

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"Say not, the struggle nought availeth.
. . . . It may be, in yon smoke concealed
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,
And but for YOU, possess the field."—A. H. Clough.

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Six O'clock Closing Referendum

**Danger
Threatens**

New Zealand's Home Life
Youth Development
Moral and Social Standards
Quietness and safety of streets at night
Industrial Efficiency
Onward march towards a noble Ideal.

**Be
Warned
Against**

Expecting an easy victory for six o'clock closing
Hoping to "romp home" without the maximum effort and
intensive organisation
Leaving organisation to the last pre-poll days
Neglecting to make sure that every vote is recorded.

**Accept
The
Challenge**

Of the Liquor Trade, which will fight hard, equipped with
money, power, and its friends in high places
Of New South Wales, which in 1947, carried six o'clock closing
by a great majority
Of God, Home, and Humanity, by giving "THE UTMOST
FOR THE HIGHEST."

DOMINION OFFICERS' REPORTS

ESSAY COMPETITION

Forty-two entries were sent in for this competition from twenty-three places. The winners are:

First prize, MARTON FRANCIS, Christchurch.

Second prize, Beverley Aderman, New Plymouth.

Third prize, Joan Marx, Te Awamutu.

Viva Thompson, Ashburton, Gwen Sinclair, Dunedin, and Judith Moss, Te Awamutu, were "Highly Commended"; while Ruth Murray, Ashburton, and Valerie Hansen, Gisborne, received the "Very Good" mark. We heartily congratulate the winners of prizes, and these others who must have run them up fairly closely.

POSTER COMPETITION

Sixty-eight posters were sent in, from twenty-three places. The winners are:—

First prize, Raymond Northe, Napier.

Second prize, Denise Wilkinson, Fendalton, Christchurch.

Third prize, Beulah Ferguson, Ashburton.

Douglas Grierson, of Kio Kio, Otorohanga, is "Very Highly Commended"; and Colleen Fyle, Whangarei, Willie Taane, Waitomo Caves, and Jimmy Joseph, Te Kuiti, are all "Highly Commended."

To all of these boys and girls, hearty congratulations are sent. It is hoped that all the children who entered will receive some small recognition of their efforts at the hands of the nearest local Union, unless they are prize-winners.

C. TOOMER,

Dominion Corresponding Secretary.

AN ADDRESSOGRAPH

Because of changes looming up in the "White Ribbon" department, in the near future, it appeared to be inevitable that an Addressograph would have to be added to the office equipment for "W.R." wrappers; which work has been faithfully done by about twenty ladies each month. We are delighted to announce that, owing to the generosity of the Dunedin Central Union, the Addressograph is now an accomplished fact. A cheque for £83 5s., the total cost of the machine, including a number of stencils, and a cabinet container for the same, has been received from the Dunedin Central Union.

G. C. GIBBS,

Dominion Treasurer.

DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1st to December 31st, 1948
Headquarters Debt Reduction

Christchurch, £50; Nelson (anonymous), £11/7/6; Tauranga, £10/10/-;

"The Year Before Us"

Shadowed by the ghosts of dead hopes in regard to some alleviation of the Liquor Problem in New Zealand as the climax to four years of expectation; and still suffering from the blow struck in the Licensing Act; we must turn our eyes to the future. Its tasks are awaiting us. We must face them. Were we to fail, who would dream of undertaking them?

Are we down-hearted? Well, what do we mean exactly by "down-hearted"? If we mean despairing, hopeless, defeated, then we are NOT down-hearted. If we mean that disappointment, sorrow, and indignation have their part in our feeling towards the legislation which went through the House in December, then we must confess that we are suffering keenly in that way.

What effect is it to have on us? Will it mean that some will fall away; or that some, hitherto full of hopeful enthusiasm, will allow the canker of frustration to rob them of their joy in the great service?

Will it, on the other hand, drive us to a fresh dedication to that service of God, Home, and Humanity? Let us look at this possibility.

It is true, as history abundantly proves, that the strength of possible resistance can never be known till it is fully tested. It is when the prospect is darkest, and the danger most threatening, that the latent powers spring into new and strong activity. It is then, too, that God manifests Himself in unexpected and overwhelming ways. The Bible contains instance after instance of this; and even in our own memory, this has been proved.

We have seen, in the legislation just carried out, the shameful spectacle of a pandering to the wealth and power of an Evil which has gained ground at the expense of womanhood, youth, manhood, social purity, security from accident, moral stability and spiritual development. The challenge is to us to work as never before to prove that no failure on the part of our legislators to safeguard these most vital and precious things can stop the Hosts of God in their march to final victory. We can do no other than prepare for the next pitched battle, due to take place early in March, if not sooner.

We should organise now. In places where the Alliance is functioning, co-operation should be offered; but independent action should not be delayed. The distribution of literature, obtainable from our own Department and from the Alliance can be proceeded with at any time. Such opportunities as are offered for publicity as A. and P. Shows, Flower Shows, etc. should be used. Young people are showing interest in the fight; and the "Youth for Christ" movement has, in some instances, offered very practical help.

Our strongest weapon is one not available to the enemy. That is Prayer. No Union is too small or insignificant to organise meetings for special prayer. No one can estimate the power of such gatherings.

Let us then "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might . . . putting on the whole armour of God and . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Let no dismay overtake us, or any fear that Evil can finally overcome Good.

Dunedin Central, £5/5/-; Kaiapoi, £10; Pukekohe, Blenheim, Hastings, Upper Hutt, New Plymouth, each £5; Richmond, £2; Leigh, £1; Onehunga, £2; Dargaville, £4; Spreydon, £1/1/6; Otorohanga, £1/5/-; Petone, 10/-; Oxford, £3; Picton, £2; Wellsford, 15/-; Napier, £2/2/-; Lawrence, £1/12/6; Wanganui East, £1; Gonville, 12/6; Masterton, £1/10/-; Te Kuiti Maori, 11/-; Roskill, £1; Inglewood, 10/-; Lyttelton, £1/10/-; Dannevirke, 15/6; N.E. Valley, £1/14/6; Whangarei, £2/10/-; Invercargill North, £1; Opotiki, £3; Dargaville, £2/10/-; Titirangi, £1; Wairoa, £1/10/-; New Brighton, £1/10/-.

Headquarters General Fund

Gore, £2; Te Awamutu, £5; St. Albans, £1/1/6; Auckland, £5; Springlands, 10/-; Takapuna, £1/12/-; Woolston, 10/-; Otahuhu, £1/11/3; Wellington, 10/-; Onehunga, £1; Papanui, 10/-; Invercargill, £3/10/-; Nelson, £1/13/-; Timaru, £1; Wellsford, 15/-; Riccarton, £1/1/-; Opotiki, £1; Lawrence, 10/-; Morningside, 10/-; Dunedin Central, £5/5/-; Gonville, 10/-; Maungakarama, £1; Carterton,

£1/6/6; Hamilton, 11/-; Pukekohe, 10/-; Ponsonby, 10/-; Woodville, 10/-; Stratford, £1/5/-; North Brighton, 10/-; Kaikorai, 10/-; Christchurch, £5; Palmerston North, £2; Epsom, £1/10/-; Kaiapoi, £1; Lyttelton, £1; Wanganui Central, £1/10/-; Cambridge, £1; Brooklyn, £1; Remuera, 10/-.

N.Z. Fund

Waimate, N.E. Valley, Invercargill, each £2; Spreydon, Woolston, Springfield, Onehunga, Tinwald, Petone, Carterton, Hamilton, Stratford, Roskill, Eden, Richmond, North Invercargill, Dargaville, Remuera, Feilding B. of H., each 10/-; Hastings, £1/2/10; Gore, £1/10/-; Masterton, £1/10/-; Feilding, 17/-; Kaikorai, 5/-; Tauranga, £1/6/6; Papanui, 2/6; Oxford, £1/2/5; Picton, 4/2; Timaru, £1; Riccarton, £1/1/-; Lawrence, £1/5/6; Morningside, Gonville, St. Heliers, Otorohanga, each 5/-; Lower Hutt, 9/5; Epsom, £1/10/-; Timaru, Waipukurau, Wanganui Central, Sydenham, Cambridge, each £1; Dannevirke, 6/-; Devonport, 6/-.

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"Within the Veil"

Mrs. Stephenson Craig,

Hamilton Union

In the passing of Mrs. Stephenson Craig, the South Auckland District has lost a devoted and highly esteemed officer; and our Dominion Union suffers the loss of a most outstanding and influential personality.

