent.

2. Appoint a diligent and capable Agent in every Union.

3. When a new member is enrolled, a "White Ribbon" should be presented to her.

4. The paper should be placed in all

Public Libraries, given to public officials and those in authority, especially to Ministers and Social Workers, whose influence is far-reaching.

5. Pay annual subscriptions as Christmas and New Year gifts.

6. Arrange for a joint subscription for two or three members if necessary.

7. A subscription may be paid by the Union for a copy to circulate among the members.

8. A clear and concise presentation of the value of the "W.R." might be given frequently at Union meetings, at every Convention and School of Methods.

9. Above all note the expirations so as to secure renewals. It is so easy to lose subscribers if this is not done.

10. Monthly payments for papers help to increase the circulation.

VIII—L.W.R., L.T.L., and Band of Hope. Leader, Miss V. Jamieson.

1. It is important to appoint District Superintendents, who should send their reports to Dominion Superintendent before December 15.

2. The words "Union Membership" should be used instead of "Adult Membership" in announcing Banner awards.

3. It is important to secure the mothers' signatures to C.R. cards before enrolling the children.

4. The value of personal contact by visits to mothers and sick C.R. members should be noted.

5. Letters to eight-year-olds are very important. The main object of our Youth Work is to secure temperance teaching through our departments in sequence.

6. Films should be extensively used in our Bands of Hope.

IX—"Y" Department. Talk by Miss C. M. McLay.

"For Our Encouragement."

In 1926 our work was at a low ebb, with about seven "Y" branches in the Dominion. In answer to prayer an organiser was appointed in 1927, and the number rose to 55 branches. Two new Unions also were formed. The Churches were sympathetic at first, but later Ministers were inclined to keep their young people in their own church. "Y's" are drawn from all Churches. The lack of Bands of Hope is one of the causes of the lack of interest in "Y" branches. It is of interest to note that many ex-"Y" members are now Union members. Between 80 and 90 ex-"Y's" are now Missionaries. Much use was made in "Y" work of Margaret Baker's "Here's Health to You." (?th edition).

There have been signs of a renaissance in the rise of Belmont and Brooklyn branches. Good results have followed the distribution of the "Y" Handbook to the Maori Colleges, Hukarere, Turakina, New Plymouth, Rangiatea, Rangimarie, Ohinemutu, Hamilton-Rahui, without charge. (Much condensed.)

X—Health and Nutrition Department. Leader, Mrs. Kasper.

1. Hygiene refers to good sanitary conditions.

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HOME MAKERS' CORNER

"EGGS ARE SCARCE AND EXPENSIVE"

Here are two or three rather nice eggless recipes which may be useful at this time of year. All have been tested.

Gingerbread: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or good dripping, 1 cup golden syrup, 1 dessertspoon soda, 1 teaspoon each of ginger, spice, and cinnamon, pinch salt, 2 cups flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup boiling water, 2 small cups sugar.

Syrup need not be warmed. Add hot water last. Moderate oven.

Delicious Cake: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. fat (butter, lard, or dripping or partly made up), $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar, 1 tablespoon cocoa, 4 teaspoons vinegar, 1 cup chopped walnuts, 2 large cups flour, vanilla, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. dates or other fruit (chopped), 1 dessertspoon golden syrup, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 2 teaspoons soda, 1 large cup milk, pinch salt.

Beat fat and sugar till light, add milk, syrup and soda after heating; mix flour, cocoa and baking powder and add. Mix well and then add dates and nuts, and, lastly, vinegar and vanilla. Bake $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in fairly hot oven. Ice with plain chocolate icing.

Dainty Pudding: 1 large cup flour, 2 tablespoons jam, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon dripping, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, 1 small cup milk.

Mix all together and steam $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Caramel Dumpling: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour, 4ozs. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder, pinch salt.

Rub butter into flour and mix to stiff paste with water. Roll and place in a colander. Fill with sliced apples sweetened to taste. Pinch sides together and tip joined side down into piedish. Mix 2 tablespoons butter and sugar, and spread thickly over dumpling. Bake $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.

