

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month. . .

"Blest be the hands that toil to aid  
The great world's ceaseless need—  
The hands that never are afraid  
To do a kindly deed."—Anon.

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### EDITORIAL

#### PEACE MONTH

In many societies and organisations at the present time, one note is being sounded with an insistence that cannot be ignored even by the most indifferent member. That is, the need for the cultivation of the spirit of Peace. After three years of so-called Peace, it is almost like a cry of despair that is heard through the dark, in the night of storm and peril. The skies that seemed so blue, and the air, so warm, have become clouded and chill with waiting for the true dawn of Peace. The human heart looks with dismay on the scenes of strife, disorder, turmoil, and fierce race antagonism happening in so many parts of the world, and cries out in agony for some certain hope of rest from it all. Problems that defy the diplomacy and wisdom of great statesmen to solve, prejudices the power of which is beyond comprehension, political creeds wherein seem to lie the potentialities for the wreckage of human aspiration and hope for the development of life on higher planes of intellectual and spiritual being, baffle and distress the yearning spirits of those who pray still: "Give Peace in our time, O Lord."

What is the answer? It is not for us to decide the great issues confronting the world. Helpless and bewildered, we are like the leaves of autumn, blown from side to side, up and down, afraid of the future and without certainty in the present. The trouble is real. It will not be ignored. What can we do about it?

There is one sphere in which we are all able to exercise some control. We can actually do something materially to help in the bringing of order out of chaos.

We must first realise that Thoughts are Things. Also, that all the great happenings in the world begin with them. They are the source from which spring all good and bad influences. Nothing really happens by accident. Accident may crystallise ideas, fears,

suspensions, and equally, beneficent impulse and generous intention, into action; but accident does not produce these beginnings of action. They are the result of mental attitude, and have their origin in the thinking habits of individuals.

Does it matter how WE think? If we turn away in cold superiority from the wife of the Jewish alien who has gone into business in our streets; if we say, "I don't believe in sending food to German children even if they are receiving about half of what the English children are having, because of the harm their fathers and people have done"; if we cannot realise, in short, that every thought of enmity is a direct menace to the peace of the world; then we need to revise our ideas.

Every woman longs for world peace. There is no need to say why. But does every woman do her share in bringing it in? Does she KNOW enough? Does she THINK enough? It is her duty to know and to think intelligently.

In a little pamphlet written by Beatrice Ashton for the National Council of Churches, the following paragraph appears:—

"One well-informed woman, aware of what is going on in the world holds propaganda, idle misinformation and uncritical acceptance in check. Her children reflect what is said and what is aired reasonably in the home, and they in turn have a certain check on their school community. The first step in educating for peace is then in our own selves, in our reading and listening and thinking."

And there is the beginning of what every woman can do. If we, just we ourselves, could only feel in our hearts that everything we think COUNTS, world peace would become a more possible thing. If we can think habitually the thoughts of peace with those around us, with the circumstances of our own lives, with the people who are not of our way of thinking, then we have "peace within," and its power will be unlimited.

### A MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY

How sweet it was this Mother's Day  
When to my room, while dawn was grey  
The children came, all eagerly,  
To bring their little gifts to me.

They kissed me, hugging me so tight,  
And chattered in the growing light  
Of how they loved me—how they'd sought  
To please me with the things they brought.

And later, each a white flower wore  
For me! O God—at my heart's core  
A fear just moved. How could it be  
That this dear love should be for me.

For me, so weak, incompetent,  
How could such happiness be sent?  
I trembled; tears came very near,  
When little Joan said, "Mummy dear,

"You need a flower as well as we,  
For Grannie! Here it is, you see";  
And when the flower was put in place  
Content appeared on every face.

Gone was all dread of future pain;  
I saw my mother's face again;  
And in the love that filled my heart—  
No coward fear had smallest part.

—Anon.

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## AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

### MORE CONVENTION GROUP FINDINGS

#### I—Bible in Schools. Leader, Mrs. Chesswas.

1. In a preliminary suggestion, Mrs. Chesswas thought that every opportunity should be taken to assist in this work.

##### Findings were:

1. Where such a committee works, Unions should have representatives on Bible in Schools Committee. If such a committee functions in the district, a Social Afternoon once a quarter could be held when information on Bible in Schools could be given.

2. Essay Competitions on set subjects could be held in schools for the different standards, with outside judges. These could be written during school hours or at home, so long as the words "This is my own unaided work" are attached.

3. The Nelson system is used in a large number of schools, but the daily "five minutes" is being favoured, teachers and elder scholars taking this.

4. Members of the W.C.T.U. would be useful for the Nelson system. It is necessary to have a convener for each school for this. We suggest a roster where our members would assist when called upon.

5. Members arrange a special prayer time for the Union.

#### II—Sabbath Observance. Leader, Mrs. Chesswas.

##### Findings:

1. That we should so live our own lives as not to be a stumbling-block to others.

2. That we should remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

3. Church parades are recommended.

4. We realise that the subject is very controversial. In many cases Sunday Schools and Bible Classes meet in the morning, and the rest of the day is free. Organised games are played and championship tournaments are arranged. Refusal to play on Sundays involves real sacrifice for many young people. Efforts should be made to prevent such fixtures. Protests should be lodged with City Councils, etc.

#### III—Maori Department. Leader, Miss C. M. McLay.

##### Findings:

1. Maori Unions are interested. One Union member gives Bible lessons in Pa School.

2. Unions could help by sending parcels of clothing and enclosing literature.

3. Unions should try to enrol Maori members, encouraging them to form their own Unions later.

4. Send "Y.P." Supplements and back numbers of "W.R."

5. Hold home meetings in Pas, using literature.

6. Contact missionaries and work with them and through them send literature. Hold clothes sales. Give talks on our work.

#### IV—Home Meetings. Leader, Miss McLay.

**Suggestions:** Appoint a Superintendent. Hold meetings in the homes of sick or shut-in women. Have prayer and a talk on our work. Hold meetings in different parts of the district. Enrol members and secure Cradle Roll names.

#### V—Notable Days.

1. Appoint Superintendent. Observation of the "Days" increases interest in Union work.

2. Prepare well ahead. Use papers, Education Bureau and Dominion Library books, such as "Frances Willard," "T. E. Taylor," "Crusade," "One of Australia's Daughters," etc. See notice below.

#### VI—Legal and Parliamentary Department.

Following on the greatly regretted resignation of Miss Henderson from the Legal and Parliamentary Superintendency, Convention appointed as her successor, Mrs. Chesswas, of Aramoho, to whom enquiries and information relative to her work should be sent in future.

#### VII—Peace Department. Leader, Mrs. Mackie.

##### Findings:

1. Bibles, not bombs for tomorrow's world. This is a challenge Christians cannot ignore. We have spent billions on bombs; by spending a few millions on Bibles we may ensure Peace undergirded and fortified by the Christian Gospel.

2. It is suggested that a polyglot petition for Peace be started, urging the need of the world for freedom from future wars.

3. Make plans for constructive work and keep a "World Brotherhood" ever before us.

4. Whenever and wherever possible seek for speakers who have a complete understanding of International Relations during our Peace month, which the United Nations Assembly has asked for the month of June.

5. Have sympathetic articles printed in our Official Organ.

6. Every woman be urged to organise, agitate, educate and pray for Peace to be established on earth. One of the first lessons taught us by the years of Peace is that Peace based on International Justice cannot be achieved by statesmen without convinced and unanimous opinion.

