

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"... the evils arising from the gambling habit are MORE WIDELY SPREAD AND MORE SOCIALLY HARMFUL than ever before in the history of New Zealand."

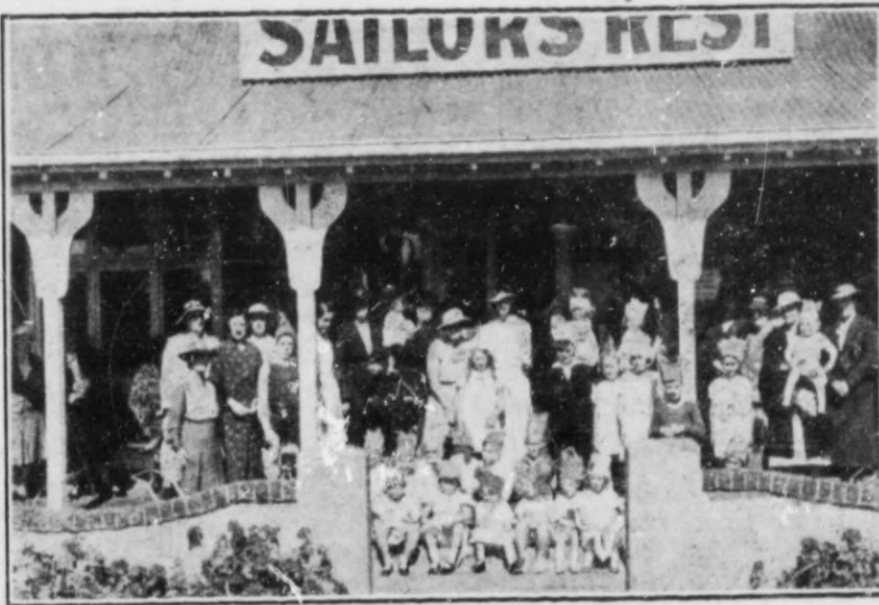
—F. A. de la Mare.

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W.C.T.U. "Sailors' Rest": Timaru

ON THE EVE OF THE REFERENDUM ON HOURS OF SALE AND "OFF COURSE" BETTING

A FEW DAYS YET REMAIN FOR ACTIVE WORK IN YOUR DISTRICT.

HAVE YOU FOUND OUT WHO WILL NEED TO BE CONVEYED TO THE POLLING PLACE?

HAS TRANSPORT BEEN ARRANGED IN YOUR DISTRICT? HAS ALL POSSIBLE HELP FROM SYMPATHISERS BEEN SECURED?

HAVE ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MADE FOR TEMPERANCE WORKERS TO BE AT EACH POLLING PLACE, EITHER AS SCRUTINEERS OR AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO VOTERS?

IS THERE A CHANCE OF HAVING AN AFTER-CHURCH TEMPERANCE RALLY IN ANY CHURCH IN YOUR DISTRICT, WITH A GOOD SPEAKER? ONLY ONE SUNDAY REMAINS BEFORE THE POLL.

HAVE YOU DONE ANYTHING ABOUT SPECIAL PRAYER-MEETINGS. THIS MOST IMPORTANT FRONT IN OUR RIGHTEOUS WAR SHOULD NOT BE NEGLECTED.

REMEMBER THAT EVERY VOTE WILL BE NEEDED. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OF GAINING OUR OBJECTIVES.

THE GAMBLING FEVER

If off-course betting is approved by vote of the people, the opportunities for legalised gambling will be increased. There is the hope, but no guarantee, that illegal betting with bookmakers will thereby be curtailed or even suppressed. If this were a confident and substantial hope, then much could be said for legalising off-course betting on the grounds of expediency, but not of principle. Yet any proposal to increase facilities for race betting must first quieten the misgivings aroused by contemplation of the enormous existing volume of gambling through the totalisator. In the last seven week-days no less than £1,264,390 was legally wagered in Auckland alone. Allowing for bets with bookmakers in the proportion mentioned by the Gaming Commission, the total would be over £2,750,000. For the whole Dominion last year the total legal betting amounted to almost £23,000,000. The addition of the bookmaking turnover would bring the total to over £50,000,000, equal to a bet of £28 for every man, woman and child in New Zealand. These figures may be considered in many ways—as evidence of prosperity or inflation, of improvidence or cupidity, of the sporting spirit or what will you. Nevertheless, most people will consider them excessive and an unhealthy symptom. Behind the millions of money, they are aware, lies a grave moral problem which they must seek to solve in voting on the gaming referendum. They are bound to ask why, if it is hoped to suppress bookmaking by legalising off-course betting, bookmaking could not be suppressed without setting up betting shops.

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Presidential Address

Delivered 17th February, 1949, by Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

What Are Our Rights? How Far Have We Made Use of Them?

In July of 1848, Lucretia Mott, who was a Quaker leader, with some other ladies and gentlemen, called a convention to discuss the "social, civil and religious condition and the rights of women."

When they made their first attempt to frame a resolution they found it so difficult that Elizabeth Cady Stanton (who was later to become a wonderful speaker and leader), said "On the first attempt to frame a resolution, to crowd a complete thought, clearly and concisely into three lines, they felt as helpless and hopeless as if they had suddenly been asked to construct a steam engine." There is overwhelming proof in the following statement that, even if they were faced with a very difficult problem, they knew what they wanted and were prepared to defy tyranny for the sake of a better world. The statement reads:—

"RIGHTS OF WOMEN"

"We hold these truths to be self evident; that all men and women are created equal . . .

- "1. The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her.
- "2. He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she has had no voice . . .
- "3. After depriving her of all rights as a married woman, if single and the owner of property, he has taxed her to support a government which recognises her only when her property can be made profitable to it . . .
- "4. He has denied her the facilities for obtaining a thorough education, all colleges being closed against her . . .
- "5. He has created a false public sentiment by giving the world a different code of morals for men and women, by which moral delinquencies which exclude women from society, are not only tolerated, but deemed of little account by men . . .
- "6. He has usurped the prerogative of Jehovah himself, claiming it as his right to assign to her her sphere of action, when that belongs to her conscience and to her God . . ."

I have quoted the above that you and I may be reminded, and may also realise, something of what we owe to those women of a hundred years ago.

How do we stand in the matter of rights now? Equality of men and women—well we have not quite achieved that standard of justice yet.



There are still noticeable cases in which men still seem to think that they have all the knowledge that is worth while and now, and again we meet the woman who really seems to believe that if she tells you that "her Bill" holds the opinion that such and such is the case you are bound to believe it too. I have observed that the simple faith of such women is markedly stronger in the early days of the marriage than it is after twenty or even ten, years of living with "Bill." We have a number of positions in which the woman receives less pay than the man for exactly the same work, judged by the same standards.

We now have a direct voice in the making of our laws in that we can exercise our vote either toward electing the man or woman who shall sit in Parliament, or recording our vote against the candidate who does not come up to standard; as W.C.T.U. members we should make every effort to see that suitable women as well as God-fearing men, are elected next polling day. It should be our business to know something of these men and women who come forward seeking our vote. If they have conducted their own businesses dishonestly or without proper business sense it is useless to expect that they will run the affairs of the country either honestly or well; if their general and private moral standard is not high they are not fit to manage our beloved country.

Also we now have the Married Woman's Property Act whereby a woman can still keep her own money or property, though Heaven help her

if she is so unfortunate as to marry an unscrupulous man. More than once or twice I have seen a woman simply nagged out of her belongings. A nagging woman is someone to be avoided but a nagging man is someone to run from.