SOLUTION TO NO. 20

Across.—1, Woman; 5, Rules; 9, Ray; 10, Ode; 12, Ore; 13, It; 14, Strap; 16, Ai; 17, Shearer; 19, Gale; 21, Ruse; 23, Dale; 24, Fuse; 25, Rapt; 27, Step; 29, Settles; 32, In; 34, Raced; 35, As; 36, Dog; 38, She; 39, Hit; 40, Stork; 41, Reedy.

Down.—1, Wring; 2, Oat; 3, My; 4, Note; 5, Rear; 6, Look; 7, Era; 8, Seiz; 11, Draw; 14, Shelter; 15, Per se; 17, Slaps; 18, Rusts; 20, Ada; 22, See; 25, Raids; 26, Etch; 28, Pasty; 30, Task; 31, Leer; 33, Not; 35, Aid; 37, Go; 39, He.

AT CONVENTION
THE WELCOME AND
CONVERSAZIONE

Wednesday Evening, March 3.

Mrs. Watt presided over the reception to delegates on the Wednesday evening. Mrs. M. J. Forde, president of the local branch of the National Council of Women, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Women's Organizations, and spoke of the work done by the W.C.T.U. for the N.C.W. The Rev. W. A. Burley gave a welcome on behalf of the National Council of Churches, and of the New Zealand Alliance. He referred to the fact that united protest from temperance bodies, churches, and other organisations had been effective in preventing the introduction of restaurant drinking in Masterton. He said also that he admired the W.C.T.U. which kept on steadily working towards its objective.

Sprays were presented to the Dominion officers and to Mrs. Forde. Soloists for the evening were Mrs. Lawrence Haggitt and Miss Jean Curtis.

A very fine Temperance Address was then given by Mrs. Hiatt in responding to the welcome.

A very dainty supper was served early by the Wellington ladies to enable us to have plenty of time to "get acquainted." A collection during the evening amounted to £8.

Mrs. Watt welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Wellington district with great warmth. The kindly feeling shown was kept up by these ladies all through the convention.

"WITHIN THE VEIL"
MISS PRISCILLA ASHBY,
ONEHUNGA UNION

Miss Priscilla Ashby, an earnest Christian and energetic W.C.T.U. worker, was called to rest on February 16. Her parents had come from England more than 80 years ago, and her infancy had been spent on their farm at Runciman, where she learned many of the useful lessons of life, besides becoming interested in Christian service and Temperance work. While there she married Mr. Ashby, who died 20 years ago, and during her married life she resided in many parts of the North Island, always assisting in good works and making many friends. About 38 years ago, at Petone, she joined the W.C.T.U., entering fully into the work. Twenty-three years ago, having removed to Epsom, she joined the Onehunga Union, and on the very day of joining was appointed "W.R." Agent, which position she held successfully until her death. The holding of Home Meetings was much advocated by Mrs. Ashby, and these have been held during the last 16 years, alternately with the monthly meeting of the Union, and, except for one brief period, Mrs. Ashby was always the Superintendent. We shall all miss our dear sister, but it will be said of her, "she hath done what she could." She has richly earned the "Well done, good and faithful servant." Our sincere sympathy goes out to all her relatives.

Mrs. Ashton, one of our younger members, and the only daughter of Dr. Jeannie Craig, readily consented to take up the two offices laid down by Mrs. Ashby, earning the deep gratitude of the members of the Union.