7. Each Union should have a Peace Library keeping up-to-date books on Peace, and all International affairs, with a Peace Superintendent in every Union.

8. This Department has worked in close co-operation with UNESCO and UNRRA. We should press for reduction in armaments by International agreement.

9. Parents should work for Peace by encouraging exchange of stamps, pen-friends, etc.

10. There should be a closer scrutiny of films depicting war scenes which do not conduce to thoughts of Peace.

#### VIII—Work Among Seamen.

1. It is suggested that soldiers, sailors and airmen be invited to our homes in ports of call and taken to Church Services when possible. Temperance work to be done also.

2. Help with knitted goods, "ditty" bags, etc., is always needed.

3. Send suitable reading matter always removing any liquor advertisements first.

#### SEAMEN'S REST, NEW PLYMOUTH

1, Mallam Street,  
Karori,  
Wellington.  
April 13, 1948.

Dear Editor,—In May of this year our New Plymouth Branch will be commemorating twenty years of service given by their Sailors' Rest to visiting men. Recently we had the pleasure of spending a day in New Plymouth and took advantage of the opportunity to visit the "Rest." The spacious rooms and the many facilities for relaxation and entertainment make it very suitable for all that is done there, and it supplies a real answer to the needs of visiting seamen.

Mrs. Garvin, who showed us over the "Rest," is very ably assisted by Mr. and Miss Garvin in looking after the interests of the men. She is "Mum" to many of them, and has a very motherly way which brings the boys back to see her again and again.

A real want at the "Rest" at present is a supply of books, magazines, Digests and comics for the Library and for the men to take away on board ship when leaving, and Mrs. Garvin would be very grateful if our Unions could send any books, etc., for the Library. Parcels should be addressed "Mrs. Garvin, Sailors' Rest, New Plymouth."

Trusting for a generous response to this appeal.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. GRIGG.

**N.B.—"White Ribbon" Day, June Meeting.**—Will Union Secretaries please remember to write to Mrs. J. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Road, Ponsonby, Auckland, W.I., Educational Bureau Superintendent, for papers, etc., if they need material for "White Ribbon" Day? It is wise to be prepared in good time to make a success of the meeting.



## President's Message



Dear Friends,—

"Send a portion to those for whom nothing has been prepared." I suppose that, at the present time, means "Food for Britain," and so it should, but without in any way diminishing our efforts for the hungry overseas, we can find a very large number of folk right here in New Zealand who have not yet received their portion of scientific instruction on the evils of the beverage consumption of alcohol. What are YOU doing about it? Now is the time to educate so that a good grounding will be established before the next Poll.

When you read Mrs. Hiatt's address, delivered at Convention, did you take particular notice of the emphasis she laid on the urgent need for a membership campaign? Have you read that address in your Union yet? And how many efforts have we each made toward obtaining new members? Even if you meet with refusals you will at least have been able to tell a few facts about our work. I have not been able to get any new members yet but I have had two refusals. That means that two people know a little more about the liquor trade than they did. Also it means that I must get to the next on my list as soon as possible. Do let me know how you are getting on in this matter.

With prayer and faith and work this mountain of iniquity (the liquor traffic) will be removed, and it may be sooner than you think. Mrs. Peryman was fond of quoting these words, "Wherever you see an evil, hit it." Even if we are not good marksmen we can all hit a haystack and the liquor trade is so large that if we cannot hit it right in the middle we can knock off a bit of thatch.

Through Christ you shall have dominion, but you have to be willing

### "DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

Hymn 70, "Fight the Good Fight."  
Reading, Philippians 3:7-15.

Not that I have already won the prize or already reached perfection, but I press on that I may apprehend or lay firm hands on that for which the Lord laid hands on me. The literal interpretation of verse 12 is: "If I may also grasp that for which I was even grasped by Christ." Paul means, "I bend every passionate effort of my spirit to this single end, to fulfil the purpose of the Damascus Road." Christ had a purpose and a plan for every one of us when He called us to follow Him. How are we fulfilling His call. Paul says, This one thing I do, and he introduces the Roman chariot race. Paul pictures himself in the chariot, bent over the curved rail which reached to the thighs and against which the charioteer's knees were firmly pressed. With the long reins bound round and round his waist and with arms outstretched and body tensely bent over the horses' backs, the charioteer in this most dangerous and exciting of sports was at the mercy of his team's sure feet and his own fine driving skill. That is what Paul means by "stretching forward." How are we fulfilling our call? Are we easygoing or do we see the vigorous picture of life as Paul saw it. He forgets in the intense concentration of the race the things that are behind—I press on. God help us to press on with the same concentration as when we signed the pledge and promised to press on till death or victory. That is the glory of the race, the urgency of it, the joy of it. There are some things we must not forget. The lessons we have, our Father's compassionate love, His power to overcome the wicked one, His long-suffering with our failures, His sympathy, touched with a feeling of our infirmities, these are the lessons we must not forget. Today we are concerned with the "forward look." We are commencing a new year of service, no problem can arise but God has the word to say to us which will comfort and strengthen. And as we press on this year whatever the problems a still small voice even in the rush of the race will speak words of encouragement. As God puts into our trembling hands tasks still to be accomplished He says, "I am thy keeper," "Fear not," "Press on." Blessed it is to know that there is One who never ceases to pray for us that our faith fails not. In such confidence we can say with Paul, I am equal to every lot through the help of Him who gives me inward strength, who continually prays for me. Equal

to take what He offers, whatever sacrifice has to be made the victory will be well worth it.

Yours in White Ribbon service,

C. E. KIRK,  
Dominion President.

for any service because He gave Himself, who knew no other way to fruitfulness than by laying down His life for others. He prays for me as I press on in 1948. Each day is lent to us, only lent. John Wesley was once asked how he would spend his last day on earth if he knew when it would be. He replied: "I would preach in the morning, keep another appointment at 11. Take my afternoon service at 3, preach again in the evening as usual, go home, have supper, prayer, retire to rest and wake up in the morning in glory."

When President Lincoln was dying he asked, "Shall I be remembered by posterity?" He was, and millions of grateful slaves remembered him with gratitude.

John Knox's life was so lived that while time lasts this great Scottish saint will be spoken of as one who never feared the face of man and always lived for God. He pressed on in his great high calling. Florence Nightingale is remembered as the Lady with the Lamp, whose Christ-like ministry brought hope and happiness to suffering soldiers. Elizabeth Fry is remembered by her sacrificial service in the polluted prisons of England, where she told the unfortunate prisoners of Christ and life. Frances Willard is remembered by giving herself and her earthly advancement on the altar of service for the uplifting of women and children and for the casting out of strong drink and other foes to Christ's Kingdom. What a cloud of witnesses, every one ardently pressing on, breaking earth's fetters for the joy of serving Christ.

Measure thy life by loss instead of gain. Not by the wine drunk but by the wine poured forth. For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice. And whoso suffers most hath most to give.

J. HIETT.

### BAND OF HOPE

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Waimate Band of Hope told of an average number of pledges signed at well attended meetings. A credit balance was in the hands of the treasurer, and at no expense to the Society a picture projector and films had been placed at service for 1948 meetings.

