

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month. . .

"What we can do for another is the test of power; what we can suffer for another is the test of love."

—Bishop Westcott.

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## "HEADQUARTERS"

On page 10 of the Report Book and page 26 of the Handbook for this year is published the report of Headquarters Committee. It is interesting reading. The closing paragraph reads thus: "The Committee ask for increased interest in Headquarters from all in the coming year. Your prayers and practical sympathy are needed in order that our desired objective—the liquidation of the mortgage—may be reached."

Have you ever paid a visit to Headquarters? It is a pretty place. Situated at the corner of Elizabeth and Brougham Streets, well up from the road, a graceful group of trees shading house and garden, it has an appearance of steady, pleasant

dignity and a sort of awareness of its own importance. The care with which it is kept is evident everywhere. The garden, somewhat windswept of course, is always in good order. The windows shine brightly. The doorbell is a joy in itself, so brightly is it polished. Of the floor coverings inside, so much has been said that one hesitates to add more; but that mirror-like surface is really a very special feature. No visitor can ignore it. And the dustless, exquisite state of the rooms sometimes causes the question to be asked, "How is it done?"

Well, a lady who lives there, and to whose meticulous attention this perfection of order and condition is



Mrs. Ross.

due, answers smilingly, and with a glint of humour, when she is asked this. She will not say much, but it is impossible not to feel that it is indeed a labour of love to her, to preserve our National Headquarters in such a way. And this care and pride have brought to all who use it, who visit it, and take pleasure in calling when in Wellington, something of the same sense of pride and satisfaction. We love to enter, and to feel, "This is our W.C.T.U."

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W.C.T.U. Headquarters

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## OUR MEETINGS\*

"Are we making our meetings as attractive and educational as possible? Do we prepare the Agenda well ahead? Whatever else we do, let us not get into a rut in arranging meetings.

"Try to obtain a cheery meeting place. Have you noticed how bright and comfortable the lounges at most of the hotels are? The very best methods are used to induce people to come in and drink. They are made attractive and up-to-date. In some of the hotels in Canada large 'Welcome Cards' are placed in a conspicuous place with these words: 'Enter soberly. Drink moderately. Leave quietly. Come again.'

"In a few words I would like to throw out a few suggestions. They may not be new. You may already be carrying them out; but just reminding ourselves occasionally may serve to renew and increase our usefulness and efficiency.

"Do you work for your Union's success? Do you try to gain new members, especially young women? Do you familiarise yourself with the history and background of the W.C.T.U. so that you can intelligently answer questions?

"Do make it plain in all your announcements that all women will be welcome at the meetings.

"Do have a Literature Table at hand every meeting, some for sale, and some for free distribution.

"Do give a personal invitation to the meetings, and give visitors an opportunity to join without pressing them to do so, explaining that the requirements are the signing of the total abstinence pledge and the payment of the subscription. The allocation of the money should be made clear.

"Do speak so that you may be heard in any part of the room, and if possible, avoid reading what you have to say. Please do not feel or act apologetically when seeking new members or when inviting speakers or helpers to your meetings."

## APPEAL OF UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO WOMEN OF THE WORLD

An appeal "calling all women of the world to safeguard Peace" was issued on January 16 by the 15 members of the Commission on the Status of Women.

"We, the representatives of 15 countries," says the appeal, "gathered in the Status of Women Commission of the United Nations to safeguard the interests of all women, appeal to many millions of women throughout

\*Extract from message from World Superintendent of Methods, Mrs. Hugh Kasper, sent to all lands where our Sisters are working with us in the great cause.

the world to work in every possible way for the peace and prosperity of peoples everywhere.

"The world is divided by fear. Let us calmly and in good faith analyse the elements of our fear and let us proclaim that there is no material difficulty or mental conflict between peoples that can be in reality solved by war.

"It is our common lot to live our short span of years together on this planet. Let us use our time wisely. Let us show the world that the growing influence of women in public life is an influence for good Peace and for patient striving to build friendly relations between all states and nations.

"There is no woman anywhere in the world who wants war, who does not know that the only guarantee for the happiness of her children and her home is that the peace of the world should be secured.

"United therefore in the knowledge that war brings misery and ruin to peoples everywhere, let the voice of the women of the world ring out strong and clear to remind statesmen that their most urgent task is to work to remove the causes of war.

"We have a meeting ground for constructive work for peace in the United Nations. Let us strengthen this instrument so that it can realise the deepest aspirations of women everywhere for a world of peace and freedom and opportunity for their children and generations yet to come."

## LETTER FROM MRS. LEE-COWIE

The following letter recently received by Mr. George Dash, will have much interest for the many friends of the writer:

My dear Friend,—

What a pleasure your letters, papers, etc., are. Such a link with the past, and a "cheerio" for the present.

I am rejoicing in the resurrection glory all around, in masses of flowers, singing birds, golden sunshine, all telling of the wonderful transformation that God can bring about in so short a time.

I had a week's mission in a country town this month, and returned home with a relaxed throat. Do you wonder, when I tell you I gave 16 addresses in that time, and, with other meetings awaiting me here, I have not had time to recover. It is a joy to be still a messenger of our great Master, telling the people, "He is not willing that one should perish, but that all should have everlasting life."

We are making more advance in our Temperance Cause than we have been able to do for many a year. Everywhere the people are awakening to the awful evils of the liquor traffic. Our "Prayer Crusade" has

## HEADQUARTERS—Contd.

Home. Here we are members of a family. No jarring note, no incongruity will trouble or annoy us here."

In the large room, portraits of workers and leaders, now at rest, mementos of a long-past day, remind us that our work, our hopes, our difficulties were known before our turn came. Heroes and heroines of the past, they seem to be part of the "cloud of witness," from whom come inspiration and encouragement. An atmosphere pervades this room. It is hallowed by prayers and holy aspiration towards the reaching of our great goals; and by the knowledge of the Presence realised so often there. Headquarters is more than all this. It is a symbol. It is our badge of National Organisation. It stands there for all to see; and its name recently placed prominently above the portico, tells to all that we are active, strong, and earnest in our work. Much, much more could be said. But, what of that request at the end of the Report, quoted above? What are we doing? Have we, among the many calls being made in this post-war period, kept before ourselves and our Unions, the urgency of this plea? A little quiet, but persistent organisation can be wonderfully effective. In our meetings, let us always remember that request for our prayers. It could be a feature of each meeting, the reminder of this, our own responsibility.

A Donation Card is obtainable from H.Q. on which any small or large donation can be recorded and acknowledged. It is a good plan to have this on the table at meetings, leaving it to members' own initiative to use it if they can spare even a small sum once in a while. A calculation was made by someone at Convention which showed that if each member gave 1/- a week for a year, the whole mortgage would be wiped off. Can it be done? It is worth trying.

really shaken the world. "Praise the Lord." Not only are the Temperance people and the Churches awakening, but the secular Press, the men in authority, and others are taking up the matter of Women Drinking, Juvenile Delinquency, and the terrific burden on taxpayers. "While men slept, an enemy sowed tares."

Have you met our dear Mrs. Mackie yet? We grew to love her when she was here.

Now with most cordial good wishes for your continued health and happiness, I will close.

Ever in our Saviour's glorious service,

Your old-time fellow-worker,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.



