

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"Reading is for the mind what  
exercise is for the body."

—Addison.

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## Editorial:

## FIFTY YEARS AGO "White Ribbon" Flashback

"Convention Number" for 1898 lies on the table beside this year's, 1948. Fifty years ago this number went out. It is clean, untattered, and might have been published this week except for the fact that the paper is good and space apparently almost unlimited. Beautiful print, widely spaced, makes for easy reading.

The first page contains an article from the "N.Z. Herald" on the death of Frances Willard, which had just occurred. It is a most interesting and enlightening account of our great leader's life and work, written sympathetically and with dignity.

Following this is the account of the Thirteenth Annual Convention, held at Napier, under the Presidency of Mrs. Schnackenberg of Auckland, with Miss Powell as Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. M. Kirk, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Hill, as Treasurer. A contribution by an "Outsider" tells of the Memorial Service held in St. Paul's Church. What a fine gathering it was and how well the N.Z. Union acquitted itself is shown in the story thus told. The concluding words run thus: "The whole service . . . was deeply impressive, and must have convinced the most sceptical, if such were present, that the members of the W.C.T.U. as represented by their officers and delegates were women of more than ordinary mental as well as moral and spiritual culture, and were well qualified to grapple with the terrible social evils that curse and crush humanity."

That is a good indication of the standing held by the W.C.T.U. 50 years ago. It is valuable because so encouraging, and our belief in the reality of our mission and call to special service is strengthened by it.

A most interesting column appears which we give ourselves the privilege of quoting in full, this being "W.R." month.

"One of the important subjects discussed at the Convention was the

report of the Committee of the "W.R." It was resolved by Convention three years ago to issue a paper for the W.C.T.U. Started without capital, it has grown in size and increased in circulation, and has, up to the present, been kept clear of financial difficulties.

"But these results have only been obtained by the hard and incessant work of the Editor and the Business Manager, who have intimated that they cannot any longer sustain the financial burden. The Committee pointedly intimated its opinion that great apathy had been shown by those to whom the paper belongs, and asked that Convention would either provide the capital required, or place upon each Union the onus of procuring a sufficient number of new subscribers to make the paper self-supporting.

"Seeing that we have over 50 Unions, and that the number of new subscribers required would only average 10 for each Union, this would seem to be a very modest request. It appears, however, to have been too much for Convention, which simply pledged itself to use every effort to raise the required number, and passed a resolution of sympathy with the Editor and Business Manager.

"There is an old story of a Quaker who was of a practical turn of mind. Telling an acquaintance of a sad case of poverty, he replied to an expression of sympathy from his hearer thus: 'Friend, I sympathise 20 shillings. How much does thee sympathise?' If each of the delegates at Convention had said 'I sympathise 10 new subscribers, and I'll canvass till I get them,' it would have put new heart into the Business Manager."

Well now! Can you believe that that was written 50 years ago? Its message is very apt today, is it not? The distinguished Editor was Mrs. Sheppard. Another paragraph from her pen is well worth reading. Space per-

mitting, it will be reproduced shortly when its purport will be of real advantage.

"We have seen there is no hope of improving, in any shape or form, the liquor traffic. There is nothing now to be done but to wipe it out completely. . . . The great cause of social crime is drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. When I hear of a family broken up and ask the cause—drink. If I go to the gallows and ask its victim the cause, the answer—drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, why do not men put a stop to this thing?"—Archbishop Ireland.

## BIBLICAL MEDICINE

If you are doubtful or depressed,  
read the 27th Psalm.

If there is a chilly sensation about the  
heart,

read the 3rd of Revelations.

If you don't know where to look for  
the month's rent,

read the 37th Psalm.

If you feel lonesome and unprotected,  
read the 91st Psalm.

If you find yourself losing confidence  
in men,

read the 1 Corinthians xiii.

If people pelt you with hard words,  
read the 15th chapter of John.

If you are getting discouraged about  
your work,

read the 126th Psalm and Galatians vi.  
7-9.

If you are all out of sorts,  
read 12th chapter of Hebrews.

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## AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

### ANTI-GAMBLING

A statement appears in the N.Z. "Herald" of May 11 which runs thus: "The Annual Report of the Churches Committee on Gambling states that gambling in Britain has become a 'National epidemic.' The figures for horse racing, greyhound racing and football pools amount to a sum of £1,000,000,000 for last year, probably the greatest increase in gambling throughout the nation that has ever been recorded in history."

The report goes on to say: "An avalanche of betting and gambling is upon us, and at times it would seem almost that masses of our fellow-citizens are being buried under it."

The totals show enormous increases in every form of gambling. In 1946 the figures for horse racing were £400,000,000, and in 1946 this had increased to £450,000,000.

Football pool gambling has become the eleventh largest business in the country. An under-estimate of its turnover last year was £70,000,000.

The scandalous waste of paper involved, and the man-power worse than wasted in the delivering of millions of postal packets weekly, one firm alone giving the figure at 3,000,000 per week, at a time when national-recovery must depend upon hard and disciplined work, children find themselves 'possessed of a mental and imaginative background in which incentive to life and work have become tainted with the hope for "a lucky win," "get rich quick," or the "something for nothing" spirit.

These staggering figures and the picture drawn as a conclusion, of the child whose environment and upbringing are coloured or "tainted" by this gigantic evil, should bring us to realise that our "anti-gambling" department is one we should work with greater zeal and sense of urgency than has been the case.

Glancing over the report published in our Convention Report Book, one feels that a more direct attack needs to be made. The figures in our own country show increases alarming in their extent. Fresh incentives to and opportunities for gambling seem to be on the increase. We read of those in high places stooping to the "art union" and the lottery.

What can we do? In our last issue the "findings" of the Convention Group which discussed the report of the Department, were given. We would stress some of them again. Let no Union Executive think that this Department does not matter. If any suggestion for doing something definite is made it should be carried out, even in Unions where it seems most unnecessary. Knowledge of the conditions obtaining should be given. It is not enough to say "Oh, we never think of going in for raffles or anything of the kind." We need to make an attack and not to content ourselves with our

own security. The demoralisation of our youth and the undermining of character already going on in our midst are things too terrible to be ignored.

The Gambling Commission was not helpful. With the same disregard for the consequences of raffles, lotteries as is evidenced in the Findings of the Royal Commission on Licensing for those of restaurant drinking, they appear to believe that people will not wish to increase the scope of the gambling begun in these small ways. The only logical result to be expected is that the taste fostered and quickened by these things, even though they were held to have no detrimental effect and to produce no social evils, will certainly demand wider fields in which to pasture, sooner or later.

We were asked among other things, to "urge the teaching of anti-gambling to Sunday School scholars, and in Temperance Societies, to ask that Churches and Public Schools refrain from promoting raffles or art unions as a means of raising funds."

Also, we were asked to have a special day devoted to discussion of anti-gambling. And we were to approach Ministers in our respective districts asking them to bring the evil before their congregations.

These are only suggestions. It is for us to do our best for the sake of God, Home, and Humanity in this as in our other great struggle with evil.

### LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY CONVENTION FINDINGS

Many Unions are vague as to whom resolutions should be sent. It is felt that more notice might be taken if all Unions sent resolutions or protests, instead of only District or Dominion Officers. It is recommended that as resolutions are passed members should be instructed to whom they should be sent. Unions sometimes send what purports to be a Remit, but is merely an expression of opinion.

### PRESS DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FINDINGS

Where the local Press is not willing to publish reports, a special fund may be used for inserting particularly telling paragraphs, or Temperance Facts, quoting world-known authorities. Compare cost of this, and far-reaching effect, with distribution of leaflets.

