

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee. —J. Whittier.

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How We Won the Six O'clock Closing

By Mrs. McDonald

"We want to get a petition to Parliament to have the hotels closed at 6 o'clock in the evenings, in the interest of our soldier lads," said Mrs. Atkinson, speaking to the Wellington Central Union of the W.C.T.U., during the first World War. "I want volunteers for tables we are setting up in the city streets. These tables will have a large calico placard, 'Hotels to close at six. Please sign this petition.' Those willing to help, please stand." No one stood. Dead silence, broken at last by Mrs. Atkinson saying, "Mrs. McDonald will help, I am sure."

"No, I could not think of it," was the reply; "besides, my family would not hear of my doing such a thing."

"Indeed," responded my friend. "Do you always consult your family's wishes as to what you will do?"

I laughed, and members laughed with me. "Well, if you put it like that, I suppose I must say 'Yes,' though you are making a mistake in asking me. I won't know how to go about it," I said.

"I will go with Mrs. McDonald," said Mrs. Helyer, our Treasurer; and then other members were drawn in to complete the wanted number.

The day came, bright and beautiful. Our stand was in front of the G.P.O. I left home with a prayer on my lips that God would work through me all the day.

Arriving at the Post Office at five minutes to nine, I found Mrs. Helyer seated in the only chair at the table. She told me Mrs. Atkinson had left word that I was to do the scouting and bring the people to Mrs. Helyer, who would take the signatures.

To me this was nothing short of appalling. I could not possibly go up to strange people and ask for signatures. I would look such a fool. The thought flashed into my mind, "A fool for Christ's sake."

Many a rebuff I had to start off with. Seeing a clergyman who had lately come to Wellington, I felt sure of a favourable reception. I was disappointed, for in a chilling manner he told me he was "not interested."

I felt dreadful; my face was flaming when I felt a touch on my arm, and a drunken sailor said, "Never mind,

missus, I'll sign. If I could save one of these lonely boys from temptation I'd be proud. Tomorrow I go deep-sea sailing to get away from the accursed stuff."

Going home after five o'clock, very weary, but quite happy, for we had got many signatures through the day, I was passing the telephone box in Pirie Street, when the inner voice said to me, "Go in here and ring up the clergyman; tell him what the drunken sailor said, and don't add any words of your own." I knew the church to which the minister had just come, and knew his name. I obeyed the impulse and thought no more about it.

Some time, long after, Mrs. Atkinson and I were at a conference. I cannot be sure at this long date after, but I think it was for Town-Planning. Mrs. Atkinson and myself had lunched together, and there was some little time before the afternoon session began. My friend said, "What would you like to do to fill in the time?" "What would you like to do?" I said. She replied, "Let's go to church. I have never been in—and lots of my friends go there. I would not like to go alone, but you belong, so it is all right."

We went, and on leaving, Mrs. Atkinson said, "You know, not many of the clergy of your church are sympathetic to our movement, but this one is."

"Don't you believe it," I cried. "He would not even sign for six o'clock closing." And I told her of his refusal to me, and the words of the drunken sailor who was listening, and of how I was led to repeat them to him on the telephone.

"Well, I was speaking to the clergyman who preaches here the other day, and he is out and out for prohibition."

What could we do but fall on our knees in thankfulness and wonder?

Only Mrs. Atkinson and myself ever knew the name of the clergyman and the church in connection with this incident, and we never let it pass our lips. It was too sacred an experience.

Extract from "Temperance and Prohibition in New Zealand":

"The first petition for six o'clock closing was presented by the W.C.T.U.,

and it contained over 63,000 signatures. Two later petitions for this reform were the combined work of the Union and the Alliance, though few will question that the securing of the signatures was largely the work of the women."

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Legislators have talked lately of the need of a higher standard of accommodation for tourists. As one who has toured I endorse this. But first our legislators must decide this **IS** the tourist traffic encouraged primarily to increase the sale of alcoholic liquors. To decline to serve the tourist with tea or coffee at the dining table and place before him a list of 50 kinds of alcoholic liquor which he may order, and pay for, does not place the comfort of the tourist on a higher standard. Tea and coffee at morning and midday meals are enjoyed by the tourist, but the refusal to serve these at the dinner table at night does not by any means "raise the standard." A tiny cup of coffee available in the lounge after dinner may be an attempt to induce the tourist to order, and pay for, alcoholic liquor from the lounge bar, but this does not "raise the standard." To be wakened up four nights after midnight by prancing and chatter along the passage past your bedroom door does not "raise the standard" of accommodation even if it indicates good sales of liquor, in a very grand hotel. In my experience in N.Z. and in Australian travel the presence of alcoholic liquor does not "raise the standard," and N.Z. legislators should gravely consider the object of encouraging tourist traffic.

Tourer.

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Among the Departments

ANTI-GAMBLING

Superintendent, Mrs. Pirrett

It has been clear for some time that a reasoned statement should be made concerning the Gambling business. The appointment by the Government of a Gambling Commission has brought before the public that the need for investigation into this matter is now urgent. Social observers are, one must believe, unanimous that the evils arising from gambling are more widely spread and socially harmful than ever before in the history of New Zealand.

The public and politicians are ever ready to yield to the pressure of vested interests connected with this major problem of gambling. The problems arising from gambling are as old as civilisation itself, and there is a general acceptance of the fact that the consequences are harmful. No one would venture seriously to challenge the evil consequences of betting on the social and moral welfare of the working classes.

Reasons for the increase of gambling in New Zealand are not hard to find. Wars and rumours of wars have made life more precarious and money more plentiful, the influences of organised religion are disappearing and there is none whose particular duty it is to place an intelligent and scientific ethical view before old and young. In the process of education there is no time set aside for discussion of the difference between right and wrong, of social and anti-social conduct. Ministers of the Crown, Patriotic Associations and even some of the Churches, by their actions proclaim that raffles and consequently gambling are good and virtuous, while the name Art Union informs the world that those whose quest is the quest of beauty are justified in disposing of their wares on the doctrine of chance.

GAMBLING DEFINED

The act of gambling may be said to be a transaction between two or more parties in which property is disposed of by stake or wager by some method in which chance is the determining factor.

A proper understanding of this definition disposes of some of the confusion which arises as soon as a discussion of the subject begins.

Gambling connotes in the first place, a disposal of property. To toss before a football match is to submit to chance, but it is not to gamble—there is no disposal of property. To use chance as a method of decision in a land ballot is not gambling. As far as one party is concerned the property has already been disposed of, and the only question for decision is which of two or more equals shall prevail in ownership; there is no stake or wager, one piece of property against another.

The opening gambit of the enemy in a discussion on gambling is to say that all the world's a gamble—we cannot

get away from chance; "why worry?" That there are a great many chances in life is not to be denied, but most of them have nothing to do with gambling. Gambling involves the deliberate acceptance of chance as the determining element in a wager.

WHAT CAN WE DO AS W.C.T.U. MEMBERS?

We see the need for more education of the young of school age. No boy or girl should leave school without some knowledge of the principles of human conduct and behaviour.

The law against illegal gambling should be strictly enforced and action taken to reduce raffles and art unions, restriction of publicity by the Press and Broadcasting.

The suggestion that New Zealand should save money by instituting State Lotteries comes naturally from those who see no harm in gambling, who do not recognise it as a social evil, and in the end we come back to this—how can we best encourage men and women to discard the Gods of Chance and Chaos and cleave to those of reason and security? To see the way we are going it is of the utmost importance that we shall trust neither our fortunes or lives to things beyond and outside our control and should so direct our thoughts and actions that they shall be in harmony with our inner selves, and with that greater harmony which comprehends the individual, the social, and the human good.