Plans were made for six meetings each on the last Monday of the month.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. G. Dash; Pianiste, Miss Doreen Joyce; Committee, Mrs. W. Duckett, Miss P. Tooley, the Salvation Army Officers, the Rev. O. Burnet, Messrs. J. I. Hayman, J. C. Hay, K. Kippenberger, J. Stark, and H. R. Spargoe.

The value of these meetings for the enlightenment of the youth of the community was emphasised, and thanks accorded to the Pianiste and the Chairman.

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"For God, and Home, and Humanity"

WELLINGTON, MAY 1, 1948.

EXTRACT FROM A  
CHRISTCHURCH DAILY  
PAPER, MARCH, 1948More Spiritual and Moral Teaching in  
all Schools is urged on Committees.

The necessity for provision being made in schools, as the most important institution in the land after the home, for more definite teaching of a moral and spiritual nature was urged by the President (Mr. J. D. Gray, of Christchurch) in his annual address to the conference of the Dominion Federation of School Committees' Associations this morning. The purpose of this would be to enable the youth to assess the true values of life, he said.

"Amid the clash and din of contending ideologies in the world today, there is the growing conviction that if the freedom-loving countries are to preserve their natural identity and liberty, they will have to be more alive to the growing menace of dictatorship," he said. Much could be done to defeat this threat in New Zealand by instructing the youth of the country in the principles on which the democratic way of life was formed—the sanctity of human life, tolerance towards one's neighbour, respect for the property of others, and the value of human personality.

## Training Held Important.

The children were the future leaders of the nation, and their training would determine the quality of their leadership. An educational system which did not introduce the pupil to moral and spiritual values failed to educate in the fullest sense. The federation should have this omission rectified by insisting that in the proposed amending Education Bill provision should be made for the teaching of Christian ethics.

Mr. Gray thought that the teaching in the schools in regard to temperance was of a perfunctory character, but it was gratifying that the Education Department in its submissions to the Royal Commission on Licensing had suggested that pamphlets be prepared stating the latest scientific findings on the social effects of alcohol.

"We recommend that the pamphlet contain specific reference to the effects of over-indulgence in alcohol, and that an officer of the Department ascertain from time to time whether such teaching is being given."

## Citizenship Development:

He urged that the schools should give a much fuller moral and spiritual education and should play a greater part in the development of good citizenship.

Mr. Gray said that the appointment of the Hon. T. H. McCombs as Minister of Education was generally approved by educational circles as the new Minister brought special capabilities to his task.

Mr. Gray urged that they should press for immediate planning by the Department so that necessary accommodation would be available to meet the increased demands that could be expected.

Mr. W. J. Wilson (Wellington) said that he would not like the impression to go out that they were weakening on the general question of religious teaching in the schools. He felt that there was also a danger in too many subsidies being granted by the Government as school bodies were most vigorous when they had to obtain amenities the hard way.

Mr. Gray said that he did not intend that the Government should provide everything, but that it should provide

## REPORT

OF SUB-COMMITTEE SET UP TO  
BRING DOWN RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS ARISING FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Committee recommends:—

1. "That emphasis be given to moral teaching in the Primary Schools based on the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule; and that this teaching be given an important place in the curriculum with the object of giving the child a full sense of moral and spiritual values."

2. "That the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Licensing be given effect."

Extract:—

## Teachers' Training Colleges.

"Sufficient attention should be given to the training of teachers to deal with the topic of temperance in the schools. The information supplied in the text-books should be kept up to date. Attention should be given to the social effects of alcoholic excess."

## Primary Schools.

1. Instruction should be given in accordance with the syllabus of 1945.

2. The Department of Education should, as the Department suggests, prepare for the assistance of teachers in the primary schools, pamphlets stating in simple form the latest scientific findings on the effects of alcohol. The Health Department should assist. We recommend that the pamphlets should include specific reference to the social effects of over-indulgence in alcohol.

3. The School Medical Officer, if he or she has the capacity for teaching, might give an occasional talk on the subject of temperance.

4. Film of a scientific nature might be used.

3. "That in the social studies given to the children in schools full emphasis be given to the principles of Democracy and the Democratic way of life."

the equipment necessary for the teaching of all the subjects in the curriculum.

A Committee to consider the recommendations of the report was set up as follows: Mrs. H. McGilip, Messrs. A. T. Dow, W. J. Wilson, Gray, J. C. Batt and Trewin.



## CONVENTION MOMENTS



Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith,  
Retiring Dominion Treasurer.

As at all Conventions, some happenings stand out from the rest in our memories. Little things, some of them; big, important happenings, sometimes; sometimes just little cameos, clear-cut on the plain background. Of these, at our 1948 Convention, the retiring from her position of Dominion Treasurer, held for 21 years, of Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, is a very memorable one. Mrs. Hiatt's tribute to the work and influence of this dear friend and comrade ran thus:—

Wellington,  
March 8, 1948.

It is with deep regret that we say farewell to Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith as our New Zealand Treasurer. For 21 years she has served the New Zealand Union with great fidelity and with painstaking accuracy. Her warm, genial personality has been a source of cheer to her fellow officers and to the whole membership.

Not only is she a wizard at book-keeping but in all of the problems which confront the Officers of such a large and important organisation as the W.C.T.U., her unfailing goodwill and her thoughtful consideration have helped her fellow members on many occasions to come to a right decision.

It is a joy to know that we are not farewelling her from the Union, but desire her to accept Life Membership.

A little love-gift, and a spray of flowers were presented as tokens of the deep, affectionate esteem in which Miss Lovell-Smith is held. "For she's an excellent lady" was sung, and three cheers rang out. The response was characteristic; just a few words smilingly and naturally spoken, with the little something which has always made us feel and know that here was one who pretended nothing but who knew so much about human life and understood so well the things that puzzle and upset. Calm and serene always, but warm and genial too, she will be very greatly missed. But a little rest and freedom from responsibility are due to her, and so we let her

go from arduous duty and waved her our good wishes as she went.

Another little picture stands out with quite delightful charm. When it was known that the dear little child "Mary," whose truly wonderful patience and self-control had been the admiration of everyone for so many days was to be given a doll, there was not a woman in the hall who was not delighted. The years dropped away, and everyone became a child again and felt the ecstasy, long forgotten, when the little girl took the doll into her own keeping. A glow seemed to shine over everything that morning, and Mary's happiness was good to see. Mary's mother's words of thanks were beautifully spoken and all felt that the happy thought thus made action had been really inspired.

One other must be mentioned. This was the period of silent prayer that followed the story of the brave woman in England, fighting a lone battle against the forces of evil in her town. That day she was to plead the cause of temperance in a Court of Law, opposing those who wished the closing hours to be 10.30 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. Very fervent and sincere were the unspoken prayers on her behalf, and at the mercy-seat, the distance across the world was bridged.

Many other bright lights shine out in memory, but they can only be kept there, unless delegates in their Reports can make them real again.

## MISS C. HENDERSON, B.A.

Perhaps one of the most poignant moments of Convention was that in which the announcement of Miss Henderson's resignation from the position of Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent was made. It was as though a prop had been removed from a building; and a risk of collapse had suddenly been recognised. Her 36 years of service in this highly important department has meant so much to our work; and the feeling of security given by her great familiarity with this side of it has been like a safety zone in the midst of our many activities. "Miss Henderson says . . ." is one of the commonest phrases on our lips when matters pertaining to this department are being considered. And now, the time has come for her to lay down this work. Small wonder that we feel lost and bewildered. Mrs. Hiatt moves that a Minute of Appreciation be recorded in these terms:

"Wellington.

