

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins."—St. Matthew.

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"Christmas Greetings"

We wish all our readers, near and far, in this our own land and those others far away across the seas, who will not see this till Christmas is well past, a very happy Christmas. The year is almost gone. On its wings, as ever, it brought joy, sorrow, surprise, and opportunity for most people. As

it slips away into the eternal, we thank God for its constant reminders of His love and care, even in the midst of other reminders of the world's ancient need; that of recognising in the Holy Babe, the Light and Hope, and only security for humanity. By our prayers, faith and practice, let

us do what in us lies to hasten the time when

"Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling;
And the whole world give back the
song
Which now the angels sing."



CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a good time,
A time for giving cheer
To lonely ones and sad ones,
And those we hold most dear.
Christmas is a kind time,
"On earth goodwill to men."
Give sympathy, give friendship,
Till Christmas comes again.
Christmas is a glad time,
For then the Christ was born;
Oh, let the message of His love
Be sung on Christmas morn.

—Anon.

THE BIRTH OF A PRINCE

It was a glorious end to the tense waiting for news during which it almost seemed as if the whole world was holding its breath in anticipation, when the announcement was made that our beloved young Princess Elizabeth had become the mother of a son. So much has been said and written in the few days since this great event happened that anything we can add is mere repetition, but there is in our hearts so much gladness and thankfulness that we must add our little expression of delight to those already spoken or printed

The note of thanksgiving for the birth of a beautiful child is mingled with renewed recognition of the qualities of Princess Elizabeth. Her Christian character and fearless declaration of her own attitude in the matter of Christian living, as revealed in the paragraph below, have a touching sincerity in one so young, and we can thank God for her, while offering our prayers for her and her child. We all pray for a future of peace and security for these who will, in the natural course of things, one day take their turn in the great succession of Eng-

lish sovereigns, and also for the strength and courage necessary for so great a task.

When addressing a Conference of Christian Youth Organisations on August 15th, 1947, Princess Elizabeth said:

"We are considered to be witnesses of the truth of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A witness is one who speaks of that which he knows about first-hand. We need to have a knowledge of our faith that we can be bold in our witness and adventurous
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SPECIAL REPORTS

FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY—DEVONPORT UNION

The President, Mrs. Williams, presided over a gathering of over fifty persons, members and visitors, at a Social afternoon to extend good wishes to Devonport Union, which was formed on October 23rd, 1896.

The function opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by prayer and the Doxology. The President welcomed those present. Greetings were given by representatives from the City and surrounding Unions, the North Shore Unions, the District Executive, and the various local organisations. Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, gave an interesting talk on some of the work of the W.C.T.U. Solos were given by Mrs. James, elocutionary items by Mrs. Cullen, and competitions were held. A sumptuous afternoon tea followed. A large cake given by the members was cut by the President. Its maker was Mrs. Jones, one of the members.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY—LEVIN UNION

A very good attendance of mothers and children were welcomed to the Annual Cradle Roll party at Levin, by Mrs. Kennerley.

As the afternoon was gloriously fine, the children were able to enjoy games outside, under the guidance of Mrs. Muirhead, whilst Captain Hill, of Foxton, addressed the adults present. She spoke of the influence of mothers. At the conclusion of the talk, Captain Hill was thanked by Mrs. Kennerley, and Mrs. Plaster presented her with a lovely posy of flowers.

The serving of afternoon tea to the large company was done by Union members. The small folk were entertained out of doors, and tea was followed by ice cream. Judith and Joy contributed enjoyable items.

Several new babies were enrolled by Mrs. V. Hudson, C.R. Supt. A delightful party was closed with the Benediction.

THE BIRTH OF A PRINCE—Contd.

in our living. We know that we shall probably be in a minority wherever we are. We know that we shall have to face insecurity, opposition, and perhaps danger, for the confession of our faith. But the Christian Church has always prospered in adversity, and we must certainly not be afraid.

"I think it is comforting to remember those wonderful marching orders given by Joshua, 'Be strong and of good courage' and then to think of the other men and women in times past who, through the grace of God, were enabled to go forward into an unknown future with confidence and resolve. When we go to the Cathedral together I ask you to join with me in offering ourselves anew to God that we may be worthy successors of the pilgrims of old and be found valiant and devoted to the service of God and our fellow men."—Quoted from "The Reaper."

AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

METHODS DEPARTMENT

Dear Sisters,—

Will all secretaries please report to me any work done in the above Department, and especially the work of the Five-fold Plan, Study Groups, Conferences, or Schools of Methods.

Please report also any new methods of organisation during the year, to ensure a good report for the forthcoming Dominion Convention.

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Kohimarama.

MAORI DEPARTMENT

New Union at Hangatiki

As an outcome of a visit by the Maori Organiser to the King Country in May last, a new Union was organised by Sister Nicholls, District Maori Superintendent, and Mrs. A. Joseph, President of Te Kuiti Maori Union, in July, at Hangatiki. The meeting was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Davies. Mr. Davies greeted all present and expressed his interest and hearty approval of the work of the W.C.T.U. Officers elected: President, Mrs. R. Haeriti; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Poihihi; Secretary, Mrs. We Nikora; Treasurer, Mrs. Gray. Eight paid-up members were initiated.

At the next meeting, August 11th, Mrs. A. Joseph read the Scripture lesson, Sister Nicholls gave the Devotional talk, and Mrs. Haeriti led in prayer. 15 present, including visitors. Departmental Superintendents were appointed as follows: Evangelistic, Mrs. Poihihi; Cradle Roll, Mrs. M. George; "W.R.," Mrs. Phillips, Seamen's Work, Mrs. Hurst. Two visitors donated 15/- towards funds.

Educational meetings were held in August and October. On November 11th, Miss C. M. McLay attended the meeting held in the local hall. 12 present. Mrs. Haeriti presided. Miss McLay gave a talk from John 3:16. Pledge repeated. Roll call, a recipe. Invitations to special meetings from Otorohanga and Te Awamutu Unions. Seven bags handed in for Seamen's Rest. C.R. report. A girl of eighteen signed the Pledge. Miss McLay told of Seamen's Rests, and of the Women's Rest Room, opened by the W.C.T.U. in Te Kuiti, the value of our work in other lands, and the "New Look" at wedding breakfasts in the use of non-alcoholic drinks.

THE LICENSING BILL

The long-awaited Licensing Bill has been introduced at last. It has come as a blow, in many ways, to all who looked for such changes as were likely in some measure to improve existing conditions in regard to the drink traffic. Its provisions fill one with dismay. The ridiculous nonsense talked about the lessening of drunkenness by the increasing of facilities for drinking would be amusing if the issues involved were not so terrible. As it is, one feels that the hosts of wickedness are being entrenched more firmly than ever.

Thanks to Mr. Milner, the General Superintendent of the N.Z. Alliance, and those associated with him, especially the Presbyterian Assembly Temperance Committee, the Bill is not going to have the rapid and easy passage evidently planned and expected by Mr. Nash and those who prepared it. The long delay in making the provisions known, and the introduction of so controversial a measure so late in the session might well have led to its passing through without any proper opportunity for investigation of its implications to be made. Mr. Milner's persistence and vigilance have prevented this, and we owe him our gratitude.

The splendid stand being taken by Princess Te Puea and other King Country Maoris of high rank, has given us great inspiration in our efforts to stay the hand of those who would violate the "Solemn Pact" so well and completely authenticated by unimpeachable authorities. Our prayers should be offered for the success of their plea to His Majesty to refrain from assenting to any Parliamentary enactment that would transgress this Pact, and all our influence should be brought to bear on those able to assist or hinder the passing of legislation by which liquor can be legally sold in the King Country.

The promise of a referendum on the issue of the extension of the hours of sale should make us realise that there is much work for us to do in preparing for this. The example of New South Wales should, and probably will, influence the vote in New Zealand, but our prayers and work will have to be constant. If we can do no more than to impress on the indifferent voters the necessity for them to vote if they are to preserve for themselves as well as others, the measure of security from crime and danger which early closing has given; let us see to it that we **DO** so. By talking about it, praying about it, and doing all possible to awaken our friends to the realisation of the retrograde nature of this proposed change, we are able to affect the issue.

