

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Human rights and interdependence of peoples are connected aims. Freedom is based on the realisation that we are all members one of another."—Aims of "Trusteeship," U.N.A.

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THE MAORI AS HE IS TODAY

Address given at a public gathering by a
representative Maori

The subject on which I have been asked to speak, namely, "The Maori as he is today," is indeed a difficult one to present. It is exceedingly so, because it encompasses unlimited horizons of conjectures and hypotheses, yet, in turn, imparts so very little. But, in dealing with it, I shall accept one of the many liberties it offers, and speak of the Maori, not as an individual, but as a race.

You, who are assembled here must realise foremost and first, that to understand the Maori of today, you must, with him, shed your cloak of reservedness, and understand the Maori of "yesterday." Familiarity with his yesteryears fits you to understand him today. Without this knowledge, we are merely the bond-servant of conjecture. To avoid such conflicting and disturbing thoughts, I shall in part devote myself to those years wherein he moved, unfettered, in this land of the Christmas trees.

Let it be remembered, in this assembly, that the Maori of "yesteryears" bore upon his shoulders the ancestral greatness of his people. It was a sacred mantle.

Civilisation had not touched him. He moved with that certain freedom that only the heart enjoys. He held his beliefs, and bowed his head in acknowledgment of the wisdom of his ancestral gods.

And in the course of time, the Maori of yesterday passed on. But the years continued, and into these years stalked the silent shadow of civilisation. Out of the flitting shadows of his proud past, from the depths of his ancient, but proud history, he was born anew. He is the Maori you know of "today." But he is also a sad relic of his ancestral greatness.

He shares with you your generation; but, unlike you, he lives always in the glimpses of his yesteryears, for in those years lay his greatness.

Today, he travels with you, and the civilisation you introduced, its roads and byways, which are alien to his nature. It traced for him, irretrievably, the death of his gods and inherited beliefs, and now he shares with you, your reverence in the crucifixion of the Christ. In his new history, of only 107 years, he had pledged himself to honour the belief you manifested in him.

If of the common mould, wherein in Christian or moral teachings, we are cast, and truly exist, the Maori holds out his aged hand to you for guidance. He cannot stand alone. He needs, as the least of your offerings, your help; but much more, your understanding. To guide him should be the simple action of you who know the story of the Good Samaritan.

The Maori walks with, though not always in step with you. He faces a world, a civilisation, new and promising.

And so, the Maori as he is today, stands before you, stripped of his ancestral greatness. He explores, with obvious timidity, the greatest citadel of your civilisation. He views it, not with misgivings, but with apprehension. He realises that he must accept this citadel, if only to survive. He questions not as to whether it will survive the ravages of a thousand years. He sees only that it spelt the doom of his freedom and his greatness. He finds himself precipitated suddenly into a world of science, and realises that he must go on. He stands in silence, perplexed, perhaps lending an ear to the voices of his ancestral gods, reiterating the deeds of his younger years. But their voices are dimmed by the span of time.

And so, the Maori of today looks wistfully at you, asking you to take his aged hand. He asks only one thing from you, and that is the gift to understand.

To give of this gift would be a noble gesture, but it would only be his just reward. His outstretched hand gropes for guidance. You can give him that. It rests with you to offer so unmistakable an action.

"You are not pledged." Then "Neither is he." But you are both pledged by the finer instincts of your natures, which need the best both can offer.

It needs you and the "Maori of Today."

MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH

One of our members, after reading the November "W.R." last year, sent a copy to Her Majesty, calling her attention to the little article on the front page which referred to the Royal Wedding.

The following letter has been received by the member, Mrs. T. Allely, of the Devonport Union:

Holyroodpalace House,
July, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Allely,—Her Majesty the Queen has read the article with much pleasure, and desires me to thank you.

Her Majesty desires me to say that she is much looking forward to visiting New Zealand next year, and sends her very good wishes.

Yours truly,

JEAN RANKIN, Lady-in-Waiting.

This is a truly queenly courtesy for which we are all grateful.

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AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

MAORI DEPARTMENT

I shall be glad to receive reports of all work done in this Department by the Unions, before December 15.

With grateful thanks to all members who have in this sphere helped to promote the Cause of International Good Fellowship.

C. M. McLAY,
Maori Superintendent.
79, Haupapa Street, Rotorua.

BACKBLOCKS, CAMPS AND INSTITUTIONS

Will all members of Unions who have done work in the above Department please reply promptly to the Questionnaire which they will receive shortly? I hope every Union is working in this Department this year, as recommended by the Findings at Convention.

ALICE MOYES,
Dominion Superintendent.
Weka Street, Nelson.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND FLOWER AND PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENTS

I shall be glad to receive reports from District and Local Superintendents or Secretaries, of the work done in the above Departments, to enable me to prepare my report for the next Dominion Convention.

These reports will be prepared for the District Convention, so that much time could be saved and anxiety avoided by letting me have them when District Convention is over.

A. M. McLAY,
Dominion Superintendent.
79, Haupapa Street, Rotorua.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN

Will all District Superintendents of "Work Among Seamen" please send their reports to me as soon as possible after reading this?

MARGARET GARDINER,
Dominion Superintendent.
421, Trafalgar St. South, Nelson.

L.W.R. DEPARTMENT

The time has arrived for Unions to send their annual reports to their District Superintendents. They should contain the following data:

- Number on Roll (C.R.) at the beginning of the year.
- Number of new members during the year.
- Present number on C.R.
- Activities—homes visited, parties, literature distributed, and any other items of interest.
- Union membership. (This is to ensure correct grading for the banners.)

Will District Superintendents please forward these reports to me as soon as possible? If left till late in the year they are apt to be overlooked in the Christmas rush.

Where there is no District Super-

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

THE PEACE CAMPAIGN

Dear Editor,—

It is refreshing and encouraging to read in the September "W.K." two whole columns advocating the claims of Peace and urging the N.Z.W.C.T.U. to join with Sweden and numerous other countries in an organised constructive Peace Campaign. It is high time the women of the world united to outlaw war. I believe they could if they would.

Personally I was greatly disappointed with the silence of the Peace Department of the N.Z. Union during the recent war, which resulted in even the "White Ribbon" being constrained to support the un-Christ-like methods of war. In this I am afraid it only followed the sad example of the Churches, which, in peace time, denounced war as **contrary to the spirit of the teaching of Jesus Christ**, but on the outbreak of war did not refrain from bowing the knee to the god of war and battles.

We sorely need to be reminded that Satan cannot cast out Satan, that evil can never be vanquished by evil methods. The method of war only adds tremendously to the total amount of sin and misery in the world. There is no short cut to the Kingdom of God; but we can further delay its coming on earth by our want of faith in the way of Jesus Christ, the way of forgiving love, the **only** way to vanquish evil. Love is the strongest thing in the world. "Love **never** faileth," though it may seem to for a time.

We often hear people say the teaching of Jesus is idealistic and unpractical in an unchristian world. I would challenge them to read carefully through the Gospels and they will probably be surprised to find how much of His

teaching could not be put into practice **in any but an unchristian world**. His teaching is the **only** practical way out of the present chaos of our world. Let us feed our hungry enemies, let us clothe them, let us cultivate friendships by correspondence with as many as possible. Masses of the people of Central Europe are hungering and aching for friendship, and their response to overtures of friendly letters is pathetically thrilling.

If any of your readers would like addresses of people in Central Europe to whom to write, and care to communicate with me (address given below) I could supply them in a very short time from lists which are being continually added to, of persons desiring pen friends.

I hope I have not seemed to write merely in a spirit of criticism, for my only desire is to contribute helpfully towards a Peace Campaign. Probably members of the great women's organisations would join in the effort if approached. And in all countries of the world are to be found members of the War Resisters' International, who would gladly co-operate.