"It is with a sense of great loss that we accept Miss C. Henderson's retirement from the Superintendency of the Legal and Parliamentary Department of the N.Z.W.C.T.U. For 23 years Miss Henderson gave outstanding service as N.Z. Corresponding Secretary and she combined with that the Legal and Parliamentary Department. She continued as Superintendent of the latter for a further 13 years. 36 years as

N.Z. Officer is proof of her ability. Her sound judgment, her quick perception and her straightforward conclusions were a source of strength to her fellow officers. At Conventions her decisions gave solidity to the work undertaken.

"Miss Henderson never spared herself when Union business required her time and energy. She gladly sacrificed time and strength to promote and extend the work of the W.C.T.U. She was full of encouragement to new and timid members. Because of her keen brain, her sound commonsense and her steadfast faith in God, she made a wonderful contribution to the stability and good standing of the N.Z.W.C.T.U. We wish for our friend and co-worker the fulfilment of the promise—'In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.'"

And the motion is passed. Then another motion is proposed, seconded, and carried with great enthusiasm: "That Miss Henderson be made a Life Member of the N.Z.W.C.T.U."

And so the moment passes. But the personality, the edifice of carefully selected material built up through the years, and the self-effacing earnestness on behalf of the cause of righteousness will remain in the hearts and memories of all who have been privileged to work with her through the years. And, her work will remain. It is imperishable!

## SPECIAL REPORT

## MRS. HIETT AT TIMARU,

MARCH 18

At a special meeting of the Timaru Union, to which other women's organisations had been invited along with Youth Workers, the speaker was Mrs. Hiatt, who was on her way home after Dominion Convention. Tracing the growth of the W.C.T.U. from 1885, when it was first started in New Zealand, she emphasised the various reforms it had successfully achieved. The clause in the Lord's Prayer, "Deliver us from evil," is what we are working for when we work for Abolition. The sad experience of many falling away from God is through drink. We need the co-operation of the Churches. God needs us as co-workers. What a challenge to us! The chief work of our organisation was to bring about an end to the liquor traffic; and this ideal could be accomplished if mothers trained their children to understand the destructive powers of alcoholic liquor. If the rationing of food can be worked successfully so can the prohibition of drink. We do not ask for Moderation or State Control, but the complete abolition of alcohol, and we must continue to fight till we have gained complete victory.

## DOMINION OFFICERS' REPORTS

### DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from January 11th to March 6th, 1948.

**N.Z. Fund:** Johnsonville, Gonville, North Invercargill, Aramoho, Levin, South Dunedin, Ponsonby, 10/- each; South Invercargill, Opawa, Eltham, New Plymouth, Motueka, Feilding, Wellington Central, Lower Hutt, Napier, Brooklyn, £1 each; Picton "Y's," 5/-; Gisborne, 5/-; Dunedin Central, £3/3/- Mrs. H. Paterson, £2; Upper Hutt, £2; Estate, Mrs. Weir, £25; Collection Convention Reception evening, £8/2/6.

**N.Z. Headquarters Fund:** Gonville, £1; Reefton, £1/14/9; Invercargill Central, £2; Dargaville, 2/-; Rangiora B.L., £1/3/-; Rakaia, £5; Mrs. Wall, £5; Donation, Anon, £2; Picton "Y's," 5/-.

**Organising and Educational Fund:** Oxford, £2/0/6; Gonville, 15/-; North Invercargill, £3/9/-; Picton "Y's," 4/6; Grey Lynn, 5/11; Northcote, 13/6; Hawera, £2/5/-; Waimate, £5/8/-; Invercargill Central, £7/10/-; Dannevirke, £1/14/6; Dargaville, £2/6/6; Opawa, £1/2/6; Masterton, £1/4/-.

**Maori Fund:** Oxford, 9/-; Gonville, 9/-; Invercargill Central, 5/-; Dargaville, 14/6; Opawa, 10/-; Gisborne, 5/-.

**Franchise Day Fund:** Oxford, 14/6; Gonville, 3/-; Opawa, 10/-; Gisborne, 5/-.

**World Missionary Fund:** Gonville, 4/3; Dargaville, 12/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Invercargill Central, 5/-; Dannevirke, 5/9; Dargaville, 7/-; Opawa, 10/-; Wellsford, 5/6; Gisborne, 5/-; Waipukurau, 5/-; Feilding, 7/6; Napier, 8/8; Ashburton, £1.

**Caravan Fund:** Gonville, £1; Pukehuia, £1.

**Y.P.C.T.U. Trust Fund:** Miss E. Appleby, sale of stamps, £2/19/2.

**Work Among Seamen:** Oxford, 6/6. A belated correction: 30/- for Organising Fund, credited to **New Brighton** in June, should have read **North Brighton**.

## "WITHIN THE VEIL"

### MRS. PENDRAY, TAKAPUNA UNION

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Pendray, who has been our "White Ribbon" agent for several years.

Her gentle and unassuming ways had endeared her to many friends and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Her father, the late Mr. Wilson, was one of the old pioneers and was the first school-master at Paparoa School, where he and his wife brought up a large family. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Pendray and family, but we feel that she has now the realisation of the words, "Peace, perfect Peace."

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Branch Treasurers,—Will you please note that future payments must be sent to the new Treasurer, Miss G. Gibbs, 118 North Road, Dunedin. Money orders should be made payable at North Dunedin.

My warm remembrances and thanks to you for co-operation. God speed your endeavours this year.

Sincerely Yours,

MACIE B. LOVELL-SMITH,

Ex-Treasurer.

### BOOKS FOR BAND OF HOPE AND L.T.L. WORKERS

Mr. Cliff Scarf announces that he offers for sale a small Library of over 30 books and pamphlets dealing with every aspect of Temperance teaching, especially for the young, collected over a period of years, which he finds it necessary to dispose of. The whole collection will be sent post free for the sum of £1 to any purchaser who will write to Mr. Scarf at his address, 2 Sheen Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.I.

The list is of up-to-date books and pamphlets and will prove a most helpful storehouse of information for any worker. A copy will be sent on application to the Editor.

### TEMPERANCE ESSAY AND POSTER COMPETITIONS

This year's competitions are to be for Primary School children and are already probably announced to Head Teachers. Rules and conditions will be fully announced in our next number but the title for both Essay and Poster will be "Alcohol—the Great Deceiver." Band of Hope and L.T.L. workers should try to interest children and assist them in preparing for writing or drawing to suit this title.

### DOMINION OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT

Certain changes in the list of Dominion Officers should be noted by Union Officers. It would be very good if all Secretaries and Treasurers could be relied upon to make a note of the new Dominion Treasurer's name and address so that there will be no irritating need for re-mailing letters and money orders, etc., by Miss Lovell-Smith or Miss Atkinson, who have relinquished the jointly held office of Treasurer. Miss G. Gibbs, whose address appears among "Important Announcements" (No. 1) has accepted this position and it will be a help for her if everyone remembers.

We wish her much happiness in this new work for the N.Z. Union and pray that she may be richly blessed in the carrying out of duties which may prove to be arduous, but, we hope, always pleasant.