## President's Message



Dear Fellow Workers,—

Now that the "shortest day" has passed we begin to feel that Spring is not far off. Of the four Seasons I think Spring is the most thank-provoking. Already the leaf buds are swelling on the bare branches of the trees and, in imagination, we see them bursting into delicate green tassels and fans. As we look forward with thankfulness I wonder if we remember the past seasons with equal gratitude. How about the past seasons of our beloved Union and the present difficulties which face many of our branches? Are we singing a song of thanksgiving for the grand work of our older members? Are we remembering with sympathy those smaller Unions whose members have worked so bravely for so many years, often in dull and uncomfortable rooms? Now these members are, by reason of advancing years, unable to work as hard as they used to do and as they would love to do now, still they gather faithfully and they give to us a magnificent example of faith and courage and, also, the inestimable gift of their prayers. I would like to ask that at our August meetings there might be a few minutes set aside for special prayer and thanksgiving for our grand women who have borne the burden so long and who are now with undaunted courage continuing to render such fine service. At the close of the prayer sing the Doxology with all your hearts.

How is your Membership Campaign coming on? Also are you getting many pledges signed and how is your literature distribution doing? These three avenues of service lie at the very foundation of our success.

By this time you will have received the particulars of the Essay and Poster Competition. Do try to interest the children round about you

## TEMPERANCE FACTS

**Given at Brooklyn Union Meeting:** "If England could be rid of the drink for 10 years, she would become such a Paradise as men could hardly recognise."—John Bright.

"Alcohol is coveted by many Governments for the revenue it gives them, notwithstanding the fact that it consumes more wealth than has been spent in building all the homes, the railroads, the steamships, the schools, the colleges and the Churches of every nation.

"Alcohol is the costliest inhabitant in every country and demands the expenditure of unreckonable millions for prisons and police courts, for insane asylums, almshouses and orphanages."—Extract from "Confessions of Alcohol."

**Given at Kohi-St. Heliers:** "The age of reason has no place for alcohol as a beverage. Alcoholic liquor clouds the intellect, degrades and destroys the finest faculties of the brain, and produces contentment with undesirable conditions. It is the handmaid of ignorance."

**Brooklyn:** "Alcohol acts by destroying conscience, self-control, and the normal functioning of the body."—George Bernard Shaw.

**Given at Papanui:** "Public health has not deteriorated as the result of the beer strike in Sydney, only that 30,000 drink addicts have suffered from being deprived of their drink."

**Auckland District Executive Meeting:** "Eighty per cent. of the cases of V.D. are due to the influence of alcohol. Alcohol and V.D. go hand in hand, there is no doubt about that."—Dr. Ashton Evans, F.R.C.S.

**New Plymouth:** "The liquor traffic is commercially our greatest wastrel; socially, our greatest criminal; morally, our greatest enemy."—Albert Schweitzer.

**Takapuna:** "Alcohol is one of the greatest enemies of the home; even the publicans, in certain moods, have expressed anxiety to keep our homes free from liquor."—N.Z. "Methodist Times."

**Given at Brooklyn.**—"Canada is spending \$350,000,000 annually on beverage alcohol.

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

—"Vanguard," 1946.

**Given at Dargaville.**—"A total abstainer cannot become a drunkard except by first becoming a moderate drinker. A moderate drinker is always a potential drunkard."

in this competition. It is a fine means of educating the young.

Would it not be a fine thing if you and I could help to build up such staunch Christian characters as those of our older members who command our loving respect?

May God's blessing rest on each one of us, bringing us daily to a greater knowledge of His love and power.

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK, Dominion President.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT AUCKLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL OF METHODS

A School of Methods was held on May 10, 1948. Two Sessions were held, Mrs. Kasper presiding. At 10.30 a.m., the School opened with Devotions, verses of Scripture being repeated, and a Chain prayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the School were read and confirmed. A talk on the correct method of writing and presenting for confirmation, of the Minutes, was given. The Minutes should always be signed by the writer, and the time to amend the Minutes is when the Chairman presents them for confirmation, and not after they are signed. Only business arising should be taken then.

Mrs. Mears, the new District Superintendent for the Peace and Arbitration Department, read a paper on the work of her department. Miss Grigg, the newly-appointed Evangelistic Superintendent for the district, spoke, and a full discussion took place. Mrs. V. A. Read gave an address on "Home Meetings" and explained the work of her department.

Mrs. Kasper spoke on the duties of officers, and the L.T.L. Department.

Mrs. J. Williams led the Public Speaking Study, and then, five-minute speeches were given on the subject: "Why I joined the W.C.T.U." 10 members taking part.

The School closed at 2 p.m.

## SOME REASONS WHY AMERICA LOST THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT (Heard at World Convention)

1. Because Liquor interests spent large sums to create the impression that Prohibition was a failure.

2. Because, during the depression, people were ready to blame anything, and consider any possible remedy.

3. Because Repeal was made part of the Roosevelt Plan in the desperate hope that liquor revenue might reduce taxation.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dominion Officers meet in Wellington at Headquarters, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 and July 1.

**South Auckland District Convention** will be held at Hamilton, September 20th. After-Church Temperance Rally Sunday evening, in the Methodist Hall, London Street, September 19.

**Essay and Poster Competitions:** Subject, "Alcohol—the Great Deceiver." Children, 12½-14 years, eligible for Essay, and all children for Poster Entries. Essay prizes, £5, £3 and £1. Posters (three grades), £1/1/-, 10/6 and 7/6 prizes. Further details on application to any W.C.T.U. officer. Closing date, September 6.

**New Zealand Alliance Annual Meeting:** This is arranged for August 4 and 5.

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ments and subscriptions must be made.

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## SOME LIQUOR PROBLEMS

In view of the expected legislation on the issues to be placed on the ballot paper for the next Liquor Poll, it is encouraging and very interesting to note that there is a decided awakening of the Churches to the dangers involved and to their own responsibility in regard thereto.

The Presbyterian Assembly's Temperance Committee has issued a statement which clarifies the position thus:

"In view of the published statement that an endeavour is being made to design a ballot paper which would give the electors an opportunity to vote for Trust Control **applying to the retail trade only** the Committee makes the following statement:

"The recommendation of the Royal Commission on Licensing regarding the ballot paper contained the following—

"1,775. In view of the **substantial body of evidence** in favour of a vote upon corporate control of the whole trade, we recommend that the ballot paper for the national poll should be divided into two parts as follows:—

## Part I

I vote for Continuance (subject to the vote in Part II).  
I vote for Prohibition.

## Part II

(To operate if Continuance is carried)

I vote for Corporate Control.

I vote against Corporate Control.

"In Part II we use the words 'I vote against Corporate Control' instead of 'I vote for Private Enterprise,' because, if Corporate Control is **not carried**, 'private ownership' would not be apt to describe a system which included the Invercargill Licensing Trust or the holding of a License by a City Council or Borough Council, if our recommendation in respect of these Councils is adopted.

"We heartily support this recommendation for a vote on the control of the **whole** trade and will organise the strongest possible opposition to any proposal to limit the vote to the retail trade only. In our view, such a proposal would deny the electors any real opportunity to authorise a test of the effectiveness of Trust Control, as it would leave the area of greatest influence and power still under the incentive of private profit. The Control must be over the whole trade, importation, manufacture, sale (wholesale and retail). Anything less would be no real test at all.

"We urge those who are framing the legislation to give effect to the Commission's recommendation based on a 'substantial body of evidence.'  
"J. DOUGLAS SMITH, Convener."

Apropos of the same position the Minutes of the last meeting of the Alliance Executive contain the following paragraph:—

"The General Superintendent reported certain information regarding the trend in Liquor Legislation. It was certain a Bill would be introduced in the forthcoming session. It was proposed to change the Ballot Paper. Corporate Control was a second preference, but it eliminated reference to breweries, and apparently there was no provision for a vote on this issue. A Redistribution Board was to be set up, redundant licenses were to be cancelled, and in localities where they proposed a new license, a vote was provided on Trust or Private enterprise. This was considered **most unsatisfactory**, as the residents should be entitled to say whether they wanted any form of license or no-license. The period between polls was probably not being interfered with, but a referendum at the next poll would provide for a vote on sale of liquor during evening hours."