Born in 1867, at Pakuranga, Auckland, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, she was both scholar and teacher of the school there. She also taught at Te Aroha, Morrinsville, and Waihi; being one of the first teachers at Morrinsville. In 1898, her marriage to Mr. Stephenson Craig took place; and a family of two sons and one daughter was born to them. Those who had the privilege of visiting Mr. and Mrs. Craig will always have the memory of a deep spirituality which pervaded the home; and created a very special atmosphere in which it was a delight to share. Mrs. Craig's keen intellect, her quick and ready sense of humour, and her candid, clear-cut, balanced opinions on all matters in which she was interested, were always eagerly sought by her many friends. Indomitable and fearless in the face of evil, loving and gentle where sympathy and tenderness were needed; her character stood four square.

Her first close contact with the W.C.T.U. was in 1922; when she joined the Hamilton Union, becoming secretary of the South Auckland district very shortly afterwards, when the district was first formed separately from Auckland. As president of the Hamilton Union, her work was notably successful; and in retaining the secretaryship of the district for many years, she did very much to establish the standing of South Auckland; constantly building it up. In 1946, she was made a life vice-president of the

District Union. As a chairman, Mrs. Craig was brilliant; and as a speaker, she was in demand by a great number of societies; always giving a message of outstanding quality. Her rare gifts were used unsparingly for God, Home and Humanity. Deeply interested in the missionary work of the Church, and in that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, she never spared herself in seeking to prepare the way of the Lord through these many agencies. At a Memorial Service, held in the Devotional Period of the Hamilton Union meeting held on December 2nd, many tributes were paid by members to the deep spiritual helpfulness, the faith and courage which characterised her life and leadership.

Mrs. Craig's last message to the members was: "Fight on. We are not defeated till we stop fighting."

C. M. McLAY.

"Our much-loved sister was laid to rest on November 26th, in the Hamilton East cemetery. In St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the casket containing her earthly remains, raised on a bier, stood surrounded with beautiful flowers. A great number of lovely wreaths were arranged all around; and amongst them was one from the South Auckland District. The cards on these showed how many loving friends remembered her. The strains of 'O rest in the Lord' and 'But the Lord is mindful of His own' were played softly; and the service opened with the hymn 'How bright those glorious spirits shine.' It was a beautiful, peaceful service. Several of the Hamilton Union members stood together at the graveside service, and at the conclusion, each walked to the place where she lay, and dropped a white rose into the opening."

A. L. LEWIS.

"Devotional

Period"



Hymn 74, W.R. Hymnal

Scripture Reading, Nehemiah 2,
vs. 17-20

"It is not in their moment of forming, but in their moment of producing MOTOR EFFECTS, that resolves and aspirations communicate the new 'set' to the brain. Seize the very first opportunity to ACT on every resolution you make, and on any emotional prompting you may experience in the direction of that to which you aspire. When a resolve, or a fine glow of feeling is allowed to evaporate without bearing practical fruit, it is worse than a chance lost; it works so positively as to hinder future resolutions and emotions from taking the normal path of discharge.

The only schooling to fit us for further opportunity is found in instant and unintermitting performance of present duty. No paralysis is more dangerous and fatal than procrastination. The promise of the future often lies concealed in the promptings of the moment. It is to those who hold themselves erect, on the alert, that light first rises in the darkness.

"We know the paths wherein our feet should press,
Across our hearts are written Thy decrees;
Yet now, O Lord, be merciful to bless
With more than these.

"Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,
Grant us the strength to labour as we know,
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,
To strike the blow.

"Knowledge we ask not—knowledge Thou hast lent,
But, Lord, the will—there lies our bitter need,
Give us to build above the deep intent
The deed, the deed.

J. DRINKWATER."

J. H. OLDHAM, in
"A Devotional Diary."

PRAYER

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**WHY I REFUSE STRONG
DRINK**

By Pastor Wm. Campbell, Auckland

**ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE
AUCKLAND DISTRICT
CONVENTION, 1948**

Of sheer necessity I was early taught thrift. I never lacked the necessities of life, but every penny had to be spent to advantage in my home. Neighbours' children went ragged and hungry, because the parents drank. The fear of God, and reverence for His Word were instilled into my young heart in my home, and at Sunday School and Band of Hope. One text was emphasised: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). There were many public houses around, and I saw this text exemplified continually. Further, Solomon wrote: "Ponder the path of thy feet," and "Keep sound wisdom and discretion." Before I knew the meaning of these words I was led in these paths; and I am grateful today.

In youth I pondered about Eternity. I read (1 Cor. 6:9, 10) that drunkards would not inherit the Kingdom of God. It grew upon my consciousness that strong drink constituted a delusion for this present life, and a fatal

snare as to the life to come. There was something in drunkenness that earned the wrath of God: I desired His favour.

When I definitely became a Christian I began to study the Bible, and saw more about this matter. There is much in God's Word, in one way or another, about wine and strong drink: but quietly running through it all is not only God's wrath on excess, but His favour towards abstinence. In general, there was 1 Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Strong drink has the very appearance of evil to me. If I see any one taking it, or smell it from the breath, immediately that one's reputation drops heavily in my mind.

Again, there is 1 Cor. 10:31 "Do all to the glory of God." Indulgence in strong drink is the very opposite of that.

As a young man I was led to engage in Christian service among children. I frequently addressed a large meeting of boys and girls. I myself owed much to the high example of Godly parents and Christian friends; and I felt the responsibility towards the younger generation to supply them with an example equally high. That utterly excluded strong drink. 1 Cor. 8:13 says "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." Nowadays food is not presented to idols; but the underlying principle applies to strong drink.

As I progressed in understanding of the Scriptures I saw deeper lessons still. In the time of Moses, as now, new laws had to be enacted as new circumstances arose. In Lev. 10:9, 10 a new regulation was laid down: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink . . . when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die." The preceding verses indicated the reason. Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, entered God's presence with incense in their censers of a wrong mixture. God had stated emphatically the apothecary's prescription for the incense which was to be reserved for Him. Nadab and Abihu were probably hob-nobbing with some idolatrous heathen friends around the camp, and had received some of their incense and thought it gave a better odour; and they had been drinking; and in their fuddled state of mind they over-

looked God's law of the incense, and presumed to go into His presence with the incense of the idol; and fire flashed forth from the divine Presence and slew them. This law prohibiting wine before entering His Presence was then laid down, to prevent further tragedies of this kind.

The regulation, however, seems to infer that taking strong drink at other times was not forbidden. It is to be remembered that Israel did not have ideal laws laid upon them, because of the hardness of their hearts (and in this they represented humanity in general) they could not bear them. For the Christian Church, however, the position is raised to heights without limit. "Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6:16, 17). If we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, we cannot ever get away from the presence of God; for by His Spirit He dwells inside of us all the time. How much more, then, is it laid upon us to leave deceiving drink alone.

Doubtless we have all read some brief indication of the strict training laid upon the two famous princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret, in England; training with a view to high position and responsibility amid royalty. God gave brief injunctions to those who would occupy royal positions in Israel. "It is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes, strong drink: lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted." (Proverbs 31:4, 5). How much more shall not this injunction rest upon us, of whom it is written: ". . . blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ." (Eph. 1:3). Evidently all who are Christians are destined for very high positions in heaven; and this present life is a training school to prepare for that. Indulgence in strong drink, therefore, ought to be far beneath us. All such specific injunctions are swallowed up in that brief exhortation, expressing the highest possible ideals for Christians today: "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." (Eph. 4:1).

But the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is not only towards personal abstinence for one's own sake, but to strive to lead

others in that direction; and even to reform society and influence national legislation. What right have they to thrust their personal opinions upon others, like that? They have every right. All round us the fearful ravages caused by this evil indulgence are manifest. They include sudden danger to life, limb, and property. One morning in Mount Eden Road I saw a small car literally wrapped round an electric-wire pole. Later I learned that a drunken driver had driven it there, and a girl was killed in the smash. That driver must have passed, a quarter of a mile away, a church with a Temperance poster showing a skull and cross bones, and bearing the words, "Death rides with the drunken driver." And Death rode with him that night! But what if YOU had been on the footpath just there and then? There might have been a double tragedy; not by mechanical breakdown or unavoidable accident, but by the imbecility of mind caused by strong drink. The W.C.T.U. has every right to demand reformatory legislation that will make such things impossible.

"Alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes," says a "Household Hint." A witty writer pungently added, "This is true, but it also removes the summer clothes, the spring, autumn and winter clothes—not only from the one who drinks it, but from the wife and family as well. It also removes the household furniture, the eatables from the pantry, the smiles from the face of his patient wife, the laughter from the innocent lips of his children, and the happiness out of his home. As a remover of things, alcohol has no equal."

But alcohol does more; it deadens the intellect towards the appeal of the Gospel, which has the promise of the life to come. Conversely, by the power of the Spirit of God through the Gospel, the deadly temptation of strong drink can be overcome.