Miss Henderson's resignation as Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent left a vacancy which is to

be filled by Mrs. Chesswas, long known to us as an earnest and very capable worker in various phases of our activities. Holding, as she does, the position of Dominion Secretary of the National Council of Women, she will probably find that the two offices are helpful to each other. We hope very sincerely that health and strength will be granted to her during what may be a rather strenuous year. That she will be a worthy follower of Miss Henderson we feel to be true, and our prayers will be with her in her new task.

In Miss Atkinson, as Assistant Treasurer, we have lost (only temporarily, we hope) a very efficient and very congenial officer. Her many gifts are of great value to the Union and her cheerful readiness to help wherever help is needed has been a feature of her association with Miss Lovell-Smith and the other officers. Our gratitude and good wishes were expressed by many members at Convention.

## TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at **Brooklyn**: "All the American women tennis players for the Wightman Cup at Wimbledon this year (1947) were teetotallers and non-smokers."

**The International Record:** Also **Brooklyn**.—"Canada is spending \$350,000,000 annually on beverage alcohol."

"Never did so many pay so much for so little."

—"Vanguard," 1946.

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

At **Dargaville**: "Did you vote State Control?" Well, Toronto has State Control, but listen!

1. On a recent afternoon 300 girls were drinking in one Ontario beer room.

2. A politician has opened beer rooms for girls in Ontario. They have become the State's greatest scandal.

3. At a 90-foot cocktail bar in Ontario five out of six in the queue awaiting admission were girls.

4. Ten o'clock closing is now midnight closing.

5. Cocktail bars are to be open till 2 a.m.

6. The drink bill has increased from 4½ to 42 millions under State Control.

—From "The Vanguard."

Also—"A total abstainer cannot become a drunkard except by first becoming a moderate drinker. A moderate drinker is always a potential drunkard."

Given at **Takapuna**: "Without alcohol the rural population of France would be practically untouched by tuberculosis. As it is, alcohol is destroying the peasantry of the healthiest and most beautiful regions."



## RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY DOMINION CONVENTION, MARCH, 1948

1. That this convention of the W.C.T.U. urges that the Licensing Act Emergency Regulation, 1942/186, re liquor drinking on trains, be more strictly enforced and that a copy of the Regulation be displayed in a prominent position in every railway carriage.

2. That this Convention views with alarm the pernicious sex literature being imported and also published in New Zealand and desires the Government to prohibit both importation and publication of this type of literature, which in its opinion, adversely affects the social and moral well-being of the younger citizens of New Zealand.

3. That this Convention urge upon the authorities the necessity for ensuring that cinema programmes advertised as being suitable for children should not include any screening of unsuitable films.

4. That it be a recommendation to Sunday School Unions that a question on the temperance lessons be included in the annual Scripture examination papers.

5. That temperance instruction, which is on the school syllabus should not be overlooked at the time of the Inspector's visits to the schools, otherwise there might be a tendency for it to be omitted by teachers.

6. That in view of the growing practice of hotel-keepers of supplying liquor to youths under age, this Convention urges that in the event of these youths being brought before the court, the law regarding those who supply the liquor be rigidly enforced.

7. That the Minister of Broadcasting be asked to arrange for an authority on alcohol to give short talks over the air in the Correspondence School Sessions.

8. While congratulating the Junior Chambers of Commerce on the recently held Road Safety Campaign, Convention urges that in any future campaign against road accidents, greater prominence be given to the menace of strong drink, especially to drivers of motor vehicles.

9. That November 12 be the closing date for the nomination of Dominion Officers.

10. That this Convention, in view of the food shortage in Europe and Great Britain, urges upon the Government the duty of reducing the quantities of barley and sugar allowed to brewers and wine makers.

11. That the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand supports the International Conference on Human Rights in its overture to UNO dealing with the abolition of slavery.

12. That the attention of Convention is drawn to the urgent necessity for literature in connection with Sabbath desecration and asks that such be prepared for general distribution.

13. (a) That provision be made in all schools for the teaching of the Maori language, Maori arts and crafts, genealogy, traditional history to Maori children by specialist teachers. (b) That the question of Native scholarships be reviewed and re-adjusted to bring them within reach of every Maori child throughout the country.

14. That as the gambling evil is demoralising the country, this Convention deplores the fact that the Government is giving this evil every encouragement, and urges that in the interests of common morality the granting of permits for art unions shall cease.

15. This Convention desires to draw the attention of both legislators and the general public to the fact that the amount of money spent in New Zealand for 1946 drink bill exceeded £13,000,000. Further, Convention states that any consideration of the total amount of revenue expended in connection with the drink trade, must also debit the drink bill with a large part of the cost of mental and general hospitals expenditure, road administration, and the administration of justice in general.

## MISCELLANEOUS CLIPPINGS

### PLAIN SPEAKING

Hotelkeepers who do not carry out their obligations to provide meals and accommodation for the travelling public received a straight warning from Mr. W. H. Freeman, S.M., at a quarterly meeting of the Hauraki Licensing Committee. He said their licences would not be renewed at the annual meeting. He was well aware that Hauraki was not the only district where the position occurred. It obtained all over the Dominion and a start should be made in an endeavour to remedy it. There were hotelkeepers in Thames and elsewhere who deliberately refrained from their statutory obligation. The excuses put forward were stereotyped and threadbare and would no longer suffice. One favourite excuse was that they could not obtain staff. His reply was that they did not want to obtain staff; they had no difficulty in obtaining staff for bars. There was the worn excuse for refusing accommodation, "Full up, I'm sorry." From time to time such statements had been checked and found to be deliberately untrue. Recently he had the experience of being refused accommodation at a Thames hotel and he was calmly told the hotel did not cater for boarders because of staff difficulties. A person who deliberately set out not to give accommodation was not a fit and proper person to hold a hotel licence. Unless licensees set about rectifying their shortcomings he would refuse to renew their annual licences in June.

—“New Zealand Herald.”

## INDIA RIPE FOR PROHIBITION

Addressing a meeting in London, under the auspices of the Native Races and Liquor Traffic United Committee, Sir Alfred Watson, a distinguished writer on Indian affairs, late editor of the "Calcutta Statesman," and a resident of long standing in the country, said that **the future of the drink traffic in India is to be decided by the Indians themselves, now that they have power to do so.** The control of the liquor traffic is in the hands of the Provincial Governments, and "there can be no doubt what the decision of those Provincial Governments will be. . . .

"The drinking of today is going to be exceedingly difficult for any Indian Government to control. You may suppress it in the cities and still leave it in the villages. Fortunately, as I have said, the number of addicts is small, yet the mind of India is ripe for prohibition. There are great forces on its side . . . with the sympathy of the two major constituencies, India may yet set an example to the world."

—“The International Record.”

### NOTE THIS

The real task of the temperance reformer is to eliminate the drink traffic and the drink habit rather than to engage in discussion on the relative disadvantages of different methods of selling alcohol. The supreme fallacy which attaches to the advocacy of the nationalisation of the drink trade is a belief that under State ownership it is possible, in some magical way to de-alcoholise alcohol. The fact remains that under whatever conditions alcohol is sold, its effects upon the individual will remain the same. The drink problem will only be satisfactorily and finally solved when drink itself has been swept away from our civilisation by the action of an enlightened people.

—“Union Signal.”