By letters and telegrams to M.P.'s and Ministers, something can be done and we should watch the papers carefully so that no chance is lost.

The Gambling Referendum should also give us reason for redoubling our activity. We understand that this is to be taken on the same day as the Licensing Referendum, early in the new year.

“Within the Veil”

MRS. FRANCES D. SMITH, GORE UNION

On Monday, November 1st, White Ribboners in Southland found it hard to believe that Mrs. Smith, who had, just three days before, taken a leading part in the Annual District Convention at Invercargill, had been taken from us by the hand of death. She had passed away in her sleep during Sunday night.

Mrs. Smith had been for many years President of the Gore Union, and was still holding that office. Her greatest work for the Union was in the Cradle Roll Department, of which she was Dominion Superintendent for a number of years. Although handicapped by deafness, she carried on in every field of Christian work, being a faithful member of the Methodist Church. She will be greatly missed by the people of Gore, where she and her late husband (who passed away last year) were held in the highest esteem. “People are going round looking stunned,” was one comment heard in Gore on Monday. Those who heard her speak on Friday will not soon forget her message.

MISS AGNES AITKEN PEARSON TIMARU UNION

A lifetime of teaching was the service Miss A. A. Pearson gave to South Canterbury, and particularly Timaru. Her death in the middle of October, at the age of 85, will be regretted by many former pupils of Timaru Main School, where Miss Pearson laboured for a large portion of her life. The many telegrams and letters received by her sister are a tribute to the influence Miss Pearson exercised in her quiet, unassuming manner. She also gave long service as a Choir member and Sunday School teacher at Trinity Church, and was a valued member of the W.C.T.U., being Treasurer of the Sailors’ Rest for many years.

MRS. LONGBOTTOM, AUCKLAND UNION

A devoted member of long standing in the Auckland Union recently received very suddenly, the “Home Call.” Mrs. Longbottom was of a very quiet, retiring nature, but so true to the Temperance Cause and W.C.T.U. She had reached the age of ninety years, and through failing sight was unable to attend the meetings regularly. She was with us at the “Pay-up” Social, and presented her usual gift. She was

looking forward to attending the reception at the District Convention, but on that very afternoon her funeral service was held at the Grey Lynn Methodist Church. The large gathering of friends and the many beautiful wreaths were a tribute to the esteem in which she was held.

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” “Her heart was pure, her hope was sure.”

MRS. E. CHADWICK, HENDERSON UNION

It is with the deepest sorrow that Henderson reports the passing of their much-loved President, Mrs. E. Chadwick, who passed away suddenly at her home on October 30th. It can truthfully be said of her that she died in harness. Although her health had been very poor for some time, which prevented her going out, she conducted the meetings at her own home. She has been our faithful President for ten years. Her sweet presence will be sadly missed at the meetings. Her fine Christian character, her kindness, courage and unselfishness endeared her to all, and leaves behind a happy memory. Our cause has lost a devoted and faithful worker, whose place will not easily be filled. Her passing is a great loss to the community, but the influence of her life will be felt for a long time to come. Our sympathy goes out to her sister, Mrs. Dickinson, in her sad loss.

MRS. FRANCES RYDE, OXFORD UNION

In the passing of Mrs. Ryde to Higher Service, the Oxford Union has lost a foundation member who, through the long years, never lost her faith in, and enthusiasm for, the work of the W.C.T.U. In her seventeen years as President much valuable work was done in the district. Her efforts, ably supported by her late husband, in connection with the catering for the local Show, were highly successful, due largely to her organisation and personal influence. Her simple faith and trust in God did much to keep the atmosphere, wherever she worked, sweet and helpful.

Owing to failing health in later years, she was unable to attend the meetings, but our love for her was very sincere, and her continued witness in her home was always real and alive. The whole district will be the poorer now she is at rest, but her influence will live in our hearts always.

“Devotional Period”



HYMN No. 8, W.R. Hymnal.

Scripture Reading: St. Luke 2,
verses 8-18.

“Abiding in the Field.”

It was so wonderful that the song was heard by these simple, country shepherds alone, and that to them was entrusted the lovely task of giving the world a story of such astounding beauty. Not to the educated, learned, sophisticated “Wise Men” was the vision given, or the extraordinary, terrifying delight of that music. “Abiding in the field.” It was a somewhat dreary task, that of watching over the flocks by night. The danger of an attack on the flock from wolves, or from robbers; the possibility of loss by straying, the necessity for vigilance in the cold of the winter night, lest the sheep should suffer for want of such shelter as could be given them—these were constant dangers, and it was the regular, perhaps monotonous task of the shepherd to be vigilant through the dark hours.

What an amazing experience for men under such conditions! Under any conditions it would have been amazing, but “suddenly,” the music began, the Angel appeared and spoke, and life could never be the same again for them. How one longs to know the sound of the music, the cadence of that song whose echoes have never died down and which is sung as mortals sing for as long as they inhabit this earth. To have heard angels—to have actually listened to the music of Heaven—was a thing reserved for these men who were “Abiding in the field.”

Yet, is it not true that even now, in the quiet, unquestioning carrying on of the daily routine, the task of monotony and endless necessity, the heart hears the song? The message of Peace and Goodwill is ever being repeated. In the deep innermost places of the soul, it is heard above and through all the sorrow and turmoil of life. Let us, for every reason, keep our hearing keen and alert. All joy, all strength, all sense of safety and security may be ours if we let ourselves be aware of the mystery and wonder which are surely round and about us. So shall Christmas Tide be our opportunity for listening, and what we hear shall lift life on to a higher plane for ourselves and so for all around us. This will be a “Happy Christmas.”

PRAYER.

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District Convention Address, 1948

By the District President,

MRS. F. W. MOUNTJOY

To see clearly children must first
learn to think for themselves. Unless
they start learning to do so in the
home, they will never learn.

Through quest and question they
find out things for themselves that
they will remember all their lives and
form a habit they will never forget.
We should encourage the habit by
not trying to force our own ideas and
ways of doing things on our own
children and those others we come in
contact with, as the only correct
method. By learning to reason the
why and the wherefore they are de-
veloping their characters, and when
temptation comes their way, if guided
along the right path, they automatic-
ally know right from wrong.

We mothers have a great responsi-
bility in developing the little lives en-
trusted to us, our children or our
grandchildren. Through them we
reach a larger circle and we must see
that there will be no stumbling block
left in their way that they cannot sur-
mount.

Children, at some stage of their
lives, make heroes or heroines of
people they meet or read about; their

teacher, a sportsman, a statesman. I
remember a girl in the sixth standard
cuddled all she could of the life of
President McKinley. She afterwards
became a Doctor of Medicine. It is
good to bring to children's notice
people with high ideals as Don Brad-
man the cricketer, Lovelock the run-
ner, Lord Montgomery, perhaps the
greatest soldier that the British Em-
pire has ever had, or a recent Gover-
nor of New Zealand, Sir Cyril Newall.
These men have reached their present
fame and neither drink intoxicating
liquor nor smoke. There are many
others just as famous in other direc-
tions, who have taken the same stand.
Most young people desire to be
physically fit, and these people could
never have reached their goal without
physical fitness. They advise one and
all that to be 100 per cent. fit one must
leave intoxicating liquor strictly alone.

In August 1948's "Consumer News,"
appears an article entitled "Drinking
and Driving," issued by the Depart-
ment of Health, in which it states,
"Alcohol is a drug which, no matter
how we may try to talk ourselves out
of it, affects our brains. This is just
cold, scientific fact. What alcohol
does is to influence those parts of the
brain, the so-called higher centres, that
give us judgment, concentration, self-
criticism and skill. The same part of
the brain gives us anxiety, frustration
and worry. Alcohol cuts down the
activity of this part of the brain. The
effect of even small quantities of alco-
hol is to diminish skill and self-
criticism and to prolong reaction time,
the time between spotting a danger
and acting accordingly. In fact, it
produces just those conditions that
make a skilful driver of a motor
vehicle less skilful. We should not
have to learn through bitter experi-
ence that when driving, a little alcohol
can be a dangerous thing."

In spite of advice like this from one
of its own departments, our Govern-
ment licenses the sale and manufacture
of this poisonous drug.