A young man was converted. An acquaintance said to him, "The most terrible thing I ever heard and they expected me to believe, was that there was a God in the beginning, and that He had taken a piece of mud, and breathed into it the breath of life and it became a man!" This young Christian answered, "My friend, I wasn't there; all I know is what the Bible says in that regard. But I have this to say to you—I was a drunkard, I was a thief; I lived a life in sin in the greatest degree; and one day Jesus Christ found this piece of mud and cleansed my heart, washed me with His precious blood, and now I am connected to Him, and am happy on my way to heaven. My children used to be bare, they needed the necessities of life, because I used my money for drink and consumed it in whisky and beer, and all that goes with it. Now I have carpets on my floor, and furniture in my house. We have a car; and we are happy in Jesus Christ. I

was dead in sin; now I am alive through Him."

It would be a tragic loss to the nation if the work of the W.C.T.U. were given up. Against the menace of strong drink all too few voices are raised. The Government gives much attention to the education of the young; spends thousands of pounds to establish a National Orchestra; and even advertises "Don't Spit"; upsets the nation's life by regulations to combat the infantile paralysis epidemic; puts people on short rations of meat, tea, sugar, butter, and petrol; but what utter folly is it that leaves this disgraceful trade so free to spread its poison and sin and degradation and wreckage everywhere; and tends rather to discourage the noble efforts of those who would seek to clamp it down.

It is a constant battle against a malignant enemy who is in a strongly entrenched position, because "the people love to have it so." But few battles have gone smoothly from the first shot to the final victory as either side planned. There is always a fierce swaying back and forth. The man who brought out the "daylight saving" idea died in disappointment at the derision with which his idea was hailed: he did not live to see it adopted all over the world. The W.C.T.U. has an infinitely higher cause than that; it is the saving of lives from destruction in this life, and from perdition in the life to come. It is the Lord's work; it is carried out under His banner; and they can confidently take to themselves those great words of divine encouragement: "Therefore, my beloved sisters, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

FORM OF BEQUEST

"I give and bequeath to the NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION (INC.) for (here insert the general, or the specific purpose)

- (a) The general purposes of the Society, or
- (b) The general purposes of the Centre (or sub-centre) of the Union,

the sum of £ or (description of property given), for which the receipt of the Dominion Secretary, Dominion Treasurer, or other Dominion officer shall be a good discharge therefor to my trustee."

The New Zealand
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE UNION (INC.)

Dominion Headquarters,
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Wellington.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

Please accept my very best wishes for 1949. May it be a very happy year for each one of us, made so by the amount and quality of the service we give to Christ our Leader.

As the year opens we find that we must enter a pitched battle to retain 6 o'clock closing of the hotel bars. Many of you may not remember the evils attendant on 10 o'clock closing and so will, perhaps, find it difficult to realise what the earlier closing hour has meant to our towns and cities. Young or old we know that the later closing hour means greater facilities for drinking and, as the promoters of this evil trade well know, more young people will be taught to drink alcohol and at least some, if not many, will through those later hours alone lose their health and honour, spoil their homes and bring shame and sorrow to those who love them and to those who shall come after them.

Do not for one moment forget that alcohol is still a poison no matter at what hour or under what conditions it is sold.

Do not forget, either, that those who do less than their utmost to banish the liquor trade are helping to keep it in power. Just think what a difference it would make if all the people who consider themselves "good Church people" would vote solidly for the earlier closing hour.

"Fight the good fight with all thy might

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy might."

So we go forward undaunted to the Victory that lies ahead.

Hoping to meet many of you at Convention.

Believe me,

Your friend,

C. E. KIRK,
Dominion President.

SPECIAL REPORTS

KING COUNTRY DELEGATION TO PARLIAMENT

Included in the King Country delegation of Maori Chiefs to Parliament in connection with the Pact made between the Government and the King Country Maoris in 1883, were the President of the Maori Te Kuiti Union (Mrs. A. Joseph) and two other members, Mrs. Jane Emery and Mrs. Mary Hynes, also Superintendent Sister Heeni Taylor, and Miss Huia Riddle of the Rahui "Y" Branch (Hamilton).

The object of the delegation was again to ask the Government and special Licensing Bill Committee to keep sacred the Pact that was made between the Government and the Maori Chiefs in 1883 to keep liquor out of the King Country.

On the 26th of this month, Mrs. Joseph and other members of the Union attended a meeting of the Otorohanga Union, when the Rev. Mr. Brown in his address, said, "There is a Pact between the Government and the Maoris of the King Country; for the symbol of it is on the window pane of the Methodist Church, and it stands there to this day."

CRADLE ROLL PARTY TE KUITI MAORI UNION

On Saturday, November 13th, the Social Hall of the Te Kuiti Maori Pa presented a busy scene at 12 noon. A fir-tree, decorated with 100 gaily coloured balloons filled one window of the beautiful hall. Two tables very prettily set out with red and gold jellies, cakes, sandwiches, sweets, etc. delighted the 60 small guests and the 40-odd mothers, grandmothers and visitors. Mrs. Coyle represented the European Union. Miss C. M. McLay, Maori Organiser, was the guest speaker. The Rev. Mr. Kukutai gave a welcome, and opened the gathering with prayer. Mrs. Turner, C.R. Superintendent, and Mrs. A. Joseph, president, were hostesses. An apology from Sister Nicholls, who was sick, was received with regret. We missed her very much. A Model Talk to the older children was given by Miss McLay, followed later by a talk to the mothers on "Guard your race." The noontide hymn was sung. Balloons and sweets to the children closed a happy day.

DAY OF PRAYER, BLENHEIM

There was a fair attendance of women at the Monthly Day of Prayer on November 25th. Morning sessions began at 10.15, when Mrs. O. Webb as Leader took "Love" as her subject, reading from 1st Corinthians, Ch. 13. Mrs. Powell followed for the next session and gave a very fine address on the Nativity. At 2 p.m., Mrs. C. Booth led; and we listened with interest to her address on "Friendship." The final session was led by Mrs. Forbes, who spoke on the Advent

message, and "Pen pictures of Christ." Special prayers were offered on behalf of the sick; and of our King. Many of the congregation led in prayer. Mrs. Forbes thanked those who had assisted; and greetings were exchanged for the Christmas season. It was decided to continue the gatherings in the coming year.

A. AND P. SHOW DAY

Tauranga's Effort

Assisted by Alliance members, the Tauranga Union undertook publicity work for Six o'clock Closing at the local Show on January 15th. A tent, bearing a large calico sign, visible to everyone who came and exhibiting various and many posters bearing slogans was staffed all day by members, who distributed hundreds of specially prepared leaflets in addition to large numbers of our well-known standard leaflets. Great courtesy and for the most part, approval was shown by all who were spoken to; and the workers, who went on duty in relays, were fully convinced that the day's work had been of great value.

Organisation for the Referendum Poll, in co-operation with the local branch of the Alliance, was given a good start at a recent meeting; a most encouraging and representative number attending. Committees for Publicity, distribution of literature, arrangement of public meetings, etc. were set up; and a further meeting being arranged for reporting progress one week later.

DECEMBER 30th BLENHEIM AND SPRINGLANDS

Combined Social Afternoon

A very successful Christmas Social Bring and Buy afternoon was held in the Anglican school room, Blenheim. Mrs. E. M. Forbes presided and welcomed the many friends present. Mrs. Christian led in prayer following the singing "Soldiers of Christ." The Rev. P. Kirkham congratulated the members on the fine attendance and commended their consistent work. He then gave a telling Temperance address. A programme of vocal music was given as follows: solos, Mrs. S. J. Sanders, "The Piper from over the way" and "Waiata Poi"; Mrs. F. J. Platt, "A Bird sang in the Rain" and "Rackety Coo"; Miss J. Osborne, "His Star was a Candle" and "She's mighty like a Rose." A trio "Fairy Cradle" was given by Mesdames N. Grylls, W. Glennie and B. Patchett and the Methodist Women's Fellowship members gave a bracket of Christmas hymns and carols. Mrs. W. E. Glennie was the accompanist.

A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and the stalls were well patronised, the sum of £21 5s. being realised. Mrs. Underhill expressed thanks and appreciation to the performers and all who had contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment. The hymn "O Come all ye Faithful" followed by the pronouncing of the Benediction by Rev. Mr. Kirkham, brought a successful afternoon to a close.

CONFERENCE REMITS, 1949

Manawatu

1. That as at President Truman's request the American distilleries closed down for 60 days in order to save grain for needy European countries, could not our Government be asked to do something similar with the breweries in N.Z.?

2. That W.C.T.U. members assist in making a special feature of Temperance Sunday each year by speaking, where possible, to Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and by arranging for Temperance films to be shown.