An article in the N.Z. "Herald" of June 12 tells of action taken by the Temperance Committee of the Baptist Union Auxiliary of Canterbury. In a letter sent to the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Mr. Nordmeyer, the following question is asked:—

"This auxiliary respectfully asks the Minister on what basis the licensing trade has been granted such greatly increased import licences for the importation of intoxicating liquors."

In a statement, the Rev. F. G. Reddell said: "Whereas the value of import licences since the war has been determined mainly by 1938 figures, except in the case of important things in the national economy, a very different story is apparent in the importation of wines and spirits, whose claim to importance in the national economy, must surely be hard to substantiate. The average annual value of wines imported in 1939-1946 was £64,527, but the value of wines imported in 1947 was £132,764, which was an increase of more than 100 per cent. The value of spirits imported in 1938 was £586,165, compared with £687,100 in 1947, an increase of more than £100,000. The total quantity of liquor imported in 1947 was 100,000 more gallons than in 1939.

"We believe that many perplexed commercial importers will be as interested as we are, both in this disturbing inequality and in the Minister's explanation of it," Mr. Reddell concluded.

Close to this article appears an advertisement of a brand of stout. It claims that the man who takes it maintains his strength, fortifies his health and keeps up his energy. "There is no doubt," the advertisement continues, "about its healthful properties." Then follows a list of the ingredients supposed to produce these results but no mention is made of the fact that their good qualities are neutralised and destroyed by the alcohol which is also there. "It is a grand vitaliser and body-builder—the ideal tonic for anybody 'off colour' or 'run down,' and for convalescents and the elderly."

What are we doing about this sort of thing? An organised campaign should be started at once—indeed it is well overdue. For statements like this to be shamelessly placed in prominent parts of the daily papers is a challenge calling for determination and energy in the response made by those who espouse the cause of Temperance.



# IN THE KING COUNTRY

With Miss C. McLay and Sister Nicholls

On Tuesday, May 18, we left Te Kuiti at half past ten, in Sister Nicholls' car, with great spirits and looking forward to every success in our work.

Our first call was Hangatiki. We arrived at 11 o'clock and had a few minutes to ourselves before we started our meeting. The Rev. Poihipi, of the Methodist Church, opened with Devotions, then I introduced the Maori Organiser, Miss McLay, to the ladies who were assembled at the meeting. Then Miss McLay began with a very interesting talk about the W.C.T.U., and I can assure you it was very, very interesting. We only had a few ladies there but it was so interesting that it went right to their hearts, and before it was time for us to leave they all signed the Pledge and all decided that they will either join up with Te Kuiti Maori branch or else form a union at Hangatiki.

We three continued our journey with hearts full of thanks to our Lord for helping us. Of course, the weather was not very good. However, we arrived at our next destination, Otorohanga, in good spirits.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon we had another gathering at the Methodist Church, Otorohanga, which was Sister Nicholls' Mothers' Meeting. We were pleased to have with us for this meeting Mrs. Kenny, the President of the Otorohanga Combined Union. Again Miss McLay gave another interesting talk about the work of the W.C.T.U. We were not so successful here in gaining more new members as quite a number of the women had already signed the Pledge. However, the meeting ended with a very nice cup of tea and cakes provided by the ladies. We were given hospitality by friends in Otorohanga. Miss McLay and Sister Nicholls stayed with Miss Rogers, Secretary of the Union, and I stayed with Mrs. Waretini.

On May 19 we continued our journey to Te Kopua, which is a little Pa about 12 miles from Otorohanga on the way to Te Awamutu. I must say we had quite a gathering there. They, too, were very interested with the address Miss McLay gave them, and two are considering joining with Te Awamutu Union. We left the others thinking very seriously about joining the W.C.T.U. There were quite a few old Maori women and men who couldn't understand the English language so it was left to me to explain about our work to them. As the hour of mid-day struck while our meeting was on, Miss McLay and I sang our Noontide Hymn. Then one of the old gentlemen

of the Pa welcomed me and the Pakeha friends to their midst, and we closed the meeting with a prayer. Mrs. Hughes gave us a nice cup of tea before we left for our next destination.

We arrived at Turitea in the afternoon at the home of an old Maori lady to find quite a number of ladies waiting to welcome us. One had ridden on horseback about seven miles to hear our talk of the W.C.T.U. Once again I had to do a lot of explaining as they did not all understand Pakeha language very much. There were a few children present, and Miss McLay told them a very good Temperance story, "The King's Palace," which they all enjoyed. Sister christened a baby and got the mother to put its name on our Cradle Roll. Once again we left the women thinking very seriously about signing the Pledge and joining the Union. Two are hoping to join the Otorohanga Union.

Although I have lived in the King Country all my life it is the first time I have been to these parts, and it gave me quite a thrill to be travelling round with the Maori Organiser. We arrived back in Te Kuiti about a quarter past six in the evening.

On Thursday morning, 20th, about 11 o'clock, we left home for Mahonenui, 31 miles from Te Kuiti. On arriving there we called at Mrs. King's home and had a little talk with her about the W.C.T.U., and she was so interested about it that she signed the Pledge and joined our Te Kuiti branch. She also signed the Mother's Pledge putting her baby on our Cradle Roll. We were due at Mrs. Heperi's home at half past one. This lady is a country member of Te Kuiti Union and was waiting to serve us with a lovely hot cup of tea. Although the weather was dreadful that day we had quite a gathering of ladies, and once again we were fortunate to get more new members for our Te Kuiti branch, also more babies for our Cradle Roll. This day we had Mrs. Ewan, our Treasurer, with us, and I must say she was kept busy writing receipts and adding more sisters to our Union. We brought the meeting to an end and our hostess's husband gave a hearty welcome to us, the visitors, and to all those who were present, for our visit to their home. We were very thankful to arrive home safely as we had to travel part of the way through a storm of thunder and hail and it was dark.

M. JOSEPH (Mrs.),

President, Maori W.C.T.U.

## "DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

Hymn 40: "In the shadow of His wings."

Scripture reading: Matthew VI, 27-34

What a gentle, loving way of telling us not to worry, is contained in these verses. With His marvellous knowledge and understanding of the human heart, our Lord laid His finger on the weak spot in the make-up of so many lives. He realised that the heart which is not at rest with itself, or with the circumstances of its life, is kept from the deepest and fullest exercise of its own powers and aspirations. The cramping, deadening influence of worry is very terrible. It can blacken the brightest day, take the joy from the happiest occasion, and rob the Christian of all that inner consciousness of security and confidence which is his right. His impulses towards deeds of noble daring and of earnest endeavour on behalf of the Kingdom are crushed, smothered by the ever-present cloud of worry. So much is lost by it. Growth in the spiritual life is hampered, and the soul that should be mounting on wings, is held down to earth as by cords impossible to break. And Jesus knew all this. So He showed these who would follow Him a better way. "Why worry?" He said, in effect. Yet still His children doubt Him. Worry still nullifies the upward yearnings and seekings.

Oh, if only we could learn to leave everything to Him who is our Father! When the strain grows so heavy that the soul can bear no more, it sometimes happens that a sudden lifting of the load comes in that moment of feeling that the uttermost limits of endurance have been reached. "Peace, be still," cries the voice of love. And there is a great calm.

Why do we wait for the last moment of suffering before we cast the burden upon the Lord? Let each day begin with the definite committing of our way to Him. Worry will not touch us then. To think, to plan, to strive, will still be necessary, but the grim shadow will be gone. To worry is to doubt God's love and power. He knoweth that we have need and He will give us our heart's desire. He does. And life glows in the fulfilment of His promise.

The trader in drink takes all the money the drunkard pays for his liquor, and when he is drunk throws him into the street, leaving the rate-payers to pay for all the mischief he may do, all the crimes he may commit, all the idleness he may bring upon himself and his family, and all the poverty to which he may be reduced. If the cost of these were charged against the drink trade instead of against the police rates the profits of the trade would vanish at once.—G. Bernard Shaw.