The resolution put forward by Mrs. Akersson is an excellent one, and should appeal to women the world over. Let us support it in all sincerity, with all the means at our disposal, that our children and grandchildren may live in a world of love and brotherhood, knowing of war only as an obsolete horror of a dark age.

I am, etc.,

MARY L. WELLS.

Address: Mrs. Arnold Wells, "Mount Hope," Mapua, Nelson.

intendent, will the Local Superintendent please forward the report direct to me?

L. M. BREWER,
Dominion L.W.R. Superintendent.
85, Todman St., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.I.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL OF METHODS

On August 16 the School of Methods was held. At the morning session the Devotions were participated in by all present, Mrs. Kasper presiding. The work of the Evangelistic and Little White Ribboners' Departments was dealt with. Public Speaking and Correct Procedure were also studied.

In the afternoon an address on "Successful Secretaries" was given by Mrs. J. Williams, six Secretaries taking part in the discussion. The correct method of filling in Questionnaires for the Convention was explained. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on "The Winning of the Franchise by the Women of New Zealand and England."

FOOD PARCELS

We are assured on all sides that the need for food parcels for Britain is as great as ever. Many Unions send them regularly and many Church and other organisations also carry on this work of mercy and friendship.

Unions are advised that fat and soap are among the prime necessities. Messages received tell of the difficulties in connection with the soap shortage.

It is a good plan to send to other Unions in England or Scotland. The contents are sure to be well distributed and to reach those who need them most. If no other addresses are known we give the following as being reliable:

Miss Dorothy Staunton, 19c, Medway Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1, and

Mrs. MacFarlane, Greystones, 16 Bruce Road, Glasgow.

It would be a fine thing if each Union could get one parcel away for Christmas.

President's Message

Dear Friends,—

Once again we are facing that very important part of our work—the nomination of Dominion Officers and Superintendents for 1949.

May I remind those who have not been very long in the Union that no one may be nominated unless she has definitely given her consent, and, having given it, she should not withdraw it except for some very serious reason, such as ill-health, either her own or of some member of her family who is dependent on her. Let us earnestly pray that we may accept God's guidance in our choice of Officers and Superintendents.

Did you know that our Editor has received great honour in the Women's Institute? I am sure that we all wish heartily to congratulate her. We feel that we bask in the reflected glory of her achievement.

How proud are you of the W.C.T.U.? If your pride is only a very mild affair will you carefully re-read an article by Mrs. Hiatt beginning on page 2 of the August "White Ribbon"? There you will see how well worth while the Union is of your prayers and, also, how much you, as a Union member, have to be proud of.

Soon you will be, as far as meetings go, thinking of going into recess, and as you make plans for a good start in 1949 please bear in mind that next year is poll year, and that we will have no time to spare making plans when we should have our work well under way.

There is good literature to be obtained from Headquarters, and even a little of it carefully and prayerfully distributed during the holiday season will help in educating those "who need to know."

We need to remember too, that being in recess does not mean slackening in our efforts to defeat the liquor trade. The Devil has never been known to take a holiday. His efforts to debase our young men and women will not stop because we are "taking a holiday."

There can be no doubt of our ultimate victory but it can only come through prayer and faith in God. He has promised the victory and no one CAN prevent His keeping His promise. There's a glorious day before us. "Don't stop praying that good may win—don't stop praying. God answers prayer." The day is soon coming when our banner shall stand in the field of Victory.

My loving greetings to you all,

C. E. KIRK, Dominion President.

"Within the Veil"

MISS MARY JACKSON,
ASHBURTON UNION

The Ashburton Union records the passing of one of their most devoted and best-loved members, in the person of Miss Mary Jackson, in her 80th year.

She was a member of the Ashburton Union since the time when she first came to the town, 47 years ago. She served the Union in the capacity of President, Vice-President, Superintendent of "Work among Seamen," and of the "Band of Hope" with the utmost diligence and selfless devotion. During the years she was very rarely absent from a meeting, until compelled by illness to give up.

Her work was characterised by vigour and zeal. She never thought anything too difficult to do in the interests of "God, Home and Humanity." Her love for souls, especially of young people, was the motive of her indefatigable fight against the liquor traffic and its attendant evils. We, who gathered at the graveside, had the joy of knowing that she was "For ever with the Lord." During her long life she had served Him faithfully and well and has received His "Well done." We look forward to meeting her "In the morning."

MRS. A. PLATT, HENDERSON
UNION

The Henderson Union regrets to record the recent passing of Mrs. A. Platt at the age of 87. She was a faithful and earnest worker for the Temperance Cause. Mrs. Platt was one of the foundation members when the Union was formed 34 years ago. She was elected President in 1922 and remained in that office for 17 years, when she was compelled to retire through failing health. Although unable to attend the meetings for many years past, she was always keenly interested in our work. Her strong, brave and noble character was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was one of the first pioneers of the district, having lived in Henderson for over 50 years. The love and esteem in which she was held was shown by the large number who attended the funeral service to pay their last tribute to one whose memory will be ever honoured.

"DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

HYMN 68

O it is hard to work for God
To rise and take His part
Upon this battle-field of life
And not sometimes lose heart.

Workman of God, Oh, lose not heart,
But learn what God is like;
And in the darkest battle-field
Thou shalt know where to strike.

For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty
To falter would be sin.

Scripture Reading: 2nd Corinthians,
Ch. 12, Vs. 7-10.

In no work for God is the power of discouragement more felt than in that done for Temperance. The dreadful power of the drink habit, which can bring to naught so much desire for better things, and so much earnest prayer for the rescue of the poor victim, seems at times to take away all hope and belief in the value of effort to counteract it.

Many years ago, in a great City Mission in the Home Country, after a great concert had been held on a Saturday evening as a means of keeping a few hundreds of people out of the public-houses with which the district was lavishly supplied, supper was being served to the artists who had provided the programme. Deaconesses and staff workers were in and out of the room, when a young eager girl came to the Deaconess in charge of the little function and whispered to her. The face of the Deaconess lit up strangely, and she rose from her chair, saying quietly, "Annie has signed the pledge for the 23rd time. Will you excuse me?"

"The 23rd time?" was the incredulous response. "But, how discouraging."

"Discouraging?" cried she. "Oh, it is most wonderfully encouraging. If she stopped signing, then I **should** be discouraged."

This Deaconess bore a name widely known and honoured in many lands. The holy light that shone in her face revealed her faith in the possibility of "Annie's" final victory. Is not this the secret for us? The "frequent fall" of the poor drinker, however heart-breaking, should not daunt us, but should stimulate to more earnest effort.

Let us thank God for all the wonderful ways in which He can take hold of the broken life, the enfeebled will and the deadened conscience, and restore strength and courage to the fallen.

Prayer.

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CONVENTIONS—ARE THEY WORTH WHILE?

At the time of writing, the Convention season is just getting into its swing. Auckland has begun, South Auckland is on its heels, and by the time this is in the hands of our readers, many of them will be over for this year.

As part of our regular programme, they are anticipated with considerable eagerness for many reasons. The pleasure of reunion with so many who are of our own mind is always great, and the common aims of those who assemble produce a deep and real harmony of intercourse which is very precious. Then there is, of course, the expectation of a spiritual uplift, and it is not often that this is absent from Convention. Strength and encouragement are the results of this and we are right to hope for all that it can give. Devotional Periods stand out in the memory often when business sessions have become hazy, and they are a very important part of Conventions.

In regard to our W.C.T.U. life, the District Convention has a definite function to carry out. It is a kind of half-way house in the year when we must glance back to see how, and how far, we have travelled; and also a girding up of our loins for the things that still remain for us to do. The compiling of Departmental Reports for

some, of Union Reports for others, and of Financial Reports for Treasurers, is an interesting business. There is nothing like it for bringing home to one the needs of the work, the large amount of work accomplished and the weaknesses of our half-year's activities. For the last, it is always some consolation that it is not too late to make up for some of the deficiencies which seem so glaring in the light of the searching questionnaires from Departmental Superintendents. And so we assess our resources, see what can be done, and if possible, do it, and get off to Convention wishing we had a little more time to put things in order.