Woman's position in the realm of education is wonderful compared with the facilities available to those who first realised that women had the right and the ability to be as well educated as men, and were prepared to fight for that right.

All these rights and many more, too long a list to be dealt with here, which have been built upon the foundation laid by Lucretia Mott, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others, in 1848, are ours today.

What are we doing with these rights? First—are we guarding the sanctity of the home? Frequently we hear people deploring the fact that there is "no home life now-a-days." Why and how has this condition of affairs come about? Does not common honesty compel us to reply "because the older people have not faithfully, and as a whole, adhered to the standard of right as set out in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount; have not acknowledged the voice of conscience which definitely indicated the white path of Right and the black path of Wrong, allowing themselves and their children" to think that there is a nice little grey path in-between, along which they can travel without harm to themselves or anyone else and without danger of side-stepping into the black path. Want of a realisation of our responsibility to guard the youth in our homes and in our neighbourhood is blazoned forth in a certain amount of disregard for truth and honesty; by the consumption of alcoholic liquors, although it may be very moderately and although they know full well that their example may, and frequently does, bring many a fine lad and lass to a dishonoured grave. Again the example of gambling has been set before the youth of our country by the light way in which those who know better take tickets in Art Unions, striving to white-wash themselves by saying "Oh, it was for a good cause. I never expected to win anything." If that is the truth, why take the ticket, why not give a straight out donation of a shilling or half crown?

What of the literature that is brought into our homes? Have parents and guardians been sufficiently interested in the books and papers the children and young people read? There is plenty of good and amusing literature for children and young

people and if it is easily available they will read it, but, for goodness sake, see that it is suitable, that is, see that it honestly says what it has to say in an amusing or attractive and above all, in a clean way. In an extract taken from the "Chicago Daily News," November 9th, 1948, and reprinted in the "Union Signal," December 11th, 1948, we read as follows:—"The comic book threat to decency and even to the very lives of children is causing trouble as far away as Australia—strips featuring sex, violent crimes and murder probably will be banned in most of the larger cities 'Down Under.' Melbourne, the 'Boston' of Australia, will be the first to remove the books from the stands. Many Melbourners believe an illustrated comic book to have been the inspiration behind the recent death of a young teen-ager who hanged himself by using a leather strap. His eight-year-old sister discovered the body." That is the end of the quotation but by no means the end of the sorrow of the parents, or of the nerve shock of the little sister. What occurred there can easily, just as easily, occur here. We have the Right to prevent the circulation of such literature. Let us use it.

Our Right to Peace. World peace must surely begin in the heart of the individual; it can only be there by the steady cultivation of the virtue of **goodwill**, goodwill toward those in our homes, toward our neighbours, then to the community and so, in an ever widening circle, to our country and the world. Our children and young people are in dire need of a sense of security and if there is not peace in the home how are they to obtain it? It is not so much material security that is needed as security in the fundamental truths of life—such as the real, and if need be, sacrificial affection of those who are supposed to have their welfare at heart. There can only be mental and spiritual security in a home where the parents set for themselves a high standard of right and happy living. There is no need to lower one's moral standard because one has to live in a crowded room or flat.

I suppose we are all at times shocked and unhappy when we read of the large number of divorced couples each year, and we grieve for those, generally young couples, who have come to such a sorry pass, but what of the children, and there are frequently one or two, who are the outcome of such marriages? Are they likely to have that sense of mental and spiritual security and peace which is their birthright? The only way, as far as I can see, to prevent the frequency of divorce is for children to be taught the value of a promise and, as they grow older, the sacredness of the marriage vows. Both these teachings will be infinitely helped by good example. Let young people be taught that marriage is not just a jaunty little picnic with white satin and iced

cake, but that it is something to be well considered beforehand. Both man and woman giving good thought to the fact that they won't always be dressed in their best clothes attending parties, but that they must, of necessity, "go back to old clothes and hard work"—the woman to the wash-tub, sweeping, polishing, etc., and seeing that she has three good meals a day ready for the "good man" of the house. Very often all this, and much more, is required of her without previous training. Probably she went straight from school to factory, shop or office and has never had time or opportunity to learn how to run a home. How would any one of us feel if we were, suddenly, set down to a very varied job, requiring a considerable amount of skill, patience and judgement? Married life is certainly not a joke. So much for some of the woman's difficulties but the man has to do some facing up too. There is the fact, and it is no negligible one, that however hard he is willing to work it will be impossible for him to spend as much on sport, or generally having a good time as he used to do because it really does take more to keep two than one. Both parties have the right, and the responsibility, of making the marriage successful and very happy. Therefore I would say to all young men and women get married, if you want to, but make sure that you are marrying not the one you can live with, but the one you cannot live without; remembering that marriage is, or should be, a life sentence.

What of our rights and responsibilities toward the chief, and chief by a long way, factor in destroying marriage and the happiness of children, affecting their health, mental capacity, and even their very lives.

Just at this minute, **now**, and I wish with all my heart that I could make that **now**, coupled with the words Right and Responsibility, ring in the hearts and minds of all our members so loudly, and so insistently, that each one will be afraid to let slip any effort within her power, that will bring victory at the polls next month. Perhaps you cannot address meetings or go from house to house delivering literature but you **can** talk. I have heard you. See that each person you talk to knows without a doubt that six o'clock closing means less drinking; that open bars in the evening will mean more drinking. If it did not mean a greater consumption of alcoholic poison would the brewers want it? In view of the difficulty of obtaining staff it may seem as if the hotel proprietors and managers would not welcome the change. But don't count on their support; the Devil and the liquor traders will leave no stone unturned. Get to work and turn them back again.

Undoubtedly there is a large amount of evening drinking now, but so long as we allow this privileged trade to serve alcoholic liquors to "boarders,"

very much so called, and very little care taken to differentiate between "boarders" and "casual callers," this drinking will go on, but do not let us add to it by approving open bars in the evening. I sometimes wonder what would happen to grocers and other respectable tradesmen, if they took in a boarder or two and then threw open their sitting-rooms in an evening so that anyone who cared to do so might come in; the boarders, by right of claiming to be such, demanded the right to buy an unlimited amount of tea, butter, sugar, etc. Surely it would not be very long before at least some of the casuals got mixed up with the boarders at the counter, buying as heartily as any boarder. A grocer might as well put sand in the sugar and chips in the tea and think to get away with it as try to turn his sitting-room into a late market.

A clarion call for us to join the fight against this diabolical trade is the need for the defence of the rights of our Maori people, who surely have a prior and definite right to say whether they will have liquor sold in certain areas or not and certainly it is a very ugly stain on our boasted British justice that they should be obliged to fight, yes and even to beg, that we, the people who brought the Gospel of Christ to this country, shall see to it that a solemn pact signed just 109 years ago on February 6th, by seventy-eight persons—the number increased to five hundred and forty-one by June of that same year, shall be honoured. There are four classes of people who are ready and willing that this pact should be broken:—

One—those who make money from the manufacture and sale of alcohol.

Two—those who are deliberately urging the sale of alcoholic poison in the King Country because they "like a drink," when they visit that part of New Zealand. Thus proving themselves to be lacking in self-control and to be the slaves of appetite.

Three—those who have not enough backbone to either contradict, or cut loose from class two.

Four—those who are too bone lazy to think or understand what is taking place. Quite a number of them are Church members. It just means this—those who either by wrong action, or by lack of action are, as Billy Sunday is reported to have said, "laying up a very difficult matter to explain when they appear before the Judgement Seat."