—From "The Vanguard."

## "WITHIN THE VEIL"

**Mrs. C. W. E. Milgrew, Blenheim Union**

It is with sincere regret that we record the death, suddenly, on Saturday, May 29, of a faithful member of the Marlborough District Executive, and of the Blenheim Union. The widow of the late Rev. A. T. Milgrew, who for many years was stationed at Havelock, Mrs. Milgrew, after her husband's death, made her home in Grovetown, and carried on faithfully the work of the Church and Sunday School. She worked well among young people assisting in Bible Class activities, being very understanding and tolerant.

For the past 12 months, although not at all well, she rarely missed a Union meeting. She was the District Evangelistic Superintendent, and often conducted Devotions for Blenheim. She was a keen musician, and was always ready to officiate at organ or piano. She was also a violinist. She was a regular attendant at the Women's Monthly Prayer Days, and here, as well as in her Church activities, she will be sadly missed. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. B. Fleming, and a sister, Mrs. Clunis Ross, with whom sincere sympathy is expressed. Representatives of the Union attended the funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Grovetown.

**Mrs. E. Saul, Blenheim**

Deep sympathy is felt with our Dominion Recording Secretary, Mrs. Underhill, in the recent passing of her mother, Mrs. E. Saul, of Blenheim, at the advanced age of 89. Her large family of 10 were all with her very shortly before the end came. Her husband predeceased her 28 years ago, and her life had been very full and busy with the task of bringing up her children and making provision for their future. She was for some time a member of the Blenheim Union, but her hands were too full for her to be able to give much time to outside organisations. All the same, all good causes had her practical support and interest. After her family was grown up, ill-health made it difficult for her to get about. She came to New Zealand at the age of 20, from Ireland, and set a great example of courage, unselfishness and cheerfulness, for which she will be remembered by all who knew her. Her faith in her Friend and Redeemer was strong, and she longed to be at rest from suffering, in His presence for evermore. Her family rejoice even in their sorrow, that her release has come.

**Mrs. E. Tyler, Carterton Union**

Carterton Union has suffered a great loss in the recent passing of their loved President, Mrs. E. Tyler. Although unable to conduct the meetings of late owing to sickness and eye trouble, her interest and loving thought for all members to carry on, was an inspiration. Her strong, brave, independent character made an impact on all who knew her intimately. Fear-

less, regardless of the cost when speaking of evil, kindly in giving advice, she was known and respected by everyone. Her power of prayer was an uplift to all who were privileged to spend times of devotion with her.

The influence of her life on the general public was shown by the crowds who came to the funeral service to pay their last tribute, when Ministers of all denominations took part. The hotels closed their doors.

Hers was a glorious passing to her reward, and her memory will be evergreen.

"Strands in a cord reaching down from God's throne,

Links in a chain which now circles each zone,

Notes in the deepest of harmonies known.

We all belong, we belong."

Mrs. Tyler had four daughters, Major Mara Tyler, of Bethany Maternity Hospital, Wellington, Mrs. E. Hopkinson, of Hamilton, Major Kia Ora Tyler, of Owen Street, Wellington Salvation Army Girls' Home, Miss Viola Tyler, Matron of Government Maternity Hospital, Suva, Fiji. Mrs. Tyler was 74 years of age. She passed away suddenly in her sleep.

## OVERSEAS NEWS

Deep sympathy is felt with the World President of the W.C.T.U., Mrs. Forrester Paton, in the sudden death of her son-in-law, Mr. Durran, only five weeks after his marriage to her daughter, Anne. Nothing could have been more unexpected, and a great shock has been suffered by the family. Mrs. Paton asks that friends will please refrain from writing. She knows that she has the prayers and sympathy of women the world over.

The National President of the Scottish Temperance Union, Mrs. Brown, passed away recently to the great sorrow of all who knew her. At the World Convention she was present, and among many others who bore gifts for Mrs. Boole, the retiring World President, made a presentation on behalf of her country. This was a very lovely Paisley shawl. Mrs. Brown was an outstanding Temperance worker, and her passing leaves a gap which will not easily be filled.

**Tasmania:** The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has decided to supply blotters to State Schools, and to ask teachers to explain the meaning of the facts printed on them.

**Australia:** Among Orders issued to pilots on Trans-Australian Airways is the following: "No officer is to consume alcoholic liquors in any public place whilst in uniform. The officer shall not consume any alcoholic liquor when on duty, or during a period of 12 hours prior to returning for duty, and shall not whilst on duty be under the influence of any alcoholic liquor or narcotic. Any officer breaking the above regulation will be subject to immediate dismissal.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

#### "Peace Day" Prayer Meeting

The annual "Peace Day" Prayer Meeting was held under the auspices of the Auckland District Executive on Monday, May 31, in the Temperance Room, Queen Street, at 10.30 a.m.

The first session was led by Miss Grigg, the District Evangelistic Superintendent, and the subject of her talk was "Jacob, who prevailed by prayer." Mrs. V. A. Read led the second session, and her talk was on the subject, "False or True?" Miss Campbell followed on, speaking on "Abraham and Lot." The closing session was led by Mrs. Kasper, and her subject was "Peace in the hearts of men." There was a good attendance, and all present took part in the prayer sessions.

#### ADDRESS GIVEN AT ONEHUNGA UNION MEETING BY MISS GREY

At their May meeting, Onehunga members listened to an address of unusual interest, given by Miss Grey, a retired teacher touring N.Z. Her subject was the work of the B.W.T.A. in England.

Miss Grey told of the founding of the British Women's Temperance Association in Newcastle on Tyne, in 1876. The speaker's mother was keenly interested in that work, and copies of the English "White Ribbon" were shown. They are smaller than our N.Z. one. The Union meetings are active and business-like. Local unions have Spring and Autumn Conventions, and also send delegates to the English Annual Convention, usually held in London, and which, we were surprised to hear, never lasted more than three days. Miss Grey went on to describe the numerous Guilds and Clubs for women in the United Kingdom. Most Churches have their own Guilds and in the country districts the Women's Institutes, though not a religious organisation, do much good. Unfortunately, some of them learn to make home-made wine. City women also have Town Guilds which are going ahead and doing good though not actively religious. They assist their members to become trained in many ways and also give concerts. By these means women of all classes come together. The speaker told of the professional- and business-women's clubs, which were purely secular and whose members many of them, drink and smoke. The B.W.T.A. strives to assist women's causes and maintains that all work equally well done should receive equal remuneration irrespective of sex. But guidance is needed, and God is always put first, then humanity. Miss Grey said that World Conventions made it possible for those attending to understand the work of other countries.

The speaker was thanked for her very informative and interesting address.

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## SPECIAL REPORTS—Contd.

**"WELCOME HOME" TO MRS. MACKIE, LINWOOD UNION**

On May 25, a well-attended meeting of members and visitors from other Unions (by invitation) assembled to give Mrs. E. M. Mackie, a "Welcome Home" after her visit to America to attend the World Convention. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. F. Fuller, Vice-President, presided. Mrs. Mackie was presented with a shoulder spray by the Secretary, and with a book by Mrs. Dunlop, to mark the occasion, when loving reference was made to our guest's valuable work for our Union. Several members also spoke. Mrs. Mackie gave a most interesting and informative address on the World Convention and on her trip, and was heartily thanked. Four new members were initiated. Decided to present "Twenty Year" Badges to several foundation members at our July meeting. A parcel of writing material for CORSO was sent.

**OPEN MEETING AT OAMARU**

On May 17, the Oamaru Union held an open meeting for men and women in the evening, at which there was a fair attendance.