Dear Sisters,

The time has again arrived for all Unions to report the work done during the year. Questionnaires are just being sent out to Unions. Will you reply promptly, telling every bit of work done? Nothing is too small, so do not leave anything out thinking it is of no account.

Please note new address:

Mrs. M. Pirrett,
1132 New North Road,
Mount Albert,
Auckland.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN

Letter from Timaru

The following extract is from a letter acknowledging a parcel sent from a local Union to the "Rest."

"We all were thrilled with the contents. I think your Union deserves a special 'Thank you.' The scarves we usually donate for prizes, and the men do appreciate them so much, especially now, going home for the English winter."

"We entertained the seamen of the 'Corinthic' last night. It was a fine sight to see so many young men there. Billiards and ping-pong and 'fishing' games, and so on, were enjoyed. Our billiard table is now in excellent condition, £60 having recently been spent on reconditioning it, and six new cues.

It certainly proves a great attraction for the men. In fact, they tell us it is the best table in N.Z. I only wish all our members could see these men; how they enjoy the open fire and homely touch. Supper is served about 9 p.m., and then ditty bags are distributed. We pray God may keep them all, and may our influence be a deterrent against the terrible evils they face when in port. We noticed truck loads of empty bottles on the wharf off the ship. It makes one feel sad really when one thinks how eager all these brewing combines are to make young men drunkards.

"Miss Drew is still a tower of strength to us all."

L.T.L. DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Mrs. W. Moore,
Warkworth

Dear Fellow Workers,

I hope you have enjoyed your work with the L.T.L. during this short and difficult year. Many could not begin meetings till May. I hope you found, as I did, that the long break made the children keen to commence. The attendance at the eight meetings we have held have been higher than in previous years. I am sending Questionnaires to all L.T.L.'s reported in this year's Handbook. Should any other Union be working L.T.L.'s, please let me know.

May I here congratulate Belmont and Mrs. Spencer on the splendid results achieved in the Temperance Examinations?

Sincerely yours,

W. MOORE.

SOCIAL AND MORAL HYGIENE

Superintendent, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy,
78 Quadrant Road, Onehunga,
Auckland

Dear Friends,

Now that the district Conventions are over, will the Superintendents of Social and Moral Hygiene and Health and Nutrition Departments kindly forward their reports to me as soon as possible? As the coming Dominion Convention will be held earlier than usual we must all make an effort, and until I receive your reports I cannot compile mine. I hope they will be good reports this year, and that you have all worked in this most important department.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

R. M. MOUNTJOY.

MAORI DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Miss C. M. McLay

MAORI GIRLS HOSTEL REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

I am sure that you will be glad to know that the work is still being carried out at the Maori Girl's Hostel, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, Auckland. The Matron, Mrs. Long, is as keen as

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"DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

Hymn 128

Scripture Reading, Matthew 5, vs. 21-24

In this passage, Our Lord touches on a matter which is of vital importance, and gives, in so doing, one of the many revelations of His own enormous understanding of the human heart. No modern psychologist could lay his finger on the trouble spot with more complete accuracy than Jesus did. We cannot read the gospel story without being filled with amazement at the marvellous insight shown in His dealings with troubled, questing humanity.

And this particular trouble! Some little difficulty, in all probability a mere misunderstanding, is insidiously, silently, but with devastating insistence, wrecking our peace, undermining our sense of security, and obtruding itself into our most sacred moments. We have tried to ignore it in the hope that it will pass away, but the longer it is allowed to fester in the depths of the heart, the greater becomes its power to distress and harass the soul in its search for clear vision and ready access to the deeper things of its inner life. It may be a memory of a sharp word spoken in haste or the puzzled wonderment as to the changed demeanour of a loved friend; or again, the sharp sense of hurt anger because of something said or done, which was undeserved. And it may be, and this is the bitterest of all, some unacknowledged cause in ourselves of pain inflicted on another. Whatever it is, it is doing harm, because it is not being brought out into the open. The time comes when it must be faced and grappled with. And, at the Altar of prayer and sacrifice, at last, all defences down, the realisation comes that only in openly seeking to bring about explanation of the position, in bravely laying bare the hidden problem, can peace be regained. And, how often, when the coverings have been put aside, the whole thing has turned out to be mere imagination, or capable of so simple an explanation that one wonders how much suffering and turmoil could possibly have arisen from it.

Bring it out into the open. Don't let it coil itself round your secret heart and deaden your joy in spiritual living. It will perish in the sunlight but flourish in the dark. Whether the fault has been in you or in your "brother" (who may be your sister) once it is met fairly and squarely, Peace will return and the Altar will become the place of joy again.

PRAYER

O our Father, Who seest the heart of each one of us, grant to us Thy grace that we may understand the things that would hide Thy face from our sight. Forgive us if we have given place to dark doubt and fear in regard to our friends or relatives. Give to us

"Within the Veil"

MRS. TROUNCE AND MRS. SHEIL, UPPER HUTT UNION

The Upper Hutt Union has lost two members during the past month by the passing to Higher Service of Mrs. Trounce and Mrs. Sheil. Both have been connected with the Union since its formation 18 years ago, and will be a great loss to us, for both took a great interest in the work. Mrs. Trounce was not able to take such an active part as Mrs. Sheil, yet she did good service to the Cause, and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Sheil, on the other hand, took a very active part, being the first President when the Union was formed, and holding the office for a number of years. At the time of her death she was Cradle Roll Superintendent, and, although a sick woman for many years, her interest in children was very great. She was always planning something towards the advancement of the Cause. Her presence at the meetings will be greatly missed, as she always had a word of encouragement and her prayers in the meeting were an inspiration to all.

MRS. A. TOMLINSON, LEVIN UNION

It is with a very deep sense of loss that Levin Union records the recent passing of a much-loved member, Mrs. A. Tomlinson. She had been a faithful worker in the cause of Temperance for many years, and we shall all miss her presence at our meetings very greatly.

Though in delicate health, her death came with unexpected suddenness, and our loving prayers and thoughts are with the sorrowing invalid husband, who was her constant care over many years. Truly she devoted her life to the service of others, and she now has her Master's commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

more love that we may not misunderstand, and more desire to overlook small grievances because we know it is not Thy will for these to shut out the vision of Thyself. Help us to keep the clear light of love burning within our innermost hearts and to reject all thoughts of suspicion and resentment as soon as they seek entrance. So may our lives be lived close to Thee and our service be more worthy of Thy great love and sacrifice for all men. For Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

"HIGHLIGHTS" FROM TALKS AND ADDRESSES

From Hawera:

Mrs. H. Atmore, speaking at the September meeting at Hawera, told a thrilling story of the wonderful "Women's Conference" held near New York in 1945, which was attended by women from all over the world. Many had gone through great privations through the war, but there was a great comradeship among them all. As one delegate said: "There are two great forces in the world today, Love and Hate. Love works for Peace and Hate for War."