When next general election comes you and I must see to it that we vote for men and women who are so strong in their belief in God's justice that they will not allow themselves to act under the direction of a power which they know to be evil.

Madras Province, India, celebrated Gandhi's birthday by instituting legal Prohibition of intoxicating liquor. "Time" reports that Prohibition is gaining ground in self-governing India. "About one-seventh of Travancore, half of the Central Provinces,

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WELLINGTON, MARCH 1, 1949.

CONVENTION OPENS

With Timaru sunshine streaming through doorways and windows, and really lovely bowls and vases of flowers on and about the platform in the Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church, we have assembled once again; friend has greeted friend, acquaintances have been renewed, and now the happy buzz of conversation is quietened as our President, Miss Kirk, "Calls Convention to order." The mighty "Battle hymn of the republic," appropriate in its every word, rings out as the delegates sing them with high hope and courage in voice and heart, like a challenge to the hosts of wickedness. The beautiful words of Psalm 47, as read by the President, find their echo in all hearts; and later, those of the Revelation of St. John come with deep significance. Miss Kirk speaks of the visions that lead to action and endeavour; good and evil visioning both leading to their appropriate end. "Christ crucified through the Vision Terrible; but Christ triumphant through the Vision Beautiful" are the closing thoughts which lead naturally on to the Lord's Prayer. And now, 1949 Convention is opened.

Welcomes follow. Mrs. Holdgate, President of the Timaru Union, tells us how glad the Timaru members are to have us here and Miss Kirk wonders whether she can think of any-

thing, during the silent watches of the night, which has not been done for our comfort and convenience. Mrs. Densem makes announcements of pleasant things to come, and tells us just how to find places and things we shall wish to see. Very complete and satisfying to new-comers are these helps towards feeling really at home; and delegates settle down with a sense of well-being.

Follows the Dominion Secretary's report. This is a careful and comprehensive statement of our position; and calls for serious thought. We gather that all Unions have not sent in their reports; and that some figures have been culled from last year's statistics. Now comes a discussion on the membership returns, which are not so encouraging as we should like them to be. Mrs. Hiatt, with quiet forcefulness, urges District Officers to make the well-being of their Unions a matter of concern and soon the report is adopted. The Dominion Treasurer, making her first appearance at Convention in this office, is somewhat shy; but gives her report most efficiently and wins a round of applause. Questions are asked and answered, with special reference to Headquarters; and this report is also adopted.

And tea is brought in—so delicious and so refreshing on this warm afternoon; and then Mrs. Kasper gives us a very interesting account of Temperance Work in the U.S.A. Most illuminating information on all aspects of the work of the Union is contained in this address. Then comes the call for N.Z. Fund contributions; and with the Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Hiatt, our first session is over.

THE RECEPTION

A Convention Reception is always an agreeable function, but surely this one is even more so than usual. Pretty frocks, lovely flowers, smiling and happy faces and voices give it a character fully in keeping with the balmy, moonlit evening—so still that every falling wave of the sea fills the air with its murmur.

We have been welcomed individually in a letter received by every delegate from His Worship the Mayor, who is quite unable to be present this evening. He is represented by the Mayor-ess, Mrs. Hanam; who sits by our President, with other ladies and gentlemen of the city, who come to

express good wishes. Mrs. H. Densem occupies the chair with charming efficiency. Mrs. Hanam speaks her welcoming words with sincerity and evident appreciation of our work and aims. On behalf of the local branch of the Alliance and of the Trinity Church Session, the Rev. Mr. McKenzie gives us greeting. Mrs. Cumberbeach, of the National Council of Women and the Rev. Ian Borrie, speaking for the Ministers' Association, both strike a very cheerful note; though a phrase from the speech of the last-named rings in the ear. It is a reference to the possibility of our country making the "tragic mistake" of allowing six o'clock closing to give place to ten o'clock. The grim shadow of our peril in this regard causes a momentary break in the festive spirit of our gathering; but smiles return when music of high quality is given to us by Miss D. Smith, in two songs, "The Secret" (Schubert) and "Songs my mother taught me" (Dvorak). Then comes a real "Highlight" in a greeting by the Maori Delegation from the King Country. Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, in beautiful English, speaks of the sacredness of a pact to the Maori people; and her words meet with warm murmurs of sympathy. Then a hymn is sung in Maori, and a very delightful, short Haka of greeting is given to the delight of everyone. Mrs. Wilkinson sings three charming songs for our pleasure, and Miss Kirk, with her usual apt wit and sparkle, acknowledges the many greetings. Mrs. Hiatt then speaks on the present position, and gives her clarion call for dedication to the great warfare in most moving and inspiring words.

Supper follows, during which many new acquaintances are made and old ones renewed. "And so to bed" for most, but not all of us.

CORRECTION

The name of Marion Francis was given as "Marton" Francis in our last number of the "White Ribbon" as being the winner of the first prize in the Dominion Essay Competition. We apologise for the mistake, and take the opportunity of congratulating Marion on her splendid win. We note that she is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Francis, of Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch.

Convention News

DOMINION OFFICERS ELECTED

Dominion President: Miss C. M. McLay, Rotorua.

Dominion Vice-President: Mrs. H. N. Toomer, Nelson.

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"HOLY COMMUNION"

In the quietness, we are assembling for our Convention Communion Service; always a time of refreshing to which we look forward. Solemn and peace-giving words are spoken; hymns of tender significance are sung to beautiful organ music; and the meaning of what we do is again told to us. The Rev. Mr. McKenzie speaks of our Union's function as one member of the Body of Christ; and of the possibility of our having a special task to perform. "It may be," he says, "that to prick the conscience of the Church, may be that task allotted thus." There is no mere sentiment about the message. It reminds us of our high calling; and of our uselessness without the sense of the presence and constant help of Him Whose servants we are. Our place in the Church Universal is spoken of; and the responsibility which is ours becomes more real and clear. We receive the tokens of "His dying love" once again, and renew our vows of dedication to our Lord and His Service. Strengthened and humbled, we pass out into the glorious sunshine and into the Hall of Convention, where we are soon at work again.

THURSDAY MORNING

A pause is made while we are told that a member has suffered an accident, which may, or may not prove serious; and our prayers, led by Mrs. Hiatt, rise on her behalf.

Study Groups are formed for the consideration of the Departmental Reports. "White Ribbon" reports are read and adopted. Noontide is soon here, and the luncheon interval comes.

"SERVICE OF MEMORIES"

This Service is a time of tender and poignant remembering. It is like another Communion Service—the Communion of Saints. A band of white ribbon passes all round the room, and is held in the hand of everyone present; it brings us all into its embrace; and as it passes on its way, we sing softly, "All round the world." Our President reads the 23rd Psalm; and we sing the fine Memorial Hymn. As we stand, holding the ribbon, the sadly long list of names of "Those whom here we see no more" is read

by the President. Prayer and praise rise from all hearts as we think of these "companions in the way," and realise that they serve Him still. What more fitting close to such a service could there be than the singing of "I know that my Redeemer liveth," as Mrs. Tait sings it? The deep silence that follows reveals much more than any applause could ever do.

The days now pass along rapidly. Reports and the findings of study groups are taken, and appropriate remits are dealt with at the close of discussions.

We are having the unwonted luxury of morning as well as afternoon tea; and very welcome it is. Talking is dry work and even the most Spartan determination to resist temptation wilts before the deliciously hot and refreshing tea, and dainty morsels of food so generously served.