Mrs. Rawson presided. After the routine business, a short musical programme was enjoyed. The Guest Speaker, Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, said of the Trust Hotels in Invercargill, that they were no different from other hotels. It was a great mistake to think that in no-license areas only was sly grog selling. It was just as bad in places where there are licensed hotels. Lounge drinking, bottle shops, and restaurant drinking were all alike a menace to women, to men, and to young people. The Trust Hotel had not made less drinking, but had encouraged it very considerably.

A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to Mr. Dash and thanks expressed to all who had helped towards an enjoyable evening. After the Benediction supper was served. A Sales Table helped the finances.

**SOCIAL AFTERNOON, NELSON UNION****Mrs. Mackie Welcomed**

A Social Afternoon was held in May by the Nelson Union, in the Presbyterian Hall, to which representatives of all women's organisations were invited to meet Mrs. Mackie and hear her account of her visit to the World Convention. The result was a very happy gathering, as Mrs. Mackie was amongst old school friends, and also had a very interesting story to tell. Afternoon tea was handed round, and Mrs. Jones sang two delightful solos.

The President, Mrs. Sherratt, thanked Mrs. Mackie for her inspiring address, and at the close two new members were initiated.

Mrs. Mackie also visited Richmond and Motueka, seven new members being enrolled at Motueka.

**MRS. MACKIE AT MOTUEKA**

A special meeting was held by the Motueka Union on May 19, when Mrs. Mackie, of Christchurch, was the speaker. The subject of her address was her trip to New Jersey to attend the World Convention last year. The account of her travels, and of the Convention, was very interesting, and it was a great pleasure to her audience to hear her. At the close of her address eight ladies came forward to be initiated by Mrs. Mackie and received the White Bow. This was a very happy ending to a good meeting.

**CRADLE ROLL PARTY AT MOTUEKA**

On May 24, the Little White Ribboners' birthday party was held and a good attendance of mothers with their little ones listened to an address from Mrs. Toomer, of Nelson. The speaker gave a lesson to the little ones on Obedience. When afternoon tea had been served, Mrs. Toomer spoke to the mothers, giving good advice on the training of little ones. Mrs. Carter, our President, provided a birthday cake with candles, which was very much enjoyed.

A "Bring and Buy" was held very successfully. Our C.R. has doubled during the year.

**TWENTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY PARTY, NORTH BRIGHTON**

The Baptist Church presented quite a festive appearance on the occasion of the 22nd birthday of the North Brighton Union. Bowls of chrysanthemums and small vases of French marigolds adorned the platform. Mrs. Noonan presided, and welcomed a record attendance of members and visitors. Two one-act plays, produced by Mrs. McIntosh, were presented by the members of the Christchurch Women's Institute, and other items included songs by Mrs. Goldman and Miss Pauline Daniels, and recitations by Mrs. Beilby. "Twenty-years' Service" Badges were presented to Mrs. Gadd and Mrs. Thompson. The birthday cake, decorated by Mr. J. Compton, was cut by Mrs. McIlwraith. Letters from Mesdames Hall and Graham, wishing the Union continued success in the work, were received.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER, MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT**

There was a good attendance at the Blenheim monthly Women's Day of Prayer, on Thursday, May 27.

The opening session was conducted by Mrs. J. Taylor, who spoke on the "Friendship of Jesus." Mrs. Ford was Leader for the next period and took for her theme, "God's Remedy." Mrs. P. Stephens followed, and spoke on "Faith." The last session was taken by Mrs. A. O. Jones, who took as her subject, "Prayer." Interesting and helpful messages were delivered, and sincere prayers were offered by

leaders and members present. Suitable hymns were chosen and many requests for prayer were made. The sick and the U.N.A.C. were specially remembered.

**PAY-UP SOCIAL, AUCKLAND UNION**

On June 8 Auckland Union held its Annual "Pay-up" Social in the Board Room of the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Long presided and welcomed a fine gathering of members and friends. The National Anthem and the Doxology were sung at the opening, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Long. Apologies and greetings were received from sick members and others unable to attend. A very enjoyable programme of music and elocution was presented.

In her Chairman's remarks, Mrs. Long spoke of the threatened evils likely to be passed by Parliament, naming the extension of hours of sale, evening sales, stronger liquor to be sold, and restoration of bar-maids. All these evils had been so strongly fought against by Temperance people in the past days. Christ is the only One Who can destroy these works of the Devil. Votes of thanks were passed. Afternoon tea brought a very happy afternoon to a close. One new member was received.

**RICCARTON'S TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY SOCIAL**

On June 10, Riccarton held its 26th birthday celebration. The room was tastefully decorated and was filled to capacity by Sister Unions and other women's organisations in the district. Mrs. Griffiths presided, and the afternoon was opened with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer. Business was postponed to a specially arranged later meeting.

The Drama Club of the Women's Institute entertained with two plays entitled "Gran Plays Trumps" and "Fortune Favours Fools." Musical items, rendered by Mesdames Colthart, Swallow, R. Williams and Scott, were enjoyed. Tea was dispensed and a nice birthday cake, baked by the President, was cut and enjoyed. Votes of thanks to the performers were carried by acclamation, and a very happy afternoon closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction.

**CHRISTCHURCH CELEBRATES SIXTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY**

An afternoon Social was held by Christchurch Union in celebration of the 63rd birthday. Miss C. Henderson presided. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Quarman. Our President then welcomed 50 delegates present from Oxford and suburban Unions, who later gave greetings from their Unions. Mrs. R. Black, Hon. District Secretary, spoke for the District Executive in the absence of the President, Mrs. Clarke.

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## HOME MAKERS' CORNER

BY LYNETTE

## "SWEET AND HOT."

There is a popular misconception that a meat meal is the best source of heat and energy. How often we hear the farmer's wife say that her husband must have his steak for breakfast. "All the hard work he has to do, you know." If he "must have" steak for breakfast it is only because he likes it, for one ounce of steak provides him with less than half the heat and energy provided by one ounce of oatmeal. Ham and bacon, on the other hand, by reason of their high proportion of rich fat, give about the same heat and energy value as porridge. To give the family a variety of hot, nourishing, breakfast dishes calls for some ingenuity, especially where some members of the household do not like porridge. Something sweet and hot makes a welcome change from the more usual breakfast dishes and sends the children out into the frosty morning with an extra fuel ration.

Hot fruit breakfasts of apple or banana fritters, or apples baked with a stuffing of dates and a dab of butter, are delicious, while waffles, fried scones, doughnuts, or French toast are a delight to the small fry especially. The most attractive doughnuts can be made from an ordinary scone mixture—rolled out and cut into rounds with a large biscuit cutter. Then the centres are cut out with a small cutter and both rings and centres fried in deep, smoking-hot fat. The little balls, as the centres have become, are served perched on top of the rings. French toast is made by dipping slices of bread into a mixture of one beaten egg, half a cup of milk, and a tablespoon of melted butter. Fry in shallow fat or toast in a waffle iron. Lemon sauce and golden syrup sauce are enjoyed by most people, while Karo sauces are perhaps not quite so well known. Karo is an American product made from maize (corn syrup, they call it), and grocers usually have some. It is not so sweet as golden syrup, as it is largely a glucose syrup, and for this reason it is seen in the chemists' shops when glucose is in short supply. Heated with a little water it adds a new flavour as a plain sauce, or by the addition of cocoa and butter, becomes a rich chocolate sauce.

## SOLUTION OF NO. 23

**Across.**—1, Spasm; 5, Maine; 9, Heaters; 11, On; 13, Treat; 14, Or; 15, Peg; 17, Can; 18, Bun; 19, Earth; 21, Tarts; 23, Ray; 24, Dub; 25, Beset; 27, Soni; 29, Asp; 30, Oat; 32, Odd; 33, It; 34, Apron; 36, S.A.; 37, Wrecker; 39, Sheer; 40, Large jugs.