New Zealand's drink bill for 1947
was £16,208,343. An appalling figure
for such a young country. In 1941 the
expenditure in New Zealand on intoxi-
cating liquors was £6/6/- per head. In
1947 it had increased to £9/1/11 per
head.

The late Lord Stamp, who was a
leading world economist, said, "The
National Drink Bill represents a bad
bargain for the community." "When
intoxicants have been made, sold and
consumed, there is nothing to show

for the expenditure except a certain
crop of trouble, poverty, crime and
disease. It is more than sheer waste.
It would have been better for every-
one concerned if all the money had
been expended on digging holes and
filling them up again," said Thos. P.
Whittaker, British M.P.

While this waste in the use of bar-
ley and sugar is going on the people
are being asked to ration themselves
to help the hungry people of Britain
and Europe. The Government prom-
ised that barley for brewers would be
curtailed, but they were actually al-
lowed to use 176,889 bushels more
grain in 1946 and 1947 than in 1945.
New Zealand produced 2,505,000 more
gallons of beer in 1947 and 3,000,000
more gallons of beer in 1946 than in
1945, yet the people are being asked
to eat less meat, less butter and less
bread. It would appear as though the
planned production in New Zealand
considers brewers and beer should
have priority.

We read that the quantity of beer
and stout produced in Australia dur-
ing the 12 months ending June 30,
1947, was the highest on record. Fig-
ures compiled by the Government
Statistician show that production dur-
ing that period reached 128,267,000
gallons.

In the "Auckland Star," August 10,
1948, in the "London News," we read
that "just under 4,250,000 gallons of
Scotch whisky were exported during
the first six months of this year,
creating records for whisky as a dollar
earner. Of the total quantity export-
ed, the United States took 2,206,000
gallons, and Canada 332,000 gallons.
If whisky exports are maintained at
the same level during the second half
of this year they will earn £15 millions
sterling worth of dollars and reduce
home stocks by more than 63,500,000
bottles."

What is going to be the result of
all this production and sale of this
soul-destroying liquor? We are see-
ing it in our young country in the
divorce courts, broken homes, road
accidents, etc. The same applies to
Australia. These countries are beer-
drinking countries, but America, which
is a spirit-drinking country, shows in
her appallingly increasing number of
alcoholics the havoc that is being
wrought there.

The head of the Psychiatric Insti-
tute in Chicago courts states that
whereas 15 years ago one out of every
five alcoholics was a woman, now it
is one out of every three. One out
of every 17 males in U.S.A. is an

alcoholic or a chronically excessive drinker.

We know that the U.S.A. Government is very much exercised by this increasing number of alcoholics and has made large grants to assist in treating and endeavouring to cure these people. Would it not be better to prohibit the importation and manufacture of this enemy?

Bulgaria has awakened to this harm to her people for, according to the "Bulgarian National Herald," April 13, 1947, the Bulgarian Government, by decree, closed 16,000 night clubs and saloons in that country. This action was taken because of the heavy increase of debauchery and drunkenness which had developed in Bulgaria. A new temperance measure recently passed in Bulgaria includes two significant temperance provisions: 1, Local Option; and 2, All licensed houses must serve fruit juices.

In one of the saddest commentaries yet heard on parental delinquency, the Child Welfare Division of the City of Boston reported recently that hundreds of babies and children have been committed to city care—and support because **excessive** drinking has made their parents unfit to bring them up.

Mrs. Anna M. Mackay, Deputy Commissioner of Child Welfare, estimated that 85 per cent. of 1,500 youngsters the Division now supports in foster homes, have had to be separated from their natural parents because of unbearable family conditions which grew out of **too much liquor**. Mrs. Mackay said that drunkenness is the underlying factor in the majority of all types of cases which result in commitment of children to the Division.

Drink, agreed Miss Marv J. Reidy, investigator with the Department for 17 years, has been the major factor in the majority of the family break-ups.

The following appeared in the "Auckland Star," July 15, 1944, "U.S. Olympic Athletes Must Behave or Else—New York—Wednesday. The United States Olympic authorities, mindful of the furore caused in 1936 when the American swimmer Eleanor Home was dismissed from the team for drinking champagne, today issued a stern warning that any athlete who breaks training by drinking alcohol will be dismissed. Violation shall be the grounds for immediate dismissal from the team."

Back in our own little New Zealand we read of experimental activities in grape production. The exceptional grape crops have been used commercially to manufacture wine of a particularly intoxicating nature. If the Government could only be induced to see the advisability of it these exceptional crops could be used with profit to the people of New Zealand to more advantage as non-intoxicating beverages, and assist the sick to regain their health, or as a basis for many refreshing fruit drinks. **Unfermented fruit drink bars** could become just as popular as milk-bars, for young people only want pleasant drinks and to drink in company.

Just a word about Legislation! The Royal Commission sat in January, 1945. They reported on August 27, 1946, two years ago, and there was a very half-hearted discussion in the House in September, 1947, almost a year ago and only talk since. Because of the fact that it is a matter on which both sides of the House are divided, it is being shelved.

The Alliance, from their annual meeting, telegraphed the Prime Minister, asking for an assurance that the bill would be brought down this session. The reply was, "Your telegram received. Question of legislation is one for Government to decide. When that decision is arrived at I will be pleased to inform you in time for your organisation to make any representation which it considers necessary." I presume the other side will receive the same privilege.

In the Royal Commission's recommendations were:—1. An alteration to the ballot paper. They suggest the following—

I vote for Continuance.

I vote for Prohibition.

In the event of the first being carried—

I vote for corporate control.

I vote against corporate control.

The brewers want this last to relate to hotels only.

Temperance bodies, while not agreeing that anything but prohibition would be in the best interests of the people consider that corporate or trust control of hotels would be useless, and consider it should include the importation, manufacture and retailing of all intoxicating liquor.

Then there is the question of extended hours of sale. We do **not** want evening hours of sale and **must** be firm in our stand for 6 o'clock closing. A good many of us remember the 10 o'clock closing with its waste of time and money and danger to young people out at night.

We must stand out against restaurant drinking.

We must oppose any extension of the period between the polls. Nine years was recommended, but the very fact that the poll is held every three years means that the young people are at least having brought before them the harmful effect of strong drink, and if they have been taught to "think clearly" in the home, some at least may be saved.

Lastly we want to see the powers of the Licensing Committees increased. We have had the promise of the Prime Minister that a referendum of the people will be taken on these matters before any should be put into effect, and we must see that the promise is honoured.

"The hosts of darkness gather
To drive us back to night,
But all unseen the Hosts of God
Are with us in the fight.
Oh sisters! do not falter
March on and have no fear:
Oh lift your eyes to yonder skies,
The Morning Land is near."

President's Message

Dear Friends,—

What do you think is most needed, and that we can all give, to help abolish the liquor traffic? There is just one answer—"Service" given to Christ through the every-day opportunities that crowd about us.

SERVICE—we can all give a little more: give an extra piece of literature; state a fact about the danger of the liquor trade to some one who may not know it; remind a fellow member of the Union meeting day, etc.

ENCOURAGING—Praise other people's efforts to work for Christ, never mind whether you like them, or their efforts.

REFLECTING—Giving such service as we are able in the spirit that reflects the love of Christ.

VISION—Serving with a clear vision of God's will to remove evil from the land, keeping our eyes set on the glory of God and our ears listening for His direction re ways and means of carrying out what we see and hear.

INDIVIDUAL—See to it that we leave none of our individual work undone, it is **ours** to do. If we do not do it, someone else may, but we shall have lost our opportunity. It won't come back; we may, in God's mercy, receive **another** opportunity but for the whole of our lives we have to go short of the blessing that might have come to us.

CONSECRATE—Perfect service can only be given through sincere and self-sacrificing consecration. Without consecration to His service it is impossible for Christ to give to us the gifts He lived and died to give.

ETERNITY—All acts of consecrated service help us and those around us to reach Eternity with joy and gladness and, if we are true to our Union Pledge, with thankfulness that we have been allowed to help to make a cleaner world by abolishing the liquor traffic.

With very sincere good wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.