Devotions are taken by our Maori delegation one day; and very touching it is to hear the familiar words of Scripture read by Mrs. Aupouri Joseph; and the hymn which follows sung in Maori. The prayer is in Maori, but we all join in the Lord's Prayer with full hearts. Mrs. Toomer leads them another day, and speaks of our Lord's specially manifested characteristics as He moved among the men and women about Him; and leads us to a place of humble self-examination.

Miss Lovell-Smith is with us on Thursday, and it is good to see and hear her as she discusses "Films." We are to see something about these in the Literature Advertisement in these pages in future.

OUTING

The week-end is here. A delightful outing to Waimate, the hometown of our old and valued friend, Mr. George Dash, occupies Saturday afternoon. Four large buses convey us thither; and we are greeted with the music of the Salvation Army Band; and very heartening it is. A sumptuous afternoon tea is served by the Waimate ladies in the Presbyterian Church Hall, during which Miss Kirk gracefully expresses thanks to our kind host and hostesses; for Mr. Dash has provided this pleasant refreshment. A walk in the beautiful park among the masses of flowers gives us great pleasure; and the time passes all too quickly. We are soon on our way back to Timaru; where we gratefully prepare for a week-end of quiet and rest after some hard-working days.

BANNERS AND AWARDS

The presentation of banners is always interesting. Perhaps the absence of some that should be here is interesting too. This time, the awards were as follows:

Little White Ribboners

Largest percentage of increase: Motueka.

Largest District Cradle Roll: Auckland (1,673).

Largest Cradle Roll (Union of 15 to 30 members): 1st, Springlands (292); 2nd Hamilton (283).

Largest Cradle Roll (Union of under 15 members): Grey Lynn (193).

Membership

Highest percentage increase: Maungakarama (71½%).

Largest numerical increase: Hamilton (18).

"White Ribbon"

Largest number of new subscribers: Riccarton (31).

(Silver Vase) Largest number of subscribers: Riccarton.

(Unions under 20) Largest percentage increase: Warkworth (80%).

Handkerchief Competition

Hand Embroidered: 1st and 2nd, Mrs. Allely, Northcote Union.

Hand made edging: 1st equal, Mrs. Musk, Tauranga; Major Simpson, Linwood; 2nd, Mrs. Swift, Lower Hutt.

Judge's Special Prize

Mrs. Swift.

Thrift

1st, Mrs. Sawden, Brooklyn.

2nd, Miss Thompson, Dannevirke.

Lovely handkerchiefs have been sent in for this little competition; and made a most creditable show. Their sales have realised quite a good sum for Headquarters. Thanks are expressed to all who have entered; and also to Mrs. Maymey, who kindly judged them.

The presentation by the President of a "Thirty Years' Service" Badge to the Vice-President, Mrs. Hiatt, was a touching and pleasant little function. Musical honours were spontaneous. Mrs. Hiatt's response was characteristic of her always lofty thought and idealism.

MODEL REPORT FOR A MONTHLY MEETING

Name of Union
 Date of meeting
 Kind of Attendance
 Chair taken by
 Devotions taken by
 Any visitors welcomed
 Reports on various activities
 Notable day observed, or special subject dealt with
 Address given by
 Subject
 SPECIAL business
 Collection for (or Sales Table)
 New members
 Anything further of general interest
 Tea Hostesses (if names specially desired)
 Closing
 Reporter's name or initials

"THE WHITE RIBBON" EDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:—

It is with pleasure that I present this, my fourth annual report on the Editorial side of our Official Organ.

Thanks are due to many helpers; especially our Union reporters, who are so faithful; and most of whom are so willing to co-operate in the manner of their reporting. Also to Mrs. Grigg, whose work in supervising the final setting up of the paper, makes my share much more effective. To our printers, Messrs. Wright & Carman, we owe a great deal. Their sympathy with our aims, and readiness to assist in every way to make the best of what is sent in, make our work pleasurable.

Contributions. I have been grateful to several friends who have sent newspaper clippings and suggestions for articles. These are very helpful. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to make the use of them that should be made; because this takes a good deal of time which is always rather severely taxed to last out for all the needs of the issue of the moment. It would be a delightful thing to receive an article ready for insertion, made up from the suggestions contained in the clippings, now and again.

I have been disappointed that our Superintendents have made little use of our columns for the furthering of their departmental work; and would like to arrange a sort of plan or roster by which every department may make its appeal to our members. If the Superintendent herself does not feel that she can find time to write a half column, it may be possible for her to find someone who will be pleased to do it for her; but it would add interest to the paper and to the department if we could have more of this in each issue.

I have sought to work along various lines during the year; trying to help our Unions in their meetings and in their work by providing usable material for addresses, and suggestions for topics. In addition I have aimed at including matters of general interest, so that we are not too circumscribed in our sphere of thought and action.

The Beacon. This has been uphill work this year. Several times there has been nothing sent in except the President's letter. My ingenuity has been fully taxed to write or extract enough copy to fill the columns. The series of small chatty articles on nature topics has had no direct bearing on Temperance, but has been designed to create some interest which may prove an attraction to some young readers not otherwise very keenly concerned with what appears in the pages. I have no means of knowing whether anyone reads them or in fact anything else provided for the young readers.

Y.P. Supplement. Every effort has been made to use this means of

spreading Temperance ideas, and giving real reasons for our anxiety on behalf of the children. Judging by the numbers of copies sent out, they are appreciated.

Constant effort is made to develop our paper's possibilities; and constructive suggestions are most gladly received. The responsibility involved is a sacred trust, and the prayers and helpful understanding of many readers help to make it easier to carry out all that it means.

For the very many kind and encouraging letters received from Union Officers and individual readers, I am deeply grateful. I have made great efforts to reply separately to them, but this has not always been possible. It is hoped that this expression of gratitude will be accepted by those who have had no other reply.

M. CHRISTIAN,
Editor.

"THE WHITE RIBBON"

Annual Report and Balance Sheet for
the year ending 31st December, 1948

I have much pleasure in presenting this report and balance sheet and in doing so point out first of all that there is still a deficit in our receipts for the year which need not have been if payments were sent in before the end of the financial year.

We gained 180 new subscribers; 12 fewer than the previous year. We have written off 252. Of these 32 were called to Higher Service; 196 were cancelled and 24 were written off as unpaid or untraceable, after accounts had been sent out over at least three years.

The new subscribers in the different districts are:—

South Island

| | | | |
|------------------|------|------|----|
| Marlborough | .... | .... | 4 |
| Nelson | .... | .... | 2 |
| North Canterbury | .... | .... | 42 |
| South Canterbury | .... | .... | 5 |
| Otago | .... | .... | 13 |
| Southland | .... | .... | 8 |
| | | | 74 |

North Island

| | | | |
|----------------|------|------|----|
| North Auckland | .... | .... | 7 |
| Auckland | .... | .... | 33 |
| South Auckland | | | 28 |
| Taranaki | | | 4 |
| Hawke's Bay | | | 2 |
| Wanganui | | | 7 |
| Manawatu | | | 6 |
| Wellington | | | 16 |
| Maori Dept. | | | 3 |

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The Union with the largest number of new subscribers is **Riccarton**, with 31. This union wins the Banner for 1948.

The winner of the "White Ribbon" vase for 1948 is also **Riccarton Union**, with 151 subscribers.

The Banner for unions with under 20 members, having the largest increase in new subscribers on a percentage basis, has been gained by **Warkworth Union**, with a gain of 80 per cent.

Beacons.—The number sent out last year rose to 550 in the peak months, but this decreased by the end of the year, and we began this year with only orders for 500.