At Convention, there is much pleasure in hearing of the many different ways adopted for carrying out our tasks. The Union Reports are very valuable in giving this information and many a good piece of work has become general through being mentioned thus. But, from every Convention held, it would seem to be a good thing if at least one outstanding idea should be carried away by the delegates to be translated into action in their Unions later. There may be several such; but too often the general impression remaining is confused, partly because of insufficient time being available for all that is to be done, and, more often, because of a lack of discrimination as to the relative importance of matters on the Agenda. There should be a concentration on those things which make for our success in the actual prosecution of our principal aims. Methods of working, and the selection of them, are to be considered; and the circumstances of each Union, with the needs of its particular district, call for vision and initiative. Union difficulties in carrying out such work as may be recommended are sometimes very real, and it is at Convention that help should be forthcoming for those in specially handicapped places. And this may be one of the most important things to be done, even though it may seem to be inconsiderable.

The constructive element in the District Convention should be prominent. The small Unions need the suggestions and the widened outlook that can be given by the larger ones of the towns and cities, though it can never be said that the latter have a monopoly of originality and initiative. Country Unions can give lessons to town ones quite often; but the easier contact with the people who are "in" work such as ours, and the more

frequent opportunities of meeting in cities, give an advantage which can be shared through the Convention avenue.

Then there is the attitude of the Delegate to the task given her by her Union when they appoint her to represent them. It is most necessary for her to understand that, pleased as her Union may be to make it possible for her to attend Convention, they have every right to expect a proper return. She should be very sure that she is prepared to bring back as full a report of the actual doings of the Convention as she possibly can. This does not mean that every word spoken is to be recounted, or even that every piece of business done is to be told; but it does mean that everything which involves the Union, and the members, should be conscientiously passed on to them. Memory is not to be trusted for the proper compilation of a Delegate's report. She should remember Frances Willard's slogan: "At the point of the pencil," and WRITE, WRITE, WRITE what she needs to take back. It soon becomes easy, but practice is sometimes needed.

And, when you go to Convention, do spare a thought for your District Officers. In a way, theirs may be a lonely task. Their work is done under difficulties generally. All the difficulties of Unions are theirs also. If the Secretary of a Union is ill, that makes difficulty for the District Secretary, and her work depends very largely on the way in which you do yours. So back them up all you can and try to feel that they need our help and sympathetic understanding in their work for us and our Unions.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Brooklyn: "The great cause of social crime is drink: the greatest cause of poverty is drink. When I hear of a family broken up, I ask the cause—drink. When I visit the prisons and ask why the inmates are there, the answer is drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, 'Why do not men put a stop to this evil?'"—Archbishop Ireland.

Given at Papanui: "Even small quantities of alcohol impair the efficiency of factory workers by one-seventh of their output."—Philip Snowden.

Miss Elsie Andrews



To all who knew her personally, and those who knew of her work in the many fields of service in which she had taken a prominent part, the news of Miss Elsie Andrews' passing, announced briefly in our last issue, came as a great shock and grief. As one of our Dominion workers, our organisation had opportunities of meeting her and forming some small idea of the fineness of her character as well as of her brilliant intellect. As our Educational Officer for some years, she carried out excellent work in high schools, colleges and institutions of various kinds, addressing many hundreds of young people, and bringing before them the ideals of purity and temperance as the basis of good citizenship.

Miss Andrews was the youngest child of a family of 10, Huirangi being her birthplace, a few miles from New Plymouth. She was the grand-daughter of pioneers, who landed in New Plymouth in the "Timandra" in 1842. In the little book of poems, entitled "The Plymouth Ships," which Miss Andrews composed, and which were published last year, these good people are commemorated as "Simon and Jane."

At an early age, "Elsie" showed the promise of future ability. She won a Junior National Scholarship, topping the list for all New Zealand, and went then to the New Plymouth High School, where she spent what she called the happiest years of her life. She went into the teaching profession, and was well known always as a prominent personality in the N.Z. Teachers' Institute. She became a Life Member of the Educational Institute and also of the Women Teachers' Association. She held the highest offices in both of these organisations, and her name was familiar to all members of the profession.

Perhaps her work in connection with the Pan-Pacific Association brought

her into contact with more people outside the teaching ranks, and her unceasing efforts in the direction of promoting friendship and understanding among the peoples of the Pacific were among her major activities. She always felt that war was a thing to be outlawed, and that women would have to make themselves heard in the councils of their countries in order to end war.

Her active membership of the National Council of Women, of the U.N.A. and as a member of the New Plymouth High Schools Board of Governors, in addition to many smaller spheres of usefulness, made her life one of continuous work and service. Her extremely well-balanced mind, clarity of understanding, cultured tastes, and splendid character, with her benign and happy demeanour, made her one to be loved, esteemed, and respected by everyone who knew her. The W.C.T.U. has lost a most able counsellor, and public life generally will be much the poorer for her passing.

Her sisters and intimate friends suffer very keenly under the suddenness of their loss. Scarcely a month of illness, during which Miss Andrews continued happy and hopeful of recovery, preceded her departure. It is a matter for thankfulness that no long suffering added to the grief of those who were with her. Last year she wrote these words:

"Now at life's eventide clear sounds
the Call

O'er dale and hill, broad plain and
seaward foam;

Upon each wanderer's ear its echoes
fall,

And one by one, our family turns
home.

"So may I come, when toil and fret are
past,

Back to the earth which knew my
childhood's tread;

My dust to this dear dust return at
last,

My spirit re-unite with these my
dead."

And in the cemetery at Huirangi her dust now lies, so soon after these words, full of deep attachment to the scene of her early life and of the strong love of the family, which never lessened, were written.

Much more could be said of her, but any words would be inadequate to express all that her passing means to so many people. We give thanks for her life and example, her fearless attitude, in whatever company she found herself, towards the sins and follies of present-day life; and the benign, gracious spirit of understanding which shone through all the brilliance of her intellectual achievements. God grant that other women may rise to give as she has given, of all her gifts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

GATHERINGS AT PAPATOETOE

On August 18, the Papatoetoe Union held a special meeting. Invitations had been sent to various local organisations to be present to meet Mr. and Mrs. Lopdell. A very representative meeting resulted. Mr. Lopdell gave a very interesting and informative address. He told of the beginning of the W.C.T.U. in New Zealand and explained the work of the N.Z. Alliance, besides telling some of his many and varied experiences during his long term of office in the N.Z. Police Force. All agreed that this was a very well worthwhile meeting, and was greatly enjoyed.

RICCARTON CRADLE ROLL PARTY

On August 26 Riccarton Branch held its Annual Cradle Roll Party in the Methodist Sunday School, which was decorated with flowers. There was a very good attendance of 46 children with mothers. Mrs. Griffiths presided and welcomed all present. After Devotions, Mrs. Griffiths read the Preamble and told the mothers something about the aims and objects of the Union and the departments of work, giving Helen Keller's message: "Women's opportunity is NOW to push the world along in the right direction." She urged all to push hard for the remit from the Howard League for Penal Reform: "That talks for Peace should be broadcast as well as war talks," and that we should have a "Minister of Peace." She issued a challenge for us to work to make the world a safer and cleaner place for our young folk to live in, and to work in, urging the young mothers to join our ranks and to help the older ones who will have to step out. She spoke of the need for reform in radio programmes. This was a short, but very inspiring, talk. Several items were rendered. The children then played games while tea was served to the mothers; then while the children had tea at a long table in an adjoining room the mothers were entertained with a competition. The children's table was laden with good things, including the birthday cake which was nicely decorated. Each child had a paper hat. After tea all were lined up according to ages and presented with a very nice toy and some goodies. A parcel was sent to each absent child.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was proposed by a mother, Mrs. Henderson, and a very happy and successful afternoon was brought to a close with the Doxology.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY, TE KOPURU

Te Kopuru Union celebrated its 21st birthday at a party held in the Mission Hall, when the President, Mrs. H. O. Bickers, presided over a representative gathering. Members from the Darga-

ville Union and District Officers and visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Roberts, District Vice-President, responded, extending greetings and giving encouragement to carry on with greater zeal, asking members to remember that the motto, "For God, Home and Humanity" applied to the work of today, any of today's reforms being the result of yesterday's work.