## LIQUOR IN AMERICA

### Doctor's Observations

The retiring president of the American Psychiatric Association, Dr. Karl Bowman, claimed that Americans spent 17,000,000,000 dollars annually on alcoholic beverages. Disease, crime and poverty cost the nation 750,000,000 dollars a year. It was conservatively estimated that there were 750,000 chronic alcoholics in America.

Dr. Bowman recommended that 10 per cent. of the revenue from alcoholic beverages should be devoted to research into the problem of alcoholism. He said alcoholics died in gaol because society was not yet willing to provide hospital care for them.

—“New Zealand Herald.”

### A LESSON LEARNED

“Unlike some last war pilots, the boys will not touch a drop of alcohol before flying. They know the danger and respect it. Even the wild fighter boys

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## HOME MAKERS' CORNER

BY "LYNETTE"

## APPLES

At the present time apples are plentiful, and those of us who have them growing begin to wonder how we can vary our apple desserts to save our families from boredom. Here are a few stand-bys and variations.

When baking apples many people leave the cores in, but a delightful change is to remove the cores and stuff the apples with dates.

Apple Crisp is a quickly prepared and satisfying apple dish. Core and slice six apples into a pie-dish. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a cup of water and sprinkle the top with a crumb mixture made from  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of wholemeal,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, and 2 tablespoons of butter. Bake in moderate oven (340 degrees F.). As a variation, cinnamon or cloves may be sprinkled on the apples before the crumbs or orange juice may be added to the water and the rind incorporated in the crumbs. This gives the apples a flavour of quinces.

Some find it difficult to make a good light sponge crust for stewed apples. Here is a "fool-proof" recipe. Beat 1 egg, add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar and beat for 5 minutes. Fold in 1 cup flour sifted, with a pinch of salt and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Add enough milk to make an easily poured batter, and put on to the HOT fruit. A few passion fruit added to the apple makes a delicious variation.

As a "fancy" sweet, Porcupine apples have few rivals. Core and peel six apples and steam all till tender (15 or 20 minutes). Cool and cover with a meringue made from 2 stiffly beaten egg whites to which have been added  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sugar. Blanch and slice thinly a few almonds and stick them into the meringue to form a porcupine effect. Bake in a slow oven (300 F.) for about 15 minutes, preferably on a wooden slab.

## SOLUTION TO NO. 21

**Across.**—1, Bears; 6, Slash; 11, Antenatally; 13, Ice; 14, One; 15, Lie; 16, To; 17, Sow; 18, G.N.; 19, Sums; 22, Haha; 24, Repayment; 25, Many; 26, Snip; 29, Pop; 31, N.L.; 32, Dip; 34, Our; 35, Ego; 36, Intensively; 39, Agony; 40, Mary's.

**Down.**—1, Baits; 2, Encouraging; 3, Ate; 4, Concerning; 5, Snob; 6, Stew; 7, La; 8, All; 9, Slightly; 10, Hyena; 12, Anonymous; 20, Men; 21, Spy; 22, Hes; 23, Ann; 25, Media; 27, Ploys; 29, Pony; 30, Prime; 33, P.T.O.; 35, E'er; 37, En; 38, V.A.

## MRS. HICKSON AGAIN

My Dear Winnie,

It seems a long time since I wrote to you, but the time does fly. I really think sometimes that the sun travels faster than it used to when we were little. The day just comes and seems to be over before you know it has begun.

One thing, I have been to the Dominion Convention again. I'm getting to be quite a good delegate. I enjoy myself seeing all the faces I saw last time. And so many seem to know me—at least they just treat me like an old friend, and I never have a lonely minute.

This time we did seem to have a lot to do. There was no time to waste, it seemed, because the President kept things up to time. I came away thinking there would be a lot to do this year. Not that one hasn't plenty any time, but it did seem as if there was a sort of a move on somehow. What I mean—well, for one thing, they are going in for having a regular Secretary working at Headquarters. And that reminds me—I went to see that place this time. It's a very nice sort of oldish house right on a corner, and the tram stops right at the door. And clean! I thought I knew something about polishing a floor but I never saw a floor that looked like a looking-glass that had got out of place before. It was just lovely. It was nice to see how comfortable all the rooms were and to think that so

many could have a nice little room to come-home to and be independent so to speak. I believe some changes have to be made though.

But the thing is that we are to try to get enough money to make the house clear of debt. Somebody said that if every member paid a penny a day it would be cleared up. Well, that sounds easy these days. We never look at a penny nowadays. Of course I suppose some might do it and others not, and that would sort of put the reckoning out of gear. Anyhow, we are going to do something about it.

Then another thing was about the Secretary I said was to be working for the Dominion. It will take a bit of money for her salary. But some other expenses will be done away with somehow or other, and it won't be so bad. Mrs. Grigg told us how much work has to be done for the "White Ribbon" every month, and that would be done for her and her helpers, and Mrs. Toomer would not need to be kept going like she is. There was a lot about it, but anyway we will have to help with the money.

It sounds as if there was nothing but money to be thought about, but that's not it at all, Winnie. We did seem to realise that praver was something we needed more of and I learned such a lot about all sorts of things. I dare not say any more. I hope you are all well as we are. Lorna is doing very well.

With love from

MEG.

## "W.R. CROSSWORD" — 22

## CLUES

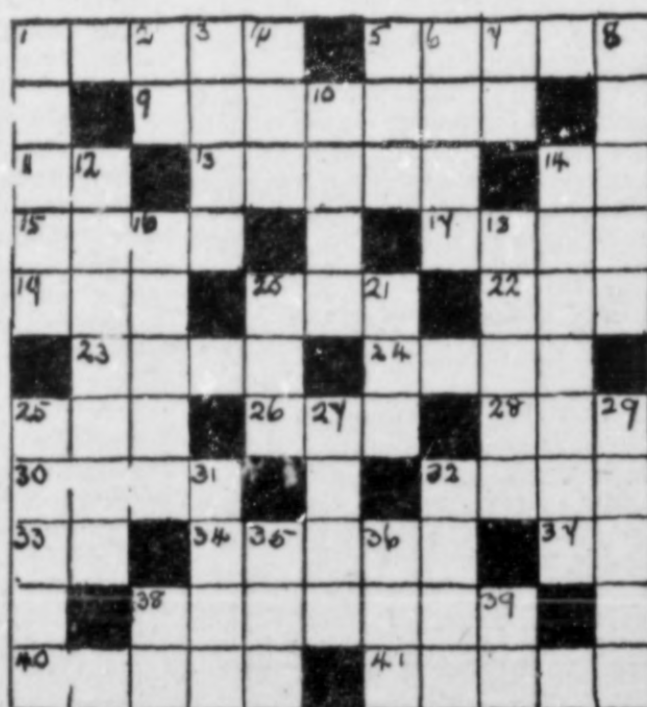
## Across

- 1—Chew.
- 5—Valuable possession.
- 9—Beginnings.
- 11—Exists.
- 13—Musical Drama.
- 14—No. 1 across in first person.
- 15—Speech defect.
- 17—Glass in window space.
- 19—Crafty.
- 20—Yorkshire stream.
- 22—Cap.
- 23—Land of the shamrock.
- 24—Remove a liquid surface.
- 25—Half a pair.
- 26—Enquire.
- 28—A place of moaning.
- 30—Skin trouble.
- 32—Quote.
- 33—Concerning.
- 34—Where the water was bitter.
- 37—For example.
- 38—A slender, lofty turret.
- 40—Daily record.
- 41—Fish basket.