Y.P. Supplements.—We issued 83,550 Y.P. Supplements this year, exclusive of those required for inclusion with the copies of "The White Ribbon." This is an increase of 10,525 on the previous year. We are still selling these a little below cost and look to your extra donations to "The White Ribbon" Day Fund to help finance these, as we wish by keeping the cost to purchasers as low as possible, to encourage a wider distribution of this paper, which is, as far as I know, the only Temperance paper for children in New Zealand.

We have much pleasure in reporting the purchase, through the generosity of the Dunedin W.C.T.U., of an addressograph, with which we hope during the year to make the change over from handwritten to stencilled addresses for our wrappers. All the years we have been publishing our paper a group of faithful friends have each month addressed the wrappers for us, and we hope by the end of 1949 to relieve all of them from their task. We thank them very gratefully for all their help over the years, without which we would have been very hard put at times to accomplish this clerical work.

We would convey to Messrs. Wright & Carman Ltd., and their staff, our very sincere thanks for their help in the printing and publishing of our paper.

And also to our Auditor, Mr. G. A. N. Freeman, who gives his services as "service to the cause of Temperance," we would convey our appreciation of help so kindly rendered.

We feel the need for a much wider circulation of our paper. In order to educate against the evils of the liquor traffic it should reach many more people in this country; and a greater circulation, both of "The White Ribbon" and "The Beacon" and Y.P. Supplement is greatly needed to help us to overcome the cost of production and to help us to make a bigger and more influential magazine of "The White Ribbon," our official publication.

A. D. GRIGG.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Year ending 31st December, 1948

Expenditure

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|
| Printing and Publishing | 609 | 3 | 2 |
| Stationery | 24 | 3 | 1 |
| Postages, Telegrams and Tolls | 14 | 14 | 1½ |
| Prizes, Y.P. Supplement Painting Competition | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Typewriter repairs, two machines | 3 | 18 | 9 |
| Sundries | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| Honorarium and Social Security Charges | 26 | 17 | 6 |
| Bank Charges | 14 | 0 | |
| | £684 | 6 | 4½ |

Receipts

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|
| Subscriptions and Sales | 564 | 16 | 2 |
| Advertisements | 65 | 1 | 2 |
| White Ribbon Day Fund | 37 | 11 | 3 |
| Donations | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| | £669 | 4 | 7 |
| Excess Expenditure over Income, 31st December, 1948 | 15 | 1 | 9½ |
| | £684 | 6 | 4½ |

BALANCE SHEET

31st December, 1948

Liabilities

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Accumulated Fund at 31/12/47 | 64 | 4 | 8½ | | | |
| Plus Amount outstanding, Editor's Petty Cash, 31/12/48 | 10 | 10 | | | | |
| | | | | 64 | 15 | 6½ |
| Less Excess * Expenditure year ending 31st December, 1948 | 15 | 1 | 9½ | | | |
| | £49 | 13 | 9 | | | |

Assets

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Cash in hand | 1 | 13 | 5 | | | |
| Cash at Bank of N.Z. | 13 | 10 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | 15 | 3 | 9 |
| Typewriter | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Desk and Pigeonholes | 9 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Desk, Editor | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | £49 | 13 | 9 | | | |

Audited and found correct.

G. A. N. FREEMAN.

7th February, 1949.

At the Public Reception

Mrs. Hiatt's Address

The W.C.T.U. exists because it believes that the drink traffic is one of the greatest evils which curses our country today. We are convinced that the political power of the liquor traffic, coupled with the drinking habits of thousands of our people is one of the greatest hindrances to the establishing of national righteousness. The recent licensing legislation passed by our Government is a convincing demonstration of the political power of the liquor traffic to which I will refer later, but I wish to remind you that Britain's drink bill is 678 million pounds—£49,000,000 profit, for whom?—the brewers, and New Zealand's fifteen million. The N.Z. Government's share of that colossal sum is somewhere in the vicinity of four million pounds. What a price to pay for all the devastating damage done to homes, to characters and to the destruction of the foundations of our civilisation.

What are the foundations of our civilisation? Are they not truth, righteousness and justice? Then the question for us to answer is, what are we doing to help in our country's affairs along lines of righteousness, truth and justice, in order to prevent the destruction of the foundations which are our very life? It has been thought that public life is not the place for the Christian, but the devil may have his say in politics. It is only as we fight for the right and for the maintenance of standards and principles acknowledged to be good and for the welfare of the community, that we can keep our national life on a high moral and Christian plane. The Christian Church must buckle on all its armour and go forth to fight like David of old. The Goliaths in all their wicked forms are boldly strutting up and down our land, demoralising and enslaving our people, young and old, and blatantly shouting defiance at the forces of righteousness, truth and justice. It seems to me sometimes that the tragic contrast of our day is the splendid efficiency of evil, and the pathetic impotence of goodness. We have allowed the cursed liquor traffic to so expand as to become a national menace, bringing misery and ruin upon thousands of women and children apart from the men weakened and enslaved in its toils. It is one of the great contributing factors to hospital admissions and is one of the major causes of our fairly high rate of mental defectives. It is safe to say that were this evil traffic to be eliminated from N.Z., crime in its worst phases would be greatly reduced. When I think of these things I remember David. He looked impotent enough when he faced the armour-clad Goliath, but, with God he was victor. The W.C.T.U. may appear to many to be impotent, but we have on the armour of God, and we fear no foe as we stand in the name of God for truth, righteousness

and justice, the very foundations of our country's civilisation. We are glad to be in this fight against all the Goliaths which the devil can muster. In reading an English magazine entitled "Workers Onward," I read this: "Last year, 1947, Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., when addressing the Licensed Victuallers and Barsellers' Protection Society at their annual dinner at Blackheath, 'expressed the hope that Parliament and the Government and the Licensed Trade would be able to live together in peace, friendship, and co-operation as long as possible.'" We in this country do have Women and Children's Protection Societies, and I firmly believe that these would be unnecessary but for "drink." What the Licensed Victuallers and Barsellers wish to be protected from is surely the W.C.T.U. and other Temperance folk.

So take courage W.C.T.U. members and keep up a fusillade of shots at the Liquor Trade. The expressed hope that the Government and the Licensed Trade would live together in peace, friendship and co-operation is enlightening. Do you think that the same hope is in the hearts of our Parliamentarians and brewers? If so, then our fight must include the Government, because the Government has power to suppress the Trade instead of as at present giving it more power to continue its destructive devastating work.

Six o'clock closing in jeopardy. Six versus ten. May God give us vision and backbone to pray and work to retain 6 o'clock. New South Wales and noticeably the W.C.T.U. of N.S.W., carried 6 o'clock in face of strong opposition. They prayed, and worked and watched, and sat all night in the House on the deciding night. Their very presence was a deterrent to those who were in favour of 10 o'clock closing. As you know a vote will be taken on off course betting at the same time. Every W.C.T.U. member and every friend of Temperance must be opposed to off course betting. May God help us to oppose with all our strength these wicked provisions for more drinking facilities and more betting facilities.

To open up the King Country question and give the opportunity of voting in the Drink is iniquitous. The acting Prime Minister says "that as the Maoris fought so bravely in the war they should have equal rights with the Pakehas." No thought of breaking a solemn covenant, no thought of the destruction drink brings to the Maori race, but every thought for the brewers' interests.