Mrs. J. Tennant's address at Marlborough District Convention:

From the verse "O Lord thou art our Father, we are the clay," Mrs. Tennant likened human lives to tea cups—so many varieties of cups all made by one potter. She spoke of lives which had been broken and damaged through drink, but through the power of God had been restored and made useful. Even a handleless cup can be used in various ways in a kitchen, and often people could do a great amount of work for God, even while suffering from some disability. She referred to the dirty cup, "woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites" who make clean the outside, but within the cup there are many bad things. As cups need cleaning in their daily use, so do we. Cups need washing occasionally even when not used. Dust settles on useless things. In our lives often there is uncleanness for doing nothing "in as much as ye did it not unto Me." There were common cups for every day, chosen cups for special occasions, precious cups, cups beautiful, and full cups. The speaker told of people she knew who had been crippled yet were a great blessing to all. God has need for full cups, He renews and refills with His Spirit, which finds expression in love, joy, peace and gentleness. We might pray to be to those around us just what a nice warm cup of tea can be.

MY INFLUENCE

A careful woman I ought to be
A little fellow follows me.
I dare not to go astray,
For fear he'll go the self-same way.
Not once can I escape his eyes
What e'er he sees me do, he tries.
Like me, he says he's going to be,
That little chap who follows me.
He thinks that I am good and fine
Believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see
The little chap who follows me.
I must remember as I go
Through summer sun or winter snow
I'm building for the years to be
That little chap who follows me.

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OUR GREATEST NATIONAL ASSET

BY JESSIE HIETT

I read recently that practically all the accidents in the Swiss mountains during the last generation or two are due to inexperienced mountaineers stepping on what appeared to be a grassy slope. These novices do not attempt to step on the ice, for they see and understand how dangerous it is. But, because the grass is green they imagine it is safe, when as a matter of fact it is as slippery and deceitful as the ice itself.

We are comparatively safe when a thing is nakedly evil and it advertises itself as such, but when some evil is clothed in the garb of respectability and decency it lives on the unsuspecting. Nowadays, drinking in many circles has been so clothed with a garb of respectability that many people are being deceived by it. Young people at the very beginning of life are an easy prey to this slippery, deceitful danger and step out unsuspectingly, and too often they are morally and physically drifting towards drunkenness and immorality before they realise their danger.

What are we doing about this drift? What better way than to build character in our own girls and boys and teach christian citizenship. The future of our nation depends largely upon the way our young people live today and the responsibility they will accept and the habits that are formed

in early life. It is for us to help them to see what is right and wrong. As we well know, the greatest asset the world has today is its children. Right training is our best investment. Money invested is good, but nothing can compare with a christian trained citizenship.

Mrs. Joseph Kitto states "There is no such thing as a bad boy or girl. They have no conception of sin and badness when born. They are but a flower given us to cherish and protect. The first thing they notice is the actions of mother and father. First we must consecrate their lives to Christian ideals. Obedience in the home is one problem that parents have to face. Children today have too much freedom and too much money to spend."

They do not know the value of money or time. This is the beginning of the drift. A penny today means nothing to even a very small child. It must have threepence or sixpence to spend for ice cream or sweets on the way to or from school. If they have the proper food at home they do not need it. What a treat a stick of lollie was to us, but today it means nothing to the children. The next step towards drift is when the children are allowed to listen to crime and murder stories over the radio or at the movies. It is most important that parents go with their children to the pictures and that pictures with good morals are chosen. Another danger of slipping is when their minds are poisoned with the trash which is often printed in funny magazines. There are plenty of good, clean books for them to read. If parents were alive to their responsibilities they would see that only clean, wholesome books were read by their children.

Do the majority of parents keep their children off the streets? Do they make the home and backyard attractive that they may find pleasure in staying at home? There is no let up for parents if their children are to be saved from the slippery, dangerous places. Surely we can find children to fill our L.T.L.'s and Bands of Hope, our Sunday Schools and Junior C.E.'s.

To build character is more important than any social engagement, any investment in money or shares.

Here is an essay written by a boy who has been trained in his home from infancy. The title, "How a boy can help have peace."

"To keep peace in the world, we must start when we are young. We must first start at home. We should try to

get along and not quarrel or fight with our brothers and sisters. We must obey our parents. Then when we go to school we must be honest and play fair with our school mates. We should not cheat and we must obey our teachers. We should be kind and courteous to all the boys and girls. We must help each other. If we do these things when we are young then when we grow older we will not want war or have hard feelings against other people."

I feel sure that this boy would be a total abstainer and one who was taught the true spirit of Christ likeness.

What influence are we as well as the parents exerting on every child we meet? Let our watchword be "Safeguard the child." In 1775 Paul Revere rode through hamlet, village and town sounding "the Alert." Paul Revere knew that the safety of women and children, the homes and the lives of American citizens were endangered. The dangers threatening the civilisation of American Colonies in 1775 were from without. The dangers threatening our New Zealand homes are within. I have spoken of the necessity of Christian training in the homes of our land. We must sound an Alert to the mothers and fathers of our country. There has never been a greater menace to civilisation and to the cause of righteousness and to Godly homes than the menace of drink is today. Young people belonging to Christian homes are being enticed by friends to take a little wine at social evenings and wedding parties.

Teach your children to be total abstainers. Be total abstainers yourselves. Christian men have become drunkards through the social glass. Alcohol is no respecter of persons. It creates a craving for itself, and then comes a desire for more, and before the one who commenced with one glass realises it, the desire for more becomes an incurable habit, and down he or she slides to a lost eternity.

Parents, the time is now to train your girls and boys to choose whatsoever is pure and of good report. The upward way in training is not the easy way, but the results are glorious. Clean bodies, clean minds, clean hearts, children grow into men and women of whom you will be proud in the days to come, for they will be working for a cleaner, purer world to the glory of our Blessed Lord and Master, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your influence is making or marring the lives of those who are watching you.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AUCKLAND DISTRICT TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION Church Parade

The 25th Annual District Convention of the Auckland District began with the Annual Church Parade, which was held in the Church of Christ, West Street, the service being conducted by Pastor W. Campbell, whose subject was, "Why I refuse Strong Drink." A great tribute was paid to the W.C.T.U. Between 40 and 50 delegates attended.

Reception to Delegates

The annual reception to delegates was held in the Presbyterian Hall, Edinburgh Street, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, presided over a representative gathering of well over a hundred. Several apologies for absence were received, included among these being those of the Mayoress, Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, the Rev. J. D. Smith, and Major Rogers. Mrs. Mountjoy welcomed the delegates and visitors and representatives of other organisations who had brought greetings.

An excellent programme was provided, the artists being Dr. Mavis Mortimer, Mrs. H. Kersey, Mrs. W. T. Cullen, and the accompanist was Miss N. North.

The guest-speaker was Dr. Kingsley Mortimer, recently returned from Rhodesia. After thanking the officers for asking him to be the speaker, which he considered was an honour, he said he considered that being a Christian today was by far the most important thing in life. He then spoke of life as he found it in Rhodesia.

During the afternoon Mrs. H. Kasper presented the Silver Vase to the Wellsford Union for the best work done in the "Five-fold Plan," and the Bronze Vase went to the Onehunga Union which had really tied with Wellsford. Onehunga was again the winner of the Cradle Roll Banner for the best record of work done in the department. The Brass Vase was won by Birkenhead Union and the Kura-huna Maori Girls' School won the banner for the best work done in the L.T.L. The Silver Vase for the best "Y" work went to "Rangimarie" Maori Branch.

Communion Service

The Annual Communion Service was held in the Beresford Street Congregational Church on Tuesday morning and was well attended. A beautiful, impressive service was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Chaliss and provided a most suitable opening for Convention.

Tuesday Morning Session

Convention opened in the Edinburgh Street Hall with the singing of a sacred solo by Mrs. S. Carter.

Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, welcomed the delegates and visitors. Fifty-four delegates were present. Various Convention Committees having been appointed, reports from the Recording Secretary on the work of the Executive, and the Corresponding Secretary on the work of the Unions, were received. Mrs. J. A. R. Prussing presented the Treasurer's statement and balance sheet.