3. That Bible Class Unions be approached to include a Temperance talk or study on the programme for their Rallies and/or camps, and show films when possible.

Taranaki

4. That we are alarmed at the prevalence of indecent assaults upon women and children, and that the punishment imposed according to law is inadequate to check such offences.

Hawke's Bay

5. That in view of the ignorance of the real nature and effects of alcoholic beverages on our young and older people and the effect on the race, would the heads of Government and Private, Secondary Schools and Churches give, or arrange for at least one talk yearly, to be given by a Doctor or other suitable person who could give the facts from a scientific, moral and spiritual point of view.

6. That in view of the fact that even one alcoholic drink can slow up a person's action in an emergency, and make all the difference between safety and an accident, would the Minister inform us if these same regulations in regard to the taking of alcoholic liquor and any other narcotic, are in force in New Zealand as the Australian ones quoted, and if not would he consider adopting regulations of a like nature.

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

7. That we deplore the ever-growing practice of Art Union tickets being sold by children, and urge that a Dominion-wide publicity campaign be instituted by the W.C.T.U. to inform parents and teachers that it is illegal for children to be given such tickets to sell.

8. That this Convention requests the N.Z.W.C.T.U. to petition Parliament to enquire into the possibility of having applied to motorists involved in collision (where intoxication is al-

leged) the blood test for drunkenness—as used in various parts of the world.

9. That this Convention urges the Minister to enquire what drinks will be provided for service men and women in camp during the Christmas and New Year festivities, and requests that he give the necessary authority for aerated drinks, soft cordials, and pure fruit drinks to be provided for these occasions for those who would prefer them to alcoholic drinks, and the latter be provided only for those who make request for them.

10. That this Convention considers that, with regard to the drinking of alcoholic liquors at dances and in the vicinity of dance halls, police supervision is not vigilant enough, and many of the offenders are insolent and defiant, and therefore urges stricter police supervision, with prosecutions following each "raid."

11. That the Rugby Union and all other sporting bodies of a similar nature be approached regarding the playing of games on Sundays. This Convention urges that such games, whether private or organised, should be played on days other than Sundays, as disregard of the sacredness of that day is detrimental to the character-building of the young people of today.

Marlborough

12. To ensure the full use of the Handbook, it be supplied to all officers, the cost to be borne by the Educational or Organising Fund.

Nelson

13. That children be listed on White Ribbon Cradle Roll without parent's signature to Pledge Card.

Note.—It is felt that the work is handicapped, because of reluctance on the part of the parents or guardians to sign, whereas, once the names are gained for the Roll, the access to homes is also gained for a regular flow of Temperance Literature, along with Birthday Cards.

LATE REMITS

Wellington District

That in view of many newspaper advertisements of films stressing violence and sex matters as inducements for viewing such films, this Convention urges the Government to arrange for an adequate censorship of film advertisements.

Dunedin Central

1. That the issue of "No Licence" be submitted to the electors of every licensing district; including ALL districts where a Licensing Trust is in operation."

2. That in order to offset the dangers associated with the enormous increase in wine production in N.Z., we urge the Government to utilise the Te Kauwhata experimental grape-producing areas for the purpose of producing non-alcoholic fruit and health beverages.

3. That a letter be sent to the Minister of Education asking that the

teaching concerning alcohol and its effects be made a compulsory subject under the heading of "Hygiene."

4. That we support the resolution from the World Convention in regard to Peace, pledging our whole-hearted support to the United Nations as the potential instrument for attaining World Peace; and declare our opposition to propaganda against any nation.

Southland District

That the attention of the Government be drawn to the Dominion-wide flaunting of the law with regard to the using of children for selling tickets for raffles, or other forms of gambling.

That this Convention affirms its conviction that the re-instatement of capital punishment would be the means of lessening crime in N.Z.

HERE AND THERE

NEWS FROM NIUE ISLAND

Our Dominion Treasurer, Miss Gibbs, has received a very welcome letter from Mrs. Beharell of Niue Island; in which the writer recounts the story of the "White Ribbon" movement in Niue. After many years of functioning, Mrs. Beharell says that "the 'White Ribbon,' or 'Liponi Sea' stands firm as ever. It is pleasant to note the pride in the little white bow. The laws formed by me with the consent of Miss Gordon and Miss Slack as suitable for these people still hold good and are adhered to. These women discipline themselves, or are disciplined by their village committees. The laws are simple. As I said before, I am sending the sum of £8 for capitation fees for 1948 and 1949, the rest to be sent in badges."

Mrs. Beharell also speaks of the interest shown by Lady Ferguson and Lady Freyberg in the group of "White Ribboners." Lady Freyberg said she found them "charming."

The letter concludes with the writer's good wishes for Christmas and New Year.

The N.Z. sisters of these Niue W.C.T.U. members all join in sending their loving greetings and best wishes for their continued pleasure in their membership of a world-wide society. How nice it would be to see some of them here in New Zealand, perhaps at Convention or in some of our ordinary meetings.

An occasional article about their work would be greatly appreciated here, both by our Maori and Pakeha members.

to us as He said to Jeremiah, many centuries ago: "Thou therefore, gird up thy loins and arise, and speak to them all that I command thee. Be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them . . . and they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee, for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee."

THE LICENSING BILL IN THE HOUSE

By Victoria Grigg, M.A.

During the passage of the Licensing Bill, towards the end of last year, we sat in the gallery of the House, and were very disturbed by the attitude of members to the Bill.

The Acting Prime Minister stated that he had a great pile of telegrams and letters from Church and Temperance organisations, urging the postponement of the Bill for further consideration. We felt thankful to God that our churches had this matter at heart. A deputation of protest from the Maoris came all the way from the King Country. However, these protests were brushed aside; and all sorts of concessions were granted to the Trade—more than they had dreamed of obtaining.

It is surely a bad sign for the community that **trade representatives have stated that they were well pleased with the Bill**, except that they would have liked a nine-year interval between the polls. It seemed a miracle that they had not received that concession, in addition to everything else.

A matter that distressed us deeply was the passing of legislation allowing Maori women to take drink away from hotels, and Maori women to enter liquor bars. We could hardly believe our ears when we heard members urging the lame excuse that Maori women felt inferior to white women because they did not have the same rights in regard to liquor. We are glad to say that some members begged the Government not to allow these increased facilities to the Maori people. Unfortunately, the voting was on party lines, and the legislation was passed by a very small majority. It seemed really incredible that members could have so little regard for the real welfare of the Maori people.

Whose "headache" will the results be? Certainly, **not the Trade's.**

Unfortunately, it will be that of people like our own members who already have enough worries through the effects of drink among the Maoris.

We would urge each one of you to get busy immediately in preparation for the coming Referendums.

1. Talk about them to other people.
2. Rouse enthusiasm for our cause.
3. Point out the dangers of legalised off-course betting, and the opening of liquor bars in the evening.
4. Urge others to record their votes.

The prophet Jeremiah went through life deeply burdened by the sins of his nation. He spoke of them as being "my pain perpetual and my wound incurable." "I sat not in the assembly of the mockers nor rejoiced," said he. "I sat alone because of thy hand, for thou hast filled me with indignation."

Let us thank God that He has filled us W.C.T.U. women with indignation at the evils we see sapping our nation's spiritual life. Our God says

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HOME MAKERS' CORNER

By "Lynette"

JELLIES AND JAMS

Jam-making was one of the earliest methods adopted for the preserving of fruit. Before it was known exactly why fruit deteriorated on keeping, it was found that cooking it with a large amount of sugar preserved it, this of course, being because such a high concentration of sugar makes conditions unsuitable for bacterial life. On the whole New Zealanders eat too much jam, which should be eaten only sparingly as over-sweet foods tend to blunt the appetite for the more essential elements of diet. Because this time of year is normally busy enough, with holidays, a new school year starting for the children, and so on, bottling and jam-making sometimes seem like the proverbial "last straw" so I give you a recipe with variations. Its foundation is good old apple jelly, but it can finish up as many other things.

Apple Jelly with Variations

Take a large quantity of tart apples—as many as a very large preserving pan will hold—wash them and remove any blemishes, cut them up into quarters or eighths, according to the size of the fruit, and add enough water to cover. Cook till soft and pulpy. Strain overnight in a large jelly bag.

Apple Jelly: Take $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar to every cup of liquid you are going to use, and put the sugar in the oven to warm. Do not attempt to make more than ten glasses at any one boiling, as jellies are best cooked quickly. Bring the juice to the boil and boil for 15 minutes. Remove any scum and add warmed sugar. Boil about five minutes. To test the jelly, raise a spoon out of the liquid and if the mixture thickens or falls from the spoon in one large drop, the jelly stage has been reached. Pour into sterilised jars and cover.