Our primary task is to teach at every opportunity and in every suitable place the evil of "Drink." This is the most effective way to attack even governments. I was interested to notice that another M.P. in England,

Mr. Tomlinson, Minister of Education, in speaking of adult education said that it should not be exclusively for schools and colleges, it ought to be taken wherever people met together. "Why not teach musical appreciation in a pub," he said, "or hold art classes in a working men's club." I see no reason why art classes should not be held in a temperance working men's club. That is surely an excellent suggestion. As far as my limited knowledge goes, musical appreciation is of a very low order in the ordinary public bar, and how it could be raised when those present are fast losing their power to concentrate, or appreciate that which is worthwhile in music, with every glass of liquor they consume, is beyond my knowledge. A speaker said "Alcohol makes a man stagger in his mind long before it makes him stagger on his feet." If a man cannot think straight he cannot have a high conception of music or of any other art. The way to raise the standard of the people is for them to know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. He keeps the mind clear and He increases the desire for that which ennobles and edifies. I said the W.C.T.U. fears no foe, and I believe that we need not fear the brewers' power. Just recently both on the West Coast and at Port Chalmers when drinking men went on strike against the price of beer, well, partial prohibition resulted, and the brewers were helpless. Again in Sydney in March, 1948, the brewery workers struck. The "Sydney Bulletin" reported the results of the strike in these words. "No beer; nothing happened; no demonstrations; no riots; no marches on the breweries. People discovered that they could really get along without the stuff, had more money to spare, got home earlier, had more time for the garden. Wharf labourers who had struck on the same day went back to work three days later having nothing else to do. Bosses all over the place discovered absenteeism reduced; the police announced, in pleased astonishment that crime had fallen off; accidents were fewer. Sydney, crowded for the Easter festivities became a quieter and more decorous city. The brewery strikers, by cutting off the beer flood, had forced large numbers to take an interest in things outside the realm of beer." The "Sydney Morning Herald" appeared with this heading in heavy type "Due to lack of beer the police, crime and accident sheets were almost empty over Easter." The experience of Sydney has exploded the fallacy that without beer social life would collapse, but revealed that only social good can come from curtailment of intoxicating liquor. The foundations of our civilization are truth, righteousness and justice. These foundations crumble when beer is enthroned. Let us use every opportunity to teach the evil of drink. Let everyone be in this crusade and we will see not partial prohibition through strikes, but total abolition through the will of the people.

SPECIAL REPORTS

JUMBLE SALE FOR N.Z. ALLIANCE FUNDS—TAURANGA

On February 1st, Tauranga held its opening function in the form of a specially arranged effort on behalf of the N.Z. Alliance campaign fund. A splendid response was made to an appeal sent out to members for assistance; and donations and goods were plentiful. As a result, £22 was handed to the Alliance; which has done fine work in the district in organising for the referendum campaign.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY AT FENCOURT

An enjoyable Cradle Roll party was held at Fencourt on November 20th, when Miss Rickard, President, welcomed a good attendance of visitors, mothers and children.

Solos by Misses Olwyn and Gwyneth Clark were much enjoyed. The Cradle Roll children were each presented with a gift from the gift tree; and all children were given an apple and a bag of sweets. Miss H. Clark, C.R. Superintendent, and Mrs. W. I. Beer entertained the children while the Rev. C. H. Olds addressed the mothers, very interestingly, on the good work done for temperance by many women in this and other lands. Miss Rickard thanked the speaker. A most enjoyable afternoon tea was served which brought the afternoon to a close.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY AT MASTERTON

For their closing meeting for 1948, Masterton Union held a Cradle Roll party, Miss Jackson acting as hostess to visitors, parents and children. Songs and recitations were contributed by Mesdames Hoar and Durton; and competitions and afternoon tea fol-

lowed. Each child received sweets and a gift. Two new members were welcomed, and two names added to the C.R. Mrs. Kitchener was in charge of a Sales Table.

Are we strong enough in our convictions to speak with assurance against the sinister suggestion that certain drinks are not intoxicating. A host or hostess will suggest port wine, which is more intoxicating than most wines. Another will offer cocktails, many of which are more strongly alcoholic than whisky, and the tragedy is that these drinks are offered to young folk in the homes of quite well-meaning people, who are ignorant of the insidious and life destroying results of their supposed good fellowship. The only way of escape is by total abstinence. Christ can give the victory in this great fight for righteousness, truth and justice; justice to all, from the least, the little children, to the greatest. When we know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ will we be able to fight with the certainty of victory. Zeal, enthusiasm, high ideals may urge us into the fight, but it is Christ who will give the victory. With Christ all things are possible.

TE KUITI MAORI UNION FIRST CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Our first Cradle Roll party was held at the Pa; and was well organised by the Superintendent, Mrs. Turner, with the help of the President and Miss C. M. McLay. Balloons and home-made sweets were given to the children; and a lovely spread of sandwiches, cakes, jellies and soft drinks and cups of tea were served. A talk to the mothers was given by Miss McLay, which brought the afternoon to a close.

HAWERA RUNS ITS OWN PICTURE COMPETITION

Very interesting news comes from Hawera, where the Union runs the Y.P. Supplement Picture Colouring Competition with astonishingly good results. Out of 500 supplements sent out in the district each month, about 300 pictures are sent in. The results given below are from April to September.

Group 5 to 7 years

- 1st, Graham Philip, age 7.
- 2nd, Rex Brogden, age 7.
- Highly commended, Jeanette Lensley.

Group 8 to 10 years

- 1st, Jean Philip, age 9.
- 2nd, Noeline McCallum, age 10.
- Highly commended, Barbara Sargesson.

Group 11 to 13

- 1st, Jocelyn Ross, age 12.
- 2nd, Shirley Alexander, age 11.
- Highly commended, Lois Coxhead, age 12.
- Special mention, Topse Tito, age 14.

Bible Classes and Sunday School classes of various churches are represented in the above list.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM VARIOUS ADDRESSES

FROM ADDRESS GIVEN AT MANAWATU DISTRICT CONVENTION BY THE REV. FFITCH

1. The wisest of all wise men said, "Look not upon the wine when it is red."
2. If the Church were thoroughly evangelised, then all other things would fall into place.
3. Keep in sight the purpose of the liquor party, viz., to get more people to drink. Watch our cafes' rights, and keep beer gardens out.
4. As beer gardens are not licensed premises, then whole families can go in. Parents soon give liquor to little children in these attractive surroundings.
5. Longer drinking hours do not lessen drunkenness. Even from hotels which close at 11 p.m., men still carry bottles home.
6. Drinking affects man-power greatly. Drinkers take time off to

drink, time off because they drink, are inefficient, suffer from shaky hands and deterioration of character. Drink necessitates more police, makes dance halls unsafe for girls, causes broken homes, and also most of the road accidents.

7. America now says definitely, "If any liquor at all has been taken, then the man is 'under the influence.'" "It is the vilest fiend of all" says Bracken.

8. If drink is harmless; then why does America forbid pilots to drink for 24 hours previous to flying?

9. Moderation does not make a wrong thing right.

10. Our job is to get into the homes and to the children. Fight the presence of liquor in the homes.

11. Use our own films. They are good.

FROM ADDRESS GIVEN BY MRS. GREEN, DISTRICT PRESIDENT, AT NORTHLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION, MAUNGAKARAMEA

Why are we members of the W.C.T.U.? From conviction. Were it not for our high ideals, and Christian outlook, the Union would have been washed out long ago.

Are we aggressive, or have we just been on the defensive?

Suggestions for members:—

1. Let us take our part in legitimate organisations in our town and district.

2. The "White Ribbon." Pass it on. Few women read enough. Read short extracts in our meetings.

3. Our Badge. Wear it always when we go out. It means a lot. Girls travelling know that women who wear the white bow can be trusted.