The Cradle Roll report, given by Mrs. J. Williams, showed the district Roll number to be 1,673. Grey Lynn still has the largest Roll (440), Takapuna coming second with 196.

Noontide Devotions were taken by Mrs. Cullen, her theme being "Shining for Jesus."

Mrs. J. W. Long gave a marvellous report on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel, telling of all the wonderful things which had happened during the year.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Business was preceded by the giving of an address by the Rev. Roland Hart of the Valley Road Baptist Church. He divided his talk into two parts: (1) The devotional life of W.C.T.U. members, and (2) the withdrawal of the movement from the local church.

The Service of Memories followed, conducted by the President, for the sisters of the various Unions who had passed to Higher Service during the year. The service closed with the singing of a sacred solo by Mrs. Anstice.

The Presidential address was then given by Mrs. Mountjoy, and was a most outstanding and comprehensive survey of present-day conditions in this and other lands.

Several resolutions brought forward by the Resolutions Committee were dealt with. The Session closed with the Benediction.

Wednesday Morning Session

Miss Grigg led the opening Devotions, her theme being "The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come.'"

A number of greetings were sent to friends both near and far. Departmental reports received were: Press, Flower and Philanthropic, Mrs. Joiner; Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Cook; L.T.L., Mrs. Knauf. Noontide Devotions were led by Mrs. Kasper, who spoke on "Wines of the Bible."

Several more resolutions were dealt with, the session closing with the Benediction.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Mrs. Mountjoy again presided, Mrs. J. W. Long leading Devotions, her subject being "Jesus understands." A sacred solo was beautifully sung by Mrs. Jamieson.

Election of Officers

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy; Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Long; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Cullen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Joiner; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. R. Prussing.

Further resolutions were dealt with, and Departmental Reports received were: Anti-Gambling, Mrs. Ecersall; Methods, Mrs. H. Kasper; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Mears; Evangelistic, Miss. Grigg; Notable Days, Mrs. Woods; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Cook; New Members, Mrs. Day; Maori Work, Mrs. Long; and "White Ribbon," Mrs. Joiner. Seventeen Departmental Superintendents were appointed. After the usual votes of thanks were passed the Closing Service found in the Hymnal fittingly ended another Convention.

NORTH AND SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The joint District Convention of North and South Canterbury was held on September 22 and 23 in the Central Mission Rooms, Christchurch, Mrs. R. Clark presiding, and welcoming all delegates, and also Dr. Jeanie Craig. Forty-eight delegates answered the Roll Call.

The North Canterbury officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mrs. E. R. Clark; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. R. Black; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Adkins.

South Canterbury officers elected were: President, Mrs. H. Densem; Secretary, Miss Tooley; Vice-Presidents and Treasurer to be elected later, health reasons being responsible for delay. A motion of thanks to Mrs. Stark, ex-Treasurer, for her service in this office, was passed.

Four five-minute papers were a feature of much interest, topics dealt with being "Mental Hospital Psychiatry" (Mrs. Griffiths), "Peace, a plank in our platform" (Miss S. Hayman), "Effects of alcohol on the body" (Mrs. A. Wallon), "Highlights of Timaru Sailors' Rest" (Miss Stevenson). All papers were freely discussed, and thanks heartily accorded the writers for their able contribution.

Greetings were sent to Otago and Marlborough Conventions, then sitting, and were received from Manawatu, New South Wales, Ashburton and Timaru. Various Convention appointments were made.

The annual reports of both districts were read and showed good work done by all Unions. Plans of work suggested by the President were that good methods should be adopted in teaching Girls' Life Brigade for their Temperance Badge, and that the Christchurch Competitions should include a Temperance section, with recitations, etc.

Miss Lovell-Smith spoke on the use of Films, and Mrs. Mackie gave a talk on the World Convention, and repeated a Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian flag that was used in the Convention and read a Peace Proclamation from the World Superintendent, Mrs. Vera Akersson. This was received, and Miss Henderson moved that copies be given to all delegates so that their Unions could discuss it. Mrs. Mackie was heartily thanked for her fine address.

A talk on the "Laws of the Bible" was given by Mrs. C. L. Crowley, in which she showed how these apply to present-day life. Appreciation was expressed by many speakers.

The North Canterbury District "W.R." Superintendent reported that 70 copies are placed in institutions, factories, orphanages, and hospitals, these being paid for by local Unions and also individual members.

Resolutions passed at the recent Alliance Conference were read by Mrs. Clark, and after full discussion it was agreed to support these.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Densem and carried: "That we ask Dominion Officers to place before the Government our desire to press again for Local Option."

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

Sixty-second Annual Dominion Convention

TIMARU, FEBRUARY, 1949, TRINITY HALL, BARNARD STREET,

Dates: Wednesday, 16th February, to Tuesday, 22nd February, 1949

AGENDA

(Subject to necessary alterations)

WEDNESDAY

10.00 a.m.—Executive meeting at Trinity Hall, Barnard Street.

12.30 p.m.—Close.

2.00 p.m.—Opening of Convention. Service conducted by Dominion President.

Pledge. Welcome to delegates by President of Entertaining Union. Appointment of Mistress of Courtesies, Marshals, Letter-writer, and Reporters. Corresponding Secretary's Report.

3.00 p.m.—Afternoon tea. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet. Call for donations to N.Z. Fund.

3.45 p.m.—Address: Mrs. H. Kasper.

4.45 p.m.—Close.

7.45 p.m.—Public Welcome and Conversation. Collection for N.Z. Fund.

THURSDAY

9.15 a.m.—Communion Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barnard Street.

10.00 a.m.—Convention called to order. Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.

10.15 a.m.—Reports: "White Ribbon" Editor; "White Ribbon" Business Manager. Appointment of Editor and Business Manager. Grants in connection with "White Ribbon." Questions on "W.R." reporting, subject matter, and general. Call for Convention numbers.

11.00 a.m.—Form Discussion Groups in connection with Departmental Reports.

12.00 noon—Noontide.

12.30 p.m.—Close.

2.00 p.m.—Devotions—Service of Remembrance—conducted by President. Minutes. Correspondence. Greetings.

Reports: Group No. 1—Backblocks, Literature and Library, Bulletin, Maori, Home Meetings. Findings.

3.00 p.m.—Afternoon tea.

3.30 p.m.—President's Address. Close.

FRIDAY

9.15 a.m.—Mrs. Hiatt.

9.35 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.

Reports: Group No. 2—L.W.R., L.T.L., Band of Hope. Findings.

10.30 a.m.—Presentation of Banners and "W.R." Vase.

10.45 a.m.—Films: Miss Lovell-Smith.

11.00 a.m.—Reports: Group No. 3—Anti-Gambling, Good Citizenship. Findings. General discussion on the work. Questions.

12.00 noon—Noontide.

12.30 p.m.—Close.

2.00 p.m.—Devotions.

2.15 p.m.—Minutes. Correspondence. Greetings.

Resolutions.

3.00 p.m.—Afternoon tea.

3.30 p.m.—"One of the Editor's busy days."

Reports: Dominion Organisers, Misses A. M. and C. M. McLay. Discussion. Close.

SATURDAY

10.00 a.m.—Devotions, Mrs. Toomer.

10.20 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.

Reports: Group No. 4—Evangelistic, Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance. Findings. Question Box.

12.00 noon—Noontide.

12.30 p.m.—Close.

SUNDAY

7.00 p.m.—Church Parade: Methodist Church, Banks Street.