Mrs. Sarich, first Secretary of the Aratapu Union, read the Minutes of the initial meeting. Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth read the Minutes of the present Branch, held 21 years ago. The Roll was called of all the 30 original members, nine of whom have been called to "Higher Service." A few moments of silent remembrance "In Memoriam" were observed.

Items were enjoyed. Mrs. T. Bickers acted as accompanist. Mrs. S. S. Green, District President, stressed the importance of the work in her address and appealed for more members. Four new members joined, four previous members renewing membership. Shoulder sprays were presented to the visiting officers, artistes and older members, and the President extended thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the occasion.

Mrs. Jolly, President of the Dargaville Union, expressed, on behalf of the visitors, appreciation for the pleasant afternoon, giving best wishes for the future. Mrs. Roberts, for many years District President, cut the cake, which was decorated in icing with the Union monograms and white ribbon bows.

NEWS OF ASHBURTON UNION

Interesting meetings are held every month in Baring Square Schoolroom, under the leadership of Sister Mildred.

The Band of Hope season opened on June 3 in the Salvation Army Hall. Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, gave a series of lantern pictures, which were enjoyed by young and old. The Band of Hope musical, elocutionary, and Bible reading competitions commenced on July 16 and are proving most popular.

A successful afternoon was held for "Seamen's Day." Miss E. Jackson gave the annual report of the Timaru "Sailors' Rest" which was very encouraging.

Ashburton has suffered a great loss in the death of Sister M. Jackson. At one time President, she was also for many years the Leader of the Band of Hope, which owes its past success to her untiring efforts. She was also Superintendent of the "Seamen's Day." She did what she could for her Lord and Master, giving of her best for the W.C.T.U., to which she was devoted.

Ashburton was greatly privileged to have a visit from Mrs. Mackie. She is a gifted speaker, with a winning personality. She outlined her travels to America to the World Convention. All enjoyed her talk, which was full of amusing instances and interesting de-

tails of the Convention; also of the beautiful places and buildings she had seen. She said she was proud to be a member of the W.C.T.U. and to be amongst so many highly intellectual women of the world. The W.C.T.U. is a fine band, stating the importance of the work it undertakes.

ANNUAL SOCIAL AFTERNOON, SYDENHAM UNION

Sydenham Branch held their annual Social Afternoon in the Baptist Hall on Thursday, September 2, 1948. Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, was in the chair, and extended a hearty welcome to visitors from nearby Church Guilds. There were 13 members of our Branch present. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies.

Particular mention was made of the forthcoming Temperance Rally to be held on Sunday, September 19, in the Salvation Army Citadel.

A delightful programme of glee and sketches was provided by members of the Bryndwr Women's Institute, Mrs. Roberts acting as accompanist.

The Benediction was pronounced by Mrs. MacLachlan, and a happy afternoon was brought to a close.

TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY, TAURANGA UNION

On August 19 Tauranga Union held its 26th Birthday Party, a very good attendance of members and visitors being present. The hall was gaily decorated with spring flowers. Miss A. McLay, District President, was the speaker and gave a most interesting account of the work and aims of the W.C.T.U., with encouraging and helpful references to past success in many fields. A programme of music was presented, part songs by the choir of the Tauranga Women's Institute giving much pleasure. Songs by Mrs. W. Francis, and a pianoforte duet by Mesdames Edwards and Christian being also enjoyed. Competitions also formed part of the entertainment. The beautiful birthday cake was cut by the only gentleman present, Mr. Crabbe, who for many years has been a strong supporter of the Temperance Cause. A splendid "Bring and Buy" table did good business, and a retiring collection for the needs of our work brought the total takings to £11/7/10. Much interest was awakened among those present in the work of the Union by Miss McLay's address, and new members are joining up as a result. Sincere thanks were accorded Miss McLay.

"PAY-UP SOCIAL," ONEHUNGA UNION

On August 12, Onehunga Union held its "Pay-up Social." There was a good attendance. Business included the arrangements for District Convention and appointment of delegates. Solos were given by Miss Smith and recitations by Mrs. Hatton. An address was

given by Pastor L. R. H. Beaumont, who traced the work of the Christian Church through history, especially stressing the work in recent centuries. The work of the Wesleys, so tremendous in its influence and coming when it was so much needed, was described.

The speaker mentioned names and activities of many men and women in all walks of life who had toiled for the betterment of humanity. Then followed a description of the beauties of Tasmania, seen during a visit to that Island. He also told of the penal settlements and the old prisons still there, with their tiny, unlighted cells, which had been occupied by prisoners. But at that time, humanitarians were starting to work. Queen Victoria exerted a Christian influence in her day, and the British have always acted with a Christian outlook to help the oppressed and afflicted. The listeners were advised to familiarise themselves with these facts.

Important Announcements

Owing to the expected visit of Their Majesties and the probable difficulties of travelling and accommodation, it has been agreed that the Dominion Convention shall be held in February, the tentative dates being Wednesday the 16th to Tuesday the 22nd. Timaru will be the Convention town.

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS for 1949-50 are called. Consent to nomination must be obtained. CLOSING DATE, NOVEMBER 12.

R. UNDERHILL, Rec. Sec.

NOW, HEAR THIS!

A friend of ours is more than a little amused by the notes one agency puts on liquor copy it sends to newspapers. These read:

- "1. Sports page preferred.
- "2. Copy must be kept away from other liquor advertising.
- "3. Copy must be kept away from local cut-rate liquor advertising.
- "4. Copy must be kept away from headache or stomach-distress advertising.
- "5. Copy must also be kept away from news items on Drunken Driving, Death Notices, Church Items, Anti-Liquor Articles, etc."

—Advertising Age, May 10, 1948.

PROHIBITION THE MASTER METHOD

"Let us examine the laws relating to intoxicating liquor. They are a strange medley of prohibitions and permissions. It will be found from experience that they succeed to the extent that they embody prohibitions and that they fail in so far as they contain permissions. Thus the present licensing laws in England have some merit, not because they allow the sale of intoxicants in certain premises and at certain times, but because they prohibit the general sale of intoxicating liquors, because they prohibit its sale, even in licensed premises, for 15 or 16 hours a day, and because they prohibit the sale to persons under a certain age. An investigation into the drink problem and its social results will clearly establish the fact that all the trouble arises from the permissions under the law, and not from the prohibitions.

"If we define prohibition as a principle then, of course, there are differing degrees of the application of that principle. Unfortunately, in the minds of many people, prohibition has come to mean the social condition resultant from the application of the principle of prohibition, regardless of the fact that a state of complete prohibition is, from a practical point of view, as idealistic as a state of complete truthfulness or complete honesty.

"We do not condemn the laws prohibiting theft because a certain minority of the population disobey these laws and offend the social conscience. We should not, therefore, judge prohibition because it is to some degree evaded; but we should judge it in comparison with the nature and extent of the drink problem in the community before prohibition became operative.

"We can never make progress towards our ideal by lowering the application of the principle. . . . Every problem of licensing reform can be tested in the light of the prohibition principle, always reminding ourselves that such reform is only effective in so far as it prohibits or restricts the sale of drink and that it is ineffective in so far that it is permissive in its intention. . . . There can be no doubt that where prohibition is effectively enforced, and where it has the support of public opinion, it does represent the most successful way of dealing with the liquor traffic."