Cape Gooseberry Jam: Put any quantity of shelled berries in the pan and just cover with apple liquid. Cook until the berries are soft and then add a cup of sugar for every cup of liquid. Boil until a little sets on a saucer.

Strawberry, Wineberry, Peach Jam and others may be made in the same way.

Mint Jelly: Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water over $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mint leaves and let them steep for one hour. Press out the juice and use two tablespoons of this juice and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar to every cup of the apple liquid.

Geranium Jelly: Wash and dry a geranium leaf and place it in the bottom of a jelly glass, pour apply jelly over it. Remove the leaf when the jelly is turned out to serve.

Important Announcements

DOMINION VICE-PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members,

Will those of you who so kindly nominated me for the office of Dominion Vice-President, please accept my apology and my regret that for health, and other reasons, I feel obliged to withdraw my nomination. I am not taking this step without much prayer and thought and, as you all know, any help that I can give to our work will be readily and happily given.

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK.

CONVENTION REMINDERS

Dates: February 16-22.

Place: Trinity Hall, Barnard Street, Timaru.

Things to bring: Notebook, pencil, W.R. Hymnal, "Noontide" words, butter ration card; credentials.

Be prepared regarding your Union's order for Convention "W.R." and, contribution to N.Z. Fund (see November issue for Agenda, Wednesday morning.)

Banners. If your Union has held one for the past year, be sure that it will reach Mrs. Underhill AT CONVENTION.

Hospitality. Write to Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon Street, Timaru, on any matter connected with this.

Service of Remembrance. Be sure to send any names of those who have

passed away from your Union during the year, to Mrs. Underhill.

Handkerchief Competition. Bring competition handkerchiefs from your Union with you, or post them to Mrs. Underhill AT CONVENTION. Indicate whether to be sold or returned.

Voting. The wish of your Union should be ascertained in regard to voting for Dominion Officers; and on Remits.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO REPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Owing to the date for Convention occurring in the middle of the month, it will be NECESSARY for all reports, and other contributions for our March issue to reach the Editor by February 10th; which is the Friday preceding Convention week. Anything received later can not be included. Please make a note of this.

M. CHRISTIAN, Editor.

SOLUTION TO No. 29

Across: 1, Immediately; 10, Iridium; 11, Rung; 13, Guru; 15, End; 16, Pad; 18, Set; 19, Pa; 20, Oiled; 22, Ah; 23, Awake; 24, Peach; 25, R.A.; 26, Arrow; 28, Ho; 29, Art; 31, Sit; 32, Les; 33, Beat; 35, Lost; 36, Lorelei; 39, Exceptional.

Down: 1, Irreparable; 2, Mind; 3, Erg; 4, Di; 5, Ideal; 6, Ai; 7, Tug; 8, Emus; 9, Youth Hostel; 12, Unaware; 14, Reaches; 16, Piers; 17, Depot; 20, Oka; 21, Dew; 27, Rivet; 30, Talc; 32, Loin; 34, Toe; 35, Leo; 37, R.P.; 38, Li.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" — 30

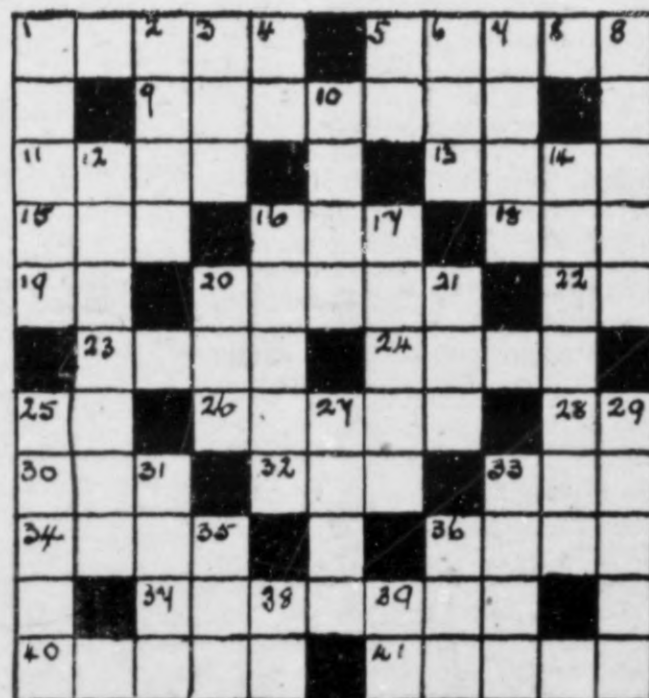
CLUES

Across

- 1—Unseeing.
5—Whiter
9—Rope.
11—Accustomed.
13—Deserve.
15—Goddess of No. 10 down.
16—A Scottish Loch.
18—Payment.
19—Similarly.
20—Saps.
22—Because.
23—Rent
24—Stagger.
25—Sighing exclamation.
26—Money owing.
28—That is.
30—Encountered.
32—Suitable.
33—Pronoun.
34—Support.
36—Trifles.
37—Gumboot.
40—Antelope.
41—Uninteresting.

Down

- 1—Feelings of depression.
2—Sweets.
3—Sign of assent.
4—See 38 down.
5—Father.
6—Long period.
7—Plant lung.
8—Nordic writings.
10—See 15 across.
12—Peacemaker.
14—Facts
16—Ventilated.



- 17—Weird.
20—Crazy.
21—Placed.
25—Abundant.
27—Enlarged stem.
29—Attempt.

- 31—Roman garment.
33—Unimportant item.
35—Poor kind of joke.
36—Tip of shoe.
38—See 4 down.
39—Cry.

Dominion Officers' Reports—continued.

Organising and Educational

Brooklyn, £1/7/-; Te Awamutu, £2/6/6; Auckland, £4/11/6; Springlands, 10/-; Woolston, £2/1/8; Spreydon, £3/1/6; Otahuhu, £2/9/6; Blenheim, £2/2/-; Winton, £2/12/6; Onehunga, £2; Papanui, £1/11/6; Maitaia, 6/-; Karori, £1; Oxford, £2; Hastings, £5/5/-; Picton, £1/17/-; Invercargill, £7/10/-; Nelson, £2/2/-; Timaru, £8/9/6; Wellsford, £2/6/6; Riccarton, £4/18/6; Northcote, 18/-; Opatiki, £1/10/6; Aramoho, £1/7/-; Mornington, £1/8/6; Gonville, 18/-; Feilding, £3/3/-; St. Heliers, £1/2/6; Maungakarama, £1; Mosgiel, £1/8/6; Carterton, £2/15/6; Ponsonby, £1/7/-; Dunedin Central, £11/14/-; Hamilton, £3; Henderson, 18/-; Grey Lynn, 18/-; Pukekohe, 12/6; Lower Hutt, £1/19/-; Stratford, £1/5/6; Roskill, 10/6; New Brighton, £2/15/6; North Brighton, £1/17/6; Kaikorai, £2/8/-; Bryndwr, £1/2/6; Christchurch, £2/8/-; Napier, £7/4/-; Palmerston North, £6/7/6; Waipukurau, 12/-; Epsom, £2/3/6; Kaiapoi, 18/-; Lyttelton, £1/2/6; Styx, £1/1/-; Wanganui Central, £2/5/-; Sydenham, £2/3/6; Cambridge, £1/10/-; Otorohanga, 15/6; Dannevirke, £1/16/-; Richmond, £1/2/6; North Invercargill, £3/9/-; New Plymouth, £2/10/-; Edendale, 13/6; Dargaville, £2; Titirangi, 18/-; Remuera, £1/2/6; South Dunedin, £1/7/-; Gore, £4/19/-; Devonport, 5/-; Temuka, £2/5/-; Wairoa, £1/1/-; Tauranga, £2/15/6; Takapuna, £1/8/6.

Maori Fund

Levin, Tinwald, Dannevirke, Hawera, Spreydon, Palmerston North, Riccarton, Mornington, St. Albans, Wanganui Central, each 10/-; Gore, £1; Mount Eden, 6/-; Ashburton, £1/12/-; Masterton, £1/4/3; Springlands, 5/-; Feilding, £1/2/6; Woolston, 5/-; Te Kuiti Maori, £1; Blenheim, 12/6; Tauranga, 13/6; Christchurch, £2; New Plymouth, 13/-; Hastings, 16/3; Papanui, 2/6; Nelson, £1/1/-; Wellsford, £1/3/-; Napier, 5/-; Oxford, 14/6; Mosgiel, 7/6; Waipukurau, 10/6; Gonville, 5/-; Richmond, 7/-; Maungakarama, 9/6; Dunedin Central, £1; Whangarei, 12/-; Pukekohe, 5/-; N.E. Valley, £1; Lower Hutt, 7/6; Stratford, New Brighton, Kaikorai, North Brighton, Epsom, Wairoa, Otorohanga, each 5/-; Kaiapoi, £1; Lyttelton, £1/10/-; Remuera, 2/6; South Dunedin, 5/-; Temuka, £1; Rangiora, 6/-.