MONDAY

9.15 a.m.—Devotions, Mrs. Christian.

9.35 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.

Reports: Group No. 5—Legal and Parliamentary, Press, Notable Days and Educational Bureau. Findings.

11.30 a.m.—Election of Officers.

Election of Superintendents.

12.00 noon—Noontide.

Reports: Group No. 6—Scientific Temperance Exams, Sunday School and B.C. Temperance, and "Y's." Findings.

12.30 p.m.—Close.

2.00 p.m.—Devotions.

2.15 p.m.—Minutes. Correspondence. Greetings.

Resolutions.

Reports: Group No. 7—Social and Moral Hygiene, Methods. Findings.

3.00 p.m.—Afternoon tea.

3.30 p.m.—"A Misconducted Meeting," by Dominion Officers. Plans of Work. Literature. Close.

TUESDAY

9.15 a.m.—Devotions. Favourite Hymns.

9.35 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.

Reports: Group No. 8—Peace, Work among Seamen. Findings.

Headquarters Report.

Appointment of Committee.

Questions and discussion.

10.30 a.m.—Report Y.P.C.T.U. Conference. Question Box. Discussion.

12.00 noon—Noontide.

Unfinished business.

Votes of thanks.

Closing Service.

Special Reports

THIRTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY, OXFORD UNION

Spring flowers and sunshine made a bright setting for the Oxford W.C.T.U. when they met in the Coronation Hall on September 15th to celebrate their thirty-seventh Birthday, and also Franchise Day. Several visitors were welcomed by the President. It was decided to offer prizes to the school children for essays on the effects of alcohol. Plans were made for a special effort for Headquarters Fund. Songs, recitations, and a pianoforte solo were much appreciated by those present. An interesting address was given by the Rev. T. Weston, who told some of his experiences as a Temperance worker. Mrs. Weston spoke of some of the women who worked so strenuously to bring about the enfranchisement of women in New Zealand. A birthday cake, iced and decorated, the gift of the President, was cut during afternoon tea. In a brief parting message, the President urged all to go forward in the work in spite of all discouragements.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY, FEILDING UNION

On October 6th, the Cradle Roll Party was held. Though the weather was not of the best, there was a good number of mothers and children, and a happy time was spent.

Mrs. Captain Rundle gave a very interesting talk to the children on "Decisions," and asked them to decide, while they were young, to do right, and to decide that they would not touch strong drink.

The children entertained us with some very good recitations and songs which all enjoyed. A good afternoon tea with orange drink and ice-cream to complete properly, all went home happy.

MEETING AT HAMILTON ADDRESS BY MRS. KASPER

On October 10th, there was a large attendance of members and visitors at the monthly meeting of the Hamilton Union. Several members from Fencourt Union were also present. Mrs. Clark presided. Two new officers were elected—Secretary, Mrs. Buick, and Treasurer, Mrs. Hood. The report of the District Convention, prepared by Miss Rickard, President of the Fencourt Union, and read by Mrs. Ringer, was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P., gave a most delightful and informative talk on some aspects of the World Convention held in the U.S.A. last year. The speaker carried her audience with her in the delights of air travel, scenery, life in the hotel which housed 2,183 delegates (a veritable League of Nations), and in Convention.

Reports from many countries in Europe were very moving, revealing tremendous courage and hope under appalling conditions of danger and hardship. Every speaker stood four-

square for **Prohibition**—no compromise with State or any other control.

Two outstanding addresses were mentioned—one by Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, World Corresponding Secretary, on "World Peace—We Must Have Peace"; and the other by Clifford Howard, on "What's Wrong With Prohibition?"

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and a friendly chat over the teacups ended a worthwhile afternoon.

PRESENTATION "LONG SERVICE" BADGE—AUCKLAND UNION

At the October meeting of the Auckland Union, Mrs. Massam was presented with a Thirty Years' "Long Service" Badge, with a beautiful spray of cyclamen. Mrs. Massam has been a member of the Auckland Union for thirty years, and is a most devoted and faithful worker. She has been Cradle Roll Superintendent for many years, and also the convener of the Tea Committee. She has always been a zealous Temperance worker. Before she came to New Zealand she was a W.C.T.U. member both in England and Australia.

RE-OPENING OF LAPSED UNION —STRATFORD

It is joyful news that Stratford Union, which has had a lapse of two years, has re-opened with a membership of fifteen. Mrs. Briseman is President, and Mrs. Urry is Treasurer. Mrs. Cox is acting as Secretary for the coming year. Three meetings have been held and an Executive (district). Nine members have attended each meeting, and four new ones were enrolled at the Executive meeting. At the October meeting the Convention report was given and much enjoyed. Miss Davis, as Superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the Presbyterian Church, sends out the "Y.P. Supplement," which we think is a great work. She is also "White Ribbon" Agent.

Of course all our meetings are opened with Devotions, and the October one was helped by a recitation entitled "Friendship."

It is a great joy for the members to have recommenced their Union work.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY, WAIROA

On October 12th, in St. Andrew's Hall, Wairoa, the twenty-first birthday of the Wairoa Union was celebrated. Beautiful flowers decorated the Hall. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs. McDonald (Vice-President) took the chair. The Rev. Mr. Caldwell opened the meeting, after which the Minutes of the Formation meeting were read. Three of those present at that meeting were still with the Union, and all stood in silence for a moment in memory of those who had passed on.

The Guest speaker was Mrs. Lewis,

President of the Hawke's Bay Union, who was presented with a shoulder spray. Mrs. Lewis gave an interesting talk, giving facts and figures from many countries, and urged members to use voice and influence, or part of the world tragedy of wrecked lives would lie at their door; to be sure of convictions and have courage to speak; to educate themselves so as to be able to verify facts when involved in controversy.

Much appreciated and encored solos were given by Mesdames Single and Winter, Mrs. Stewart being at the piano. Mrs. Winter was the winner of a competition.

Pride of place was given to the birthday cake with its twenty-one candles. This was the work of the Secretary, and Mrs. Lewis cut it after Mrs. Edlington, holder of a Thirty Years' Service Badge, had blown out the candles. Cake was sent to absentee members with greetings. A happy party was brought to a close by Mrs. Lewis, who pronounced the Benediction.

Among the Departments—Contd.

ever, and is having an influence on the girls that will long be remembered. They take to her their joys and troubles, knowing that she will give ear and wise council. There are usually 25 in residence. Considerable improvements have been carried out in the interior of the house, and the roof has been painted. These days of high prices make us go slowly, but we are looking forward to painting the exterior as soon as funds are available. In making your allocations this year, I hope you will remember our Hostel Funds.

Yours sincerely,
R. M. MOUNTJOY,
Chairman of Committee.

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Miss E. M. Appleby

How quickly the months go by. Now we think again of annual reports. I would be glad if all Unions would send reports as soon as possible after the annual meeting in November.

I should receive one from every Union, because the Devotional Period is observed by all.

Please report to

Miss E. M. Appleby,

Maori Girls' Hostel,
60 Shelley Beach Road,
Herne Bay,

AUCKLAND, W.I.

HOME MAKERS' CORNER

BY "LYNETTE"

During the Middle Ages, the English had very different eating habits from ours, both in regard to table manners, and what was eaten. The food taken was conditioned by their agricultural system and by what they considered to be good food value. Townspeople had to eat meat which had been killed in the country, and as the result of slow transportation, strongly flavoured sauces were needed to mask the flavour. All stock, except that required for breeding, was killed in the autumn, and during the winter the country lived on salt, or pickled, meats and bread, with little or no dairy produce, and practically no fruit or vegetables. The more satisfying the food, the greater its supposed virtue in the diet, and for this reason, even in summer, fruit and vegetables were eaten only sparingly. Towards spring-time, large numbers of the people were suffering from lassitude, lack of appetite, loosened teeth and bleeding gums, occasional small haemorrhages under the skin, and scurvy, and this was so common as to be considered normal.