## WORLD DEPARTMENT OF "SCHOOL OF METHODS"

MRS. AMY KASPER, J.P.,

International Superintendent

Today all sorts of gadgets for efficient work in the homes and businesses are being offered to us. There, production is already begun: every homemaker is entitled to the very best offered and ought to make use of value in the mechanics of good house-keeping. National life and international life are just progressive larger units of home-making, and the same principle applies to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, it is one of the fine and very valuable instruments for use in our national good housekeeping, and in order to make the finest contribution that is possible, the W.C.T.U. must have the most up-to-date and effective methods.

Through the years we have tried to keep abreast of the times, by changing our mode of approach when necessary to conform to the changing times and needs. We have a wonderful organisation of itself with aims and purposes and plans of work. We meet in Conventions to work out the best policy and methods of work, but do we give every member an opportunity of studying these methods, and devise the best methods of carrying them out.

Every country must determine the time, place, and name of the meeting. Assemblies lasting through two or more sessions for the purpose of study under the direction of the W.C.T.U. are called institutes, workshops, schools of methods, conferences, leadership, training schools, etc., etc. All of these come under the World School of Methods Department. The purpose of these assemblies is to familiarise the membership of the W.C.T.U., its branches, Youth Groups, and Loyal Temperance Legions, with the history, aims and the methods of work of the organisation, these are primarily for study, but social features often are added, literature is distributed, non-members are invited to attend and to become members.

New officers are being elected at almost every annual meeting; is it right to ask these Sisters to take office without preparing them for these positions? They should be trained, also instruction should be given to every Superintendent of Departments appointed. This can be done in our Schools of Methods.

Knowledge of the work carried out with God's help in a spirit of prayer and devotion must achieve efficiency.

Yours faithfully,

AMY KASPER,

International Superintendent.

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## President's Message



Dear Friends,—

Congratulations to all Unions who have made such a good beginning with the work of Convention. May the end of the year show the successful carrying out of the work begun. May I remind Unions that it is not too soon to begin the training and preparation of officers and delegates for the 1949 Convention, to be held in Timaru, and it is certainly not too soon for Unions who will be entertaining Convention within the next four or five years to begin their preparations. With such good notice every District has ample time to make plans, and there will, I feel sure, be no District not ready, not only because it is loyal, but, also, because any one District which fails to shoulder its responsibilities places an unfair burden upon the next in order.

Just at the present time all our members will be very busy with "Aid to Britain" work but, more especially, with the appeal for starving children. It is difficult for us in this wonderful country to realise what "starving" really means in relation to children; to see a clear picture of little children who had absolutely no food yesterday or today, and are not in the least likely to have any tomorrow or for many tomorrows. How must their mothers be feeling? What a magnificent opportunity for us through this channel to help to spread the spirit of good will. Money has come in freely. We now have only to see that the food purchased goes to the right places. Let our prayer be that wisdom and judgment may be granted in large measure to those who have the very great and grave responsibility of distribution.

All these activities work in side by side with what we call "our own work" for the very good reason that

## "DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

—Tennyson.

Hymn 36: "O Blessed Life!"

Scripture Reading: James V, 13:16.

"Prayer to many of us is like an emergency call. It is not sent up until we are in peril or difficulty or trouble or distress. And then it is more in the nature of a panic-stricken utterance than a real prayer. We have largely lost the sense of the true meaning, value and importance of prayer. Prayer, in the first place, is not petition nor supplication nor even intercession. It is communion. How many of us spend an hour a day in communion with God? If more time were spent in such manner, and the Spirit of God were allowed to take possession of heart, mind and life, we should find ourselves with an increasing burden for the souls of men. We should find our prayer interest widening considerably. We should find that five hurried minutes a day will not suffice. We should find that before a soul is born again, someone has to travail for it. Prayer is not to be measured by time dimension, but by its intensity. When we really begin to feel the desperate need of a sin-stricken world and a lost soul, we shall pray with fervent desire that will burn us up. May God lead us so to pray."

—"The Challenge."

it is work to be carried out under our Motto: "For God, and Home, and Humanity." If we are to have a good base from which to work we must strengthen the position of our Union; that is why you are doing your best in the membership and educational campaigns. Keep on keeping on; if you find the fight getting harder be thankful. It means that the Devil, or the Power of Evil (or whatever you like to call it) is realising that God's strength is being granted to us. If we were not making headway the Devil would not be trying to block the way. He is not so foolish as to be using his power where there is no strength to fight him. Never for one moment forget that those who enlist in God's Army are always given sufficient strength to march and carry His flag. There is unmeasurable power available. Let us use it. "Who in the power of Jesus trusts is more than Conqueror." May God's blessing be upon us and upon all people of goodwill everywhere.

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.

## OVERSEAS TIDINGS

From the "World Bulletin" we learn the following, which clears up the mystery of the "Light Liners." Some Convention delegates wondered what the term signified.

N.B.—A Light Line Union is one that contributes \$5 or £1 to the World's W.C.T.U., and subscribes for the National Union's magazine to be sent to a foreign missionary. The Light Unions are a great help to the World's Funds.

Also from the "Bulletin" we have the following very interesting and informative report:

### U.N.O.

In September, a two-day conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations was held at Lake Success, New York. Miss Helen G. H. Estelle, President New York State Union, and Miss Elizabeth A. Smart, National U.S.A. Legislative Director, were our representatives. We were invited to send an entry for the Exhibition, and Mr. Geoffrey Staunton (nephew of Miss Dorothy Staunton, England), was commissioned to make a poster. It was large and colourful, sensitively executed, and artistically arranged. At the head of it were the name of the Union, date and name of founder, the motto, description of badge. We have National Unions in 44 countries, and 29 of these are member countries of U.N.O. The flags of these were portrayed in an oval design linked by a waving band of white ribbon, tied in a bow at the base. Inside the oval were these words:

"The W.W.C.T.U. forwards the common cause of the United Nations by Departmental Educational Work as follows: CHILD WELFARE: CITIZENSHIP: FILMS: HEALTH and NUTRITION: MORAL WELFARE: NARCOTIC DRUGS: PEACE and ARBITRATION: and by maintaining an International Correspondence Bureau for Young People.

"The W.W.C.T.U. advocates the personal and national advantages of abstinence from intoxicants, of the sanctification of the home, and of an equal standard of liberty and purity for both sexes."

At the close of the conference, Miss Estelle and Miss Smart dined with Mrs. and Miss Boole, taking the poster for them to see. It is hoped to get small reproductions made eventually.

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### LIQUOR TRADE REFORMS

#### FORECAST OF BILL

##### Major Points Already Considered

The redistribution of redundant hotel licences, a national poll on the proposed evening hours for hotels, and an alteration of the ballot paper for the triennial liquor referendum, are among provisions reported to be under consideration for inclusion in the Licensing Bill which the Government has announced will be placed before Parliament this year. The Bill arises out of the report of the Royal Commission on Licensing in August, 1946. A Government caucus committee has been appointed to discuss the draft of the Bill, and already consideration has been given to some of the major points.

Although the proposals are yet only at their preliminary stage, prohibition, trade and Church interests closely concerned consider that the following are some of the chief issues raised in the commission's majority report which any legislation is expected to deal with:

##### Hours of Hotels

1. A national poll on the commission's majority proposal that hotels should be open during evening hours. The hours recommended by the commission were: Mondays to Fridays,

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. The commission proposed that evening hours should be observed only for the consumption of liquor on premises, not for the sale of liquor to be taken away.

2. Provision in the triennial national liquor poll for a direct form of voting paper. Instead of the paper, as in the past, with three issues—continuance, State control and prohibition—there would be a vote on two issues—continuance and prohibition, with provision for electors to have a second vote to say whether, in the event of continuance being carried, they prefer corporate control. This system of voting, it is considered, would enhance the polling prospects of the corporate control issue, which, put in the form of State control, has been rejected in the past.