Caravan

Maitaia, 5/-; Riccarton, £2; Bryndwr, £2; Dargaville, £1.

Sailors' Rest

(Timaru): Te Awamutu, £1; N.E. Valley, £1.

(New Plymouth): Epsom, £1; Te Awamutu, £1; Masterton, 10/-.

Maori Hostel

Port Chalmers, £1; N.E. Valley, £1.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, November 9th: Annual Meeting. President, Mrs. Jolly, in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Hill-Taylor. Miss Edmed reported the sending of a parcel of clothing for overseas. Mrs. Jolly reported on a Social evening held during the month for Headquarters Fund, from which £4 had been forwarded. Officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Jolly; Secretary, Mrs. F. T. Moorhead; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Phillips; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hill-Taylor and Miss Edmed. Superintendents also appointed.

Te Kopuru, November. This month the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Godfrey, when Mrs. Bickers presided. Two new members were initiated and welcomed. Long Service badges were presented to Mrs. Godfrey in recognition of her years of service in office; and also to the Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth. The President presented a report of the District Convention recently held at Maungakarama.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, November 29th. Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, President, in the chair, over 100 members and visitors attending. Mrs. Long led in prayer after the singing of the National Anthem and Doxology. Excellent musical programme presented and thoroughly enjoyed. The guest-speaker was Dr. Mavis Mortimer, who gave a most interesting address on her work in Northern Rhodesia as a medical missionary.

A reply was received from the Acting Prime Minister, the Hon. Walter Nash, in answer to the letter sent to him by the District Executive on the Licensing Bill. Afternoon tea was served under the convener-ship of Miss J. Campbell, which brought a very happy afternoon to a close.

Ponsonby, November 18th. Annual meeting, Mrs. R. A. Joiner presiding; and welcoming all present. Devotions led by Mrs. Christopher, were appropriate to the closing of the year. The usual official reports and those of Superintendents were read. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. R. A. Joiner; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. B. Christopher; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames B. Woods, E. I. Olds, and Sister Jessie. Departmental Superintendents were also appointed. President wished all present the compliments of the season. Pledge and Benediction closed the last meeting of the year.

Kohi-St. Heliers, November 12th. Well-attended meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis Eady; Mrs. H. Kasper presiding; and welcoming members and visitors. Beautiful bouquets were presented to the officers. Mrs. Pearson led Devotions, in which bright singing had a prominent place; a solo also being rendered. Annual reports showed progress. Donations were voted to the Maori Girls' Hostel; and Dominion Funds. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on the Licensing Bill then before the House; a telegram of protest being sent to the Acting Prime Minister. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. H. Kasper; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ernest Eady and Pearson; Secretary, Mrs. Biddle; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Phillips; Superintendents also being appointed. Recess till March.

Henderson, December 2nd. Annual prize-giving for the Temperance Essays written by pupils of the local school; held at the school. The officers were welcomed by the Headmaster and introduced to the pupils, over 60 of these being assembled. Mrs. Dickinson gave them a most helpful address on "The dangers of forming bad habits"; which was listened to with keen interest. Five prizes were then presented for the best essays; Mrs. Dickinson thanking them for their splendid effort. The Headmaster expressed his appreciation to the Union for presenting such lovely books. Each child received a temperance blotter.

Remuera, Annual meeting, November 22nd; Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. Good attendance. Temperance Fact, Miss Gane. Pledge recited. A new member initiated. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Clifford; Vice-President, Mrs. Robinson; Recording Secretary, Miss Tozer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Laird; Superintendents also being appointed. Miss Tozer presented the annual report. Mrs. Kasper was presented with a bouquet in appreciation of her work with the Union during the year.

Onehunga, November 11th. Annual meeting. Official reports showed satisfactory progress and were well received. New Secretary, Mrs. Cullen; all other officers being re-elected. Special collection for Cancer Control Fund.

November 25th. Sale of Work successfully organised by Mrs. Breese, a devoted worker. Warkworth, December 9th. Good attendance of members and visitors. Thought for the month given by Mrs. Bartle; Devotions led by Mrs. Thompson. Roll Call, answered by "Good tidings." Discussion on the Licensing Bill. Miss S. Taylor, guest-speaker, told from her own experience of the joys and sorrows, inspirations and disappointments of Christian work in an Indian village. She hopes to return to her work in 1949; and was presented with a sheaf of gladioli; and a gift of lingerie. Trading table and tea concluded the meeting.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Kuiti, November 12th. Annual meeting, Mrs. A. Joseph, President, in the chair; and welcoming Miss C. M. McLay, who led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Reports by Departmental Superintendents. C.R. now numbers 122. Eighteen ditty bags sent for seamen; and other good work reported. Officers elected: President, Mrs. A. Joseph; Secretary, Mrs. Ewan; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Joseph; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Kukutai and McNaught. Mrs. Joseph appointed Convention Delegate. Miss McLay congratulated Superintendents and officers on their good work; explained the "Y" department, Sabbath Observance, and Good Citizenship; and gave information about Convention matters. Licensing Bill discussed. Closing prayer.

Otorohanga. Last meeting for the year, November 26th. Members from Te Kuiti and Te Awamutu Unions attended. Morning tea was served; and a very interesting talk on temperance matters was given. Luncheon was served, after which the afternoon session was opened with Devotions led by the Rev. Mr. Brown. Financial report given. Convention report given by Mrs. Joseph, President of Te Kuiti Union; and short talks given by Mrs. Alexander, President Te Awamutu; and Mrs. Coyle, for Te Kuiti Pakeha Union. A "Mystery" parcel table caused some amusement. Flowers were presented to several visitors, these being made by Mrs. Kenny. Mr. Brown gave a splendid address. Tea brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Hamilton, December 2nd. Mrs. Clark presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. A vote of sympathy was carried, standing, with the relatives of the late Mrs. Stephenson Craig, President for many years. Officers elected as follows: President (acting), Mrs. Clark; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Davey, Bradley, Moore and Trebilco; Secretary, Mrs. Buick; Treasurer, Mrs. Hood.

Tauranga, December 7th. Large attendance, Mrs. Christian presiding. Mrs. Williamson led Devotions. Miss Every, of Nelson Union, welcomed. Telegram of protest to local M.P. re Licensing Bill approved. Mrs. Hunt appointed Convention delegate. Delightful address given by Miss M. Harries of the Syrian Mission, on life and work in that field; a beautiful set of models of houses, utensils, etc. adding great interest. Special prayer asked on behalf of a girl recently converted from the religion of the Druses; who will have to face danger and hardship in upholding her faith. Bring and Buy.

Te Awamutu, November 18th. Closing meeting, in form of a Flower Show and Bring and Buy. Mrs. Kasper was the speaker; and gave an interesting account of her 1947 tour and attendance at the World Convention; holding the attention of her hearers for over an hour. Mrs. Wade sang a bracket of delightful solos. Visitors from Te Kuiti, Cambridge, and Otorohanga were present. Good financial result. Mrs. Kasper initiated a new member; and an enjoyable meeting closed with the Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, November. Mrs. Hayward, Acting President, in the chair; also leading Devotions. Treasurer reported £5 15s. raised for Starving Children appeal. All very pleased to have present the Dominion President, Miss C. E. Kirk, who was on holiday at Hawera. Miss Kirk spoke on "Ways of Service"; and it was a very enlightening talk. Two solos sung by Mrs. Tozer were much enjoyed. Miss Kirk closed the meeting with prayer. Tea hostesses, Mrs. Burton and helpers.

Annual meeting, December. Mrs. Hayward presided. Good work for the year shown in Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Bring and Buy stall conducted successfully. Mrs.

Hayward was elected President, and Mrs. Barron, Secretary-Treasurer; Superintendents being also appointed. Mrs. Barron reported having sent a wire of protest to the local M.P. regarding the Licensing Bill then before Parliament.

New Plymouth, Maori Day, October 27th. Fair attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Tuffery, assisted by Miss Callaghan. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Wells who has been ill. Extract from "W.R." read. Executive empowered to take prompt action re liquor selling in the King Country. Two letters of thanks received from Dr. Gilbey for parcels sent. Mrs. Stewart reported on interest taken in "Family Week" activity.

Miss Drew reported on Seamen's Rest; and Miss Peterson on the N.C.W. Conference. Sister May Vinie told of her work among the Maoris, stressing the force of example. Mrs. Hawken rendered two solos.

(Apology is made for accidental delay in inserting above report.—Editor.)