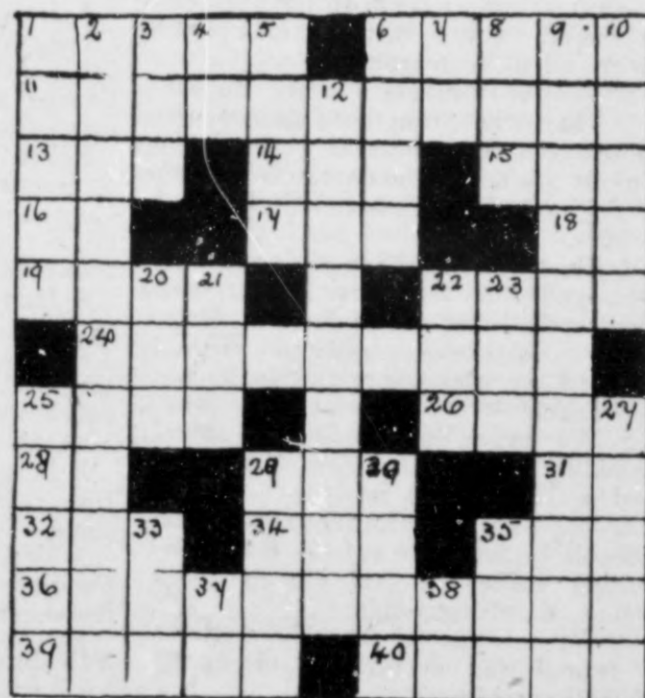
"W.R. CROSSWORD" - 21

CLUES
Across

- 1—Fruits.
- 6—Long cut.
- 11—Happening previous to birth.
- 13—Decorate with sugar.
- 14—One.
- 15—Untruth.
- 16 and 17—"A sower went forth . . ."
- 18—Great Northern.
- 19—Totals.
- 22—Sound of mirth.
- 24—Paying back.
- 25—Several.
- 26—Cut with scissors.
- 28—For example.
- 29—Sharp, sudden sound.
- 31—North London.
- 32—Immerse.
- 34—Pronoun.
- 35—The self.
- 36—With particular force of emphasis.
- 39—Great suffering.
- 40—Whose little lamb went to school?

Down

- 1—Allurements.
- 2—Hopeful.
- 3—Corroded.
- 4—Concerning.
- 5—One vulgarly aware of social position.
- 6—The Irish variety is popular.
- 7—Exclamation.
- 8—Every one.
- 9—Disrespectfully.
- 10—An unpleasant, mirthful animal.



- 12—"Alcoholics . . ."
- 20—See 22 down.
- 21—Peep slyly.
- 22—See 20 down.
- 23—Girl's name.
- 25—Channels or agencies.
- 27—Plans or undertakings

- (Scottish).
- 29—Small horse.
- 30—Sedate.
- 33—"Please turn over."
- 35—Ever (poetic).
- 37—Plural suffix.
- 38—Voluntary aid.

MISS ROSE DAY, NELSON DISTRICT

An Appreciation

Members of the W.C.T.U. desire to place on record their sincere appreciation of the work of the late Miss Day, a foundation member of our Union.

Miss Rose Day held various offices, including those of Treasurer and Evangelistic Superintendent, and gave of her best in each one. Her love of children was always in evidence, and as long as her health permitted she taught in Sunday School here and in Nelson. She also took Scripture lessons in the Primary School, and assisted with the Band of Hope and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Miss Day collected for many years for the Bible Society, Bible in Schools, and the Leper Missions. The aged and sick found her a loyal friend, and one often met her with a book or other gift to cheer some lonely person.

Her fine Christian character, her cheerfulness and happiness leave a happy memory. Our sympathy goes out to the brother and sister who tended her so lovingly in her illness.

SPECIAL REPORT

SPECIAL MEETING, PALMERSTON NORTH

At the March meeting of the Palmerston North Union, the speaker was Mr. Ormond Wilson, M.P. (Labour).

The protests in connection with the Masterton Trust, sent to Unions by the Dominion Executive, had in turn been forwarded to him. He wrote that he was not in accord with any of them, but as he had been appointed a member of the Trust Committee and had heard both sides of the question, he would, if we wished, meet us and discuss with us the points raised. Members voted in favour, so on March 3 he arrived, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

He explained, at the outset, that he was not a prohibitionist, and regularly enjoyed his glass of beer, and then commenced the address by quoting from Hooker, "They are not laws which public opinion hath not made so." "The present licensing laws," he went on, "could not be enforced because there were not enough police." He was all for temperate habits, and thought the overcrowding of bars between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. made for excessive drinking. The time was short, and the men huddled together and drank far too much. If they were allowed to go home from work and come back after tea they could take their drinks in a leisurely fashion, and would not, he thought, overstep the mark.

He considered there should be more publicity about drinking. The hole-in-the-corner method appealed to adventurous youth. They saw men going into some secret place and wanted to see what was going on, and

to taste what was apparently so much relished by their elders. Open drinking in a public place, recognised as being quite respectable, would not have the same appeal, he thought.

"There would be less drinking," he continued, "if the profit motive were eliminated." He favoured Trust, rather than Government Control. With the Trust in charge and the profit motive eliminated, after-hours drinking would be done away with.