The commission recommended that corporate control should include the taking over of breweries as well as hotels, but it is believed to be unlikely that the manufacture of liquor would be included in the proposal for corporate control to be placed before the electors. State ownership of breweries is one of the questions on which there is the sharpest difference of opinion. One of the largest Churches is now seeking within its membership an expression of views on this point.

##### Redistribution of Licences

3. The establishment of a board to administer the redistribution of licences considered redundant; this work to be carried out over a fixed number of years, existing licensees to be compensated where their licences are taken over.

4. Strengthening of the powers of local licensing committees.

5. Provision for local trust polls where restoration is carried or new licences issued under redistribution. It is generally agreed among interests directly concerned in the future of the liquor trade that the full proposals of the Royal Commission for the government of the liquor trade would prove too unwieldy to operate. Redistribution of licences, mooted for so many years, is considered most likely to be approved.

The commission, in its majority report, said that on the West Coast of the South Island, for instance, there were undoubtedly redundant licences.

##### Hotel Statistics

A summary of hotel statistics was handed in by the Commissioner of Police and recorded by the commission, showing that hotel licences are at present held in various districts as follows: Greymouth, 144; Christchurch, 129; Auckland, 116; Dunedin, 100; Wellington, 77; Nelson, 70; Invercargill, 64; Napier, 64; Palmerston North, 61; Hamilton, 57; Timaru, 56; New Plymouth, 56; Gisborne, 39; Whangarei, 38; Wanganui, 35.

Redistribution of licences was among many reforms in the liquor trade proposed in a Bill sponsored in Parliament by a former Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, in 1926, 1927 and 1928. It was defeated in the House of Representatives by 34 votes to 33.

—"N.Z. Herald."

### OPPOSING VIEWS

#### EFFECT OF BEER SHORTAGE

"The beer shortage, due to the strike of brewery workers which is now in its eighth week, is having a very bad effect on the health of Sydney people, according to Dr. H. J. Foley, who has been elected to the Health and Recreation Committee of the Sydney City Council. He told the council that the effect on health was caused by bad spirits, which were being drunk widely as a substitute for beer.

The police at the main city stations, however, claim that over the past two months arrests for drunkenness and crime associated with it have decreased sharply. They say that the period is the slackest they have known, that arrests have declined by about two-thirds, and accidents caused by drunken drivers and pedestrians are practically non-existent.

This statement has been challenged by Mr. N. H. Connolly, president of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association, who produces metropolitan Court figures to show that there has been a definite increase in cases of drunkenness.

The strike has deprived the Commonwealth of about £2,000,000 excise duty, and the State revenue has suffered by about £40,000.

—"Evening Post."



## SPECIAL REPORTS

### HOME MEETING AT WADESTOWN

#### Convention Suggestions

Recently some 24 members of local Unions accepted Miss Atkinson's invitation to afternoon tea and a discussion on Convention. Suggestions for the better conduct of Convention were asked for and, after consideration, the following suggestions were made: That a few minutes' break be made in the morning session. That Convention open with an all day of prayer. That the morning session close at noontide, resuming half an hour earlier in the afternoon, thus giving delegates who may have come a long way an opportunity to get early lunch. That Convention be arranged in a circle; this was thought to be conducive to easier hearing. That a Communion Service be held at the close of Convention. That one or two new hymns be learnt during Convention.

Miss Atkinson sang two solos and a pleasant time was brought to a close.

The President will welcome any suggestions from other Unions.

### "MOTHER'S DAY" GATHERING, AUCKLAND

A well-attended "Mother's Day" gathering, under the auspices of the Auckland District Executive, was held in the Concert Chamber of the Auckland Town Hall on Sunday, May 9.

The District President, Mrs. F. Mountjoy presided at the meeting, which was opened with the singing of the National Anthem and the Doxology, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Long.

Mrs. Mountjoy extended a welcome to all present, which included the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Allum.

The Mayor suitably replied, and commended the W.C.T.U. on the great work they were doing. A programme of musical and elocutionary items was presented, Mrs. Kersey and Mr. Wurin rendering solos, and Miss Betty Mudgway reciting, the Salvation Army "Grange" girls, and the girls from the Parnell Maori Girls' Hostel also contributing numbers. The speaker was the Rev. Harris Whitfield, and he gave a very opportune address on "Mary, the Mother of our Lord."

Mrs. Long thanked the speaker and the artists, and Mrs. Mountjoy closed the gathering with the Benediction.

### POST-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE MEETING, WELLINGTON DISTRICT

The Presbyterian Church Hall at Johnsonville was the place of the April meeting, Johnsonville Union being our hostesses and giving us a warm welcome. Mrs. Reed led the morning devotions. Minutes of the previous meeting and a special meeting held after Convention were confirmed. A tribute was paid, in a special resolution, to the work of Mrs. Reed, District Secretary, during Convention, everything being done in a lovely spirit. Mrs. Sawden, Letterwriter, was asked

to send letters of sympathy and cheer to aged and suffering members, and to one who had suffered bereavement. It was decided to hold a special social afternoon at which to entertain those who had assisted with teas and hospitality at Convention, a small committee being set up to arrange this. Mrs. Watt, District President, gave a report of Convention. It was a model of brevity but gave us all the important points of the annual meetings. Her reference to the daily devotional and noontide prayer periods was that they were like taking a sup at a fountain that never goes dry. The Treasurer's report showed a good credit balance, and it was decided to complete payment of Scientific Temperance Booklets supplied to the public schools and also to make a donation of £10 to Headquarters' Fund. Mrs. Reed reported on work done at Porirua, where 23 names had been gained for the Cradle Roll and two adult members gained; at Petone, where one new member had been gained and visiting done, and at Taita, where visiting had been done. Contact with Maori people at Porirua and at the Ngati-Poneke Club, for showing films, had also been made. Arranged to send copies of "The White Ribbon" to two ladies at Porirua. The entertaining Union were thanked for their hospitality and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

### YOUTH MEETING AT NELSON

As the Nelson Union could not see its way clear to open a "Y" branch at present, it was decided to hold a Youth Meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month, the first of these being held in the Union Hall on Anzac Day at 4 p.m.

All Bible Classes had been circularised, and in spite of unfavourable weather there was an attendance of 27 young people, representing four denominations. One Bible Class was unable to attend as they were having a tea and rally in their own hall.

A song service and Bible Quiz were conducted by Mr. Gardiner and the Rev. Mr. Blampied (Church of Christ) showed a travel film, a missionary film and two temperance strips. Then followed tea provided by the W.C.T.U. members. A "Request" hymn session conducted by Mrs. Sherratt brought a very successful gathering to a close at 6.30 p.m.

### "OPEN" MEETING AT ONEHUNGA

On April 22 the Onehunga Union held a united meeting in the evening for ladies and gentlemen. Invitations had been sent to all Onehunga Guilds, but unsettled weather affected attendance. Mrs. Mountjoy, in presiding, explained the history, aims and activities of the W.C.T.U. Solos by Mr. Browne were followed by an address by Miss E. Moyle, M.A., who told of conditions in the British Zone of Germany. She had returned last year to New Zealand, having been sent as an Unrra officer from here to help the millions of non-Germans, most of whom had been slave workers for the Germans before the war. The latter were sup-

posed to provide shelter, food and clothing for them, but could not do it, so Unrra did their best with the few facilities available in devastated Germany, to provide a few comforts for those unfortunate "displaced persons," but were warned that they must give nothing to Germans. Their work also included giving help to the sick, education to the young (though unable to obtain books), and endeavouring to provide about a couple of scanty garments for each of the little new-born babies arriving about every day. Miss Moyle has returned to her duties as a teacher and lecturer at one of our colleges, but has numerous calls to tell of her first-hand experiences in those war-torn countries. Her eloquence, earnestness and vivid descriptions must have awakened keen interest in the sad condition of all those displaced people, causing her hearers to realise the plight of many of our less fortunate brethren, also reminding us of the "Inasmuch" of our Saviour.