## Down

- 1—Letters in quantities.
- 2—Negative.
- 3—Harvest.
- 4—Rose fruit.
- 5—Tune.
- 6—Speak crossly.
- 7—Steam ship.
- 8—Measured.
- 10—Equipment.
- 12—Hush.
- 14—Enliven.
- 16—Hooter.
- 18—Proof of absence.
- 20—Personification of truth.
- 21—Scotch river.
- 25—Rowed.
- 27—Woman's name.

- 29—Royal.
- 31—Eastern ruler.
- 32—English river.
- 35—One of many.
- 36—Part of circle.
- 38—Master of Arts.
- 39—A note of the scale.





## CONVENTION OUTING TO EASTBOURNE BY BUS

On Saturday afternoon I went with some other delegates on the bus to Eastbourne. Leaving the Hotel Cecil at 2.30 p.m. we journeyed along the Hutt road with the hills on the left and the harbour on the right. The latter was quiet and unruffled, with the seagulls making touches of white on the quiet waters. There was Soames Island, former home of war prisoners, also Ward Island, the bird sanctuary. On the left we passed the Wellington Woollen Mills, Odlin's Timber Yard (reputedly the largest in the North Island), also the Gear Company's Meat Works. On the right again there were the men of the Petone rowing club enjoying themselves in their boats. Next appeared the Sea Scouts' building, and the Centennial Memorial to commemorate the landing of the first white people on the Petone beach. I was told that a window in it depicts in black and white a Maori Chief meeting a man with his wife and child coming off the boat. On the left we passed Lever Bros. soap works, and then crossed the bridge over the Hutt River. On the right appeared sheds containing (I was told) surplus war material, and then hundreds of war-time trucks. Next came into view an old Maori cemetery, and on the left the Ford motor works. On the right we passed along the shores of several small bays.

Eastbourne consists, I was told, of two parts, Rona Bay and Muritai. It has a population of 2,000, a school of 500 pupils, also a convent, a post office, a theatre, shops, bowling and croquet greens.

Now we had reached our destination and alighted. Having plenty of time, we walked along the water front to Day's Bay, a distance of two (or was it three?) miles. With the fresh sea breeze blowing in our faces and filling our lungs with good, wholesome oxygen, we enjoyed the walk immensely, though some of my companions, whose shoes were not comfortable sand shoes like mine, but thin-soled and high-heeled ones, were rather footsore when we reached the tea garden at Day's Bay. Seated under the trees on little red chairs with red backs, at small green tables, we enjoyed the welcome cup of tea and the fresh cakes. Just as we finished our bus appeared, and then heigh ho! away we were on our return journey. It seemed no time before we were at the Hotel Cecil, and we said in our hearts, "Thank you, God, for a lovely afternoon."

C. JAMIESON.

## HIGH LIGHT

Dargaville reports having received a letter from the Methodist Missionary Union re a Remit they had passed in conference, which read as follows: "That we recommend that each member of the Union (Missionary) take a personal interest in the combating of the drink evil."

A reply of appreciation was sent from the W.C.T.U.

## RADIO AND THE FAMILY

In a survey made some years ago, it was found that children listened to the radio for 2½ hours for every one hour spent in reading. Have you ever studied the children while they were listening to one of the exciting thrillers? Notice the tense, strained attention and complete absorption in the programme.

Esther Marie Madsen, National Director for the Department of Radio in U.S.A., writes of this work there.

Because millions of people wrote to the radio stations in protest over the programmes coming into their homes, and because of the report made by the Federal Communications Commission, there has been a stock-taking in radio.

The National Association of Broadcasters has set up a "Broadcasters' Advisory Council," which will study the tastes of the radio audience, and make an effort to improve the relations between the industry and listeners.

It was felt that there were altogether too many crime serials and thrillers; and teachers and parents throughout the country could trace undesirable and unhealthy trends directly to such programmes.

The Bar Association came out with a very strong statement and met with representatives of the radio, movies and press to discuss the effect of such stories on juveniles. Their statement in part is: "The administration of criminal justice is frequently distorted by radio. There are a large number of radio programmes devoted exclusively to criminal trials and the exploits of criminals. Indeed, some of these programmes are **perfect hand-books for schools of crime**. They are interesting, alluring and allegedly realistic. Outstanding persons in the criminal enforcement field are recruited to partake in these programmes either in person or by proxy. The announced *raison d'être* of these programmes **that a career of crime is unprofitable, does not in any real sense mitigate the evil created.**

"The effect of these sensational portrayals of crime (in the movies) and on the radio is extremely bad. We **believe that it leads many into a career of crime.**"

Dr. Arthur S. Jersild, Professor of Education at Columbia University, and consulting psychologist in connection with children's radio programmes for Columbia Broadcasting System, says: "The power of radio in the lives of children presents both a challenge and an obligation. Children make a huge investment of time in radio programmes. They do this during years that are important in the **development of their minds and emotions**. Through radio they extend the horizons of their every-day world. They come mainly to be entertained, not to be educated. But the experiences they have by way of radio contribute to the **shaping of their ideals, and attitudes, their interests, tastes, moral concepts and**

**habits of thought.** The fact is challenging. It also puts upon each broadcaster a share of the responsibility for the sum total of what radio offers."

These quotations indicate the serious attitude some people have towards the radio. Parents should be equally serious and should not rest content with anything less than the best for the children. Broadcasters and their sponsors will listen to the opinions of numbers of listeners. It is not enough either to be negative. We want programmes that not merely "do no harm," but help to create taste for the best in entertainment. It will be a great day when the Christian community realizes the power in radio, and decides to act upon that realization.

—Australian "W.R."

## ROTA OF CONVENTIONS

In answer to various questions, we publish the Convention Rota drawn up at the 1946 Dominion Convention:—

1949, South Canterbury. 1950, Wanganui. 1951, Otago. 1952, Taranaki. 1953, Marlborough. 1954, Hawke's Bay. 1955, Southland. 1956, South Auckland. 1957, Nelson. 1958, Manawatu. 1959, North Canterbury. 1960, Wellington. 1961, Northland.

## AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Genesis 4 verse 9

(By G. A. Edmonds, J.P., Nelson)

Am I my brother's keeper,  
And wherefore should I be?  
This is a question that oft-times  
Worries and troubles me.

Why should I care about him,  
Or think of him at all,  
When I desire to do some thing  
That pleasures me withal?

You say I have a duty  
My passions to restrain,  
Because by my indulgence I  
May cause my brother pain.

But he's no need to copy  
And do the things I do,  
He has the power and mind to choose,  
A will to guide him too.

But what if HIS will is not  
Strong to resist the wrong  
He may see in any act of mine,  
Then copying it fall headlong?

My conscience gives the answer,  
It tells me, clear and plain,  
I AM my brother's keeper, and  
From wrong I must refrain.

Then:  
I'll neither drink nor gamble,  
Or sinful ways pursue;  
But by my good example be  
My brother's keeper true.