New Plymouth. Annual meeting. Reports presented from all departments. A further attempt to be made to get Bible reading into the primary schools. The Treasurer reported satisfactory finance. Various funds were explained by Miss Drew. Licensing legislation discussed. Departmental Superintendents appointed. Beautiful floral gifts were received by the officers.

Stratford. After extended recess, Union is now again in good standing with 20 members. Congratulations and good wishes expressed.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier. Annual meeting. Mrs. Lewis in the chair. Annual reports given by Secretary and Treasurer showed a great deal of fine work done during the year. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Lewis; Secretary, Mrs. Atherfold; Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson. Superintendents also appointed. Mesdames Lewis and Atherfold were sincerely thanked for wise and consecrated leadership over a long period of years. Christmas greetings were exchanged. Meeting closed with prayer and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin, November 17th. Annual meeting presided over by Mrs. Kennerley, who welcomed all present. A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs. Plaster in the death of her husband. Annual reports by departments; Superintendents showed good work being done in each. The C. Roll stands at 120. The resignation of Mrs. Rose as Birthday Secretary was accepted with regret, and a letter of thanks was sent to her. Letters of thanks also to Band of Hope workers, Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead, Mrs. Storey and Major Ward. Mrs. Ward took the chair for the election of officers, the following being elected: President, Mrs. Kennerley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Plaster; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Andriksen; Treasurer, Mrs. Burnham, with Mrs. Trotman as assistant; Vice-Presidents, Ministers' wives and Mrs. W. G. Bishop. Superintendents also were appointed. Votes of thanks to all officers and members were passed. Mrs. Kennerley wished members the compliments of the season, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, November 25th. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg presided. Fair attendance, some Unions being unrepresented. King Country position discussed. The work of the Alliance, and especially that of Mr. Milner warmly praised; and a letter of appreciation was authorized. Agreed to use and support the leaflet on "Off-course Betting," as prepared by the Associated Churches; who hope to get a copy of this into every home in the Dominion. A donation of £3 3s. was to be forwarded. Protests on the Licensing Bill had been sent by most Unions.

Wellington Central, November 17th. Mrs. Sired in the chair. Good reports from all departments. Large parcel of bed-socks knitted for Hospital Auxiliary. Deep regret at the passing of Mrs. Clark, one of our earliest members. All officers re-elected. Greetings and beautiful posies presented to every member by the President; and a special welcome given to Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, new District President, who was present. Benediction closed last meeting for the year.

Brooklyn, November 30th. Mrs. Brewer presided. Greeting from Miss Atkinson. Mrs. Toomer's letter read and discussed. Miss Kirk, J.P., Dominion President, was the guest speaker; and gave a very interesting account of the N.C.W. Conference. Miss Kirk also presented "Long-Service" badges

to Mesdames Gillings and Sawden. Appreciation and thanks to Miss Kirk were expressed with flowers. Afternoon tea was enhanced by a Christmas cake made by Mrs. Pearson; who also was thanked "with flowers." Christmas Greetings exchanged.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, November 9th. Annual meeting presided over by District President, Mrs. Toomer; who welcomed to our ranks a member of the English B.W.T.A. Mrs. Macmillan was elected President in place of Mrs. Sherratt who has left the district. All other officers were re-elected. Encouraging reports read by Superintendents. Mrs. Neal, C.R. Superintendent, read a letter to be sent to all children going off the Roll. Remit for Convention re new card for C.R. Temperance Fact given. Executive members were tea hostesses. Benediction.

December 7th. Closing meeting for 1948; Social afternoon. Members took part in competitions which were won by Mesdames Toomer and Lummis. Solos sung by Mrs. Toomer and Mrs. C. Knapp; and a reading and a recitation by Mrs. Walter were much enjoyed. Mrs. Toomer told of the happy afternoon spent at the Alexandra Home; when the inmates were entertained with music and afternoon tea by members from Nelson and Richmond. Birthday posies were presented, and at the close of the meeting, flowers were sent to Te Rangi Hospital. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, December 12th. Good attendance presided over by Mrs. Forbes. Devotions assisted by Mrs. K. Christian. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Lane. Roll Call, a verse of Scripture, met with a great response. Mrs. Webster, Treasurer, was appointed as Dominion Convention delegate. Mrs. Christian's talk on "Bear ye one another's burdens," referred to many of her own sad and humorous experiences as a Salvation Army worker. Good report of combined Social of Blenheim and Springlands Union given. Benediction by Mrs. Girling.

Springlands, 16th November. Annual meeting. Attendance affected by bad weather conditions. President led in Devotions, speaking from Scripture reading 2nd Kings, chapter 2, Elisha taking the mantle from Elijah. Congratulations to Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne on the birth of a son. Good responses to Roll Call. In absence of Mrs. Green, Recording Secretary, President reported on activities and Mrs. Leslie, Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Wells, W.R. Agent, reported a busy year. Mrs. Hegglin presented a very satisfactory balance sheet. Reports adopted, the President expressing thanks to all for co-operation and good fellowship. In a brief address she referred to the Licensing Amendment Bill and to the work of the members throughout the country to secure six o'clock closing of hotel bars. Decided to send a delegate to Dominion Convention and Mrs. J. McDougal was appointed. Mrs. Leslie voiced the appreciation of all the members to Mrs. Underhill for her untiring work and leadership. Election of officers resulted in re-election of all except Recording Secretary, to which position our newest member, Mrs. McDougal, was elected. The various department Superintendents and Conveners were arranged for.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Spreydon. Annual meeting, chaired by Mrs. Ancall. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Nisbet; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Horwood, Ancall, Lockwood and McKenzie; Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Bowden; Treasurer, Miss Brown. Departmental Superintendents also appointed. Arrangements made for a Christmas treat for the Mental Hospital patients; three members agreed to collect for the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. street appeal. Reports showed good work done through the year. Thanks expressed to retiring officers. Benediction.

Christchurch, November 24th. Miss Henderson presiding. A legacy of £50 received from the estate of the late Mrs. Hobbs. Parcels of clothes and food ready to be sent to Britain through our Red Cross Branch. President led discussion on the Licensing Bill. Message urging delay, and protesting against the King Country proposal sent to local M.P.

December 8th. Sixty-first annual meeting. Greetings sent to senior and absent members. Donation sent to Headquarters Debt Reduction Fund. Thirty Years' Service Badges presented to Mesdames Lennon and Neutze. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports showed satisfactory position. New member welcomed. Officers

elected as under: President, Miss C. Henderson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames B. James, Lennon, Neutze, Gardner-Miller; Misses Bishop, Blackwell and Gordon; Treasurer, Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith; Assistant Treasurer, Miss E. Gordon; Secretary, Miss M. M. Thomas; Miss Henderson presided at both meetings.

Lyttelton-Heathcote, November 30th. C.R. party arranged and held December 4th, 30 children and many mothers attending. Mesdames Webb and Lewis carried out this party most successfully. Officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Tredennick; Treasurer, Mrs. Coyle; Secretary, Mrs. J. Preston.

New Brighton. Annual meeting, December 2nd. Mrs. Edmond presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Goodland. Temperance Fact and Pledge. Appreciative letter received from Postmaster for help in sale of Health Stamps. Decided to send delegate to Dominion Convention. Parcels of soap sent to England and Scotland. Donations of various funds decided upon. Mental Hospital report given. Christmas visit with gifts arranged for. Official reports given; and thanks expressed for work done. Officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Edmond; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hall, Gibb, Goodland, Gamble and Mitchell; Secretary, Mrs. G. Ellis; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Inns; Superintendents also being appointed.

Reefton, November 9th. Mrs. Thompson presided. Devotions on "Service." Acting Treasurer's report received. Balance of cash to be sent for Headquarters Fund. Meeting closed with prayer.

Sydenham, December 2nd. Annual meeting, Mrs. J. Filer presiding. Opening prayer by Mrs. Davies. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports showing satisfactory position. Mrs. Atkins (district Treasurer), kindly presided for election of officers. All re-elected. President extended the season's greeting to all members; and meeting closed with the Benediction.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Oamaru. Annual meeting. Mrs. Rawson presided, Miss Cowan leading Devotions. Splendid record of work given in Annual report. Very interesting address given by Mr. Kirkness, on "Women Temperance Workers"; the speaker afterwards presenting "Twenty-Year Service Badges" to Mrs. McIlwraith and Miss Cowan; and thanking them for their public service in the town. Floral sprays, with musical honours were presented to Mrs. Rawson, President, Miss Cowan, Vice-President, and Mrs. McIlwraith, Secretary. Mrs. Blackgrove also received a gift of appreciation for her work on the Social Committee during 17 years. Captain and Mrs. Rix delighted their hearers with a solo, and Mrs. Daniel with a recitation. Officers elected as last year, except that Mesdames Winn and Acutt retired from the list of Vice-Presidents, and Mrs. Cawley was appointed thereto. Superintendents also appointed.