### "COMING OF AGE" PARTY AT MOUNT ALBERT

On May 13 Mount Albert Union entertained about 60 members and visitors at their 21st birthday party. The opening hymn, "O love that wilt not let me go" was chosen because this was sung at the first meeting of the Union. The "Crusade Psalm" was read, and Mrs. Anstice led in prayer, the Lord's Prayer being repeated in unison.

The Minutes of the first meeting were read by Mrs. Williams, who was the first secretary of the Union.

Greetings were received from several very old members, and also from several Unions. Mrs. Laird told something of how the Union first began in Mount Albert, which was very interesting to us all.

A very enjoyable programme was presented, and at the conclusion, Mrs. Kasper expressed congratulations on having reached the 21st anniversary, and also on the present strength of the Union.

After the singing of the hymn "For all the saints," Mrs. Anstice pronounced the Benediction.

The serving of afternoon tea and the birthday cake brought to a close a very enjoyable afternoon of happy reunion and fellowship.

### "WHITE RIBBON" BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

List of New Subscribers to "The White Ribbon," from Jan. 1 to May 11, 1948.

Otahuhu, 2; Warkworth, 8; Birkenhead, 1; Onehunga, 2; Eden, 2; Cambridge, 3; Te Kuiti (E.), 1; Te Kuiti (M.), 4; Tauranga, 1; Te Awamutu, 2; New Plymouth, 1; Brooklyn, 4; Carterton, 1; Levin, 1; Picton, 1; Sydenham, 3; Riccarton, 3; Christchurch 1; South Dunedin, 1; Dunedin, 2; Winton, 1; Gore, 1; Hamilton, 1; Pahiatua, 1; Oxford, 2; Rakaia, 1; Oamaru, 2; Green Island, 1; Invercargill South, 2; Maori Department, 1. Total, 57.

—A. D. GRIGG.

# Nationalisation of the Drink Trade

By Cecil Heath, B.A.\*

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Recent political tendencies in many countries have focussed public attention upon the possible nationalisation of the drink trade. It becomes necessary, therefore, for the temperance reformer to re-examine the position and to see how far theory and practical experience justify an attempt to deal with the drink problems along these lines.

Two distinct approaches can be made to the theory of the nationalisation of the drink trade and advocates of both have, on numerous occasions, expressed their views:

1. Nationalisation has been suggested as an instrument to be used for the ultimate elimination of the liquor trade.

2. Nationalisation is advocated as a means of consolidating the position of the liquor trade in the national life by ridding it of many of the abuses which are alleged to form part of private trading in intoxicants.

It will be seen at once that these two approaches are mutually contradictory. Both cannot be right, and we are therefore justified in turning to the record of experience to test the validity of the two opposing theories.

From this record it can be stated conclusively that never in human experience has the nationalisation of the drink trade led to its elimination or even tended in that direction. Rather, the various experiments have demonstrated quite clearly that nationalisation presents no real solution to the drink problem. It is merely an alternative method of supplying drink, and its advocates tend to become licensing reformers whose objective is no longer the elimination of the drink habit from the life of the individual and the drink trade from the social life of the community.

Let us examine in greater detail some of the arguments which are put forward in favour of nationalisation and test them in the light of experience.

## The Profit Motive

Primarily it is claimed that under nationalisation any motive to make profits is eliminated, and secondly that there is no attempt to push the consumption of alcoholic beverages. These claims completely ignore the fact that there is such a thing as public profit as well as a private profit, and that no guarantee exists that the motive of public profit would not be a most powerful factor once the drink

trade has been nationalised. In all forms of government the ministers, who are responsible for the finances of the State, exercise tremendous political power and, when an instrument for raising revenue quickly and easily is under the direct control of the State, then moral considerations are apt to take second place to financial policy. In Great Britain, as in most other countries, the post office is a nationalised institution, but this does not prevent the authorities from making a very large profit from its operations and by the use of every form of advertising, seeking to extend its services to the public and to increase the financial returns.

## Drink Advertisements

The argument is frequently put forward that the nationalisation of the drink trade would eliminate drink advertisements, yet there is no actual guarantee that anything of the kind would take place. It is generally agreed that all incentives to encourage the consumption of alcoholic beverages are undesirable and anti-social, but the prohibition of drink advertisements is by no means a necessary accompaniment of nationalisation. In fact, there is no reason whatever why drink advertisements should not be prohibited where the drink trade is carried on by private enterprise and there are quite a number of examples in the world, where a policy of this kind is pursued.

The second claim that is made for nationalisation, that it encourages a policy of the disinterested management of the liquor trade. But such a viewpoint is very difficult of comprehension, as it seems impossible to conduct a commercial enterprise successfully, if you push the theory to its logical conclusion. If the managers of the State public houses are to be encouraged to sell as little drink as possible, then the business will be ruined. On the other hand, if the business is a financial success, it will be a moral failure. In countries where nationalisation is in operation the managers appear to be promoted in accordance with their capability to run their liquor shops successfully and,

in Great Britain, where we have a limited experiment in public ownership, running alongside a privately-owned liquor trade, it has been notorious that the general managers of the State enterprise have eventually become identified with the private trade and have been numbered amongst its outstanding figures. It was Sir Edgar Sanders, formerly general manager of the publicly-owned Carlisle experiment in Great Britain, who later became the director of the brewers' society and who was responsible for initiating the brewers' advertising campaign launched to capture young Britain for the public house.

The advocacy by the temperance movement of the nationalisation of the drink trade would involve, on grounds of supposed expediency, the abandonment of those fundamental principles on which the great structure of temperance truth has been built. For more than a century we have been building up throughout the civilised world, an ever-strengthening case against the liquor traffic on moral, social, physical, economic and spiritual grounds. Any proposal to acquire such a traffic as State property is thoroughly illogical and anti-social. Nothing can justify the purchase by the State of a business which, when run by private individuals, has earned the moral reprobation of the community.

If the State enters into any business it should be one which is rightly available for the whole nation and all its citizens. A strong case can be argued for the nationalisation of railways, postal arrangements, water and gas, electricity and even the supply of certain essential foods, such as milk and bread. These trades expand with national prosperity and the well-being of the community is increased. On the contrary any expansion of the liquor trade can only be viewed with dismay by social reformers, for a nationalised liquor trade gives it a respectability which it has never previously enjoyed. The stigma which now rests upon it disappears when it becomes a Government institution, and this situation is especially harmful to our younger citizens, for whose well-being the State is specially responsible. Public utilities may well be nationalised but not public nuisances.

## Liquor Trade and Public Health

It is the duty of the State to safeguard public health and in many civilised countries steps are being taken

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to improve the national health services. But there is no single agency operating to produce disease that is more potent than the liquor trade. What could be said of a policy which seeks to improve national health and yet sets up concurrently an official institution for the dissemination of disease?

A further duty of the State is to maintain public order but, in making provision for the supply of intoxicants, the State is adding to its own difficulties and is throwing a more arduous task upon those responsible for the maintenance of public order.

The provision of social security also finds a place in the legislative aims of the post-war world. Investigators of the problem of poverty are unanimous that whilst there is one kind of poverty which is economic in origin and can be solved by economic remedies, there is a secondary kind of poverty which is moral in its origin, because it is the result of the misdirection of family purchasing power. Amongst the causes of secondary poverty in the Western world the drink habit easily takes first place.