He thought there should be no bars. If they had doors and windows through which the public could see, he ventured to say they would soon be empty.

This concluded his address, and he then invited questions and comments.

The first question was, "Was it the people who asked for extended hours?" He replied, "No, the returned servicemen."

A member then observed that extended hours did not make for less drinking. Six o'clock closing had been a boon to the country, and the streets were much safer and free from drunks since its inception. Also it was for the good of the home (and therefore of the country), that husbands should be at home with their wives and children in the evening. He said that he did not think those husbands who "filled up" between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. were of much use in the evening.

Another member then said that in the Text-book for Training College Students, alcohol had been termed a poison. How then could he support the drinking of it? He replied that sugar was a poison, in fact everything was a poison when taken in excess, and went on to say that, as drink had come to say, and youth was bound to meet it, why not let them do so in public rather than in secret? Tell youth not to drink, and that is just what they will want to do.

A member then spoke up and said that the Principal of the Girls' High School, in an address to the W.C.T.U., had said that she had always felt that Prohibition was not the right solution to the drink evil, for her father, a Church of England clergyman, believed in teaching his children the right and wrong, and then leaving them to decide for themselves. Hence she had not been quite in accord with the compulsion element in Prohibition. During the war, however, she had stayed in an hotel in Wellington, and what she saw there so disgusted her that she realised that the only thing was to take drink away, and now she was a rabid Prohibitionist, preaching Prohibition in and out of season.

Though much in the minority, Mr. Wilson was quite polite and good-humoured throughout, and the meeting was much enjoyed by everyone. The President remarked, "We hope you will come again, Mr. Wilson. I believe that if you came a few more times we should soon have you on our side." He replied, laughingly, that he would send his wife next time, and she would tell us something about the up-bringing of children.

NEWS ITEMS OF NOTE

DUNEDIN CENTRAL

In the course of the opening of Dunedin Central Union for 1948 a musical and elocutionary programme was interspersed with "News Items." Here are some of them:

1. Britain's Drink Bill for 1946, £680,000,000. Roughly speaking, the nation spent just over a fifth of its income on food, one-eleventh on intoxicants, and one-twelfth on tobacco. For every pound spent on food in 1946, 15/6 was spent on drink and tobacco, the proportion being 8/3 on drink and 7/3 on tobacco.

2. Public opinion in many parts of America is alarmed at the present state of affairs, and there is every indication that the Dry vote is steadily rising. The numbers of districts that have gone dry under Local Option laws shows a steady and persistent increase. Already some of the more moderate elements in the liquor trade are warning their fellow-tradesmen that unless some of the abuses connected with the trade are remedied the return of Prohibition in America may happen in the not too distant future.

3. Mr. Stakesby Lewis, well-known Temperance Advocate in the Union of South Africa, has cabled the British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, "Greetings. In view of desperate food position and wastage of enormous quantities of grain in production of beer and other alcoholic liquor, and consequent loss efficiency, labour and other disastrous results, I respectfully implore you and colleagues for the sake of Britain and the Commonwealth, to use your unique God-given powers to avoid such wanton waste in production of liquor." Mr. Lewis followed up this cable with a letter saying that his convictions were shared by his partners in business. "The whole world is growing tired of the wasting of food stuffs," he says, and expresses the earnest hope that the British nation will not be misled by the liquor interests.

4. "Iceland has no jail, penitentiary, or court, and only one policeman. The population is 78,000. The Public School system is said to be practically perfect, every child of ten years being able to read. No liquor is allowed to be imported."

Among the Departments—cont.

2. We should watch for anything unhygienic in public places and homes.

3. Children should be trained in social purity and taught to refrain from reading unhealthy literature, and from attending unsuitable pictures.

4. When meetings are addressed stress should be laid on the effect of improper diet in connection with increasing the appetite for strong drink.

Floral Days.—The group recommended that a floral day or evening be held once in the year.