We read with admiration of the adventurous explorers of the 16th century; how they sailed beyond the horizon to push out the frontiers of the known world, but we too often fail to realise the horrors of those voyages when scurvy was like an evil spirit on the ship—putrid fever, they called it. When Vasco de Gama sailed round the Cape of Good Hope he lost 100 out of 160 men from scurvy. Magellan was more fortunate, losing only about one in ten, but Sir Richard Hawkins claimed that in twenty years of long sea voyages, he lost 10,000 men.

The English and Dutch, as two seafaring nations, anxiously sought for the cause and cure. Many internal conditions were blamed, and also the "unwholesome sea air"—"The sea is natural for fish, the land for men," and one surgeon even classed among the causes "want of wine, beere, and other good waters to comfort and warm the stomachs." Popular, but ineffective, remedies were vinegar and distilled oil of vitriol (sulphuric acid).

Yet, through the years, there were some captains, surgeons, and even native medicine men, who held that fresh herbs, grasses and fruits, especially lemons, were the cure. This belief was finally put to the test in 1600, when the newly-formed East India Company chartered three ships to sail from Woolwich to India. On his own ship, the Commander ordered a daily ration of lemon juice and had practically no scurvy, while on the other two ships it was rife. After that, all the East India ships provided lemon juice for their crews, with dramatic results, but the remedy was apparently too simple, and many other "cures" were tried, but finally, about two hundred years later, the Royal Navy adopted the citrus fruit ration, frequently giving the men limejuice. Hence the name "limies" for British sailors. The Board of Trade eventually compelled the merchant ships to do the same.

Scurvy was still prevalent among the English people, however, and was here regarded as a different type of the disease. Florence Nightingale claimed that more British soldiers died from scurvy in the Crimean War than from any other cause. The French soldiers there were not affected, and thinking this was due to the coffee, sugar and rice in their ration, these foods were given the British soldiers, with, of course, no improvement. What was not realised as the answer was that the French, loving vegetables, commanded all vegetables near their camps.

Eventually it was scientifically proved that adequate fruit and vegetables were necessary for health, and when these are denied people today, from economic or military causes, and the daily intake of Vitamin C—ascorbic acid—is too low, the same symptoms appear. Even in minor deficiency, the appetite wanes, and resistance to common ailments is lowered. In cases of colds and other infections, large doses of Vitamin C have proved beneficial. I have heard it said that perhaps it was possible to take too much of the various vitamins, with adverse results, but this is not so. The body absorbs as much as it requires, stores some in the liver, and the kidneys eliminate any excess. The Eskimos get sufficient Vitamin C by eating raw fish liver.

New Zealanders are fortunate in having a year-round supply of fruit and vegetables rich in Vitamin C—oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tree tomatoes, also guavas, raisins, bananas and most berries, potatoes, spinach, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, mustard, watercress, parsley and cucumber. Unfortunately, long exposure to air and heating cause the Vitamins to oxidise, and in the oxidised form its effectiveness is nil. Therefore, never squeeze juice for orange or lemon drink till the last minute, never let salads stand, and always cook greens very lightly. Above all, never regard fruits and vegetables as mere relishes or appetizers. They are **essential** factors in the diet.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" - 28

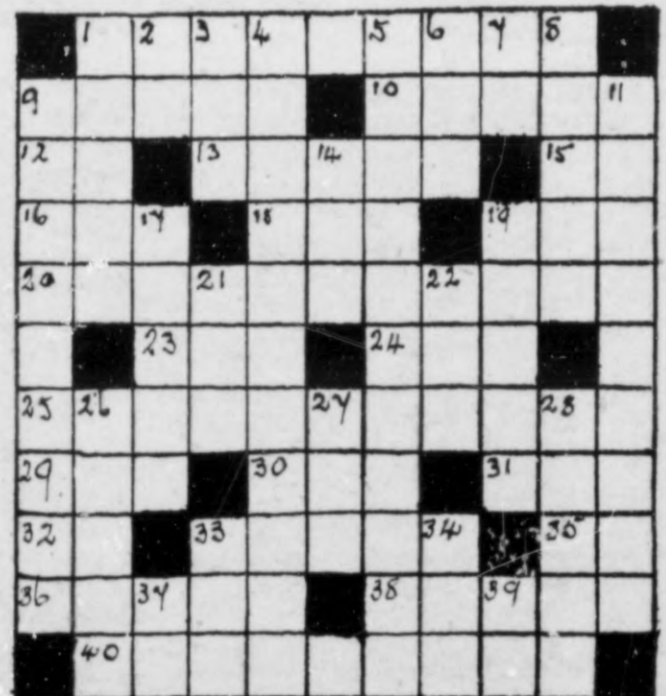
CLUES

Across

- 1—A preacher.
9—Fruit.
10—Basket willow.
12—Rhode Island.
13—Makes thread.
15—Himself.
16—Bird.
18—Royal Navy Transport.
19—Ocean.
20—Hallowed.
23—Cushion.
24—Past.
25—Trifler.
29—Atom containing an electron.
30—Bird.
31—Prior to.
32—Credit.
33—Meantime.
35—Royal Society.
37—Go in.
38—Subdues.
40—Lived.

Down

- 1—Treble part in piano duet.
2—Royal University.
3—Tributary of the Danube.
4—Plunderers.
5—Denies.
6—Animal.
7—North Island.
8—Tittering sound.
9—Sheer cliff.
11—Redirect.
14—Incorporated (abb.).
17—Release.



SOLUTION TO No. 27

Across: 1, Push; 6, Cape; 10, Intoxicated; 11, Eden; 12, Bond; 13, Repel; 15, Gamey; 16, Yodel; 18, Egg; 19, Sea; 20, Irk; 21, Beery; 23, Sower; 25, Santa; 28, Ewer; 30, Laic; 31, Attenuation; 32, That; 33, Anne.

Down: 1, Pier; 2, Undergrowth; 3, Step; 4, Honey; 5, Jig; 6, Cabal; 7, Atom; 8, Penetration; 9, Eddy; 14, Loser; 15, Gears; 17, Dee; 21, Berat; 22, Yalta; 23, Seat; 24, Weta; 26, Nain; 27, Acne; 29, Rum.

- 19—Warehouse.
21—Salt.
22—Years.
26—Tips of the new moon.
27—The father of Joshua.

- 28—"We have—and strayed."
33—Beak.
34—Corrode.
37—Thou.
39—Myself.

DOMINION OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donations, June 15th to Sept. 30th

New Zealand Fund: Wanganui, £1; Auckland, £3/3/-; Blenheim, £1; Wellington, £2/2/-; North Brighton, 5/-; Oamaru, £1/10/-; Karori, £1; Point Chevalier, 10/-; Shirley-Richmond, £1; Ashburton, 17/-; Nelson, £5; Miss Lovell-Smith, £1.

Organising: Wanganui, £4/1/-; Masterton, £1/10/-; Ashburton, £5; Timaru, 18/-; Wellington Central, £2; Oamaru, £7/16/-; Levin, £2; Mt. Albert, £2/10/-; Point Chevalier, 18/-; Shirley-Richmond, £1/4/-; Birkenhead, £1/16/-; Upper Hutt, £1/8/6; Port Chalmers, £1/13/-.