4. Others give people liquor and then laugh at them. We shouldn't laugh—they are to be pitied.

5. The personal touch. Put our mind and prayer round one individual.

POEM QUOTED BY MRS. GREEN AT NORTHLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

If you think you are beaten you are;
If you think you don't care, you don't;
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,

'Tis certain, of course, that you won't.
Think big, and your deeds will grow;
Think small, and they lag behind.
Think that you can, and you will;
'Tis all in a state of mind.

TOLD BY MRS. HIETT AT DUNEDIN CENTRAL

In reference to the Olympic Games, I was interested to read in a Manchester paper that Duncan Wright, the British Empire Champion Marathon Runner, says there are more teetotallers in the athletic world than in any other walk of life; and that he could go through the whole list of British and World Olympic Champions, and find that 99 per cent. were teetotallers.

Presidential Address—continued.

portions of the United Provinces and the East Punjab, are experimenting with liquor bans. Both Bombay and New Delhi have control systems." Prohibition has also crossed the border into Pakistan. An important step which Madras took on the road to Prohibition was to forbid newspapers and magazines published within the province to carry liquor advertisements.

We are frequently told that if we do away with the liquor traffic taxes will go up. Ladies, did you ever know man tell a sillier tale than that? Taxes will certainly need re-adjusting for a year or two but if you work it out you cannot help seeing that the saving in hospitals, police courts, damaged property, will, in hard cash, go a long way toward keeping the balance even, while the saving of human happiness and life, especially that of little children, will not only tip the scale but will bring it down with a thud that will just about echo round the world. For the sake of the children we **must** get rid of the liquor trade in all its branches. Are all Christian people putting as much prayer, thought, energy and cash into this fight as they did into their war effort? Many folk are afraid of a tommy-gun but it is a harmless pet beside the liquor trade! We must be very wary of both the liquor trade and the gambling evil. Both are founded in iniquity and flourish only by thoughtless and, frequently, by deliberate cultivation. I wonder how you are planning to banish these. The women will surely have to do the greater part of the job, partly because they take a longer vision and partly because they are more tenacious than the average man. They change less easily when they have decided to work for something worth while. I sometimes attend a temperance committee which is largely composed of men and there I hear what I never hear in a temperance committee of women—that is from someone who has been a member for years who just sits back and announces that "we will never get rid of the liquor traffic and had better be content with something less."

It looks as if it is harder for a man to stick to a cause, or a person for that matter, than it is for a woman. This is frequently exemplified over the air by a male voice who almost tearfully implores women to use a certain brand of washing powder if she wants to keep her husband's love. So far I have never heard a woman's voice imploring men to chop the wood, wipe their boots or mind the baby if he wants to keep his wife's love. There it is; the brunt of carrying out any job that concerns women and men, and what job does not, in the long run, must be borne by the woman. Of course there are many men who have for many years valiantly carried on the fight against alcohol consumption,

gambling and indecency; and that without any soap powder or face cream. They could well do with more help from their own kind. Let us see what we can do to influence lads and young men to join them.

Let us enjoy the present blessings and take eagerly the opportunities this day; it is the only one we have. Jeremy Taylor said "This day only is ours; we are dead to yesterday and are not born to tomorrow." Power to its remotest bound is duty. Remember God provides unlimited power and infinite opportunities. Let us by God's grace use both to the limit of our capability; carrying our banners proudly into the battle for God, Home and Humanity, knowing full well that victory will come because it is not God's will that evil shall triumph. Thanks be to God who giveth us the will, faith and strength to work for Him. Set your faces toward the glorious sunrise which will herald the dawn of the day when this country shall be free of these terrible and soul-destroying evils.

These things shall be: a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known
shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave, and strong
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

There shall be no more sin, nor shame,
Though pain and passion may not die;
For man shall be at one with God
•In bonds of firm necessity.

May the power and blessing of God be upon you.

PLEASE NOTE

DO NOT give any part of address in this report. If something is said you wish to pass on, PLEASE WRITE IT ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

Temperance Facts should not be included in report; but if of special value should also be sent on a separate sheet.

Please help by sending reports in as soon as possible after your meetings. They should be in the Editor's hands not later than the 15th of the month.

EDITOR.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Brooklyn. "The only glory in life is to leave the world better for having been in it; and intoxicants will not help us to do that. Alcohol does not spare anyone—a Robert Burns or a Coleridge—any more than a poor woman. A thousand times have I thanked God that I have kept clear of the drink handicap."

Sir Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador.

Given at Dargaville. "The liquor traffic stands alone, the monumental robber of every other industry on earth."

Professor Hopkins.

"Alcohol is a **swell poison**. It swells the head and swells the death rate."

"Drinking and Driving. Alcohol and petrol don't mix—when one goes into the driver's mouth, and the other into the carburettor. Alcohol is a drug which, no matter how we may try to talk ourselves out of it, affects the brain. This is just cold, scientific fact."

From August "Consumer News."

Given at Auckland Executive Meeting. "The word 'Toxic' always implies poison. So a man who is intoxicated is poisoned. Scientists tell us that alcohol, which is a product of fermentation, is a deadly poison. Our Saviour came to give health and life and liberty, so we know He did not make the drink of death at Cana of Galilee."

Given at Remuera. "The present day prevalence of the drink evil must be largely charged to the indifference of Good people."

Given at Brooklyn. "Legalising the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages is wrong, as all history and every development of the traffic proves it to be—a moral, social, and political wrong."

Abraham Lincoln.

"A ban on spirits being supplied at sea to deck and engineer officers under 25 years of age has been introduced on the "Union Castle" liners and cargo ships travelling between Southampton and South Africa. More than 250 young officers, about half the officer strength of the Line, on 16 ships, are affected by the new rule. Officers are not allowed to buy spirits ashore to take on board."

"Daily Herald," 8/3/48.

Given at Northland District Convention. "One is justified in believing that alcohol is at the present time the chief and most deadly of plagues that infect humanity. It is a subject which in the past few years has occupied the thoughts of, and disturbed and frightened all Europe, and France in particular."

Bishop Latty, French Prelate.

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, February 7th: Mrs. Mountjoy presiding over good attendance. Devotions led by Miss Grigg, and Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Warring. The Treasurer, Mrs. E. Prussing, reported a sum of 16 6s. contributed by W.C.T.U. to Cancer Campaign Fund. Special Jumble Sale planned on behalf of District Funds and Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Mountjoy appointed Convention Delegate for the District. Good report on Maori Girls' Hostel given by Mrs. Long. Plans made for work in connection with the referendum on hotel bars closing time.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Kuiti (Maori), November: Meeting held at the Pa, in the Maori Hall. After the singing of the hymn, "Come to the Saviour," in Maori, the Devotional Period was led by Miss C. M. McLay. The President, Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, presided, and welcomed all present, especially the Maori Organiser, Miss McLay. Temperance Fact. Minutes read by Mrs. Ewan and confirmed.

February 4th: Date altered for Convention arrangements. Only fair attendance for first meeting; ten being present. Donations made for Convention expenses. President, Mrs. Joseph, explained the question upon which a vote is to be taken; and said that all should vote for "No Licence," and preserve the Pact. Sister Waitata closed the meeting with prayer.