MRS. STEPHENSON CRAIG

With the deepest regret, we announce the passing to Higher Service on 25th November, of our beloved sister, Mrs. Stephenson Craig, for so many years a worker for our cause in Hamilton.

District Conventions

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

The Northland District Convention was held at Maungakarama on September 22nd, Mrs. Green, District President, in the chair. After leading the opening Devotions, Mrs. Green welcomed the delegates, who represented four Unions.

A resolution of protest was passed which ran as follows: "That we urge railway authorities to enforce the law prohibiting the taking of liquor into railway carriages. Young people travelling are often subjected to very objectionable conditions."

Noontide Devotions were led by Mrs. Bickers.

An address was given by Mr. S. Green, of Donnelly's Crossing, in which the value and purposes of the W.C.T.U. were emphasised, and the need for its work to continue into the coming generation. Mr. Green was asked several questions at the close of his address.

Lunch and afternoon tea were served by the Maungakarama ladies, for which they were duly thanked.

Mrs. Roberts led the opening Devotions for the afternoon session. A "Memorial Service" was conducted during which all members stood in silent prayer to honour the memory of those who had passed away since last Convention, who were Mrs. Vyle and Hiss Hilford, Whangarei; Mrs. Bradley, Dargaville; Mrs. Hahnan, Maungakarama, and Miss Andrews, of New Plymouth.

The reports of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, "White Ribbon," L.T.L., Bands of Hope, Peace, and Maori Work were given and adopted.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. S. S. Green, Donnelly's Crossing; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edmed, Dargaville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. J. Moorhead, Dargaville; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Taylor, Dargaville; Departmental Superintendents were also appointed. Mention was made of the interesting fact that two ex "Y" members are now District Officers.

Branch Reports were read from Maungakarama, Dargaville, Te Kopuru, Maungaturoto, Pukehuia and Whangarei.

Further Resolutions passed were:

"That we strongly protest against the proposed extension of the hours of the sale of liquor, and ask for a Referendum on the question."

"That the Agricultural Department be asked to use the expansion in the grape industry in the making of unfermented drinks."

"That a letter be written to Tauranga W.C.T.U. asking for more information re Prison Reform."

Plans of Work were discussed, arising from which it was agreed that

Miss McLay should be invited to come north for organising in the Far North in the coming year.

The Convention closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

South Auckland Convention was held at Hamilton, in St. Paul's Methodist Schoolroom, under the chairmanship of the District President, Miss A. M. McLay, on September 19th. Nine Unions were represented. Opening Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Christian, Vice-President. Miss McLay welcomed the Dominion President, Miss Kirk, who was able to attend the morning session, and also all delegates and friends present. A special welcome was given to the delegates from Te Kuiti, Sister Nicholls and Mesdames Josephs and Ewan.

The annual report compiled by the District Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Lewis, was read by Miss C. McLay. This showed a gain of over 100 in the district membership, owing to the fine organising work of the Dominion Organiser, especially in the King Country. A new "Y" Branch had been opened at the Maori Girls' Hostel in Hamilton, with 23 members, and Band of Hope work had been begun in other places.

Sister Nicholls then spoke on her work for Temperance among the Maoris, and drew a very moving picture of the struggle involved in keeping the Pledge taken by some of the people she knew.

Miss McLay then called upon a visitor, the Rev. Hemi Nikora, who had been the first President of the "Y" branch which used to be at Opotiki. Mr. Nikora spoke briefly, recalling his association with Miss McLay, and appealing for a friendly spirit to be shown towards those of his race, saying that the Maori would always respond to a friendly approach.

Miss Kirk was asked by Miss McLay to say a few words, and she added to the interest of the discussion on the Maori position by telling incidents from her own knowledge and experience. Referring to the great Temperance Rally held on the previous evening, Miss Kirk said she had been struck by the earnestness of the faces, and the intent expressions as the address of the Rev. Mr. Henkin was given.

Sister Nicholls led Noontide Devotions and the Maori members sang a hymn in their own beautiful language.

The afternoon session was opened with Devotions, led by Miss C. McLay. Union reports were then read by the delegates, and much fine work was shown to have been carried out. It was noted that the Maori Unions were able to show the Pakehas how to carry out things properly, their reports recording great attention to detail and care in proper procedure.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Miss A. McLay; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Craig, Christian; Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Lewis; Treasurer, Mrs. Clark.

Miss McLay then gave her Presidential Address, in which she spoke of W.C.T.U. work in many lands, showing pictures of great interest. A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Clark, and, being recalled, another was given.

Shoulder sprays were presented by Mrs. Bradley, of the Hamilton Union, to all officers, and afternoon tea was served.

A remit from Tauranga was referred to the Dominion Officers for their comments. Plans of work were discussed. Votes of thanks to all helpers were carried, and the usual Closing Service was held.

A special Greeting was to be sent to Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Life Vice-President, who was unable to be present owing to illness, her presence being greatly missed.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

The Wanganui District Convention was held in the Baptist Church Schoolroom on October 13th. Pastor Griffith led the opening Devotional period, speaking from Romans V, on "The Gifts of God" Mrs. Chesswas, District President, was in the chair; and welcomed all delegates and friends, especially Miss Scarrow, of Raetihi, and Mrs. Robb, new President of Wanganui East.

Greetings were to be sent to presidents unable to attend. Delegates present represented Wanganui Central and East, Aramoho and Gonville. The District report showed a slight increase in membership, and the Financial report showed a favourable position. Union reports were read by the delegates, and showed that the work was being sustained.

The "Service of Memories" was conducted by Mrs. Chesswas, and a special tribute was paid to the memory of Miss Elsie Andrews. Various departmental reports were given, and it was agreed to continue the annual subscription to the Crippled Children Society.

Mrs. Chesswas led the Noontide Devotions, following which she reported on the Dominion Convention.

The afternoon session was opened by the Rev. A. S. Archibald in a Devotional Period. Mrs. Chesswas then gave a full report on the N.C.W. Reporting on hospital visiting, Mrs. Duxfield mentioned the Jubilee Home, saying the work there was profitable, being much appreciated.

All Officers were returned unopposed: President, Mrs. Chesswas; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Day, Duxfield, Clancy and Sanford; Secretary, Mrs. H. R. Ogg; Treasurer, Miss E. Christie. Departmental Superintendents were also appointed. N.C.W. delegates were Mesdames Day and

Chesswas. Mrs. Clancy moved a vote of thanks to those who had served tea and to all who had helped, and Mrs. Chesswas thanked all for their presence, urging them to carry on their work as opportunity offered, especially among the young.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

The Hawke's Bay District Convention was held in the Baptist Hall, Napier, on September 15th, Mrs. Lewis presiding. About forty delegates and friends attended, seven Unions being represented. Devotions were led by Mrs. Major Hay, Mrs. J. R. H. Thorp, and Mrs. Calcott.

Resolutions passed dealt with:

- 1.—The use of the "blood test" for alcohol after motor accidents.
- 2.—The sale of raffle tickets by children.
- 3.—Further extensive vineyards in Hawke's Bay for wine production.
- 4.—The use of sports grounds under public control for organised sport on Sundays.
- 5.—The need for a public enquiry to investigate allegations made against certain members of the Police Force recently in the Magistrates' Court, Napier.
- 6.—The need for a continuation of the restrictions on Maoris in regard to liquor, as a protection to the Maori race.

The Rev. J. R. Grave, of Hastings, gave a very stirring address, his text being "Therefore, being engaged in this service by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."

The following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames H. Ryan and J. R. H. Thorp; Hon. Secretary, Miss L. Ennor; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Smith.

The Gisborne delegate issued an invitation for next year's Convention to be held there, and this was accepted. Hospitality was extended to delegates by the Napier Union.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson District Convention was held at Richmond, in the Methodist Hall, delegates from all Unions attending. Mrs. Toomer, District President was in the chair. Miss Dyson, Richmond President, gave a welcome to all present. The opening Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Champion of Motueka, whose subject was "Righteousness, Temperance and Judgment." Mrs. Toomer expressed thanks to the speaker. Greetings were sent to Miss Kirk and absent members. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given, and also Union reports. Motueka was congratulated on having the largest proportional increase in adult and Cradle Roll membership, and Mrs. Houston, Richmond, was thanked for her interest in the Alexandra Home.