Maori Fund: Wanganui, £1; Bryndwr, 9/6; Oamaru, 12/10; Point Chevalier, 10/-; Upper Hutt, 14/-.

Headquarters Fund: Tauranga, £3; Spreydon, £1; Oamaru, £1/10/-; Te Kuiti Maori, £1; Henderson, 5/-; Mosgiel, £1; Nelson, £1/7/- (Birthday League); Waimate, £1/2/-.

World Missionary: Hawera, 10/-; Shirley Richmond, 13/2; St. Albans, 7/6; Oamaru, 12/6; Point Chevalier, 7/-.

Franchise Day: Shirley-Richmond, 14/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Napier, 10/-.

Caravan: Bryndwr, £1.

Seamen's Rest: Hokitika £2; Point Chevalier, 4/9.

G. GIBBS, Dominion Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	New Mbrs.	Transfer.
Wellsford	3	—
Waimate	3	—
Invercargill	4	—
New Brighton	1	—
Christchurch	1	—
Opawa	1	—
Tauranga	2	—
Hamilton	15	1
Masterton	2	1
New Brighton	—	3
Karori	—	3
Te Kuiti (Maori)	15	—
Nelson	2	—
Motueka	4	—

One New Union—Hangatiki—9 Members.

One New "Y" Branch—Hamilton—23 Members.

C. TOOMER.

Dom. Corresponding Secretary.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT

DONATIONS TO "WHITE RIBBON" DAY FUND

The following donations to this fund are gratefully acknowledged:

Papanui, 7/6; Mt. Albert, 5/-; Point Chevalier, 5/-; Lower Hutt, 10/-; Mrs.

Important Announcements

DOMINION CONVENTION

Dates: February 16-22, 1949.

Place: Timaru.

NOMINATIONS

For Dominion Officers must be in the hands of Mrs. Underhill, Lakings Road, Yelverton, Blenheim, by November 12th.

HOSPITALITY

Will Unions please forward names of delegates requiring hospitality as soon as possible (preferably before Christmas) in order that this may be arranged, to Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon Street, Timaru.

Closing Date for Hospitality, January 15th.

LICENSING BILL

Unions are urged to watch the papers for news of the Licensing Bill which is expected to be introduced shortly. Protests and Resolutions should be sent to local M.P.s on the lines indicated in our September issue, Page Three.

UNION REPORTERS

Please, will Union Reporters make a regular point of putting at the head of their reports of Union meetings—1, Name of Union; and 2, Date of Meeting.

HEADQUARTERS FUND

Contributions for Headquarters Fund should be described as for ordinary income or mortgage reduction.

HANDKERCHIEF COMPETITION

A Handkerchief Competition, used or new material, is arranged for Convention. Get busy! Full particulars next issue.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Owing to Convention reports and other extra matter, various contributions are of necessity held over till next issue.

R. E. Bibby, Patea, 16/6; Remuera, 10/-; Otahuhu, 10/-; Oamaru, £1. Total, £4/4/-. Total to date, £27/2/4.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 13th August to 13th October, 1948

Otahuhu, 1; Warkworth, 1; Hamilton, 2; Tauranga, 1; Rotorua, 1; Brooklyn, 2; Feilding, 1; Riccarton, 2; Canterbury District, 2; Greymouth, 1; Maori Dept., 1; Total, 15. Total to date, 136.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, August 12: President, Mrs. Jolly, in the chair, and took Devotions, 12 present. Decided to make a special effort on behalf of Headquarters. Literature distributed. Pledge and Benediction.

September 14: President in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Lawrence, 12 present. All stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Vyley Whangarei Union, who had passed away during the month. Social for Headquarters Fund arranged. Mrs. F. Phillips and Miss Carrington, appointed Convention delegates. As this was Franchise Day, a booklet, "Challenge," by Dilly D. Whitelaw, was recommended by our President as being encouraging and of special interest to women re Franchise. This was to be passed round for members' perusal in turn.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, October 4: Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy in the chair. Devotions led by Miss H. Grigg. A letter received from the Police in answer to representations made from last meeting about the conduct of girls about the waterfront, especially when large ships are in port, stated that they would see what could be done in the matter. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the Mayoress's meeting furthering the Cancer Campaign, Mrs. Glaister on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel, and Mrs. Austin on the meeting regarding the Women's World Day of Prayer. Agreed to assist in the first-named. Mrs. Mountjoy also reported on District Convention.

Remuera, September 27: Mrs. Kasper presided over a very fair attendance. Devotions were shared by members. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gane. Pledge. A new member initiated. Franchise Day observed, Mrs. Kasper reading a paper on the subject. Reports of the District Convention given by Mesdames Kasper and Laird, with one from Miss Tozer, who was unable to be present.

Warkworth, September 19: Mrs. Lowe presided over a small attendance of members. Mrs. Nelson, Devotional Superintendent, gave an encouraging talk on John 15, leading up to the Roll Call on Friendship. Mesdames Moore and Lockington were appointed delegates to the District Convention. An Open Forum was held on the Remits passed there, much interesting discussion resulting, with the uplifting of lofty ideals.

Ponsonby, September 16: Mrs. R. A. Joiner presided, Devotions being led by Mrs. B. Christopher, who spoke on the text, "Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and Thy faithfulness reacheth to the clouds." The President welcomed all present and reported on the District Convention held in Auckland. Closing exercises as usual.

Titirangi, September 21: At the home of Mrs. McFarlane, six members and two visitors attending. Mrs. Hieatt, President, presided. Mrs. Whitburn gave a very comprehensive and interesting account of Convention. Mrs. Williamson told us something of the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls.

Kohi-St. Heliers: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Eady, Mrs. Kasper, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Lediard. Franchise Day observed by Mrs. Kasper reading a paper on "How the Women of New Zealand gained the Franchise." Reports of District Convention were given by delegates, Mesdames Biddle and James. Mrs. Ernest Eady and all who took part were warmly thanked.

Auckland, October 12: Mrs. Long presided. Sympathy was expressed with the members of the family of Mrs. Longbottom, who, at the age of almost ninety years, during very many of which she was a member of the Auckland Union, had passed away. A protest to be sent to Parliament regarding the recommendation of the Licensing Commission to extend the hours of sale of liquor to include the hours from 8 to 10 p.m., when this is before the House. It was also to be sent to local M.P.s. Mrs. Massam presented with L.S. Badge. Grants passed and special collection taken.

Onehunga, September 9: Meeting arranged by the younger members of the Onchunga W.C.T.U. presided over by Mrs. Moore. Community singing, solos, Devotions and competitions. Address by Miss Jean Hartley,

Superintendent of the Youth Department of the Methodist Church, who stressed the importance of Christian training, expressing regret at recent changes in home life. She affirmed that the family is an established institution, without which the State cannot exist, and which cannot exist without the State.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, September 20: Prior to the District Convention, the Executive met in the Ladies' Parlour, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Hamilton, Miss A. McLay, President, in the chair. Six Unions were represented. Miss C. McLay conducted Devotions. Convention plans were discussed, and preliminary reports were received. Miss C. M. McLay's organising work had borne much fruit, Hamilton Union having been re-organised, a new Maori Union having been formed at Hangitiki, and a Maori "Y" Branch having been formed at the Hamilton Girls' Hostel, with 23 members. Possibilities of organising new Unions in the district were discussed.