### Occupational Hazard

Nor must it be forgotten that in making employees of the liquor trade the servants of the State, the State becomes responsible for the most notoriously dangerous of all occupations. Judging from the experience of Great Britain in this connection more than 1,500 men employed in the drink trade die each year, who would not have died, had they been engaged in ordinary occupations. Proximity to alcoholic drink is a temptation that proves much too strong for the average individual.

Nationalisation of the drink trade has a deplorable effect upon the mind of the adolescent. A feature of education in many countries today is the recognition that mere scholastic training is not enough and that moral, ethical and spiritual training are essential in the equipment of a good citizen. As long as the liquor trade is in private hands the State can justifiably teach children in the schools the facts about alcohol and the dangers of the drink habit. But what is to be the effect upon the mind of a child who discovers, after receiving such instruction, that it is the State itself which is supplying the alcoholic beverages against which he or she has been warned?

Hitherto the arguments which have been used have been theoretical, but we now pass to the realm of practical experience. There have been a number of experiments in nationalisation in various parts of the world and in each case they reinforce the contention that this policy provides no remedy for the drink problem.

### The Carlisle Experiment

In Great Britain there has been for more than 30 years a limited experiment in public ownership. In the City

of Carlisle, in the north of England, public houses and breweries are the property of the Government and the Home Office is the responsible department for the management of the scheme. Undoubtedly the early experience in Carlisle in 1916, when the trade was first acquired by the State, gave tremendous encouragement to the idea that progress in temperance reform could be made along these lines. It is not necessary to minimise the spectacular achievements of the Board of Control which was the responsible body for the experiment at the beginning of its existence. The number of licensed houses was rapidly reduced, Sunday closing was introduced and spiritless Saturdays were observed by order of the Board.

At that time the city had to face an enormous increase in public drunkenness, owing to the temporary presence there of a multitude of Irish navvies, who had been imported to construct a large munition works at Gretna Green. The new restrictions made an immediate improvement in the situation and this was accelerated by the movement of the navvies to other districts when the munition works was completed. There was, therefore, a most impressive decline in drunkenness in the city. For some years Carlisle proudly boasted of its improved sobriety, but, unfortunately, the position has not been maintained and, for the past quarter of a century, there has been no statistical evidence from Carlisle which would at all reinforce the case for this method of progress.

Almost as soon as the 1914-1918 war ended, any zeal for temperance reform which might have been exhibited by the Control Board during the war years, disappeared and the business has been conducted by the State as a purely commercial enterprise. From the financial point of view it has been an undoubted success. After being in operation for 10 years, the profits more than wiped out the capital expenditure involved in the purchase of the trade. During the 20 years between the two world wars, a comparison of the drunkenness in the 85 County Boroughs of England and Wales reveals the fact that Carlisle never occupied a place higher than 49th in the order of sobriety and, just before the outbreak of the recent war, its position was less desirable than that of 60 other County Boroughs. Whilst the number of public houses has been substantially reduced the size of many of those remaining has been considerably increased. There is no obvious attempt to stimulate the sale of food and non-alcoholic drinks as was once claimed by the advocates of the Carlisle system.

The only acid test of any temperance reform policy is the answer to the question "What has been the effect on the consumption of intoxicating liquor?" Judged by this standard there is nothing to commend the Carlisle experiment.

## PUBLIC APATHY

### SYDNEY BREWERY STRIKE

The Commonwealth Government has lost about £500,000 as a result of the nine-weeks-old beer strike in Sydney.

During that period about 2,000,000 gallons of beer, the excise duty on which is 4/7 a gallon, have not been produced.

Overseas visitors note with amazement that during the currency of the strike no concrete protest has been made by the unions, trade organisations, or drinking public, though the strike has all the appearance of an unnecessary stoppage.

Nine weeks ago, maintenance men in the breweries went on strike over a collection of claims, the most important of which seemed to be that they wanted access to the telephone and canteen in working hours, writes the special correspondent of the New Zealand Press Association. They refused conciliation, and as the employers granted several of the claims the strikers produced stronger issues, such as four weeks' holiday and provision for three weeks' sick leave annually.

Further attempts at conciliation have been met with a truculent refusal to compromise. This attitude has continued despite the fact that the strike has been condemned by the licensed victualling trades group of unions as frivolous and ill-timed.

The strikers, who number 256, are completely alone. Their fellow-unionists have refused all help and have even declined to make collections to defray strike expenses.

The attitude of the public and the Trades and Labour Council alike is hostile to the strikers who stolidly refuse to take advantage of the arbitration system. Unionist truck drivers have repeatedly crossed the picket lines to remove consignments of spirits and aerated waters from the breweries. Everything seems to be against the strike—except an outburst of public opinion which would bring it to a speedy conclusion.

"During more than two months a beverage popularly supposed to be indispensable has been virtually unobtainable, yet there has been no outcry sufficient to influence a settlement," comments the "Sydney Morning Herald." "In fact the police and ambulance authorities, their duties substantially lessened, suggest that for them the beer drought has been a blessing in disguise."

Australian newspapers advance the alarming theory that Australian consumers have been so schooled to accept deprivations and departmental dictation during the post-war years that their capacity for effective action has been replaced by a spirit of apathy and resignation.

HOME MAKERS' CORNER

BY "LYNETTE"

POTATOES

The origins of most vegetables are somewhat obscure, and their native habitat often a subject for question, but compared to cabbage, celery, parsnips, and indeed most of our vegetables, the potato is a newcomer and its origin easily traced. Growing wild in Chili is the ancestor of our potatoes. Along with the sweet potato, the white variety was extensively cultivated on the American continent and it was near Quito that the Spaniards first tasted the "battata," as it was called. Potatoes were first introduced to Europe towards the end of the sixteenth century. Some were grown on Sir Walter Raleigh's estate near Cork in Ireland, and within 100 years they had come to be the staple food of the poverty-stricken Irish peasants. The nutritive value is very high and a diet of just potatoes and milk supplies all that is necessary for the maintenance of life and health. The minerals and vitamins are most concentrated just under the skin, and this is the reason for dietitians' praises of potatoes baked in their jackets. If the potatoes must be peeled, the thinner the peeling the higher the food value, and particularly is this so with new potatoes. At the present time we are being urged to eat more potatoes, partly because we have plenty and partly because there is a shortage of cereals. Any number of attractive dishes may be made with potatoes, and mashed they can even be used as a substitute for flour.

**Potato Loaf.**—2 cups mashed potatoes, 2 sticks celery (chopped), 1 egg (beaten), 1-3 cup roasted peanuts (minced), 2 tablespoons grated onions, ½ cup tomato pulp, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper.

Mix all together and put into a greased dish. Brush over with melted butter, and bake in a moderate oven (350) for 25 minutes.

**Potato Puffs.**—1½ cups mashed potatoes, 1 egg yolk (slightly beaten), 1 egg white (stiffly beaten), 2 rashers bacon (finely cut), salt and pepper.

Mix all together, adding the egg white last. Bake in a greased dish or individual moulds in a moderate oven.

**Potato Muffins.**—1 cup warm mashed potatoes, 1 cup cornflower, ½ teaspoon salt, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon sugar.

Sift dry ingredients, add mashed potatoes, butter, egg and milk. Bake in gem irons or patty pans in a hot oven.

"WITHIN THE VEIL"

MRS. MARY GRACIE,  
KAIKORAI UNION

Mrs. Mary Gracie, a devoted Christian and an energetic Temperance worker was suddenly called to rest, as the result of a motor accident, on March 17.