Mrs. Toomer welcomed Mrs. J. H. Grigg, Guest-speaker, who gave a most interesting talk on the influence and power of women, and was warmly thanked. Noontide Devotions were led by Mrs. Walker.

The Rev. Mr. Patchett opened the afternoon session with Devotions, speaking challengingly on "Personal Responsibility." Superintendents' Departmental reports were read, and Mrs. Grigg gave an interesting talk on "Alcoholics Anonymous." Solos by Mrs. Dickinson and a play, "Reaping the Whirlwind" were greatly enjoyed during the afternoon. Two new members were initiated, and four Long Service Badges were presented.

All Officers were re-elected for the coming year. Morning and afternoon teas were served by Methodist, Baptist and Church of Christ ladies. Convention closed with the Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Manawatu District Convention was held at Feilding, in the Methodist Hall, on September 22nd, in beautiful weather, and among lovely floral decorations.

Miss Jamieson, President, led the opening Devotions, and welcomed all present. Four Unions were represented.

Many plans and suggestions for work were brought forward. Reports were read by Officers and Superintendents. Officers elected were: President, Miss Jamieson; Mrs. Coles, and Mrs. Stewart; Treasurer, Miss Edwards; Vice-President, Mrs. Stewart.

A bright public meeting, chaired by the President, followed. Opening Devotions were led by Mrs. Thompson. Much appreciated solos and recitations were given by Mesdames Cuming and Gill. The speaker was the Rev. F. Fitch, who gave a very telling address. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Tremaine and Mrs. Simpson, and the Convention was closed with prayer.

It was reported that the Maori Girls' Hostel had been assisted by the proceeds of a garden party, which amounted to £8, and also by gifts of vegetables.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington District Convention met at Brooklyn Methodist Church on October 28th. Devotional session was conducted by District President Mrs. Watt. It was a spiritual uplift. Among the outgoing greetings, it was decided to send our good wishes to the British Sailors' Society, who on this day were holding a special sale for their work.

Letter was received from our Parliamentary Superintendent, Mrs. Chesswas, asking every Union to be on the alert and ready to send in protest in connection with Licensing Legislation that will affect the King Country.

The Referendum in February in regard to Off-Course Betting was well discussed, and all Unions to do their best to encourage vote against this.

Remit to Dominion Convention regarding the way pictures are advertised. Literature Committee be asked to prepare as soon as possible, leaflets suitable to the requirements for distribution between now and February that will show clearly the evil of Off-Course Betting.

District Officers' reports received, also the various Superintendents' reports. Seamen's work was encouraging, a number of parcels brought, and £7/14/6 in donations. Belmont Youth work shows much activity, 16 "Y" meetings so far this year, and 17 L.T.L. meetings, Sunday teas, and several united gatherings on special occasions.

All Unions except Carterton were represented and each brought their report. Cradle Rolls in almost all Unions are in flourishing condition and the district has added 20 new members. N.C.W. delegates were elected, also Superintendents for the various Departments. Our Officers for coming year:—President, Mrs. F. Grigg; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Brewer and Miss Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Reed; Treasurer, Miss Atkinson.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, 21st September. Despite cold weather conditions there was a pleasing gathering of members of Picton, Springlands and Blenheim Unions, besides a full attendance of Officers, at St. Andrew's Hall, for the District Convention. Mrs. V. Underhill, President, was in the chair. The opening Devotions were taken by Mrs. W. J. Girling, Vice-President, who also welcomed the visitors on behalf of Blenheim Union, and the President added a welcome, especially to those who had travelled some distance, including the guest speaker, Mrs. J. Tennant, of Picton. The Rev. A. O. Jones, speaking on behalf of the Blenheim Ministers' Association, gave greetings and good wishes, together with a brief message of commendation and encouragement, which was much appreciated.

Greetings were received from Miss Kirk, Dominion President, and several members who were unable to attend.

A resolution of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Miss Elsie Andrews, and members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. E. Milgrew. Letters of cheer sent to several aged and sick members, and greetings to Miss Kirk, Mr. H. W. Milner and Mr. Geo. Dash. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. E. T. Hegglin, Treasurer of Springlands Union, on her appointment as a J.P., the first woman J.P. in Marlborough.

Reports of the work of the Executive were given by Mrs. N. Forbes, Recording, and Mrs. S. Harris, Corresponding, Secretaries, and a very satisfactory balance sheet was presented by Miss E. Tarrant. The Union reports were given by the delegates from Blenheim, Picton and Springlands, and revealed keen interest and activity. The work among young people was a feature of Picton reports—the "Y's" and Band of Hope were very active. Appreciation was expressed for the interest and time given by Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Mrs. E. Leslie reported on the Cradle Roll

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HOME MAKERS' CORNER

By "LYNETTE"

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How sturdy God hath made thee—
Thou bidst us all place faithfully
Our trust in God unchangingly.

The Christmas tree originated in central Europe in the Middle Ages, and has much of Christian symbolism associated with it. The evergreen tree typifies the everlasting love of God, and the candles represent the Light of the World which was revealed to us in Christ Jesus. The star usually placed at the top of the tree, symbolises the star that "came and stood over where the young child was," while the presents tied to the branches had their origin in the gifts that the wise men brought to the Infant Jesus. Indeed, all Christmas gifts have this as their origin, and in past days these gifts were for the poor—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Though it is not always possible to have a full-sized tree in the house, even a small one can be very decorative and give a festive Christmas look to a room. Lawsoniana, cypress, spruce and rimu all have the fine texture of small needles, and the attractive shape necessary for a small tree. There are many ways in which it may be decorated, with ribbons, streamers, crepe paper bows, tinsel, or paper toffees. A star made from silver paper and cardboard can be easily fixed to the top by wiring from the stem. If extra glamour is desired, a glittering sprinkling of "snow" may be added. Dissolve two or three pounds of alum in hot water and stand to cool in a large bucket or kerosene tin. When cool suspend the tree in the solution and leave for about twenty-four hours. When it is removed, the crystals of alum will be sparkling all through the tree, and stood in a flower pot of wet sand, it looks really lovely.

SOLUTION TO No. 28

Across: 1, Predicant; 9, Prune; 10, Osier; 12, R.I.; 13, Spins; 15, He; 16, Emu; 18, R.N.T.; 19, Sea; 20, Consecrated; 23, Pad; 24, Ago; 25, Philanderer; 29, Ion; 30, Tui; 31, Ere; 32, Cr.; 33, Nonce; 35, R.S.; 36, Enter; 38, Tames; 40, Subsisted.

Down: 1, Primo; 2, R.U.; 3, Ens; 4, Depredators; 5, Contradicts; 6, Ass; 7, N.I.; 8, Tehee; 9, Precipice; 11, Re-address; 14, Inc.; 17, Unpin; 19, Store; 21, Sal; 22, Age; 26, Horns; 27, Nun; 28, Erred; 33, Neb; 35, Eat; 37, Tu; 39, Me.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOMINION CONVENTION

February 16-22, Trinity Hall, Barnard Street, Timaru.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS, 1949-50

The followings nominations for District Officers have been received by me:

President: Miss C. M. McLay.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P., Mrs. H. N. Toomer, Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, Mrs. E. J. Chesswas, Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. V. Underhill.

Treasurer: Miss G. Gibbs.

R. M. UNDERHILL.

CONVENTION REMINDERS

Dear Friends,—

Convention is around the corner and I would like to remind Union Presidents and Secretaries of a few things which need to be done to ensure a smooth running and profitable time. Will you please—

1.—Advise me of the name of your delegate.

2.—Send name and address of delegate to Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon Street, Timaru, if hospitality is required.

3.—Supply your delegate with a Credential which should be handed to me on arrival.

4.—Remind delegate to take: Notebook, pencil, hymn-book, butter ration card. **Note.**—Should circumstances arise to prevent a delegate attending Convention, please advise Miss Stevenson, or your hostess.

5.—If your Union is in possession of a **Competition Banner**, see that it is **taken or posted** to me at Convention.

6.—**Service of Remembrance:** I should like the names of your members who have passed on since last Convention, by the 10th February. Thanking you in anticipation!