These excerpts are from a lecture delivered under the auspices of the World Prohibition Federation, by Mr. H. Cecil Heath, B.A., Barrister-at-Law (London), at a conference held July, 1948, in Lucerne, Switzerland. The full lecture is obtainable from the Federation, 32, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. (Price 3d. each, post free.)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

During the past week we have come into possession of the book entitled "Alcoholics Anonymous." Some time ago we published under the title "The Alcoholic Foundation" a full page account of this great approach to the liquor problem as it exists in the lives of thousands of people all over the world. The book referred to contains detailed personal accounts of the operation of "Alcoholics Anonymous," and the stories are moving and convincing to a remarkable degree.

The "Patriot," an Australian Temperance Journal, while expressing agreement with the very largely accepted theory that alcoholism is a disease, says, quoting from "A Psychiatrist":

"It may be true that it is a disease, but if we pound that idea into people, they get the idea that they have no responsibility, any more than they are responsible for contracting the measles. They shift the blame to me. I am a bad doctor because I can cure less than 50 per cent. of the alcoholics that come to me. If they keep on drinking, the medical profession is to blame for not figuring out a way to stop them."

And in a later issue, we find the following paragraphs:

"We agree that if alcoholism is a disease, it 'should be treated as such.' Smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, infantile paralysis are treated as diseases. Their sources are investigated—and cleaned out. Their victims while sick, are isolated for the protection of the public. **No one makes money selling the germs that cause these diseases.** 'None of these diseases breeds crime. They crowd no jails, no auto fatalities are charged to them, nor do they cause that dread disease—syphilis (though alcohol does).'"—R. W. Bascom, in *Hammer Away*, September-October, 1947.

We are told over and over again that alcoholism is a disease. Mrs. Leigh Colvin, a W.C.T.U. leader in U.S.A., declares that "if alcoholism is a disease, it is a self-inflicted one. No person ever contracted the disease because of a germ, or through physical contact. If it is a disease, it is the only one that makes a man commit immoral acts. Cancer or tuberculosis do not inspire a man to immoral acts or to murder. Alcoholism is not a disease, but an alibi."—(Alibi here, means the personality has been ousted by alcohol.—Editor "The Patriot.")

It will be noted that, though these quotations appear to be chary in their expressions of approval of the suggestion that "disease" may be the proper designation of a great deal of alcoholism, they do not make a denial of the possibility. That, as a disease, it is "self-inflicted," does not make it any the less a disease. The man who by perpetual overwork brings himself to the verge of physical and mental disaster cannot be said to be anything but a case for medical treatment because he himself is responsible for his condition, and

whatever our indignation may lead us to feel towards the victim of his own weakness and folly, pity and desire to do everything possible for his reclamation should give us cause to welcome any method likely to bring this about.

Once again, we publish the Twelve Steps laid down as the basis of the cure which has worked for so many of those under the ban of the fatal craving.

One of these ex-victims says:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3. Made a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God **as we understood Him.**

4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5. Admitted to God, ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8. Made a list of all the persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

11. Sought by prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God **as we understood Him**, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practise these principles in all our affairs.

World membership now exceeds 60,000. Each of these people is bound by his own consent to help other people who are still in the power of the evil thing. Nearly 2,000 groups are functioning, and it is good to know that New Zealand has its centre also. Complete anonymity is a feature of the A.A. membership.

Our prayers and thanksgiving for so many set free from the bonds of sin are surely rightly to be offered.

"DISEASE SOLD HERE"

Alcoholism is a disease or, if you prefer, a sickness.

We license places where you can go and expose yourself to this disease if you wish to do so.

In fact, you can buy a case of alcoholism at hundreds of thousands of stores maintained for sale of this illness.

In order that no one who wants this disease will be unable to know where he can catch it, approximately one hundred million dollars is spent every year advertising how and where the disease may be acquired.

—The Wesley Quarterly.

HOME MAKERS' CORNER

BY LYNETTE

BANANAS

Answering a knock at the door some weeks ago, I found a carrier there resting a very large box on his knee. "Where shall I put your case of bananas?" he asked.

"Case of bananas!" I echoed. "That is not for us."

We stood in the dusk and argued the point, and it was only when I had seen for myself the address on the case that I agreed that it must be ours, and only when he suggested that he take them down the street and sell them, that I came out of my daze sufficiently to tell him to put them in the washhouse. My former B.C. Leader, now in Fiji, had sent them, and what a thrill they were! For a few days we could do no more than go out occasionally and gloat over their green curves, then I spring-cleaned and re-arranged the cupboard under the stairs, setting dozens of bananas out on the shelves to ripen in the dark. Dozens more I bestowed on various delighted neighbours, and still more dozens were sold at a social in aid of our Sunday School alterations.

As they have come to ripeness, we have had banana cakes, banana puddings, banana salads, banana ice cream, and just bananas! I have even preserved half-a-dozen bottles to use for fruit salads later on. They are very easily done, and if you can get bananas now in the shops, it may pay to do a few jars. Do not use a steel knife to peel or cut the fruit, but use a silver knife of some sort (even a butter knife will do) as the

steel will blacken them. When peeled, further prevent darkening by placing them in a bowl of water to which lemon juice or salt has been added. Cook the fruit either whole or sliced, by your usual method, using a light syrup of one cup of sugar to three cups of water.

Not everyone has a "Fairy God-mother" in Fiji to send them bananas that they can use for cooking, but the dried ones are an excellent substitute. To most people they seem too solid to eat raw, but they make a universal appeal when added to cakes, puddings, etc. If a recipe calls for banana pulp, cut them up and soak overnight, but otherwise just cut and soak them for half-an-hour in boiling water.

Here are some recipes using dried bananas:

Banana Cookies: 2oz. dripping, 1 egg, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ packet ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb.) bananas cut and soaked in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, 1 cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cups rolled oats, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon ginger, 3 teaspoons baking powder.

Cream the dripping and sugar, add the beaten egg, rolled oats and sift in the other dry ingredients. Lastly add the bananas with the water they have soaked in. If necessary a little

milk may be added. Bake in a moderate oven (325deg. F.).

Banana Chiffon Pie: Bake a pie shell of short pastry either in an enamel plate or a sponge cake tin, and when cool add the following filling:

$\frac{1}{2}$ packet ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb.) bananas soaked overnight in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, pinch salt, 3 eggs-separated, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water, grated rind and juice of half a lemon, grate rind of 1 and juice of 2 oranges, 1 tablespoon gelatine.

Mash the bananas and mix in the top of a double boiler with the rinds, juices, salt, sugar and egg yolks. Cook till thick. Soak the gelatine 5 minutes in cold water and dissolve in the hot custard. When cool, add the beaten whites and pour into the pie shell to set.

Banana Fritters: 1 cup flour, 2 table-spoons sugar, 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ packet bananas ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb.) soaked in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water.

Sift dry ingredients, add beaten egg and bananas and water. A little milk may be added if necessary. Fry in deep, hot fat until golden brown. Drain on brown paper and sprinkle with icing sugar.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" - 27

CLUES

Across

- 1—Apply pressure.
6—Headland.
10—Partly poisoned.
11—Garden of delight.
12—Bond.
13—Turn back.
15—A taste of the wild.
16—Swiss Mountaineers do this.
18—It may have preceded the hen.
19—Flood.
20—Annoy.
21—Bar-room odours.
23—"The — went forth sowing."
25—He comes at Christmas.
28—Water jug.
30—Relative to laymen.
31—Extreme thinness.
32—Often seen with that.
33—Queen's name.

Down

- 1—Jetty running out into the sea.
2—Low-growing wild plant life.
3—Walk.
4—Valuable food.
5—Folk dance.
6—Intrigue.
7—Mighty, though small.
8—Entry, sometimes by force.
9—Swirling water.