Mrs. Gracie joined the Kaikorai Union in 1920 and was elected Vice-President the next year. She also held the office of Secretary for a few years. She was elected "White Ribbon" agent in 1929, a position she held successfully till her death.

Mrs. Gracie had a friendly and cheerful disposition, and was always ready to help in whatever her hands found to do. Possessed of a pleasing voice and being very fond of music, she memorised many hymns and psalms, so that, although she had very poor sight, she could always join in the singing. Her eyes were a great affliction, and she endured much pain and had many operations. She was invariably cheerful, and, when able, was always present at the meetings. She was well beloved by all with whom she came in contact, and it was with deep sorrow that we heard of her death. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all her relations and friends.

She is "for ever with the Lord" whom she so faithfully loved and served. Her presence will be sadly missed at our monthly meetings.

Mrs. Muir has been appointed "W.R." agent, and we wish her every success in her new appointment.

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking;  
This fact I merely mention  
And he can't kick while pulling,  
Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse,  
And lead a life that's fitting;  
Just pull an honest load, and then  
There'll be no time for kicking.  
—Anon.

"Father, what's a committee?"  
"A committee, my boy, is a body that keeps minutes, and wastes hours."

SOLUTION TO No. 22

**Across.**—1, Munch; 5, Asset; 9, Origins; 11, Is; 13, Opera; 14, Am; 15, Lisp; 17, Pane; 19, Sly; 20, Ure; 22, Lid; 23, Eire; 24, Skim; 25, One; 26, Ask; 28, Bar; 30, Acne; 32, Cite; 33, Re; 34, Marah; 37, E.G.; 38, Minaret; 40, Diary; 41, Creel.

**Down.**—1, Mails; 2, No; 3, Crop; 4, Hip; 5, Air; 6, Snap; 7, S.S.; 8, Timed; 10, Gear; 12, Silence; 14, Animate; 16, Syren; 18, Alibi; 20, Una; 21, Esk; 25, Oared; 27, Sara; 29, Regal; 31, Emir; 32, Cher; 35, Any; 36, Arc; 38, M.A.; 39, Te.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" — 23

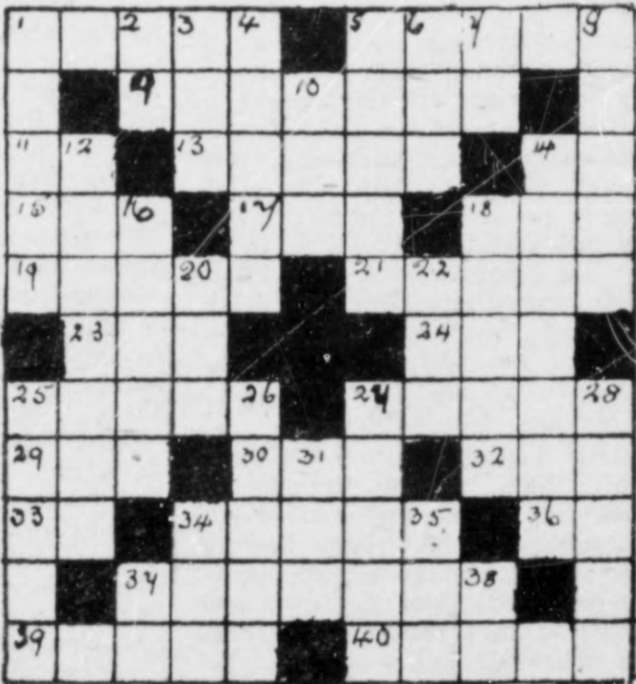
CLUES

Across

- 1—Seizure.
- 5—One of the U.S.A.
- 9—Their use is limited.
- 11—Forward.
- 13—Special pleasure.
- 14—Alternatively.
- 15—Fasten.
- 17—Milk container.
- 18—Cake.
- 19—A planet.
- 21—Confections.
- 23—May be a killer or a healer.
- 24—Name.
- 25—Attack.
- 27—Girl's name.
- 29—Snake.
- 30—Wild variety should not be sown.
- 32—Unusual.
- 33—That thing.
- 34—Garment.
- 36—Salvation Army.
- 37—Destroyer.
- 39—Transparent or entire.
- 40—Large jugs.

Down

- 1—Hillside.
- 2—Exclamation.
- 3—Plant.
- 4—Name of the family in "Little Women."
- 5—Intended.
- 6—Skill.
- 7—Exists.
- 8—Merits.
- 10—Beverage.
- 12—Next.
- 14—Bids higher.
- 16—Grip firmly.
- 18—Dog's name.
- 20—Rope fastening for sail-hauling.
- 22—Much is upsetting.
- 25—Sheds.
- 26—Habitual drinker.
- 27—Add fuel.
- 28—Famous architects.
- 31—Curve.
- 34—Land measure.
- 35—Novel.
- 37—Ourselves.
- 39—Concerning.





## "HIGHLIGHTS" FROM ADDRESSES

From an address on "The way we look at things" by Mrs. Pryor, at **Sydenham Union, May 6:** "A great deal of our unhappiness is caused by our failure to obtain the correct point of view. Both our mental and physical ills could often be cured if we would only control our thoughts, and adopt an optimistic attitude towards life."

**Remuera Union, March 22.** Mrs. Drury of Canada, speaking of the difficulties of temperance work in her own land, said: "There are three menaces at work—war, drink and immorality, and they are highly commercialised by the power of the purse." During a visit to Japan Mrs. Drury saw the work being done there by Christian women, through the W.C.T.U., to help others. "We should," she said, "learn to love our enemies, forget the atrocities of war, and work together."

## LETTER-BOX

Dear Mrs. Christian,—

In this morning's Christchurch newspaper, "The Press," May 8, in the column "Current Notes," is the following:—

"On Empire Day, Monday, May 24, a Cocktail Party, sponsored by the Junior Navy League in aid of Sea Cadet Corps, will be held in the Mayfair Lounge from 5.30-7 p.m. Tickets available at Navy League Office or from Committee members.—Advt."

I think that cocktail parties are very dangerous functions. There is a great likelihood of some of those attending to start drinking.

The Sea Cadet Corps would be better without the help of the Junior Navy League if they cannot obtain money in any other way than by holding cocktail parties.

It would be an excellent change if it were made illegal to sell tickets and charge for admission to these functions.

In the same newspaper, under "General News" appears the following: "Liquor Measures and Prices: A remit that standard measures and prices should be compulsory in all bars and lounges of licensed hotels was adopted by the Labour Party Conference at Dunedin yesterday. The conference adopted other remits asking that Trust Control be added to the issues of the licensing referendum, and that charters be granted to working men's clubs. (P.A.)"

I maintain that every effort should be made to stop charters being granted to working-men's clubs.

Yours sincerely,

PROHIBITIONIST.

N.B.—The Editor would appreciate being furnished with name and address of "Prohibitionist," not necessarily for publication.

## Bulletin of Union News

### NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Dargaville, March 9:** Mrs. Jolly presided, Mrs. Lawrence leading Devotions. Temperance Fact. Letter from CORSO. Decided to help by holding a sewing afternoon. Decided to hold a Sales Table at each meeting. Plans for Social for Maori Fund and for Cradle Roll Party.

**April 13:** Cradle Roll Party and meeting. Mrs. Jolly presided at meeting in the Church. Devotions, Mrs. Lawrence. Garment for CORSO displayed. Mrs. Jolly and Miss Edmed attended Pukehuia's "Bring and Buy" to help funds. Mrs. Moorhead chosen as Delegate to Community Centre for another year. Special address to mothers and children by our new District President, Mrs. Green. Adjourned to S.S. rooms, where children had a party, and "Bring and Buy" did brisk trading, £1/15/- being taken.