Yours sincerely,

RUBY M. UNDERHILL,

Hon. Rec. Sec.

HANDKERCHIEF COMPETITION FOR HEADQUARTERS FUND

1.—"Thrift," to be made from **used** material, any size.

2.—"New" handkerchief made from **new** material of any size.

Both kinds to be trimmed in any way desired.

Entries to be sent or brought to Convention on 16th February next, when they will be displayed and judged. Competitors to state whether handkerchiefs may be sold for Headquarters Fund, or if they wish to retain them. More than one entry permitted.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" - 29

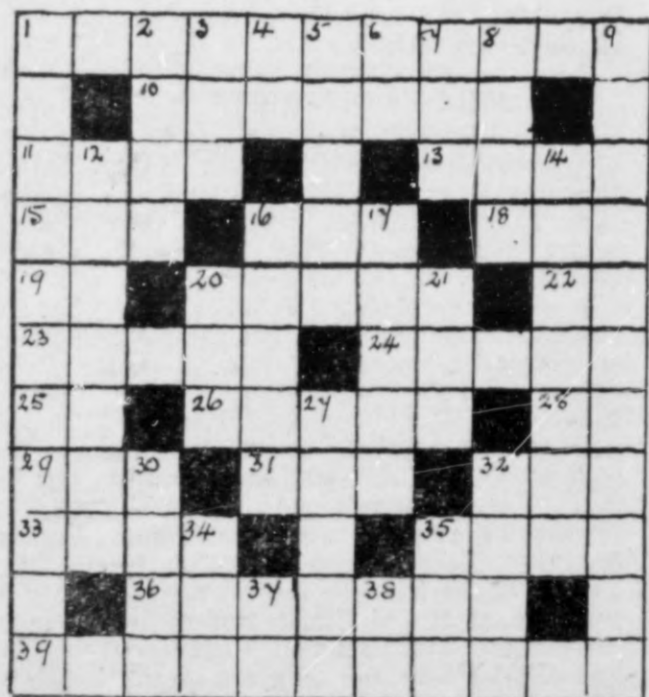
CLUES

Across

- 1—Without delay.
- 10—A rare metal.
- 11—Step.
- 13—Religious teacher of India.
- 15—Aim.
- 16—Stuff.
- 18—Required number.
- 19—Maori village.
- 20—Lubricated.
- 22—Exclamation.
- 23—Not asleep.
- 24—Fruit.
- 25—Noted Painter.
- 26—Ancient weapon.
- 28—Call.
- 29—Special skill.
- 32—Boy's name (abbr.).
- 33—Conquer.
- 35—Ceased to possess.
- 36—River Siren of German lore.
- 39—Unusual.

Down

- 1—Cannot be mended.
- 2—Watch over.
- 3—Unit of work.
- 4—Girl's name (abbr.).
- 5—Perfect.
- 6—Three-toed sloth.
- 7—Pull.
- 8—Birds.
- 9—Living place for young people.
- 12—Ignorant.
- 14—Stretches.
- 16—Tetties.
- 17—Depositing centre.



- 20—Egyptian or Turkish weight.
- 21—Fine moisture.
- 27—Fasten firmly together.
- 30—Mica.

- 32—Part of the body.
- 34—A digit.
- 35—Sign of the Zodiac.
- 37—Reply paid.
- 38—Common Chinese name.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS—Contd.

work, the district roll numbering 728. Mrs. Rodgers spoke in regard to the peace Department and the "White Ribbon" reports showed a satisfactory position.

At noon the Noontide hymn was sung and prayer offered for the victims of the Poliomyelitis epidemic and for women and children. A discussion on the work was followed by a brief address by the President.

A buffet lunch partaken of in the sunshine, with a little social chat, made a happy break. The afternoon session was opened with Devotions by Mrs. E. Blick. Several visitors were welcomed and musical items were rendered by Mesdames Tennant and Jenkin (Picton), Mesdames W. Glennie, N. Grylls and B. Patchett (vocal trios), Mrs. W. Glennie, piano solo, Mrs. Tennant and Mrs. Sanders, vocal solos.

A most interesting address was given by Mrs. Tennant, who spoke on "The Potter and the Clay" (Isaiah 64:8), which was much enjoyed. Votes of thanks were passed to the speaker, those who had entertained, Board of Management of St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim Union and "The Marlborough Express."

Mrs. Sanders was initiated and welcomed into membership. The Officers were all re-elected, while Mrs. F. C. Wilson was made a Vice-President, and two new Superintendents—Mrs. E. J. Blick, Evangelistic Superintendent, and Mrs. R. Watson, "White Ribbon" Superintendent.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which closed with hymn and the Benediction, afternoon tea was dispensed.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

The District Convention was held in Invercargill on Friday, October 29th, in the Esk Street Baptist Hall, and delegates from six Unions were present. Mrs. Frances D. Smith, of Gore, conducted the morning Devotions, speaking of the obscure, the humble, and the unexpected people whom God chose throughout the ages to be His servants, His prophets, leaders and missionaries.

The District President called the meeting to order, and after the Pledge had been repeated, the usual routine business was conducted. All present Officers were re-elected. At noontide, the President called the names of those who had passed away during the year, and Mrs. Richards led in prayer. Two members who have passed on were Mrs. Southern, aged 94, and Mrs. Perry, aged 92 years—both faithful Christians and alert in mind to the end.

At the afternoon session, several remits were passed, and a helpful address was given by the Rev. R. Thornley, who, recognising the extremely difficult times through which we are passing still, showed us reasons for carrying on with renewed hope and courage. Miss M. Halliday rendered a vocal solo, and the town Unions supplied afternoon tea.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Te Kopera, September 16: Mrs. Bickers presided and led Devotions. Temperance Essay Competition in connection with the local school to be held, members donating prizes. Sick members visited. Mrs. Sired of Wellington gave the address.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, November 1: District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, in the chair, Devotions being led by Mrs. Eccersall. A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs. L. Dickinson in the death of her sister, Mrs. E. Chadwick, who was the President of the Henderson Union. The following resolution was sent from the meeting to the Prime Minister (Acting), Mr. Walter Nash:—"The Auckland District Executive of the W.C.T.U., representing 660 members, wish to register a strong protest against the term 'British' being dropped from the British Commonwealth of Nations." There were 25 members and one visitor present. Mrs. Eccersall reported on the meeting of the Bible-in-Schools Committee. The Treasurer, Mrs. E. Prussing, reported that quite a number of Unions had responded to the appeal for small donations for a presentation to the Queen and Princess Margaret during their visit to New Zealand next year. Some Unions had also sent donations for the Empire Cancer Campaign. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale early in the New Year to raise funds for painting the outside of the Maori Girls' Hostel. Benediction.

Auckland: Annual and last meeting for the year. Mrs. Long presided. Good attendance. Reports on Dominion Officers meeting, Union Annual, Financial and Departmental Work were all read, and much good work was recorded for 1948. Appreciation was expressed. A resolution: "This meeting of the Auckland Branch of the W.C.T.U. unanimously protests against the suggested omitting of the term 'British' from the Commonwealth. The name has stood in time past for freedom and justice to all nations." This was to be sent, and a copy to the Mayor. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Long; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Holmes, Warring, Massam, Douglas and Seal; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Dewar; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. Doull; Treasurer, Mrs. Swan. Superintendents also appointed. Loving tribute paid to Mrs. Long for her work in the Union and at the Maori Girls' Hostel.

Wellsford, October 11: Special Social Evening. Large attendance of young men and women. Programme of games, competitions, and items thoroughly enjoyed. Collection to defray expenses of hall hire, resulted in £2/10/- for Union funds. Excellent supper served by members. Mrs. Singleton thanked all for successful function.

October 26: Usual meeting presided over by Mrs. Fordyce, who led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Maori Day observed. Collection for Maori work, also donation of vegetables, lemons and money for the Maori Girls' Hostel. Benediction.

Ponsonby, October 21: The President, Mrs. R. Joiner, presided, and Devotions were led by Mrs. B. Christopher. Temperance Fact, Miss Funicame. The speaker was the Rev. Harris Whitfield of St. John's Church, and he gave a most interesting talk on "A Chaplain's Experiences in the Army," also telling what had happened to him in Dunedin when he challenged the hotel-keepers on after-hours trading. At the close of the talk, quite a nice little discussion took place which was very profitable to all present.