Tauranga. Special meeting for business connected with the Poll. Meetings for prayer arranged by Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs. A. A. Bensley. Delegate instructed as to voting at Convention. Prizes for entrants in poster competition arranged for. Tea for young people undertaking distribution of literature throughout the town, starting straight from business, to be provided at Wesley Hall.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, January 20th: The District Executive met in the morning; and the Union in the afternoon; Mrs. Hurrell in the chair. Mrs. Holley led Devotions, her motto for the New Year being, "Wait on the Lord." Mrs. Simons rendered two beautiful solos; and Mr. McKinney, an unexpected, but welcome visitor, gave some practical suggestions re the coming Poll. Our next speaker was Mrs. Weggery, who got right into people's hearts, and whom we hope to hear again.

Hawera, January 25th: Good attendance. Mrs. Hayward, President, in the chair, and led Devotions. District Executive meeting held at New Plymouth, was given by the delegate. Two Temperance Facts given. Reading by Mrs. Howard, "A Footballer and his Church." Mrs. Elliot, Secretary of Te Kuiti Union, told of some of the work that has been carried on in the King Country, against the breaking of the Pact. Tea hostesses Mesdames Page and Burton. Mrs. Page closed the meeting with prayer.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, December 2nd: Mrs. Duxfield opened with prayer and took the chair. Annual meeting. Mrs. Morrison of Motueka a visitor.

January 3rd: Mrs. Duxfield opened with Devotions and took the chair. Twelve members present, including two new members on transfer. Business meeting and election of officers. Miss Wadsworth closed with prayer.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, 1st February: First meeting for the year. Very well attended. Mrs. Forbes presided, and welcomed two members of the District Executive. Devotions led by Mrs. P. Kirkham, with a talk on "Stumbling Blocks." Temperance Fact, Mrs. Lane. Letters to bereaved and sick friends and members authorised. Full discussion on the forthcoming Poll; all being against extension of sale hours and off course betting. Arrangements made for Women's World Day of Prayer to be held March 4th.

District Executive Meeting, Mrs. V. Underhill presiding. The theme for Devotions was "Faith" and part of Hebrews 11 was read. Correspondence from Messrs. Mathieson, M.P. and T. P. Shand, M.P., in answer to protests sent regarding the Licensing Amendment Bill. The Treasurer, Miss Tarrant, reported on the good result of a combined effort by the Blenheim and Springlands Unions, by which both

Unions, and the District Executive had benefited. Convention delegates were instructed as to voting. Names of members who had passed away during the year were to be forwarded for inclusion in the Service of Memories. Mrs. McDougall reported on her investigations re Film Advertising. Appreciation expressed of the willing and sympathetic co-operation of those she had interviewed. It was agreed to send a donation to the Alliance towards the cost of the present campaign against extension of hours of sale and off course betting. A letter asking for the prayers and support of the congregations was to be sent to the Ministers' Association. The congratulations of the Executive were to be conveyed to Master Graeme Eyles, on winning first place in the Junior Group in last year's Dominion Poster Competition. A picnic lunch was enjoyed after the meeting.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

New Brighton, February 1st: Mrs. Armstrong presided, and Miss Armstrong led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Letter of thanks received from Scotland for soap parcel sent by members. Treasurer's Balance Sheet presented; and her resignation received with regret. Mrs. Mitchell elected as Treasurer, in place of Mrs. Inns. Mrs. Ellis appointed Convention Delegate. C.R. party arranged. Three new members gained. General meeting to be called in connection with Referendum Poll. Mrs. Williamson elected Vice President.

Sydenham, February 3rd: First meeting for the year presided over by Mrs. Filer, ten members present. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Members asked to assist in the campaign against extension of hours of sale of liquor; and £1 was donated for this cause. Dominion Convention delegate appointed and new syllabus arranged. Mrs. MacLachlan closed the meeting with prayer.

Reefton, February 8th: Mrs. Thompson presided and led Devotions; "Do all in the name of God" being her message. Decided to get church posters re six o'clock closing. Members expressed concern at the sale of liquor at the Sports Meeting held on February 5th. Meeting closed with prayer.

IN HIS GARDEN

I wandered in the shadows
Through dreary wind-swept years,
And drank from deepest fountains
Of loneliness and tears;
Then in my worldly wisdom
I searched the way in vain,
For streams of living waters
To wash away the pain.

The Lord of Greatness found me,
A weary, fainting soul,
And in His tender mercy
He made my spirit whole.
No longer do I languish
For Hope now reigns supreme,
And high above the turmoil
I see His Love-light gleam.

The dark of night has lifted,
The morn of Faith is here,
A rainbow paints the heavens
And gone is every fear;
For He has led my footsteps
Through paths of joy and peace,
Into His sunlit garden
Where all may find relief.

And now my heart is singing
Of glory I have found
Within His restful haven
Where Truth and Love abound;
The brightness of His features
Has cleared the mist away
And brought my wounded spirit
A golden dawn of day.

—Rose L. Firth, Vancouver.

—Canadian "W.R."

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 Cambræ 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. Wainhill; Sec., Mrs. Uttling, 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. E. Henderson, J.P., 15 Menzies 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., —; 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 Flats, 2 Manor Place.

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

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cox, George St.; Sec., Mrs. Betteridge, 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 Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. G. Wilson, Lewis St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Afton 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., Mrs. S. Preston, Rolleston St.; W.R., Mrs. Stoop, Fitzherbert St.

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

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Jed St., at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss H. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Vice-Presidents, 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. Jefcoate, 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. Evangel., 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. Anstoe; Sec. and C.R., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, Mt. 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, Workshop 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Atherfold, 21 Colenso St.; Rec. 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, Pisle 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. Edmond; Sec., Mrs. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. F. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale St.; W.R., Mrs. Croy; C.R., Mrs. McIlroy.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Stewart, 22 Weymouth 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, Barrington 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 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stacey and Mushett; and Miss Caughley; Sec., Mrs. W. Cullen, 8 Taitee Tce.; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; W.R. and Home Meetings, Mrs. C. Ashton; C.R., Miss Caughley; Evangelistic, Miss H. Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Press, Mrs. Mushett.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Conyns, 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 Conyns; 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, in Methodist Church, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. Kenny; Vice-Pres., Mesdames C. Rogers and Hall; Sec., Miss N. Rogers, Kio Kio R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. C. Clark, Main South Rd.; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Wharanui.

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. Knauf; Sec., Mrs. Mollard, Allenby Rd.; Treas., Miss T. Heaven, Cornwall Rd.

PICTON, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Milten, 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.

RAETIHI, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Sandford; Sec., Miss G. Scarrow; Treas., Mrs. J. Seerup; W.R., Mrs. W. H. Scarrow; C.R., Mrs. McLean.

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

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

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

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

TEMAUKA, 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.,

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

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

TE KUITI (Maori), 2nd Friday, 10.30 a.m. at Maori Pa. Pres., Mrs. A. Joseph; Sec., Mrs. R. Ewan, Esplanade; 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. Riley, Karaka Rd.

YIMARU, 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. Kent; Sec., Mrs. Ross, Martin St.

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

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

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

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

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. A. Duxfield, Okoia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Goodey and F. Parker; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Wilson, 145 Glasgow St.; Rec. Sec., Miss B. E. Wadsworth; Treas., Mrs. M. C. Ogg, 21 Maxwell Ave., Durie Hill; W.R., Miss V. Kendall, 133 Harrison St.; C.R., Miss V. Kendall.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans Hall. Pres., Mrs. Robb; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Ogier; C.R., Mrs. Conybeer; L.T.L., Mrs. A. Jarvis.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m. in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. R. V. Moore; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bartle 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 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, 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 Kamo 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.