**May 11:** Mrs. Jolly presiding and taking Devotions in the absence of Mrs. Lawrence. Report on Social Evening when £4/0/6 was sent to the Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland, and CORSO garments were displayed. Temperance examination circulars to be distributed. Convention report condensed from report forwarded by Mrs. Long read, and a short "Peace" talk given by Miss Edmed.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**District Executive Meeting, May 3:** The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, presided over a good attendance, and the Devotions were led by Mrs. Joiner. Mrs. Mountjoy extended a most cordial welcome to Miss Grey, a visitor from England, who is a member of the B.W.T.A., and she spoke on some of the aspects of temperance work there and told of the difficulties with which they are faced there. Final arrangements were made for the "Mother's Day" gathering to be held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. Arrangements were also made for the Annual Day of Prayer for Peace on Monday, May 31. Several local Unions reported having made their appeals for CORSO, for the children of China. Mrs. E. V. Singleton, President of the newly-formed Wellsford Union was welcomed to the meeting by the President. Mrs. Singleton stated that the membership of that Union was now 26. Mrs. Long gave a most encouraging report of the work being done at the Maori Hostel, also reporting on the monthly meeting of the N.C.W.

**Ponsonby, March 18:** The President, Mrs. R. A. Joiner presided and welcomed the members after the holiday recess. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Christopher, Miss E. Appleby acted, and also gave the Temperance Fact. Mrs. Joiner gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention. Miss Appleby's subject for Devotions was "Power for Plodding." "White Ribbons" were distributed and meeting closed with prayer.

**April 15:** Mrs. Christopher welcomed after her holiday by Mrs. Joiner, and led Devotions, her theme being "Courage." Temperance Fact, Miss M. Runciman. Speaker, Miss Appleby, her subject being "Paul's devotion, sufferings and sacrifice." Prayer and Benediction.

**Remuera, March 22:** Mrs. Laird presided in the absence of the President, over a very fair attendance. Temperance Fact given and Pledge repeated. Mrs. Laird led Devotions, members leading in prayer. Mrs. Drury of Canada spoke on her visits to many lands, showing the menace of the drink traffic to natives, brought by the white man.

**April 26:** Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. Miss Gane gave Temperance Fact. Devotions taken by Mesdames Kasper and Robinson. A new member transferred from Hawera Union was welcomed. Agreed to send note-paper to Germany, where there is none at all. Mrs. Kasper reported most interestingly on the Dominion Convention, and was thanked.

**Henderson, April 21:** Mrs. Chadwick presided and led Devotions. District Executive report given by Secretary. Speaker, Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P., who reported most interestingly on the World Convention. One new member welcomed.

**Wellsford, March 31:** Devotions led by Mrs. G. Thompson. Warkworth members present. Guest speaker, Mrs. Hugh Kasper, who gave an excellent account of the World Convention in the U.S.A., and also initiated three new

members. Farewell and presentation to Mrs. Thompson. "Bring and Buy" stall held. Splendid meeting enjoyed by all.

**April:** Large attendance. Mrs. Singleton, who presided at both meetings, led Devotions. Prayer by Mrs. Browne. Welcome extended to Mrs. Fordyce, wife of the newly-appointed Methodist minister. Decided to supply "Y.P." Supplements to the Sunday Schools of the district. Mesdames A. Powell and J. E. Thompson appointed C.R. Superintendents in the branch. Mrs. Fordyce to read Devotions. "Bring and Buy" stall to supplement funds each month. Benediction.

**Takapuna:** May meeting well attended, Mrs. Morgan-Richards presiding. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Cullen back to Devotions in her usual interesting manner. As "Mother's Day" was so near, Mrs. Gilmour gave a talk on mothers, beginning with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and leading up to the duty of mothers in regard to temperance teaching. Mrs. Wallace gave the Temperance Fact and undertook the duties of "W.R." Agent for the present. A discussion on the possible extension of the hours of sale of liquor followed, and all agreed to protest if this were proposed. Pledge repeated and Benediction.

**Auckland, April 13:** Mrs. Long presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Baker, late President of the Warkworth Union, recently transferred to Auckland Union. She gave a helpful talk on Faith. The CORSO appeal for the Children of China was read, and a collection was received to go towards a spinning wheel. Mrs. Seal gave a very good Temperance Fact, and was later appointed as Delegate to the N.C.W. District Executive Report given. Mrs. Long gave a most graphic and comprehensive report of Dominion Convention. One member received by transfer.

**May 11:** Mrs. Long presided over a very good attendance notwithstanding inclement weather. Letter of congratulation sent to a member who recently reached her 95th birthday, and on that occasion went by air from Auckland to the Great Barrier, her old home, to celebrate this great event. Several members spoke very highly of the Mother's Day meeting held in the Town Hall Concert Chamber. Mrs. Long told of her pleasant Mother's Day experience when different groups of the girls at the Hostel presented her with gifts expressing love and appreciation. Mrs. Reid, speaker for the afternoon, gave a most helpful talk on the wonderful dealings of God in our lives. Her message was most comforting in the stormy days of the present time.

**Onehunga, March 11:** Mrs. Stacy in the chair in the absence of President at Dominion Convention. Resolutions of sympathy to relatives of Mrs. Ashby, recently deceased. General business arranged. Desire expressed for more prominence to be given to Temperance instruction in the Churches. Dr. J. Craig, after 20 months in Australia, spoke on her experiences while away and of visits to various Unions, giving much advice concerning our meetings, increasing attendances, and instructing the younger women in the W.C.T.U. aims and objects.

**April 8:** Usual business. Discussion on CORSO appeal resulted in the decision to have a special collection to pay for a spinning wheel. Various other departments of work considered. Concise, comprehensive and interesting report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Mountjoy, followed by discussion.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**District Executive Meeting, Cambridge, May 6:** Miss A. McLay, District President, in the chair. Devotions led by Miss C. McLay. Five Unions represented. Miss C. McLay, Organiser, reported on the work in various parts of the district. Hamilton Union was suffering through sickness and other difficulties, and it was hoped to secure the services of Mrs. Reed of Wellington for a period. Work in the Te Kuiti area was going on very well, a special Youth Meeting having been arranged to take place during the month. Miss McLay hoped to be able to spend some time in the neighbourhood. Arrangements for District Convention were made. A special appeal on behalf of Headquarters was to be furthered by the use of Donation Cards in Unions, which would be forwarded. Mrs. Christian reported on the Dominion Convention, and some matters were discussed. Mrs. Clark, District Treasurer, gave a financial statement which showed a good balance in hand. Afternoon tea was served by the Cambridge ladies. Mrs. Christian closed the meeting with prayer. A special

message of love and cheer was sent to Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Vice-President of the district in her trying illness.

#### TARANAKI DISTRICT

**New Plymouth:** At the March meeting an excellent report on Dominion Convention was given by the President, Mrs. Stewart, a vote of thanks being accorded by acclamation. Cradle Roll party and plans for CORSO assistance were discussed. A collection for an overseas parcel was taken up, and a Sales Table was operated by Mrs. Wells.

April 28: Visitors and one new member welcomed. Donations of money and goods brought for CORSO. Meeting addressed by the Rev. Mr. Allen, who gave a Temperance Fact. A remit on the wastage of food in the production of alcoholic liquor is to go forward again. Encouraging report on the Seamen's Rest was given. Letter of appreciation from Dr. Gilbey for a parcel sent, a handkerchief causing great delight to an old lady of 94. Mrs. Oliver appointed N.C.W. Delegate. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.

#### WANGANUI DISTRICT

**Wanganui Central,** April 1: Mrs. Duxfield in the chair. Mrs. Ogg led Devotions. A special report on Convention was given by Miss Christie.