Onehunga, October 14: Maori Day. Good attendance for interesting meeting. Much business. Report of Temperance gathering held on a recent Sunday evening at Ponsonby. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on District Executive. All possible support to be given to Cancer Research Campaign. Agreed to unite with other women's organisations in the presenting of a gift to Her Majesty and Princess Margaret.

October 24: Home meeting held at the residence of Mrs. Fordyce in lovely weather, under the presidency of Mrs. Archer, Home Meeting Superintendent. A pleasing and profitable gathering, though not well attended. Pleasing programme presented, including a paper on "Women's Influence, all being well received."

Kohi-St. Heliers, October 28: Meeting held

at the home of Mrs. H. Kasper. Good attendance. Meeting took the form of a Floral Day. The Floral Mission was explained, beautiful poems and readings were given by the members. The competition for the best-arranged vase was won by Mrs. Ernest Eady, also the Spray. Some of the flowers were sent to the sick. Mrs. Gresham was appointed to represent the Kohi W.C.T.U. at the Kchi League of Mothers "At Home." Vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Kasper and all who took part.

Warkworth, October 3: Mrs. R. Moore presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. Devotions, Fact, and Thought for the Month given by Mrs. Sanderson. Roll Call, "A hymn verse which has helped me." Mrs. W. Phillips then gave a soul-searching talk on the sordid lives of some Maoris in the heart of the city of Auckland. She also stressed Mrs. Long's great need of help in the Hostel. Solo by Miss Peggy Chessum. Mrs. Moore gave an account of the Auckland District Convention. Bring-and-Buy in aid of the Maori Girls' Hostel.

November 11: Annual meeting. Mrs. Moore presided over fair attendance. Roll Call on "Service." All Superintendents reported on their work. Officers all re-elected. Various departments discussed—Cradle Roll, etc.—concluded a happy year.

Remuera, October 18: Mrs. Kasper presiding and leading Devotions, Sister Grace leading in prayer. Temperance Fact, Miss Gane. Floral afternoon, each member reading an extract about a garden. Best spray competition won by Miss Bond. Interesting talk given by Sister Grace. Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga: Annual Meeting, November 2, Mrs. Christian presiding over very good attendance. Mrs. Gill, a member from Dannevirke, welcomed. Opening Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley, from John, ch. 21. After ordinary business was done, the annual report was read by Mrs. York, Secretary; Mrs. Maunders giving the Financial report. Departmental reports were given by Superintendents, and a large amount of work was shown to have been done in all. The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. Christian; Secretary, Mrs. York; Treasurer, Mrs. Maunders; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bensley, Bryan, Home, Bulmer and Williamson. Superintendents also appointed. A new member initiated. Donation of £10/- approved for Headquarters Mortgage reduction fund. Cradle Roll party arranged. Flowers presented by President to past officers and to the President by Mrs. Maunders. Thanks for work of the year expressed. Benediction.

Hamilton, November 4: In the absence of the Acting President, Mrs. Bradley took the chair. New Officers, Mrs. Buick (Secretary) and Mrs. Hood (Treasurer) warmly welcomed and assured of help from members. Miss A. M. McLay, District President, received a cordial welcome and took the Devotions, also giving an address on the work of the "Christian Citizenship" Department. The members were very interested, and the speaker was thanked for all the information she gave on the Departmental work of the Union. Annual meeting arranged for, Misses A. and C. McLay both hoping to attend and give needed help. Bring-and-Buy Stall to help for delegate's expenses for Dominion Convention.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, October 7: Mrs. Wilson was in the chair and led Devotions, and Miss Wadsworth led in prayer. A social afternoon was held. Items were given by Miss Jarvie, recitation; Miss Kendall, song; Mrs. Jarvis, piano solo, and Mrs. Ogg, piano solo; recitation and song by Mrs. Payne. The programme was much enjoyed. 25 present. There was a Bring-and-Buy Stall.

November 4: Mrs. Duxfield was in the chair. Mrs. Wilson led the Devotions. Business meeting. Sister Jean from Raetihi was a visitor and also gave a little talk. Ten were present.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier, October: Evening meeting with the young members. Devotions led by Beth Ennor. All members responded to the Roll Call with a Temperance Fact. Food parcels were brought to be sent to Britain for Christmas. Helpful and profitable meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Lewis, President.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, October 26: Departmental reports discussed in preparation for District Execu-

tive. Good work shown in all. Letters from Mrs. Long and Miss McLay were listened to with great interest. All Officers re-elected. Mrs. Brewer occupied the chair, Mrs. Robertson being hostess. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Masterton, October 7: Miss Jackson presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Brigadier Perry led Devotions. Mrs. Jackson appointed Delegate to District Convention. Temperance Fact. Mrs. H. P. Harrison spoke on the work of the Crippled Children Society, which comes under our Motto: "For God, Home and Humanity." Several questions were asked, and Mrs. Harrison was thanked.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, October 21: Good attendance. President welcomed Mrs. W. B. Wilson as Vice-President, Mrs. R. Watson as W.R. Superintendent, and Mrs. E. A. Bick as Evangelistic Superintendent. Acknowledgments of letters of commendation were received from the Principal, Marlborough College, Mr. H. A. H. Insull, Rev. Father Brice, and Mr. G. Dash, and from relatives and friends of the late Miss E. Andrews for sympathy extended. It was decided to send a letter of greeting to Miss Kirk, Dominion President. The President reported on Picton Union, six members having visited it for the annual meeting at which there were several visitors.

Miss Tarrant was appointed Dominion Convention delegate. Arrangements for Springlands and Blenheim Unions to hold a combined Christmas Social. Plans of work for 1949 discussed. Decided to approach leaders of Girls' and Boys' Life Brigades re Temperance Instruction. Picnic lunch enjoyed and the meeting concluded at 3 p.m.

Springlands, October 19: Pay-up Day. Theme of opening Devotions, "Let your light shine." President welcomed Mrs. L. Rodgeron. Very fine verses given in response to Roll Call. Annual donations to N.Z. Funds, Cradle Roll and Church Trustees were packed for payment. An instructive Quiz re Cocktails was taken from "White Ribbon" and discussed. A Sales Table realised a satisfactory sum. Mrs. Leslie read some appropriate verses and Mesdames McDougall and Underhill contributed musical items.

Blenheim, November 2: Annual meeting. Mrs. N. Forbes presided. A minute's silence observed in memory of Mrs. Goslin, 90 years of age, who had been a valued member of the Union. Devotions led by Mrs. W. J. Girling. Hymn, "For all the saints," readings from St. John, and "Come ye apart." Letters to go to sick members, and sympathy to a bereaved member. Reports received from secretary and "White Ribbon" agent. The following Officers were all re-elected: President, Mrs. N. Forbes; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames W. J. Girling, L. Rodgeron, A. H. White, and W. B. Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. Watson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. Stephens; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Webster; Press Reporter, Mrs. P. Stephens. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. W. B. Wilson.

Picton, October 12: Annual meeting. Twenty present, including some members from Blenheim. Mrs. Millen presided and opened the meeting with hymn and Scripture reading. Mrs. Tennent led in prayer. Mrs. Millen warmly welcomed the visitors and invited Mrs. Underhill to take the chair. The Officers were all re-elected. Mrs. Rodgeron read a paper on "Peace" by Mr. Priestley. Sales Table realised £2/17/6. Hymn and Benediction closed a very inspiring meeting.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton, October 14: Mrs. Griffiths presided and led opening Devotions. Vote of sympathy to a bereaved member. President reported on District Convention, and was accorded a vote of thanks. Members asked to take press clippings re the Royal Commission to be discussed at a future meeting. Donation of £2 voted to Caravan Fund. Secretary reported on a "Y" meeting she had attended and urged members to attend these meetings when possible. Various reports given. Collection, 9/6; copper trail (hospital), 5/9; sale of goods, 5/8. Mrs. Inwood gave an inspiring talk on the "World Council of Churches," which is doing noble work. Vote of thanks to speaker and Benediction.