SOLUTION TO NO. 26

Across.—1, Doat; 5, Am; 9, Finger-marks; 12, Isle; 13, Gait; 14, Sty; 15, Bag; 17, Ply; 18, Hi; 19, Alloa; 21, Fe; 22, Nile; 23, Ecu; 24, E.G.; 25, Lapse; 27, L.A.; 29, Lug; 31, Tot; 32, End; 33, Bias; 35, Area; 36, Astigmatism; 39, Hero; 40, Sees.

Down.—1, Distinguish; 2, Only; 3, Ace; 4, Te; 5, Am; 6, Rag; 7, Trap; 8, Skilfulness; 9, Fish; 10, Real; 11, Sty; 13, Bleat; 16, Goest; 19, All; 20, Ace; 24, Elba; 26, Poem; 28, Adam; 30, Gate; 32, Erie; 34, Sir; 35, Ate; 37, Go; 38, As.

- 14—His roles are not successes.
15—Equips.
21—Cap.
22—Town on the Black Sea.
23—Resting place.
24—Repulsive insect.
26—A widow rejoiced here.
27—Skin trouble.
29—Poisonous drink.

FINDINGS OF THE WOMEN'S STATUS COMMITTEE, U.N.A.

ON COMMERCIALISED PROSTITUTION AND VENEREAL DISEASE

The following resolution is so directly in line with the W.C.T.U.'s long-declared policy regarding the subject, that we publish it with great satisfaction. It was framed at Lake Success in January of this year.

"Resolution on Commercialised Prostitution and Venereal Disease."

The Commission considered a draft resolution on venereal disease. The subject matter within the terms of reference of the Social Commission and the World Health Organisation, it was decided to include it as an Annex of the present report for transmission to these bodies.

Whereas

Commercialised prostitution and State regulation of prostitution is a violation of human rights and is contrary to the principles of the United Nations and brings the greatest dishonour, degradation, and humiliation upon women;

Whereas

It is known that in many countries powerful and wealthy interests are involved in commercialised vice and in the traffic in women, and oppose all efforts to eradicate this social evil;

Whereas

The existence of brothels provides a market for women and therefore encourages traffic in women, which is contrary to international conventions;

Whereas

Registered brothels and registered prostitutes create a false sense of security from infection from venereal disease; and

Whereas

The best informed opinion today is that the evils of prostitution and venereal disease should be dealt with by social workers and doctors and that the most effective preventive of venereal disease is free and secret treatment of venereal disease accompanied by suitable education;

Therefore

The Commission on the Status of Women requests the Economic and Social Council to forward this resolution to the Social Commission and the World Health Organisation for their information.

WHEN I HAVE TIME

When I have time, so many things I'll do,
To make life happier and more fair
For those whose lives are crowded now with care,
I'll help to lift them from their low despair,
When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I love so well
Shall know no more the weary toiling days;
I'll lead his feet in pleasant paths always
And cheer his heart with words of sweetest praise,
When I have time.

When you have time! The friend you hold so dear
May be beyond the reach of all your sweet intent,
May never know that you so kindly meant
To fill his life with bright content,
When you had time.

Now is the time! Speed friend, no longer wait,
To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer
To those around whose lives are now so drear;
They may not need you in that far-off year,
Now is the time.

—Author unknown.

COMPARISON: FOOD AND ALCOHOL

That alcohol is not a food, but a poison, may be detected from the following comparisons:

Food is essential to growth;
Alcohol tends to stunt growth.
Food is essential to the repair of the body;
Alcohol is useless for repair of the body.

Food provides muscular power;
Alcohol decreases muscular power.
Food provides nerve energy;
Alcohol deadens nerve centres.

Food maintains warmth in the body;
Alcohol dissipates heat of the body.
Food aids physical endurance;
Alcohol markedly lessens endurance.

Food aids resistance to disease;
Alcohol lowers resistance to disease.
Food does not deaden higher brain centres;
Alcohol inhibits conscience, will-power, judgment.

Food can be stored in the body;
Alcohol cannot be stored in the body.
Food is not habit-forming;
Alcohol is a habit-forming narcotic drug.

—By F. L. Furry, M.D., in The Union Signal.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Te Kopuru, August: Mrs. H. O. Bickers presided and led Devotions. Temperance Fact. Pan-Pacific Conference literature discussed. Substantial prize money donated by two members for prizes for school children sitting for the Temperance Examinations. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. H. H. Cole in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Poole of Hawera, aged 93, who was President of a W.C.T.U. in 1911. An article by Victoria Grigg, M.A., on John Wesley and his attitude to intemperance and the conversion of drunkards was read.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, September 6: Meeting in the Temperance Room, Queen Street. District President, Mrs. Mountjoy, presided over a good attendance. Devotions were led by Miss H. Grigg. Mrs. J. W. Long reported that she had sent the letter and a beautiful spray of flowers to Miss Helen Keller on the eve of her departure from Auckland for Australia. The President of the Northcote Union, Miss Weigall, reported that one of their members, Mrs. Allely, had sent a copy of an article which had appeared in the "White Ribbon" on the occasion of Princess Elizabeth's marriage, to Her Majesty the Queen, and had recently received a reply from Miss Jean Rankin, Lady in Waiting, saying that Her Majesty had read the article with much pleasure, and thanking her for sending it. District Convention arrangements were finalised. Maori Girls' Hostel report given by Mrs. J. W. Long, and N.C.W. report by Mrs. Mountjoy, who also announced that the N.C.W. Annual Conference would be held in Auckland during the month.

Warkworth, August 12: Mrs. R. Moore presiding; good attendance of members and visitors. After the Devotional period, Mrs. Rowe gave the Thought for the Month, and Mrs. Hope the Temperance Fact. The Roll Call on "Faith" brought forth many uplifting thoughts. Following the general business, the President introduced Miss E. U. Beny, organiser for the British and Foreign Bible Society, who, by a series of beautiful posters, held the attention and touched the hearts of all. Several members volunteered as collectors for B.F.B.S. Afternoon tea and fellowship closed a happy hour.

Remuera, August 27: Mrs. Kasper presiding. Devotions led by Mesdames Mackey and Laird. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Gané. Pledge. Discussed District Convention and appointment of delegate. Pianoforte solo was given by Mrs. Cardwell and a recitation by Miss French, both ladies being heartily thanked. Choruses were sung. Meeting took the form of a "Pay-up Social." Benediction.

Ponsonby, August 19: Mrs. R. Joiner, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. B. Christopher. The speaker was Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, and she gave a most interesting and enlightening account of the N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting. The President thanked Mrs. Mountjoy for her splendid report, and the meeting closed in the usual way.

Wellsford, August meeting: Excellent attendance presided over by Mrs. Singleton, President. Devotions conducted by the Rev. R. E. Fordyce. Temperance Fact given. Union one year old, so special Birthday Social Afternoon held and enjoyed by all. Guest speaker, Captain Smith of the Salvation Army, who gave a stirring address, much appreciated. Duet by Mesdames Fordyce and L. Bennett, and solo by Mrs. Yates. Competitions also held. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Fordyce and Thompson. Prettily iced birthday cake with its one candle, was made by Mrs. Phillips, and served at the conclusion of afternoon tea. Benediction.

Onehunga, Sept. 2: Meeting held at Waitangi Methodist Church with the ladies there, was arranged instead of the usual Home Meeting, under the Presidency of Mrs. Mountjoy. Programme of Devotions, Temperance Fact and recitations by Mrs. Hatton, followed by a bright, interesting address by Mrs. Mountjoy, who told concisely the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U., describing the Maori Girls' Hostel, and other activities, illustrating with stories and anecdotes.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames, August 4: Small attendance. Subject, "Alcohol from a medical standpoint." Several members contributed readings on

(1) "Alcohol in treatment of pneumonia," (2) "Is it a food?" (3) "Use in accidents," (4) "Its effect on body and brain," (5) "Alcohol and consumption," (6) "Alcohol and malnutrition," (7) "Medical Temperance Quiz."