**Down.**—1, Slope; 2, Ah; 3, Set; 4, March; 5, Meant; 6, Art; 7, Is; 8, Earns; 10, Tea; 12, Nearest; 14, Outbids; 16, Grasp; 18, Bruna; 20, Tye; 22, Ado; 25, Bails; 26, Toper; 27, Stoke; 28, Adams; 31, Arc; 34, Are; 35, New; 36, We; 39, Re.

## Uno Commission on the Status of Women

Very great interest has been aroused by the Findings of the Commission on the Status of Women, set up in connection with the Assembly of the United Nations, and composed of representatives of 15 countries. A fortnight of intensive work on every aspect of the life of women in the various countries resulted in a clearly stated report, which will, it is expected become available shortly.

Among the many points discussed was that of "Equal pay for equal work for men and women." This is a principle for which some men and women have stood for many years, but about which a good deal of loose thinking still persists. Many women are opposed to it because they say "A man has a wife and family to keep and should have more than a woman." It should be remembered that positions which were once filled by men almost exclusively are now filled by women. Why? For no other reason than that women cost less. The work is not necessarily better done by women. In some cases men handle it much more easily and efficiently, but they are cut out of it simply because they expect higher wages than women. On the other side, we have the story of women doing work better than men and receiving only a portion of what men receive for the same work. Under the Education authorities of some countries it is a common thing for a woman to have

full charge of a large school, and for her remuneration to be much less than that of a second assistant in a boys' school, his responsibility being only for his own class. This is only one among many similar anomalies.

There are not many working women who do not carry some burden of responsibility for the support of other members of their families. They receive no consideration in the matter of taxation because they are women. They pay the same train and tram fares as men, and I have yet to hear of a taxi-driver who charges women less than men. Hotel and restaurant charges show no discrimination. Why should women be handicapped then, by this obsolescent idea that it is unfair to pay them the same wages as men? It is time that all women really thought about it. It has been said that women themselves do not want the change, because they are afraid that under the "equal pay" regime, they will be found to be doing inferior work to that of men, and will not be employed as they are now. If this is true, it is merely an indication that many women are unsuitably employed, and would do better work in other spheres.

The ramifications of the subject are endless. All we ask is that as women we should think clearly about such a problem and not be content to cling to outworn lines of argument.

## "W.R. CROSSWORD"—24

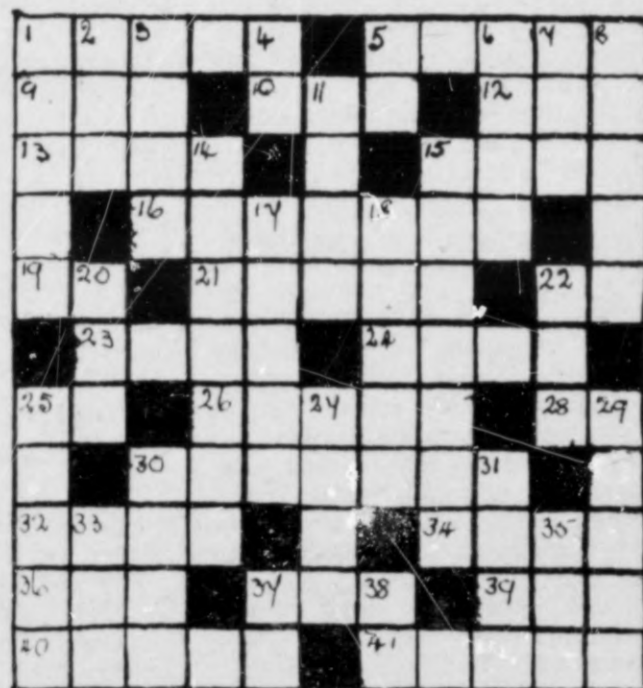
## CLUES

## Across

- 1—See 24.
- 5—Censure.
- 9—Unclose.
- 10—"O star of —"
- 12—"—, — shalt part."
- 13—Nuisance.
- 15—Close companion.
- 16—Alcohol is one.
- 19—Act.
- 21—Lubricated.
- 22—Because.
- 23—Soothe.
- 24—See 1.
- 25—Theological Degree.
- 26—Gives temporary possession.
- 28—Questioning exclamation.
- 30—Dress designer.
- 32—Hum.
- 34—Gape.
- 36—Age.
- 37—Serpent.
- 39—Inflamed.
- 40—Rampart.
- 41—Sac.

## Down.

- 1—Aspired.
- 2—Mimic.
- 3—Home.
- 4—Pronoun.
- 5—Exist.
- 6—Not 24.
- 7—Encountered.
- 8—Jugs.



- 11—Veil.
- 14—Sloven.
- 15—Maidenly virtue.
- 17—Was unwell.
- 18—Cares for.
- 20—Out of date.
- 22—Exist.
- 26—Marriage portion.

- 27—Bites.
- 29—Pointers.
- 30—Intellect.
- 31—Organs.
- 33—Tool.
- 35—Opposer of abolition.
- 37—Indefinite article.
- 38—Officer of the law.



## SPECIAL REPORTS—Contd.

During the afternoon a most enjoyable programme included vocal solos by Mrs. Connie Wilson and recitations by Miss G. Musgrove. Mrs. Reeve acted as accompaniste. Then followed a most stirring address by Mrs. Adjutant Baker, who spoke of her impressions and reminiscences of Chinese life gained from her service there for five years, during the Japanese occupation, as a missionary. To illustrate her address the speaker showed us exquisitely beautiful costumes (Chinese). After votes of thanks, Mrs. Lennon presented Miss Henderson and our Foundation Member, Miss Gordon, with flower sprays. Tea was served by a special committee.

## REUNION AT NORTHCOTE

A combined meeting of the North Shore W.C.T.U. Unions was held in the Methodist School Hall, Northcote, on June 8. There were 28 members and friends present and the gathering was presided over by Miss E. Wiggell (President) and Mrs. Hay (Vice-President). A welcome poem, which had been composed by Miss Ethel Piper—one of our first and most loyal workers—was read. Mesdames Williams (Devonport) and Morgan Richards (Takapuna) spoke in appreciation of these occasional reunions as a time of refreshing and inspiration. Mesdames Carter and Hampton rendered much-appreciated musical items. Sister Jessie gave a very interesting address on the Maori people and her endeavours to bring the Gospel and the Temperance cause to these of our kindred, and whose welfare is of so great concern to us all just now. The collection was for the "White Ribbon" Fund.

## DISH PAN OCEAN

When washing dishes I pretend the pan's the ocean deep,  
The angry waves are rolling high,  
then skyward seem to leap.  
They're dashing madly toward the cliff (the cliff's the top of pan)  
Then break and splash and spray,  
the once dry land (that's where I am).  
Now from the lighthouse, I can see the dangers all about  
For my dear Dish Pan people, who took this ocean route.  
Oh, all the little saucers with Mr. and Mrs. Cup.  
Will with these giant mighty waves,  
soon all be swallowed up.  
My Lifeboat hands I lower down,  
manned by Ten Finger crew,  
They're trained for such emergencies, all know just what to do.  
Mid mighty caps of white soap suds,  
they rescue those close by,  
Then dive 'til every one is safe and on the deck to dry.

CAROL ANN NORTH.