November 9: Mrs. Griffiths presided over attendance of 26, and led Devotions. Several invitations to social functions of sister organisations. Annual reports, Secretary's and Treasurer's, read. Departmental reports also read. Copies of the pamphlet, "Alcoholic Parties," purchased for distribution among

Bible Class members. Mrs. Clarke, District President, chaired the meeting for the election of Officers, all being re-elected except the Secretary, who declined nomination; Mrs. Sutherland being elected to the position. Mrs. Clarke congratulated the Union on the year's work, and the President thanked Mrs. Clarke and the members for their help and co-operation during the year. Closing hymn, "God be with you."

Reefton, October 5: Mrs. Thompson presided, also leading in Devotions, the power of love and discipline being the subject of her message. The Rev. Mr. Trim, Methodist Minister, gave a talk on the Temperance work, giving a word of encouragement to each member. In farewelling Mr. Trim from Reefton, Mrs. Thompson thanked him for his interest in the Union. Mr. Trim closed the meeting with prayer.

New Brighton, November 4: Mrs. Edmond presided. Devotions being led by Mrs. Goadland. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Nominations for Dominion Officers decided upon. Members agreed to sell Health Stamps in vestibule of Post Office during November. Three members to act as collectors in the combined Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. appeal. Members brought along a good variety of soaps for Home parcels, to be sent to Miss Dorothy Staunton. Ditty-bags also received for Sailors' Rest parcel for Timaru.

Lyttelton-Heathcote: Mrs. Tredennick presided. 13 present. Mrs. Stokes of Linwood Union gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the District Convention recently held in Christchurch. Plans made for Cradle Roll party.

Sydenham, October 4: Cradle Roll party. Welcome given by President to mothers, members and visitors. Twelve children present. Mrs. Hodder, District Cradle Roll Superintendent, briefly addressed the gathering, making a strong appeal for efforts to add names to the C.R. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Woodward.

Christchurch, October 13: Thanks for sympathy received from Mrs. Power, sister of Miss Elsie Andrews, and her friend, Miss Kirton; also from the Rev. Mr. Horwood for sympathy in Mrs. Horwood's illness (daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor). Letter of sympathy to Miss Gordon in her illness. Good Temperance articles in "Outlook" mentioned and extracts read showing effects of prohibition in Madras.

October 27th: Miss Henderson presided at both meetings. Maori Day observed by interesting talk on Maori life and customs by President, with extracts from article in "White Ribbon." Interesting and inspiring letter from Miss McLay read, describing three strenuous days in the Te Kuiti district.

Spreydon: Mrs. Ancell chaired the meeting. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Paul Murray. Mesdames Ancell and Woodcock appointed Mental Hospital visitors. District Convention report given by Mrs. E. Bowden, special mention being made of the outstanding address given by Mrs. Mackie, which was an account of her visit to America and the World Convention, being a revelation of the strong position held by our movement all over the world. Mrs. Hayman, speaking on Peace, suggested that a Minister for Peace should be appointed by Parliament. Sympathy expressed with sick members and messages sent.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Tinwald: Meetings usually held in the Presbyterian Hall, but the October one took place at the residence of Mrs. Jennings, when the President, Mrs. Millar, presided over a good attendance, also leading Devotions, and reading from the "White Ribbon" the life of Miss Elsie Andrews, and "When I have time." Most inspiring letter read from Miss C. McLay, thanking the Union for a donation. Mrs. Stevenson, first President of the Union, presented Mrs. Jennings with a spray of flowers, and Miss McKay, first secretary, presented Mesdames Jennings and Hopwood with "Long Service" badges. Reference was made to their long and continued service through the years. The recipients suitably responded. One new member initiated. Arrangements made for Church Parade in November. Afternoon tea was followed by a musical programme, which brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close. Votes of thanks to Mrs. and Miss Jennings.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, November 2: Annual meeting. President, Miss Ferguson in the chair. Fair attendance. Report of District Convention

read. £2 voted to Headquarters Fund. All Officers re-elected. Mrs. J. McKinley to be Convention Delegate. Discussion on the evils of raffles at various functions. Protests to be sent to the organisers.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Invercargill, November 3: Annual meeting. Small attendance. Annual report showed 100 members, including five new members. Four members removed by death included a veteran member, Mrs. S. J. Perry, in her 93rd years. C.R. gained 43 babies, present roll number 348, gaining Southland District Banner. Election of Officers resulted: President, Miss H. S. Jamieson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames E. M. Brown and J. B. Cameron; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Watson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Boyd; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs. J. B. Cameron; C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. G. E. Millard. Reference was made to the sudden death of Mrs. E. C. Smith, of Gore, a former Southland District President, who had conducted Devotions at the District Convention a few days before.

Winton, October 2: Mrs. Dixon, C.R. Superintendent, assisted by members, entertained the Cradle Roll children to a party in the Sunday School Hall, and each one spent a pleasant afternoon. A Bring-and-buy Stall was also held.

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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 Cumbrae 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, 36 Cameron Road.

AUCKLAND, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, in Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St. Pres., Mrs. J. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell; Cor. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull, 26 Ngatiawa St., Onehunga, S.E.5.; Treas., Mrs. F. E. 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. Alirey, Main Rd., North Balclutha.

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BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Watson, 4 Weld St.; Treas., 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; 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.

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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, Maungawhare.

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

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, from March to November, Walter's Rd. Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. V. A. Read, 335 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, Drabigh 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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OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. R. Sinclair; Sec., Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Box 85; Treas., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; W.R., Mrs. Corney; C.R., Miss McCallum.

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.

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

PICTON, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Millen, Durham St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. T. Tennent, Auckland St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Martien, Kent St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Kirken, Buller St.; W.R., Mrs. J. Martien; Band of Hope and "Y" Supts., Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

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., Quarterly in Members' homes. Pres., Capt. G. Winwood; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. B. Chambers, Wickliffe Tce.; W.R., Mrs. Taylor; C.R., Mrs. Mirams.

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.

RATIHU, 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.F., Mrs. Hunt, 50 Newnham St.; W.R., Mrs. James, Percival St.

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., at Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, "Althorpe"; Sec., Mrs. W. Houston, Hill St.; Treas., Miss L. Andrews, William St.; W.R., Mrs. Gill, Dorset Street.

SHIRLEY-RICHMOND, 2.30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, in Presbyterian Church, Randall street. Pres., Mrs. W. Boulton; Sec., Mrs. J. Neville, 37 Percy Street; Treas., Mrs. R. Withers, 16 Randall Street; W.R. and C.R., Miss Schumacker, 59 Petrie Street.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 2nd Monday, 2.30 p.m., in Women's Rest Room. Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. Taylor; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Ruthven, Tay St.; Treas., Miss C. Griffiths, 235 Crinan St., Invercargill.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. J. Filer; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker St., S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Seivers; W.R., Mrs. E. Rogers, 37 Thackeray St., Waltham; C.R., Mrs. Garlick.

TAURANGA, 1st Tuesday, 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.

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. Prender, 87 Casa 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, Wyuyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

TE KOPURU, 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth, P.O. Box 58; Treas., Mrs. Soole; W.R., Miss F. Wordsworth; Temp. Fact, Mrs. H. Taylor.

TE KUITI (Maori), 2nd 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, Poller 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 Otipua Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Howe, 166 Otipua Rd.; C.R., Miss Arras; Seamen, Miss Stevenson.

TINWALD, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Church Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Millar; Sec., Mrs. Oakley, 156 Victoria St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Harkness, McMurdo St.; W.R., Mrs. Millar; C.R., Mesdames Millar and Hopwood.

UPPER HUTT, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Kent; Sec., Mrs. Ross, Martin St.

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

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

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

WAIROA, H.B., 2nd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Haughton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. McDonald; Sec., Mrs. H. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.; Treas., Mrs. Aldridge; C.R., Mrs. J. McDonald; W.R., Mrs. Edlington.

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

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans' Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Conybeer; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; L.T.L., Mrs. A. Jarvis.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught, Bartle and Thompson; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, Box 17, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. C. R. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., at Headquarters. Pres., Miss Brooks; Acting Secretary, Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham St., E.1; Treas. and W.R., —.

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.

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