Tauranga, October 5: Mrs. Bryan presided in the absence of the President in Wellington for Dominion Officers' meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. Adjutant Home. Very good attendance. Convention reported on by Mrs. York most interestingly, also the great Rally held on Temperance Sunday evening after the Church services, in St. Paul's Methodist Church. Mr. McKinney, N.Z. Alliance organizer, spoke on the work of the Alliance, and stressed its financial needs. He spoke of the dangers of parts of the legislation now before Parliament in the redistribution of licenses, and extension of hours of sale. "Bring and Buy."

Cambridge, September: Good attendance. Mrs. Kemsley presiding. Report on District Convention and Temperance Rally at Hamilton given. A "First Aid" lecture was given by Mrs. McLellan, Lady Superintendent of the local St. John Ambulance. The use of bandages was demonstrated by Ambulance Sister Morrison. Afternoon tea and Benediction closed the afternoon's gathering.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, August: Deep sorrow expressed at the news of Miss Elsie Andrews' death. Miss Andrews had visited the Union several times and her talks in the schools and colleges of the district had been greatly esteemed. Her last one had been written in the Journal as the best speech given that year. Members stood in sympathy with her relatives. Sympathy was also expressed with Miss Kirk in the passing of her gifted brother, Professor H. B. Kirk. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Tarrant in the death of her sister. Guest speaker, Mr. H. Atmore. Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Benediction.

September: Letter of thanks sent to Mr. Bishop for donation of 30/- to pay for three months Y.P. Supplements. On account of ill-health, the resignation of Mrs. Hansen, President, was accepted with regret. The guest-speaker, the Rev. L. G. Hanna, gave a very fine talk. Hostesses, Mesdames Burton and Johnson.

October: Mrs. Hayman, President, presided and led Devotions. Letters were read from Miss Elsie Andrews' sister and from Miss Kirk in reply to letters of sympathy. An airmail letter from Miss Dorothy Staunton, of London, of thanks and appreciation for another 22lb. parcel was read. A solo, "I'll walk with Jesus every day," was much enjoyed.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, October 6: Mrs. Tremaine in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Kendall, reading from Philippians 4. A letter of thanks received from Dr. Gilbey, of England, for a parcel sent by us to her for distribution. Mrs. Cumming gave the District Convention report. Maori Day observed by the President reading a paper about work amongst the Maoris. It was pleasing to know that over fifty young Maoris in hostels in Auckland had signed the pledge. Mrs. Jensen welcomed back after absence through illness. Collection for Maori Fund £12/6. Fair attendance. Meeting closed with prayer.

Levin, August 18: Mrs. Muirhead led opening Devotions, giving an interesting talk and stressing the alarm felt concerning the amount of money spent on strong drink, and the serious effects of over-indulgence on the home life of many families. The speaker later delighted all by singing a solo, for which she was

thanked by Mrs. Kennerley. Mrs. Captain Major thanked members for letters of cheer received during her illness.

September 15: Mrs. Kennerley presided and led Devotions. Feeling reference made to the passing of Mrs. A. Tomlinson, a devoted member of many years' standing, and all stood in silence. Roll Call answered with text containing the word "Thanks." The reading of an article on "Our Drinking Habits," brought forth much comment. Mrs. Moxham was appointed delegate to Convention. A competition for a vase of flowers was won by Miss Plaster. Mrs. Muirhead reported on Band of Hope. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Henskie and Moorhead.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, September: Mrs. Brewer presided. 11 present. President read extracts from the "Evening Post," referring to "Gifts of liquor to the Police," "Liquor controlled," and "Betting off the course." Mrs. Pearson reported on Hospital work of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Pearce read extracts from the Handbook re Maori work. Collection taken for Maori Fund. Hostess, Mrs. Jordan. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

BLENHEIM DISTRICT

Blenheim, October 10: Mrs. P. Stephens presided in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Forbes, fourteen being present and eight apologies received. Six letters of cheer and sympathy to be sent. Mrs. R. Watson read a splendid report of the Marlborough District Convention. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Lane. Mrs. L. Rodgeron read an interesting article by J. B. Priestley, "You and Me and War." One new member initiated. Mrs. Stephens closed with Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, September 14: Mrs. Toomer presided, Mrs. McMillan leading Devotions. Regret expressed at the departure of our President, Mrs. Sherratt, from Nelson, who had been farewelled at an afternoon tea, and presented with a book in token of appreciation of her work since the beginning of the year. A letter of appreciation and good wishes to be sent from the Union. Members read aloud from the pamphlet, "How We Won the Franchise in New Zealand." Cradle Roll report by Mrs. Neal. Arrangements made for District Convention and the September Youth Rally. Birthday posies presented. Temperance Fact. Hostesses, Mesdames Lummis and Neal. Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

North Brighton, August 17: Good attendance. The passing of a very old member, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, was spoken of, four members having attended her funeral, and a wreath having been sent. Letter from Mrs. Toomer read and discussed. District Executive report given by the President. Six members attended the Prayer-meeting held at Mrs. Cockburn's, and six patients at the Mental Hospital had been visited. Cradle Roll service read, and two new members enrolled.

September 21: Good gathering of mothers and children on the Cradle Roll. Sympathy expressed with our Treasurer, Mrs. Mundy, in the death of her mother. Mrs. Noonan reported that four band of Hope children had gained certificates in the Temperance Examinations, very good marks having been obtained. A programme of musical items was presented, and a helpful address given by Captain Phillips (S.A.) on "The Responsibilities and Influence of Mothers on Their Children." Each child was given a card by Mrs. Pepperell, C.R. Superintendent, and a party tea was given them. Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings.

Lyttelton-Heathcote: Meetings are held alternately at Lyttelton and Heathcote, on the last Tuesdays. "Bring and Buy" was held recently for Union funds, and Mrs. Tredennick gave the life story of Mrs. Bessie Lee Cowie.

Sydenham, October 7: Mrs. J. Filer presided. Eleven members and one visitor present. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge repeated and Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Woodward. Reports on District Convention given by Mesdames Filer, Woodward and Drewett, who were delegates. The Rev. D. D. McLachlan gave an address on various aspects of Temperance work.

New Brighton, October 7: Mrs. Edmond in the chair. Devotions led by Captain Hadfield (S.A.). Pledge and Temperance Fact. Con-

gratulations received from District Executive on our having had the biggest representation at the Christchurch Band of Hope Rally on September 19. Good report on Mental Hospital visitation. Members to assist in sale of Health stamps. Nominations for Dominion Officers sent forward. Donation of 30/- for Headquarters Fund. Dittybags and soap to be sent to Sailors' Rest. Convention delegate presented her report, for which she was thanked.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate: Mrs. E. M. Mackie was welcomed by the President, Mrs. W. Duckett, as speaker on the World Convention of 1947. Most interesting experiences were related, and much information relative to the Temperance position in America was given. Musical items and Devotions preceded the address, afternoon tea being served at the close.

Timaru, August: Mrs. Holdgate presided, 21 members being present. Agreed to hold special "Bring and Buy" for Headquarters Fund, and to purchase blotters and pencils for distribution to school children.

September: Mrs. Densem presided, 19 present. Invitation from League of Mothers to Birthday Party. Four members volunteered to sell Health Stamps. A settee and two easy chairs had been purchased for the Sailors' Rest. Mrs. Densem reported on the District Convention.

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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; Corr. 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 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 43 Foyle St.

BROOKLYN, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Corr. 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.

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

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

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.

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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.R., 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.

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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. Huu.

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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.

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 Rcker 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 Hunter 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.

TE MUKA, 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 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 Dinnaiss 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.