September 1: Annual Cradle Roll afternoon held in Methodist Hall. President welcomed mothers and children who attended in very inclement weather. Fine programme of music and recitations by several boys and girls, and a reading by Mrs. Grey proved very enjoyable. Short Temperance talk on "Apples and Bees" given by the President. Mrs. Jensen also addressed the children on "Willie the Fly" and gave some good advice to mothers. Literature distributed. Afternoon tea dispensed.

Hamilton, September 2: Social afternoon. Splendid attendance. Items by two Maori girls, ex-pupils of Turakina College. Address by Miss C. M. McLay, "74 years of warfare," an outline of the birth, growth and progress of the W.C.T.U. Three new members initiated, including the two Maori girls who had been trained in Turakina "Y" Branch. Arrangements for District Convention and Temperance Rally finalised.

Tauranga, September 7: Mrs. Christian presided over good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Williamson, subject "Prayer." Vote of sympathy and deep respect passed in connection with the passing of Miss Elsie Andrews. Reports on Pan-Pacific Association, N.C.W., Band of Hope and Birthday Celebrations received. Mrs. York appointed Convention Delegate for District Convention at Hamilton. Nomination made for Dominion Officers. Franchise Day observed by talk and reading of extracts from "W.R." by President. Bring and Buy for N.Z. Fund realised £17/6. Letter of thanks received from Miss Drew for "Seamen's Parcel" sent by Mrs. Boag. Agreed to ask for "urgency leave" to present remits at District Convention.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, August 25: Very enjoyable meeting. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Stewart took the chair. Small attendance owing to "flu" epidemic. Visitors welcomed. Mart for Seamen's Rest realised £40. Letter from CORSO acknowledging receipt of a suit made by Mrs. Wood. Interesting half-hour spent in each member telling where she was born and the number in the family. Prayer and afternoon tea.

Wanganui Central, August 5: Mrs. Duxfield led Devotions and took the meeting. Apologies received. Reports from the Schools re the examinations papers.

September 2: Mrs. Wilson took the chair and led the Devotions. Ten members present. Mrs. Mercer spoke on drivers being tested after an accident to see if they had had any strong drink.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings, June: Very good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Thorpe. President, Mrs. A. M. Smith, gave a welcome to members and visitors. Letters sent to sick members. Birthday sprays much appreciated by Mesdames Grainger, Thorpe and Robertson. "W.R." collection £12/6. A letter compiled by the District Executive was sent to Unions for distribution to all women's organisations, calling their attention to increased drinking and other evils. Temperance posters and the Essay pamphlet sent to the schools. Speaker, Mrs. Major Miller of the Salvation Army, who gave a Temperance talk telling of the power of God to uplift the drunkard.

July: Speaker, the Rev. H. Mitchell, who told of his experiences as a prisoner of war in Italy and Germany and his contact with the soldiers. 38 present. Pledge repeated. Devotions led by Mrs. Thorpe. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Miss Kirk in the passing of her brother, and to Mrs. Lovell-Smith in the passing of her husband. Birthday sprays to Mesdames Buckingham, Lloyd, McArthur and Pitt. Mrs. Pitt appointed a Delegate to Alliance Conference. Members asked to join up with the N.C.W. Tea hostesses Mrs. Warren and helpers.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, August 26, at Karori: Reference was made to the loss caused by the death of Mesdames Crawford and Bogren, members standing in silence. The President gave thanks in Prayer for their lives of service. Letters of thanks received from the relatives of the late Professor H. Kirk for sympathy expressed. A recommendation that the World's Day of Prayer, October 24, should be observed as Peace Day was endorsed.

Letter of greeting to Mrs. Pickering, and thanks for donation. Mrs. Brewer reported on the N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting, emphasising the interest shown by younger ministers, and the great amount of work done by Mr. Milner. "Beacons" to be distributed by Unions. Hope for the future of our work felt to be in the hands of the young who are coming on and may see the fruit of the years of labour as they carry on in coming years.

Brooklyn: Mrs. Brewer was hostess for meeting held at her home. Twelve present. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Gillings. Reports on District Executive held at Karori and the Alliance Conference were read by Mesdames Pearce and Brewer respectively. Every member quoted Bible verses, hymns, or short talks which were much appreciated.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, August 17: Held at the home of Mrs. Underhill. Good attendance. Message of cheer to Mrs. Leslie. Several "ditty" bags handed in for Sailors' Rest. Good response to Roll Call, with very helpful quotations. Mrs. Green appointed Delegate to District Convention. Dominion Superintendent's reports on "Organising," "Work among Seamen" and "L.T.L." were read and discussed. Speech competition held. Subjects: "Legislation" or "Education," "U.N.O.," "Courage," "Good Citizenship" and "W.C.T.U." Mrs. J. Eyles the winner.

Blenheim, September 9: Mrs. Forbes presided. Four apologies and 15 present. Mrs. P. Stephens led Devotions, reading Psalm 121. She gave extracts to show that trust was better than worry. Five letters of sympathy and cheer to be sent. Mrs. R. Watson appointed Convention Delegate. Franchise Day observed by Mrs. Forbes reading an interesting paper about it. Friendly cup of tea, and Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Forbes.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Linwood, August 31: Mrs. H. Graham, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. W. O. Francis. Mrs. E. R. Clark, District President, presented Twenty-Year Service Badges to the following Foundation Members: Mesdames S. Woods, E. M. Mackie, R. Black, F. Fuller, R. Welleans, W. C. Francis, J. Turner, E. Bock, F. J. T. Grigg and Miss M. Snell. Mention made of the many years of service given by these members to the Branch. Mrs. J. Sankers appointed District Convention Delegate. Social hour spent when songs were sung by Mrs. R. D. Brown, and recitations given by Mrs. H. Middleton. Tea brought a happy meeting to a close.

Spreydon: The Rev. J. E. Lonsdale was the speaker at the last meeting and gave a challenging talk on the duty of everyone to do all they can in all departments of life. Mrs. Ancell, President, in the chair. Mrs. Paul gave the Temperance Fact, which was supported by other members in similar vein. Mrs. Ancell and Miss Brown, Mental Hospital visitors. Pupils of Spreydon and Addington Schools agreed to enter for the Essay Competition.

Papanui, August 26: Mrs. Tillman presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Elliott. Pledge. Roll Call, a text of Scripture. Mrs. Hodder appointed Delegate for District Convention. Plans for future work made. Mrs. Hawken reported visiting seven patients at the Mental Hospital. Mrs. Neville, transferred from Shirley-Richmond, welcomed by President. Inspiring address by Mrs. Baker of Salvation Army on Missionary Work in China.

Christchurch: Miss C. Henderson presided at a recently-held meeting. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs. R. Richards, who has recently lost her son. Thanks received from CORSO organiser, Wellington, for our gifts, which are to be sent to China. Our President read extracts from the "White Ribbon," which showed that the united action of women could make war impossible. She also read of the celebrations in Melbourne, of the Diamond Jubilee of Victoria, which included a temperance tea and demonstration in the Town Hall. The women sang "The March of the Women," conducted by the Women's Musical Conductor.

New Brighton: Miss Edmond presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Miss Armstrong. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Mesdames Hall and Graham, two stalwarts of our cause. Mental Hospital visiting report given. Delegate appointed for Convention and several members to represent the Union at the Band of Hope Rally on September 19. Decided to send for 200 leaflets for distribution. Bring and Buy held to assist

funds. President then welcomed Mrs. Mackie, who gave us a most interesting report and description of her recent trip to America as the N.Z. Delegate at the World's Convention of the W.C.T.U.