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NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, Annual Meeting, November 11: Mrs. Jolly presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Green. Subject, "The mother of Samson." Good attendance. Election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. Jolly; Secretary, Mrs. Moorhead; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Phillips. Superintendents also appointed. "Bring and Buy," 13/-, collection, 2/6.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland, March 9, Opening Meeting: In the absence of Mrs. Long at Dominion Convention, Mrs. Holmes, V.P., presided. A tribute was paid to the late Mr. T. E. Falkner, whose passing is such a loss to the Temperance Cause. Letter of thanks from Bible in Schools League for a donation to their funds. Mrs. Swan read from the "W.R." an article by Miss Henderson on State Control, also extracts from the "Vanguard" on Trust Control in Invercargill, by Mr. George Dash. This led to a very interesting discussion. Frances Willard Day observed, collection for World Missionary Fund. Sympathy with Mrs. Douglas in the death of her sister.

Remuera, February 23: Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. Several members took part in prayer, and Scripture reading followed. Frances Willard Day observed by a talk on her life and work. Benediction.

Wellsford, February 24, first meeting for the year: President, Mrs. Singleton, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. G. R. Thompson. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Interesting discussion on plans of work and programme of meetings for the year. Collection for Missionary Fund. Tea Hostesses, Methodist ladies.

Onehunga, February 12: Much business arranged. Sick members had been visited or written to. Reports of various meetings. Dr. Craig, who is expected back in Onehunga after a prolonged visit to Australia, is to speak at the next meeting. Decided to hold a combined meeting for the discussion of the necessity of helping needy persons in Europe. Mrs. Mushet read a paper on the life of Frances Willard, and Mrs. Mountjoy one from the "Vanguard." Mrs. Ashton accepted the position of "W.R." agent so long held by Mrs. Ashby, sincere grief being expressed on account of the latter's serious illness.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, District Annual Convention: Mrs. Hurrell presiding. Miss Kirk, Dominion President, welcomed by Mrs. Stewart. Special features of delegates' reports were overseas parcels sent by New Plymouth and Hawera, while Inglewood sent literature to back districts. Eltham featured a worth-while Home Meeting. The Seamen's Rest Committee reported improvements to the building. Social evenings held and food parcels given. Decided next Convention to be held at Hawera. Inglewood complimented on winning the banner. The midday Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Allen. Miss Kirk as magnet drew a large crowd to the afternoon meeting. She impressed her audience by her account of important reforms due to the work and influence of the W.C.T.U. "Long Service" badges for 30 years' service were presented to Mesdames Taifery and Loveridge and Miss Drew, and shoulder sprays to Miss Kirk and the Presidents. Two new members were gained. Mrs. Rugby Hawkins contributed solos.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, February 5, first meeting of the year: Mrs. Duxfield presiding and Mrs. R. Wilson leading Devotions. Mrs. Mercer spoke on Frances Willard and Mrs. Wesley. Nine members present. March 4, Mrs. Duxfield in the chair, Mrs. McGregor leading Devotions. Eleven present. Food for Britain was a special feature of the meeting, and a good number of contributions were brought to be included in a parcel.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, March: Mrs. F. Shearman, of the Salvation Army, in the Chair. Devotions, Miss M. Hill. Speaker, Mr. Ormond Wilson, M.P. Vote of thanks proposed by Miss L. C. Thompson. (Fuller report among "Specials.")

Feilding, March 3: Mrs. Tremaine presided and Mrs. Cummin led Devotions, subject being "Making the best of things in the worst of times." A hearty welcome back to Mrs. Stewart, who brought greetings from Whangarei Union. Donations given by members for another food parcel to Dr. Gilbey. Letter of thanks from Seamen's Rest for knitted socks. Sick member in hospital had been visited. Several newspaper items read relative to drinking habits of people. Mrs. Stewart closed meeting with prayer.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington District Executive Meeting: Mrs. Watt presided. Good attendance, all Unions being represented. Devotions led by the president. Letters of sympathy to be sent to two members. Mrs. Grigg urged the need for more subscribers to the "White Ribbon." A delegate gave a short report on the results of restoration in Masterton, and stated that the reinstatement of hotels was progressing slowly. Reports of arrangements for the coming Dominion Convention were received, and Committees were formed to finalise the various details still to be arranged. Noontide Devotions were observed. A rota of Executive Meetings for the year was compiled, after which the Remits to Convention were dealt with. A vote of thanks was passed to the entertaining Union—Wellington Central—and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