Waimate, December. Arrangements made to entertain the Dominion Convention members in February. Mrs. Duckett, President, led Devotions; and Mr. George Dash was the speaker; his subject being the Licensing Bill recently passed. The 72-page measure provided legislation by which the incentives to the use of alcoholic liquor would be greatly increased; and was most regrettable.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin Central, November 30th. Resolutions passed that we support the protest of Princess Te Puia against the introduction of liquor into the King Country; a breach of faith with the Maoris; and also that of the Alliance against the Licensing Legislation before the House. Mrs. Hiatt, President, spoke on the Olympic Games, competitors. Mrs. Whittington Junr. sang very sweetly two solos. Mrs. Clark and Miss Farquhar were appointed delegates to Dominion Convention.

Kaikorai. During the last few months, Home meetings have been held at the residences of various members, to whom we are indebted. The present membership is small but enthusiastic. We are proud of the success of our children in the recent Temperance Examinations. On November 30th we bade Mrs. Ramage "Bon Voyage" and a safe return from a twelve months' holiday in Scotland. Letters of protest and telegrams sent to Parliament in connection with the Licensing Bill. Mrs. Adcock gave a comprehensive report of District Convention. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Flett; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. McKenzie.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Road, Onehunga, S.E.5; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, C.4; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. I. Cullen, 8 Taiere Terr., Onehunga; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Rd., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd., Takapuna, N.2.

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 Cumber 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, 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 Pompallier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull, 28 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. 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.

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

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

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U., Rooms, cnr. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Henderson, J.P., 15, Euston St., Sumner; Hon. Sec., Miss M. M. Thomas, 447 Montreal St., C.1. Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Rd., W.2; Assist. Treas., Miss Gordon, 123 Fendalton Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Neutze, 122 Aikman's Rd., Merivale.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Tyler; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas., Mrs. Peters; Cradle 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Acting Pres., Mrs. G. M. Clark; Sec., Mrs. M. E. Buick, 18 Wye St., Frankton. Treas., Mrs. N. Hood, 7 Taniwha St., Frankton.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, Metcalfe Road; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, Tirimoana Road; W.R., Mrs. Johnson; C.R. and Evang., Mrs. E. V. Phillips.

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

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.W. Room. Pres., Mrs. M. Smith, 102 Townsend St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. G. Pitt, 606 Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Grainger, 612 Grey Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Buckingham, 504 St. Aubyn's St. E.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hagerson, Maddison St.

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

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

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Fed St., at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss H. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Vice-President, Mesdames E. M. Brown and J. B. Cameron; Sec., Mrs. J. M. Watson, 14 Mitchell St.; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 43 Elles Road Nth; W.R., Mrs. J. B. Cameron, 33 McMaster St.

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

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall, Grace St. Pres., Mrs. E. L. Richards, 16 Roy St. Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cole, Richards and Lea. Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot St. Treas., Miss Griffiths, 235 Crinan St. W.R., Miss L. Aitken. C.R., Mrs. Crozier. Maori Supt., Mrs. J. Richards. Evang., Mesdames Richards and Beckham. Notable Days, Miss J. McCallum. Musical, Mrs. Lea.

JOHNSONVILLE, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. McBride, Main Rd. Sec., Miss I. Mitchell, 134 Nicholson Rd., Khandallah, N.5; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Cres.; W.R. and C.R., Mrs. Davis, Burgess Rd.

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

KARORI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Members' homes. Pres., Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, 61 Friend St.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson, 2 Shirley St.; Treas., Mrs. R. Watchman, 78 Campbell St.; W.R., Mrs. Horne, 12 Scapa Tce.

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

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

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

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstee; Sec. and C.R., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, M. Eden, S.2; W.R., Miss Shepherd, 111 Mt. Albert Road.

MT. EDEN, 1st Tuesday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Warring, 13 Poronui Street, Mt. Eden; Sec., —; Treas., —; W.R., Mrs. Pickering; C.R., Miss McKinney.

MASTERTON, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss V. Jackson, 65 Cole St. Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Speight. Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, Worksop Rd. Treas., Mrs. Trevorror, Makora Ro. W.R., Mrs. C. Sims.

MAUNGATUROTO, 2nd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. Flower; Sec. and Treas., Miss Edna Cullen, Brynderwyn; C.R., Miss J. Flower; W.R., Mrs. H. Flower; Birthday League, Mrs. Knightbridge; Temp. Fact, Mrs. Brock.

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

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

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

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donnelly and Ryan; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfield, 21 Colenso St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. G. Martin, 194 Wellesley Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. Shann, 326 Hastings St.; W.R., Mrs. Gwynne, 24 Jull St.; C.R., Mrs. Donnelly, 3 Lawrence Rd.

NELSON, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. McMillan, Bisley Ave., Tahunanui; Sec., Mrs. F. F. Doel, 5 Mt. Pleasant Ave.; Treas., Mrs. W. Andrews, 100 Brook St.; W.R., Mrs. Doel; W.R. Reporter, Mrs. C. I. Kidson, 8 Whitby St.; Librarian, Mrs. Snodgrass, Collingwood St.; C.R., Mrs. Neal.

NEW BRIGHTON, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Edmund; Sec., Mrs. Ellis, 79 Arneliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. Inns, 90 Marriotts Rd., North Brighton; W.R., Mrs. Croy; C.R., Mrs. McIlroy.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Stewart, 60 Courtenay St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wood, 2 Cutfield St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mt. Edgecumbe Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Morwood, Leach St.; W.R., Mrs. Brown, 38 Dorset Ave.; Seamen's Rest, Pres., Mrs. T. Hurrell, Barring Tce.; Sec., Mrs. R. Deare, Hamlyn St.

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

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Rawson, 7 Cross St.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Daniel, Cawley, and Misses Cowan and Tosh; Sec., Mrs. McIlraith, 10 Till St.; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter, 30 Rother St.; W.R., Mrs. J. J. Clarke, 11 Tamar St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey Street. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby, Leadley and Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Perrett, 21 Cardwell Street, Onehunga; W.R. and Home Meetings, Mrs. C. Ashton; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; C.R., Miss Caughley; Evangelistic, Miss H. Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Pres., Mrs. Mushett; Philanthropic, Mrs. Wadman.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Comyns, Main St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ryde, Fenwick, Weston and Miss Caverhill; Sec., Mrs. Trounce, c/o Post Office, Oxford; Treas., Mrs. Carey, S.A. Headquarters; W.R., Mrs. E. McGrath; C.R., Mrs. Early; Band of Hope, Envoy Carey and Miss Comyns; Evang., Mrs. Markham; Notable Days, Mrs. L. Jones.

OTAHUHU, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. R. Hughes, Mason Ave.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Carlisle and McCallum; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Beaumont, 5 Fairburn Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Hall; Flower and Philanthropic, Mrs. Mears.

OTOROHANGA, 4th Friday, Methodist Church, 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. Kenny; Sec., Miss Rogers, Kio Kio R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. C. Clark, Main South Rd., Otorohanga; C.R., Mrs. Hikutaia.

OPAWA, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Miss E. M. Gainsford; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., C.I.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.I.; W.R., Mrs. Patrick, 32 Buffon St., Waltham; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jenkins and Ewart Smith.

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. Knaut; 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. I. 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.

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. L. 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., Otumoetai; Treas., Mrs. Maunders, 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Petchell; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Temperance Fact, Mesdames Tremain and Wallace.

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

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera, R.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, 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, 10.30 a.m. at Maori Pa. Pres., Mrs. A. Joseph; Sec., Mrs. R. Ewan, Eplanade; Treas., Mrs. M. Joseph; "Y" Work, Mrs. A. Joseph; Seamen, Mrs. M. Hose; C.R., Mrs. R. Turner; Evang., Mrs. A. Bell.

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. Piley, Karaka Rd.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m. in Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Holdgate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; Treas., Mrs. K. Newlands, 45 Avenue Road; W.R., Mrs. Howe, 166 Otupua Road; C.R., Miss Arras; Sec. and Treas., Seamen's Rest, Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon St.

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. Funt; 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 Tuesday, 2 p.m. in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. R. V. Moore; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bartie and Thompson; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, R.D., Mahurangi Heads, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. C. H. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. at Headquarters. Pres., Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.; Sec., Miss E. A. Brooks, c/o 8 Melbourne Road, S.2; 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 alternately. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Singleton, Mangawai; Sec., Mrs. E. Yates, Te Hana; Treas., Mrs. Singleton.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres. and C.A., Mrs. T. P. Lane, 8 Dinness Ave.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; W.R., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinness Ave.; C.R., Mrs. A. Green, 92 Kanno Road.

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.