Riccarton, September 9: Mrs. Griffiths presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Newth, and Mrs. Goldman sang the "Consecration Hymn." Vote of sympathy passed in silence with the relatives of the late Miss Elsie Andrews. Several invitations for functions to be held shortly were received. One, from the Methodist Church, asking for a member to speak on Temperance Sunday, was accepted in the person of Mrs. Griffiths. Caravan Fund Appeal received. Letters of sympathy to go to three members. Report of Executive Meeting given. Convention arrangements made. We approve of the remit from Executive to Dominion, which runs: "We urge Dominion Convention to write to the Education Board re the drinking during University Tournaments." Treasurer's and Mental Hospital Reports given. Collection of 12/6, Copper Trail 2/5, sale of goods 3/6. Mrs. Goldman gave an interesting talk on her tour of the Southern Lakes District, for which she was thanked. Hymn and Benediction.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, September 7: Small attendance. Miss Ferguson in the chair. Devotions. Letter from District secretary re Convention. Miss Ferguson appointed Delegate. Present Executive renominated. Mrs. McNelly read a paper on "Thoughts on the difference between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Man." Hymn, Pledge and Benediction.

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

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

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

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

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

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Watson, 4 Weld St.; Treas., Mrs. C. Webster, 33 Arthur St.; 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 Barrett 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 Aikman's Rd., Merivale.

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

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

DARGAVILLE, 2nd Tues., Presbyterian Church Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly, Victoria Street; Sec., Mrs. F. T. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; Treas., Mrs. S. Phillips, Awakino Pt.; W.R., Miss Carrington, Maungawahare.

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

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Sunday School, Hanover St. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiatt, 11 Duke St.; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 4a Duke St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cannington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 11 Duke St.; W.R., Mrs. Hiatt; L.W.P., Mrs. Whittington, Fernhill Flats, 2 Manor Place.

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

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cox, George St.; Sec., Mrs. Betteridge, Mangawhera Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Holley, Conway Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Streeter; C.R., Mrs. Cox.

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

FENCOURT, 1st Thursday, 2.0 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Miss P. Rickard, Box 18, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Tyer, Victoria Road, R.D., Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R. and C.R., Miss G. Clark.

FEILDING, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Tremain, Denbigh St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Spence, Stewart and Taylor; Sec., Mrs. Whisker, Kawa Kawa Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Kenavan, Grey St.; C.R., Mrs. Hesketh, Grey St.; W.R., Miss Watt, 17 Grey St.; Devotional, Mrs. Kendall; Press Reporter, Miss Masters; Pianiste, Mrs. Cummin.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. V. Clement; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Coles, 8 Mangapapa Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Stockman; W.R., Mrs. Mackintosh, 1 Salisbury Road.

GORE, 4th Tues., 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Aiton St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Aiton St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Canning St.

GONVILLE, Methodist Schoolroom, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancey; Sec., Miss Roots, 27 May St.; Treas., Mrs. Spurdle, 47 Kawatiri Av.; W.R., Mrs. Parker, 35 Koromiko Rd.

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Pres., —; Sec., Mrs. Burt, 3 Hardley St.; Treas., Mrs. Pickles, 42 King St.; W.R., Mrs. Bradley, 15 Bell St.; C.R., Mrs. Tucker, Collingwood St.; Literature, Miss Parry; Press, Mrs. T. Hutt.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Chadwick, Great North Road; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, Tirimoana Road; W.R., Mrs. Johnston; C.R. and Evang. Mrs. E. V. Phillips.

HAWERA, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Bible Class room. Pres., Mrs. R. Thayer, Little Regent St.; Sec., Mrs. Tozer, South Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 Collins St.; C.R., Mrs. Burton, Tawhiti Rd.; "W.R.," Mrs. Barker, Fannham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

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HOKITIKA, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Miss L. Berendt, Weld St.; Treas., Miss L. Wilson, Brittan St.; W.R., Mrs. Stoop, Fitzherbert St.

INGLEWOOD, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Ashworth, Rata St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Longbottom; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown St.; Treas., Miss Pollard; W.R., Mrs. Young; C.R., Mrs. Pollard.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Jed St., at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss H. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ruthven and Brown; Sec., Mrs. E. M. Brown, 175 Gala St.; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 43 Elles Rd.; W.R. Mrs. Cameron; C.R., Mrs. Millard; Notable Days, Mrs. Ayson.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres. and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jelcoate, 289 Elles Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. Rumler, 46 Lees St.; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson; C.R., Mrs. R. T. Harris.

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

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

LINWOOD, last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Graham, 634 Worcester St. Sec., Mrs. R. Black, 42 Cranley St. Treas., Mrs. McMillan, 393 Armagh St. W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller, 20 Buckley Rd.

LOWER HUTT, Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laing's Rd., 2.0 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. Spencer, "Chingford," Belmont; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, 22 Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. J. P. Cooper, 27 Maire St.; C.R., Mrs. Aldersley; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Cooper; W.R., Mrs. Heyes, Melling Rd., and Mrs. Teasdale, Kauri St.

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MORNINGTON, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Hall, Glen Ave. Pres., Mrs. Tipler; Sec., Mrs. Clark, 10 Roseberry St., Beileknowes; Treas., Miss Ford, 29 Burke St.; W.R., Mrs. Elder, 21 Preston Cres.

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

MOTUEKA, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., at Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Carter, Victoria St.; Sec. and W.R., Mrs. Cresswell, R.D. Upper Moutere; Treas., Mrs. Wratt, Motueka; C.R., Mrs. Chambers, Lower Moutere.

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NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Stewart, 60 Courtenay St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wood, 2 Cutfield St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mt. Edgecumbe Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Morwood, Leach St.; W.R., Mrs. Brown, 33 Dorset Ave.; Sec., Seamen's Rest, Mrs. R. Deare, Hamlyn St.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs. Peart, 860 George St.; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, 1 Bouverie St.; W.R., Mrs. McLay, 24 Black's Rd., N.E.1.

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PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Hall. Pres., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Sec., Mrs. Claridge, Milford Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Sexton; W.R., Mrs. Coles, 7 Oxford St.; C.R., Miss Connelly; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. White.

PAPANUI, 4th Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Tillman. Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Hodder, 51 Mary St. Cor. Sec., Mrs. Elliott, Cornhill St., St. Albans. W.R., Mrs. Anderson, Bennett St. C.R., Mrs. Mayson.

PAPATCETOE, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Rd. Pres., Mrs. Bartlett, 132 St. George St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Knauf; Sec., Mrs. Mollard, Allenby Rd.; Treas., Miss T. Heaven, Cornwall Rd.

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POINT CHEVALIER, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, Pt. Chevalier Rd., at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. M. P. Hooper, 298 Pt. Chevalier Rd.; Sec., Miss Macdonald, Montrose St.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Seed, Pt. Chevalier Rd., W.3.

PORT CHALMERS, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. G. Taylor; Sec., Mrs. J. Chambers, 1 Magnetic St.; Treas., Mrs. Jenkins, Wickliffe Tce.; W.R., Mrs. H. S. Watson; C.R., Mesdames Mirams and Watson.

PONSONBY, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Joiner; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Read, Mrs. Olds, Sister Jessie; Sec., Mrs. I. Osborn; Treas., Mrs. Christopher; White Ribbon, Mrs. Wood; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Millar; Maori Work, Sister Jessie; Evangelistic, Mrs. Read.

PUKEKOHE, 2.30 p.m., 1st Tuesday, in alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Tce.; Sec., Mrs. Thornton, Ward St.; Treas., Mrs. Jackson, Franklin Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Clayton.

REEFTON, 2nd Thursday, 3.0 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Acting Sec., Treas., and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Road.

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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 Cran 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, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian; Sec., Mrs. York, Pillans Rd., Otumotai; Treas., Mrs. Maunder, 127 Hufter St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, 67 Cameron Rd.

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

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

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera R.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wyward 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 KŪITI (Maori), 2nd Friday at 10.30 a.m. in Maori Pa. 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 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 Dinniss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. A. Green, 92 Kamo Rd.

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.