Brooklyn, February 24: Mrs. Brewer in chair. Prayer led by Mrs. Greenwood. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Bogren in hospital. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Convention arrangements made. As this was the occasion of the Silver Wedding of Mrs. Gittings, who has been our valued Treasurer since the formation of the Union, 19½ years ago, she was presented with a cup, saucer, and plate, accompanied by flowers with loving good wishes. Sigil prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, February 10: Mrs. Knapp welcomed the new president, Mrs. Sheppard, who presided over a fair attendance. Decided to hold Youth Meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month. Arrangements made for Social Afternoon to raise funds for Convention expenses. One new member initiated. Discussion re Maori Youth work. Tea Hostesses were the Executive Members.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, March 19: The quarterly meeting of the Marlborough District Executive of the W.C.T.U. was held in Wesley Hall, Blenheim. There was a good attendance of Officers, Superintendents, and Representatives from the Blenheim and Springlands Unions. Apologies for absence were received from Picton Union, Mrs. W. J. Cirling and Mrs. L. Rodgeron. The chair was taken by the President, Mrs. V. Underhill.

In the course of the opening devotions several members offered prayer for the sufferers in the poliomyelitis epidemic and for those in need.

A report from the last Dominion Officers' meeting was read and discussed. The President intimated that the visit of the Organiser was uncertain owing to illness, and that arrangements were held up in the meantime.

Mrs. S. Harris was appointed the District Representative to the Dominion Convention to be held in Wellington early next month. The Remits were dealt with and directions given in regard to voting.

Concern was expressed regarding the sale of liquor to youths under 21 years of age; it was evident that liquor was obtainable by some young people, and it was regretted that the law in this respect was not kept.

The proposal to grow tobacco and to build a tobacco factory in Blenheim was also under discussion, the members expressed opinion formed the following resolution: "That Marlborough's fertile fields could be used for better purposes than that of growing tobacco, especially in view of the present world shortage of vital foods." It was decided to forward the resolution to the Federated Farmers soliciting their help.

Springlands, March 17: First meeting for the year. President in the chair. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. A. K. Gascoigne; subject, Corinthians II, Chapter 6. Roll call helpful quotations. Messages of cheer to sick members. Letter of appeal from CORSO

resulted in arrangements for a parcel to be sent after next meeting, to which contributions were to be brought. Mrs. Gascoigne appointed Dominion Convention Delegate. Paper on the Pan-Pacific Association read and found interesting. Syllabus for the year prepared.

Blenheim, March 3: Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. P. Kirkham, subject being "He hath wrought a mighty work in men." CORSO appeal to be supported (Help for Children and Aid to Britain.) Sales table to be held at each meeting. Mrs. E. A. Blick gave a wonderful talk on Psalm 145, in the absence of Mrs. Adjutant Kears, and closed the meeting with prayer.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Oxford, February 18: Mrs. Comyns presided at first meeting for the year. Helpful New Year messages were given by the members. Mrs. Trounce appointed Dominion Convention Delegate. Election of officers resulted in Mrs. Comyns being appointed President, Mrs. Trounce Secretary, and the re-election of Treasurer and Superintendents. Pleasure was expressed at the fact that two Oxford girls had won prizes in the painting competition. Collection in aid of World Missionary Fund.

Christchurch, February 24: Miss Henderson presided. Letter sent to Miss Davis in hospital. Correspondence read from Dr. Mary Harris Armour (America), expressing sympathy for the loss of citizens in Ballantyne's tragic fire. Greetings to our Union and from CORSO Branch, Wellington, requests for help for China. Donated £2/5/- towards cost of spinning-wheel—gift afternoon to be held in April. Mrs. Neutze elected delegate to Convention Satisfactory balance sheet statement read by our Treasurer, Miss Lovell-Smith.

March 10: Letter of sympathy sent to Miss Eldridge. Extracts from World "Bulletin." News of successful temperance work in India and other countries.

Sydenham, March 4: Mrs. J. Filer presided over attendance of 11. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. CORSO appeal read, and each member agreed to donate soap and/or notepaper. Mesdames Filer and Weatherhead rendered a sacred duet, after which Mrs. Morrison read a few poems from Miss Elsie Andrews's little book. Mrs. Filer kindly offered the use of her home for a "Coin" afternoon.