## Bulletin of Union News

### NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Pukehuia:** The yearly Temperance Meeting and "Bring and Buy" was held at Pukehuia on April 1. A nice number attended, and the Rev. P. Cook gave a good address especially dealing with the menace of alcohol to road safety. Miss Edmed and Mrs. Jolly contributed items, as also did two school boys, David and Allen Smith. Again the people helped by Bringing and Buying, so that £8 has gone into the Treasury to help forward the Temperance Cause. We thank God and take courage.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting,** held in Auckland, Monday, April 5: Mrs. Long, District Vice-President, in the chair, Mrs. Anstice leading Devotions and giving Temperance Fact.

Mrs. Long extended a warm welcome to Dr. J. Craig, who brought a greeting from New South Wales Union, and also to another visitor, Mrs. M. Drury, who came from Victoria, Canada. Decided to ask local Unions to support the CORSO appeal for China's children. Mother's Day gathering arranged to be held in the Town Hall Concert Chamber, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, to be invited to attend. Mesdames Joiner and Knauf appointed as delegates to the United Nations appeal gathering to be held during April for European children.

A most comprehensive report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Long, having been written by Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, who was unable to attend on account of illness.

**Takapuna,** April: Presided over by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, who took Devotions in the absence of Miss Cullen, and also welcomed Mesdames Williams and Day, President and Secretary of Devonport Union who, with some of their members, had come by invitation. The President made feeling reference to our loss by the passing of Mrs. Pendray, our faithful "W.R." Agent. Mrs. Prussing gave a very concise and comprehensive report on the Convention, and caused quite a thrill by bringing back the Membership Banner. One new member was admitted. So ended a happy afternoon.

**Warkworth,** March 18: Opening meeting for 1948. Mrs. C. Roke presided over good attendance. Mrs. R. Moore reported on Dominion Convention. Members viewed the Mobile S.S. of the S.S. Union.

April 8: Owing to Mrs. Roke's leaving the district, Mrs. R. Moore was elected President. Attendance good. Gifts of vegetables brought for Maori Girls' Hostel and gifts of soap, paper, etc., for CORSO. After routine business Mrs. Moore gave a talk on Bremen, Germany.

**Kohi-St. Heliers,** March 18: Meeting held at Mrs. Lewis Eady's home. Devotions led by Mrs. Pearson from Psalms 19 and 101. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Lediard. Mrs. Kasper gave a very interesting account of the Dominion Convention held in Wellington.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Tauranga,** April 6: Mrs. Christian presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Bensley. Reports on Special Alliance meeting, N.C.W., and Pan-Pacific meetings. Convention report given by Mrs. Maunders and greatly enjoyed. Discussion on various matters. Decided to keep a "Head-quarters" donation card on the table at all meetings for the year and also to hold a special "Bring and Buy" for the same. A good beginning made with £2/6/6. Plans for special effort for Dominion requirements and for gaining new members.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT

**Hawera,** March meeting: Mrs. Page, Vice-President, in the chair, also taking Devotions. Notes and Resolutions passed at Dominion Convention were given. By the help of members and friends another 22lb. parcel was packed by Mrs. Johnson and members, Mrs. Young paying the postage to Britain. Mrs. Page welcomed the Salvation Army officers recently appointed to Hawera. Five apologies received from absent members. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Bishop. Decided to hold a special "Bring and Buy" stall for the starving children of Europe at the April meeting. Mrs. Page closed meeting with Prayer and the Benediction.

February: Mrs. Thayer, Vice-President, in the chair, and took Devotions. Report of District Executive Meeting given by Secretary. Tea served by Mesdames Page and Johnson. Mrs. Page welcomed Captain Tracey, the Guest Speaker, whose subject was "The Second Mile." Captain Tracey closed the meeting with Prayer and Benediction.

### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Napier:** The usual monthly meeting held. The Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D., was officially welcomed and led Devotions. Convention report given by the delegate, Mrs. Shann—excellent in matter and in detail. Warm thanks expressed. Decided to hold quarterly meetings with "Y" members, and for that purpose the next meeting will be held in the evening. CORSO appeal read, £2/5/- donated for this. Benediction.

### MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Levin,** March 17: The President, Mrs. Kennerley, in the chair, and led Devotions. Welcome given to all present, including visitors from Christchurch and Morrinsville. Pledge repeated. Scientific Fact, Mrs. Austin. Band of Hope discussed. Comprehensive Convention report given by Mrs. Burnham (Delegate). Thanks expressed by President and posy presented by Mrs. Storey. Gifts of produce to be brought to next meeting for despatch to Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland.

**Palmerston North,** April: Mrs. H. R. Fitch, wife of the Rev. Mr. Fitch (Church of Christ), in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. J. Boniface. Help asked for in a letter from CORSO was to be considered by Executive. Mayoress's request for help in packing fat and other goods for Britain agreed to. Report of Convention given by Miss Jamieson.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Brooklyn,** March 30: Chair taken by Mrs. Sawden, who led Devotions. Apologies received from two members. Welcome to Mesdames Burn and Haigh, L.R.S.M., who delighted us with songs and piano pieces respectively. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Jordan gave a very interesting account of the Convention, which was her first, and which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Brewer summed up briefly the Convention doings. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Papanui,** March 17: Mrs. Tillman presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Elliott. A quantity of soap was collected for China in response to an appeal from CORSO. Mrs. Hawken reported on a visit to seven patients in Mental Hospital. Leaflets on "The Effect of Alcohol in the Home" were bought for enclosing with Cradle Roll Cards. Mrs. Black, District Secretary, gave very informative report on Dominion Convention, and was thanked by the President. Tea and Benediction.

**North Brighton,** February 17: First meeting for the year. Superintendents appointed. Mrs. Noonan reported that a most successful Band of Hope picnic had been held in the Christchurch Botanical Gardens, and the Mental Hospital Report told of visits and Christmas gifts for six patients.

March 16: Several plans of work made. Band of Hope, CORSO, and Birthday Social arranged for. Reports on work as at above meeting were given. Report of Convention deferred till April meeting. Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings.

### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Timaru,** Opening Meeting, February: Mrs. Holdgate presiding. Arrangements made for special meeting of Youth Workers and other organisations. CORSO appeal read. Mrs. Dellow read a paper on the life of Frances Willard.

March Meeting: Posters procured to be used in "Home and Family" week to be held here at the end of the month. An invitation received to attend Lady Baden-Powell's reception. Mrs. Howe, Convention Delegate, reported comprehensively. Meeting closed with Benediction.

### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Lawrence,** April 6: Attendance fair. Miss Ferguson, President, in the chair. Discussion on increasing interest in Temperance work. President read a paper on "Temperance," and Mrs. McNully one on "Ruth."

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were no exception. I have known them go all the way over to tell their host that they were 'on' that night and refuse with an iron will any attempt on his part to make them have one, even for the road. To them it would mean at the most death, at the least a 'raspberry' from the C.O. But worse of all, they might injure somebody else."

—Extract from "Enemy Coast Ahead," by Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C.

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

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**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.

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**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; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Petchell; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Temperance Fact, Mesdames Tremain and Wallace.

**TEMUKA**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. Wm. 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 T.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wyuyard 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.

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

**WAIMATE**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Duckett, Mary Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Kippenberger, Stark, Burnett 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.

**WAIPIKURAU**, 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. E. Haughton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. McDonald; Sec., Mrs. H. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.; Treas., Mrs. Aldridge; C.R., Mrs. J. McDonald; W.R., Mrs. Edlington.

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

**WANGANUI EAST**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans' Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. 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., Waiata St. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Valley Rd., E.1; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Viewview 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 Dinness 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.