## Bulletin of Union News

## NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**District Executive**, June 8, at Dargaville: District President, Mrs. Green, in the chair, and led Devotions. Representatives from the following Unions were present: Dargaville, Te Kopuru and Pukehuia. A letter from Maungakarahea asked for help in making meetings more interesting. The following ideas were suggested: (1) Get as many members as possible to take part by having a Bible text or verse as a Roll Call. (2) Newspaper clippings of special temperance interest to be read; arrangements made meeting before. (3) The appeal of something done with the hands; encourage members to bring their own handwork or work for Missions. (4) Competitions, say every three months, in flowers, cooking or needlework. Mrs. Lane appointed as our only Delegate for the N.C.W. this year. CORSO correspondence and report of work already done was given by Miss E. med. A Committee formed of Mrs. Green, Miss Edmed and Mrs. Lawrence, with power to act. Next District Convention was discussed.

**Dargaville**, June 8: Mrs. Jolly in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Lawrence. "W.R." Day observed and collection taken up. President brought forward important points re "W.R." and we decided to purchase two for Branch distribution. All possible help asked for hospital superintendent.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting**, May 31, in the Temperance Room: Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, in the chair. Good attendance of members and visitors. Devotions led by Miss Grigg. Considerable discussion on the unenviable position of many aged pensioners in Auckland due to the housing shortage, and a suggestion that something should be done to alleviate the position. Mrs. J. Joiner was appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. at a meeting called by the Mayor of Auckland, Mr. J. A. C. Allum, in connection with the Empire Cancer Campaign Society. Mrs. Mountjoy gave the report on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel, and also of the annual meeting of the National Council of Women. Mrs. V. A. Reed reported on the "Mother's Day" gathering and stated that she considered it was the best gathering that had yet been held on "Mother's Day" by the W.C.T.U.

**Titirangi**, May 15: Fair attendance presided over by Mrs. Hiatt, the new President. Mrs. Williams, District Superintendent, gave an address on the Cradle Roll work. Afternoon tea and Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

**Kohi-St. Heliers**, April 15, at the home of Mrs. Lediard: very good attendance. Mrs. Pearson, Evangelist, spoke on "Faith in God," followed by prayer. Temperance Fact given. Dr. Jeanie Craig sang "My ain Countree," and gave greetings from N.S.W., giving details of the various Unions there. She urged the members to be more enthusiastic in getting the younger people interested in the Temperance Cause. Hearty vote of thanks accorded speaker and hostess.

May 20, at the home of Mrs. Reed: Mrs. Pearson read and spoke on "Hope," but the hope was Jesus. Temperance Fact. "Mother's" and "Peace" Days both observed in prayer. Mrs. Kaspa gave a talk on the sanctity of "Mother's Day," and Mrs. Reed suggested that all women should make a prayer for peace every noontide. Hostess thanked. Mrs. Gray sang "My Mother's Prayer."

**Warkworth**, May 13: Mrs. Moore presided over a good attendance. After general business was concluded the meeting was thrown open for discussion as to ways and means of improving membership and meetings. Many helpful ideas were brought forward. Mrs. Rowe reported that she had gained seven new members for the "White Ribbon."

**Remuera**, May 24: Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. For the Devotional period a chorus was sung and a Scripture portion read by the President, followed by "Chain" prayer. Pledge recited and Temperance Fact given by Miss Gane. A talk was given by Mrs. Kasper on "Peace," and a prayer for peace was read by Mrs. Laird. "Mother's Day" was also

observed, and a suitable talk was given by the President.

**Onehunga**, May 13: Discussion on U.N. Appeal for children and best means of assisting same. Consideration of ideas whereby younger women and business girls may be induced to take an interest in W.C.T.U. activities. Address by Miss Grey, a retired teacher from England, at present touring N.Z., her subject being the work of the B.W.T.A. in England. (Special Report.)

May 27: Home meeting at the home of Miss Grigg. Devotional period, choruses, solos by Dr. J. Craig, and recitations by Mrs. Hatton, with social intercourse, competitions and afternoon tea combined to make a pleasing programme for which our hostess was heartily thanked.

**Henderson**, May 19: Mrs. Chadwick presided and led Devotions. The Secretary reported on the District Executive meeting. Our speaker, Mrs. Fountain, gave a most informative talk on the work done by the Old Age Pensioners' Association, of which she is a member, to better the conditions of the Pensioners. Donation sent to CORSO.

**Takapuna**, June: A very happy meeting and a good attendance. After the usual business conducted by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, our Evangelistic Superintendent, Miss Cullen gave a few verses about the lost piece of silver and an interesting little talk on this. Mrs. Wallace read a beautiful letter from a soldier to his mother, which arrived after his death. Mrs. Tremain gave the Temperance Fact.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Tauranga**, May 4, "Peace Day" observed. Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley. Reports given of N.C.W. meeting and new delegates elected. Headquarters Fund to be furthered in every way during the year and a good start made through a Donation Card to lay on the table at each meeting for voluntary subscriptions. Extracts read from pamphlet "Women and World Peace." Very good attendance and one new member initiated.

June 1: "W.R." Day observed. "W.R.'s from Africa, Canada, Australia, England and Scotland were shown, and extracts from these read by members under "Sealed Orders." Appeal made for new subscribers. The "W.R." agent, Mrs. Foxcroft, reported that practically all members were subscribers, and all paid up. Band of Hope plans made and a report of a Band of Hope meeting held elsewhere gave encouragement to start soon. Devotions were led at both meetings by Mrs. Bensley, Evangelical Superintendent, and the President, Mrs. Christian, occupied the chair. Words of farewell spoken to Miss Daphne Maunders, who expects to return to Missionary work in India very shortly. Sales table very successful and H.Q. Cards show steady interest.

## TARANAKI DISTRICT

**New Plymouth**, May 26: Opened by Devotions. Miss Petersen gave a helpful talk on St. Paul as a letter-writer. One new member initiated, and two others are joining, one by transfer. Grateful acknowledgements received from Miss Staunton for parcels (four), another one having been sent. Financial position of Seamen's Rest explained, strong effort being required in August. Annual report of N.C.W. read, also part of Mrs. Hiatt's Convention Address. Songs by Mrs. Hiatt. Meetings in future at 2.15. Meeting closed by Prayer.

**Hawera**: At the April meeting Mrs. Page presided and led Devotions, reading from the "W.R." Mrs. Hiatt's address in reply to the welcomes given at Convention. Mrs. Burton led in prayer. A stall with donations for funds to help the U.N.A.C. realised the sum of £5/15/-, which was paid over. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Mrs. Page closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction. Donations by friends and members of food and soap at the May meeting were nearly enough to make up another 22 pound parcel for Britain. Mrs. Hansen, President, whose health has improved, was able to be present and to preside and lead Devotions. Mrs. Burton led in prayer. Two very fine letters from Miss Staunton, "W.R." Editress in England, to whom parcels have been sent for distribution, expressed thanks and appreciation. The Guest Speaker, Major Spersholt (S.A.), spoke on "Woman's place in the world," mentioning eminent women in politics, literature, religion, science, medicine, and most particularly, in home life. Tea and Benediction.

## HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Hastings:** Monthly meetings during the past four months have been well attended, with added interest. At the February meeting four ladies gave a short talk or read an article on an outstanding character known to them. A most successful meeting. The Easter message was delivered by the Rev. Russell Graves, of the Baptist Church, a stirring call to be remembered by all. Miss Mildenhall, our Convention Delegate, gave an excellent report at the April meeting. Members are concerned at the loss of 213 members. The May meeting was conducted by members of the Napier Union. Our grateful thanks to them for an outstanding meeting. The speaker, Mrs. Berg, of Napier, told an interesting story of her years of service in India. Birthday posies are presented to members at the monthly meetings—a happy link with members. Three new members have been gained. Band of Hope planned to open in June.

## MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Feilding,** June 2: Mrs. Tremain presided, Mrs. Kendall leading Devotions. Items from the "White Ribbon" were read by several members. The President also conducted a "Quiz" session, which was heartily entered into by members. "Bring and Buy" planned for next meeting. We strongly supported the N.C.W. in their Remit to be sent to the Prime Minister, asking that brewers be not allowed to use grain for 60 days for brewing and the grain thus saved be a help for Europe. A new member on transfer from Wellington Central was given a warm welcome. Good attendance. Collection for "W.R." £1/2/6. Mrs. Tremain closed the meeting with prayer.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Brooklyn,** May 25: At the home of Mrs. Cracknell, who received the members. Mrs. Gittings occupied the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Watt, District President, who was the guest of the afternoon. Temperance Fact. Reports of District Executive by Mesdames Brewer and Sawden. Mrs. Jordan elected delegate to next Executive Meeting. Several apologies received. Mrs. Pickering welcomed after illness. An article recently published in the "Post" re British gambling was read. This was called a "National epidemic," and spoke of the gambling on horses, dogs and football. Mrs. Greenwood closed with prayer.

**Masterton:** "White Ribbon" Day. Miss Jackson in the chair, Mrs. Parry leading Devotions. Fair attendance. Novel procedure of Secretary having portions of the "White Ribbon" attached to her clothing. Main theme discussed was the need for the youth of this country to be educated to know the evils of drink. Letters written to all Youth Councils in the town. Letter read from the Rev. J. Chambers, Youth Director, referring to difficulties to be overcome. Ways to help "Bible in Schools" considered. Three members to attend meeting in Wellington at the end of June.

## NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson,** June 8: Mrs. Sherratt presided. Meeting opened with 15 minute Devotions. Welcomes to visitors and one new member. Mrs. Walker appointed to visit sick members. Letter of congratulation to be sent to the Presbyterian Church on the occasion of their Centennial celebrations. Several copies of the English "White Ribbon" were distributed and a collection made for "W.R." funds. Volunteers were asked for to help with tea at the Youth Meeting. Temperance Fact. Closing prayer.

## MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting,** May 20, held in Wesley Hall: Mrs. Underhill presiding. Several apologies received. A letter of cheer sent to Mrs. Rodgerston, who is in ill-health. In the Devotional period the needy children of the world were remembered in prayer. Mrs. Harris reported on the business of Dominion Convention, on which a discussion followed. The resolutions passed were re-affirmed and those affecting Government Departments were directed to be forwarded to Mr. Shand, M.P. The President reported on a visit with Mrs. Watson to the Picton Union, when the Convention report was given. The matter of

opening work in Seddon was discussed, and it was hoped that a visit from the Organiser could be arranged. It was decided that in future meetings would be held on the third Thursday in February, April, July and November. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all and the meeting closed at 3 p.m.

**Blenheim,** June 6: Mrs. Tocker presiding over good attendance of 19. Four apologies received. A visitor, Mrs. Bade, of Wellington, was welcomed. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. A. T. Milgrew, a member of long standing. Many tributes were paid to her, and her favourite hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, arise," was sung. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. J. Bailey, who read 2nd Kings, chapter 7, verses 1-11. Roll Call was a verse of Scripture. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Lane. The speaker was Mrs. W. B. Wilson, who gave a talk on "Peace." Since our last meeting an old member, Mrs. Curnow, had attained her 90th birthday and received flowers and greetings from the Union. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Bailey.

**Springlands,** May 18: Despite very wet weather a most enjoyable meeting held in Methodist Sunday School. Eleven members of Blenheim Union warmly welcomed and Mrs. J. McDougal, who was later initiated into membership. Mrs. P. Kirkham gave an interesting and instructive address on "The present situation in Palestine" for which she was accorded thanks. A "special" afternoon tea was dispensed and the following contributions given: Recitations, Mesdames Forges, Kirkham, Bailey, Green; solos, Mrs. T. Blick; readings, Mesdames Gascoigne and Underhill. Mrs. Wells reported two new subscribers to "W.R." Sales table well supported.

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Papanui:** Mrs. Tillman presided at the April and May meetings, Mrs. Malcolm leading devotions at one and Mrs. Elliott at the other. Mrs. Hampton gave Temperance Facts at both meetings. Pledge and Roll Calls taken. Collection for District Funds brought 13/-. Birthday invitations received from Riccarton and New Brighton. Five Mental Hospital patients had been visited and entertained at afternoon tea. Readings were given in April by Mesdames Hawken, Hodder and Tillman, and at the May meeting Mrs. Clark, District President, gave a very comprehensive talk on "Peace," which was much appreciated.

**Oxford,** May 10: Met for day of Intercession for World Peace. Suitable reading and address were given by Mrs. Markham and members joined in intercession for peace among the nations. Decided to accept invitation to the 63rd anniversary of the Christchurch Union.

**North Brighton,** April 20: Band of Hope report showed that three meetings had been held. Two new members initiated. Two Handbooks to be purchased. Reported that Miss Henderson's leaflet on "State Control" was on sale at 1/- per dozen. Reports on Prayer Meeting and Coin Evening. At the latter £2/5/- was raised for CORSO. Miss McDonald reported on the Dominion Convention.

May 18: Cradle Roll, Band of Hope, and Mental Hospital visiting reports were given. Invitations to New Brighton and Riccarton birthday parties. Mrs. Griffiths, President of the Riccarton Union was the guest speaker, her subject being "Understanding and co-operation the foundation of Peace," basing her remarks on an article in Arthur Mee's "A wonderful year." The speaker was heartily thanked. Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings.

**Reefton,** May 27: Special meeting called. No one available to take office. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Gilmour agreed to carry on in the meantime. Mrs. Thompson spoke on "Convictions: Have we any? And have we the courage of them?" Miss Watson closed the meeting with prayer.

**Riccarton,** May 13: Eighteen present, Mrs. Griffiths presiding. Miss L. Hughes led Devotions. Two new members initiated. Three members had attended North Brighton's Birthday Party. Letter of thanks from Mrs. Long for large parcels of old silk stockings for mat making. Several invitations received. Letter and flowers sent to a sick member. Mental Hospital report very good. One patient discharged. Mrs. Griffiths gave a very instructive talk on Peace and read extracts on the subject from the Australian

Nurses' Journal, and also from Arthur Mee's "A Wonderful Year." Speaker thanked by special vote. Benediction.

**Christchurch,** May 12: Miss Henderson presided. Thanks for sympathy received from Mrs. J. W. Palk, who recently lost her husband. Gifts of coats received and handed in to Red Cross depot. A gift of £10 donated to "Save the Children" fund.

**Sydenham,** June 3: Fourteen members present. Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, was in the chair. Mrs. Davies conducted Devotions, after which the usual business was transacted. "White Ribbon" Day was observed by members contributing readings, vocal solos being rendered by Mesdames Filer and Weatherhead.

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Timaru,** April: Short business meeting, then all adjourned to Bay Hall to "Home and Family Week" display, and talk by Mrs. Warren, of Christchurch. We had a small display stand and literature for distribution.

May meeting: Mrs. Holdgate presided. Devotions based on "Peace." Prayer for peace in our hearts. Sister Marion gave a talk on Peace in the Home and the Community. Mrs. Holdgate reported on the N.C.W. meeting. Mrs. Woodward reported a quiet month at the "Sailors' Rest." Sales table at each meeting is proving well worth while to augment Union funds.

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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.

**RANGIORA**, last Friday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hodges, 204 King St.; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Smith, 14 Albert St.; Treas., Mrs. Stan Watkins, Southbrook; C.R., Mrs. Hunt, 50 Newnham St.; W.R., Mrs. James, Percival St.

**RICHMOND (Nelson)**, 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., at Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, "Althorpe"; Sec., Mrs. W. Houston, Hill 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. Maunder, Roberts St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, Cameron Rd.

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

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

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

**TE KOPURU**, 3rd 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. K. 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.

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

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

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

**WAIROA, H.B.**, 2nd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. 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 alternatively. 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.