Riccarton, March 11: Nineteen members present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. G. Smith took the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. Fazackerley. Letter of thanks received from CORSO for donation of £2/5/-. Mental Hospital and Treasurer's Reports were received. Collection 10/-, copper trail 6/-, sales table 8/-. Mrs. G. Smith, Convention Delegate, gave a very comprehensive and interesting report. Vote of thanks to delegate carried by acclamation. Meeting closed with hymn and prayer. Gifts of pencils, notepaper, soap, and garden seeds brought along for CORSO.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waipate, February 11: Fair attendance. Mrs. Duckett led Devotions. "White Ribbon" afternoon, all members taking part.

March 10: Excellent attendance. Mrs. Tooley, C.R. Superintendent, led Devotions. Mrs. Duckett read Temperance Fact. Mr. George Dash, our speaker, gave us a most enlightening address for which he was heartily thanked. One new member enrolled. Closed with Temperance Doxology.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin Central, February 20: First meeting for the year, chaired by the President, Mrs. Hiatt, was attended by approximately 60 members and visitors, who showed much interest and enthusiasm. After the preliminary Devotions, Mrs. Hiatt extended a special welcome to Mrs. Garden, a valued member, who had been in hospital for some time, Miss Cook (late of China), and Mrs. Hazelwood, District President. Miss Farquhar and Mrs. Miller were appointed Dominion Convention Delegates. After a brief business session an excellent programme of music, songs, and recitations was presented, arranged by our pianist, Mrs. Clark. The afternoon tea interval provided an opportunity for social chat.

Oamaru, March: Mrs. Rawson presided. Mrs. Daniels led Devotions. Duet by Mesdames McWhirter and Simpson. Address by Captain Rix, subject, "Christian homes and their influence on the community."

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Road, Onehunga, S.E.5; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Leng, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, C.4; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. I. Cullen, 8 Taiere Terr., Onehunga; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Rd., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd., 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. Suddaby, 20 Cumbræ Place.

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

AUCKLAND, 2nd Tuesday, at Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St., at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungarei Rd., Waimera, 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, 70 ick Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Watson, 4 Wel. 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 Hill, 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., Mrs. F. T. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; Treas., Mrs. S. Phillips, Awakino Pt.; W.R., Miss Carrington, Maungawahare.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paviour-Smith and Miss Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 27 Swinburn St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Jones; W.R., Mrs. Paviour-Smith.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 29 London Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cannington Road, Maori Hill; Treas., Miss J. Armit, 21 Butler Street, Maori Hill; W.R., Miss Hutton, Cobden Street; L.W.R., Mrs. Whittington, Manor Place.

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

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cox, George St.; Sec., Mrs. Betteridge, Mangawhere Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Holley, Conway Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Street; 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, 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. McAskill, 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. Clancey; 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, Timmoana 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 Presbyterial 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 Ruiven 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. Jelcoate, 289 Elles Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. Rumler, 46 Lees St.; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson; C.R., Mrs. R. T. Harris.

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

JOHNSONVILLE, 2nd Tuesday, at 2 p.m., at Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. McBride; Sec., Miss Mitchell, 134 Nicholson Road; Khandallah, N.5; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Crescent; "W.R." Mrs. McAlae; 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, Melling Rd., and Mrs. Teasdill, Kauri St.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstoe; 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, Worksop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Trewarrow, 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. 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 Marriotti 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, 11t. 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. Rawson, 7 Cross St.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Winn, Acutt, Daniel, Rix, and Misses Cowan and Tosh; Sec., Mrs. McIlwraith, 10 Till St.; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter, 30 Rother St.; W.R., Mrs. J. J. Clarke, 62 Tyne St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey 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. and 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.I.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.I.; W.R., Mrs. Patrick, 32 Buffon St., Waltham; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jenkins and Ewart Smith.

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

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, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Tilman; 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, Kolmar 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" Sups., 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. L. 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. Searrow; 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, Wyayard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

TE KOPURU, 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth, P.O. Box 58; Treas., Mrs. Soole; W.R., Miss F. Wordsworth; Temp. Fact, Mrs. H. Taylor.

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. and "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. Brockiehurst, 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. Conybeer; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; L.T.L., Mrs. A. Jarvis.

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 Dinaiss 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.