May 6: Mrs. Wilson presided and led Devotions; 11 present. A talk on "Peace" was given by Pastor P. D. Griffith.

#### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Napier,** April: Meeting held in the evening so as to include young people who are "Y" members. Five new members were enrolled. The guest speaker was Mrs. Brough, who had lived for many years in India as a missionary. Her address was very moving, as she told of the evil of strong drink among Indian people. The Misses Burgess rendered two beautiful duets. After the closing Devotions supper was served, which brought a good meeting to a close.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Wellington Central,** March meeting: Mrs. Turner presided in absence of Mrs. Sired, and gave fine report of Convention. Deep regret expressed on the death of Mrs. Clark, one of the oldest members, all standing in silence. Mrs. Reed reported having visited the Maori Pa at Porirua when a number of children were put on the Cradle Roll, the women showing much interest. A large parcel of beautifully knitted bed-socks was handed in; these to be given by Mrs. Cullen to the Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary. Members promised to knit woollen caps for the old men. Sales Table under Mrs. Davidson did good business. Two new members received and warmly welcomed. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Bond, who is in hospital. Birthday posies presented by Mrs. James. Tea hostess, Mrs. Morris. Benediction.

**Brooklyn,** April 27: Mrs. Brewer in the chair. Loving sympathy expressed to Mesdames Pearson and Bogren, who are both in hospital. Mrs. Pickering also absent for health reasons. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Sawden Delegate to District Executive held in Johnsonville. Mrs. Brewer gave her impressions of the Dominion Convention, many favourable, but she regretted that there were so few outsiders present, and also the absence of the "Y's." The remits were discussed. Some were passed and some deleted. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

#### NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson,** March meeting: In the absence of the President, Mrs. Sherratt, at Convention, Mrs. Walker presided. Mrs. Rankin, Health and Nutrition Superintendent, took Devotions, and gave a talk on the part fear plays in our lives. Next meeting a Gift Afternoon for CORSO. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Lummis and Snodgrass.

April 13 meeting: The President, Mrs. Sherratt in the chair. Good attendance. Mrs. Doel gave a good report of Convention. Members donated a number of gifts for the work of CORSO in China and subscribed enough money to buy a spinning wheel. Decided to hold the first Youth Meeting on April 15. Hymn and Prayer.

May 11: Good attendance presided over by Mrs. Sherratt. First 15 minutes given to Devotions when prayers were offered for world peace. Plans made for future meetings. Birthday posies presented by Mrs. Lummis. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Westley and Buchanan.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Blenheim,** April and May meetings: Mrs. Forbes presided at both, good numbers attending. Mrs. Kirkham led Devotions in April, her subject being "Thou art," from Psalm 119, and Mrs. W. T. Girling in May, speaking on "Prayer." Mrs. Watson reported on the Dominion Convention at both meetings. Letter of welcome to Captain and Mrs. Christian, newly-appointed S.A. officers, and Mrs. Christian welcomed in person at the May meeting. CORSO appeal remembered with donations and gifts. "Bring and Buy" stall well patronised. Arrangements made to visit Springlands Union.

**Springlands,** March 16: Attendance fair. Devotions, Mrs. Gascoigne. Roll call and helpful responses given. Contributions received for parcel to CORSO. President gave brief resume of Dominion Convention. Closed early to attend welcome to Miss Howard, Minister of Health.

April 20: A message of assurance and comfort contained in Devotions led by Mrs. E. T. Heggum. Vote of sympathy carried to Mrs. Underhill in the death of her mother, and with Mrs. Russell and family in the death with Mrs. Russell and family in the death of Mr. Russell. Fine responses given to Roll Call. Mrs. R. Watson of Blenheim Union and Delegate to Convention, was welcomed, and she gave an interesting and helpful report, especially dealing with messages contained in the various addresses. Also presented the Cradle Roll Banner, won by the Superintendent, Mrs. E. Leslie. Mrs. Watson was accorded a vote of thanks.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Christchurch,** April 14: Donations and gifts received to be despatched to China through CORSO. Temperance extracts read by President from women's missionary paper in Ottawa, showing slow and hard fight.

April 28: Gifts of tinned goods received for Great Britain. Visitor, Mrs. Harding of Auckland welcomed. Mrs. Neutze reported on North Brighton Union's Social. Miss Henderson (presiding at both meetings) read extracts from the "World Bulletin News" re remits passed at Convention. The film "It's the Brain that Counts" is being shown in secondary and technical schools. Miss Henderson presided at both meetings.

May 6: Usual "Peace" meeting held. **Sydenham,** April 1: Mrs. J. Filer, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Temperance Fact given. During the month a very enjoyable Home Meeting was held at the residence of our President, there being an excellent attendance to enjoy musical items and competitions. Proceeds for funds £3/5/-. A comprehensive and interesting report on Dominion Convention was given by Mrs. Smith of the Riccarton Union, who was one of the Delegates. Numerous gifts of soap, writing paper, etc., were donated by members in response to the appeal made by the N.Z. CORSO.

May 6: Usual "Peace" Meeting held. Well-prepared and interesting address given by Mrs. Pryor, on "How we look at things." Invitations received from Linwood and Christchurch Unions. Mrs. Filer presided.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Riccarton,** April 8: Good attendance of members and visitors, Mrs. Griffiths presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Harris. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Decided to contribute £1 per year to Secretary's salary when the appointment is made. A debate on gambling is also to be arranged. Letters of sympathy to be sent. Literature distributed. Invitation to North Brighton's Birthday received. Agreed to send 30/- to Executive Funds. Financial statement given showing collection £1/3/-, copper trail 4/3. Afternoon tea. Miss Murray gave a most enlightening and educative talk on mission life in Egypt during two wars. A vote of thanks accorded. Benediction.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Port Chalmers,** April 21: Good attendance of members. Welcome extended to six members of the Otago District Executive. After usual business Mrs. Hiett addressed the meeting, giving an interesting account of the Dominion Convention. Mrs. Mirams expressed thanks on behalf of those present.

**Lawrence,** May 4: Fair attendance. Miss Ferguson presided and led Devotions. Report of Dominion Convention read. Arrangements made for combined meeting to try to gain new members. Thanks to Miss Farquhar and Mrs. Hiett for report. Pledge, Hymn, and Benediction.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

**Winton,** April 20: Special meeting held in honour of Mrs. Wilson. A "Twenty Years' Service" badge was presented to her. Songs contributed by Mesdames Smaer and Irwin. One new member enrolled.

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

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

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

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

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

**CHRISTCHURCH**, W.C.T.U., Rooms, cnr. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Henderson, J.P., 15, Euston St., Sumner; Hon. Sec., Miss M. M. Thomas, 447 Montreal St., 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 Akman's Rd., Merivale.

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

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

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**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. Streeter; C.R., Mrs. Cox.

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

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**RAETIHI**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Sandford; Sec., Miss G. Scarrow; Treas., Mrs. J. Seerup; W.R., Mrs. W. H. Scarrow; C.R., Mrs. McLean.

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**RICHMOND (Nelson)**, 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., at Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, "Althorpe"; Sec., Mrs. W. Houston, Hill St.; Treas., Miss L. Andrews, William St.; 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. Alexander, 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.E. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. Wm. Hewson, Hamilton St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Flintoff, Grocott and Woolford; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Prewer, 87 Cass St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. Lovatt.

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

**TE KOPURU**, 3rd 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, Presbyterian Church Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Millar; Sec., Mrs. Oakley, 156 Victoria St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Harkness, McMurdo St.; W.R., Mrs. Millar; C.R., Mesdames Millar and Hopwood.

**UPPER HUTT**, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Kent; 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, 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.

**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., 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 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.