

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Those who try to do something and fail, are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing, and succeed."

—Lloyd Jones.

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"DOMINION PRESIDENT" 1949



MISS C. M. McLAY

In the long and bright succession of splendid women who have in turn, occupied the position of Dominion President of our Union, are many whose names will always be remembered for some outstanding achievement or quality. They have been women of God; their service has been whole-hearted; and their varying gifts, natural and individual, have all been used in our great organisation. As one after another has laid down the burden of office, it has been seen how far-reaching and effectual the work and influence of each has been. We are keenly aware of the debt we owe to these devoted women, whose leadership has brought us through long years, and established our work in the life of the community.

It is a matter of great joy to us that two of those who have recently held the position are still actively interested and are willing to give of

their experience and wisdom such counsel and guidance as may be sought by our newly appointed President, Miss C. M. McLay.

There is a significance in the fact that Miss McLay was accepted without question, as the successor of our loved and honoured Miss Kirk, everywhere in the Dominion. Reluctant to consent to nomination, and diffident regarding her ability to carry out the duties involved, Miss McLay must have been enheartened and stimulated by this complete unanimity of opinion as to this point. As she takes up the reins of office, the prayers and thoughts of us all will surround her. That she may enjoy and be richly blessed in the task before her is the heartfelt wish of all our members.

The Misses Annie M. and Catherine M. McLay are natives of Glasgow, in which city they were educated and began their career as trained secretaries. Always engaged in the life of the Church, taking their place as Sunday School and Christian Endeavour workers, they were well equipped for the call which came to them soon after their arrival in New Zealand, some eighteen years ago. Brought into contact with the W.C.T.U. through the agency of our beloved friend, Mrs. Lee Cowie, they were captured by the sense of opportunity for the use of their highly developed powers of organising and their experience in Christian service; and after a while took the great step of making the W.C.T.U. their special life work; giving up other prospects; and setting forth on their mission, led by the hand of God.

The story of their work during the intervening years is well known to most of us. As organisers, the sisters went from North to South, through the length and breadth of our land; strengthening the weak unions, forming new ones, seeking for new members and training officers. Their record is a wonderful one. In every phase of our work they took part; and how much we owe to them will never be fully known.

Indifferent health has, we hope only temporarily, prevented Miss Annie McLay from participating in the very active work of previous days; but she is still District President of South Auckland. We have no doubt that she will be a tower of strength to her sister; and we wish for her a very speedy return to full vigour and health.

Most sincerely we offer our congratulations to Miss C. McLay; praying that strength and inspiration may flow through her to every Union and every member in the Dominion.

THE REFERENDUM POLL

It is with very thankful hearts that we make brief mention of the splendid victory for six o'clock closing of hotel bars. A great deal of work was put into the preparation for the day. News has reached us from many places, of days of prayer, of house to house distribution of literature, of displays and meetings. That the Gaming result was against our hopes gives us furiously to think. Whether a closer concentration on this, if it had been possible, might have swayed public opinion, is a point to be considered. It will be well if we can keep up the spirit which has been so evident among church people and others, and carry it forward into the Liquor Poll, probably to be held in November.

The splendid work of Mr. Milner as Alliance Organiser, and of the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church has had the effect of kindling an enthusiasm which has been absent for some time from the ranks of prohibition workers. God grant that it may increase. Let us pray for all aspects of the fight before us, while giving thanks for conquests won.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

at DOMINION CONVENTION

at TIMARU

16th-22nd February, 1949

No. 1. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Gardiner.

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.

No. 2. Mrs. Chesswas and Miss Jamieson.

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.

No. 3. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Long.

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. Carried with the recommendation that it be put into plans of work and Unions make a special effort to carry them out.

No. 4. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Mountjoy and Young People's Fellowships.

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.

No. 5. Mrs. Grigg and Mrs. Gill.

That owing to the prevalence of indecent assaults on women and children, we consider the punishment imposed according to law is inadequate and does not check such offences. We therefore ask that all such offenders when proved guilty, be subject to detention for a period long enough to enable medical and psychiatric treatment to be made effective.

No. 6. Mrs. Mountjoy and Mrs. Long.

That an Advisory Committee of two be appointed who would be nominated by the incoming President and confirmed by the Executive, the members chosen to have a seat in their own right at Convention.

No. 7. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Long.

That in view of the ignorance of the real nature and effects of alcoholic beverages on the human body and on the race, it be urged that in all schools and Church organisations an address or lesson on Scientific Temperance be given at least once a year by a medical man or other competent person.

No. 8. Mrs. Chesswas and Miss McLay.

That full enquiries be sought by Unions into regulations regarding consumption of alcoholic liquors by Pilot Officers.

No. 9. Mrs. Chesswas and Miss McLay.

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 activities, 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.

No. 10. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Christian.

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 offenders are insolent and defiant, and therefore urges stricter police supervision, with prosecutions following each raid.

No. 11. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Gardiner.

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 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.

No. 12. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Jamieson.

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.

No. 13. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Knapp.

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 juices and health beverages.

No. 14. Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Toomer.

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 "Hygiene."

CONVENTION "SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE"

TIMARU 1949

Below is given the list of names of those members who during the past year have left us for service on some higher plane. We give thanks for their lives; and pray that

"To us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

Te Kuiti—Maori, Mrs. Taumuri Tawhana, Mrs. Rehia Mete Kingi; **Motueka,** Mrs. Sutcliffe; **Gore,** Mrs. E. C. Smith; **North East Valley,** Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Driver, Mrs. Benfell; **Kaikorai,** Mrs. Gracie, Mrs. Heenan, Miss Williamson; **Carterton,** Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Lumley; **Ashburton,** Miss Mary Jackson, Miss Marion Robertson, Mrs. J. Begg, Mrs. Buchler, Mrs. Jane Tullock; **Oxford,** Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. Francis Ryde; **Levin,** Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Whiting; **Wellington Central,** Mrs. Clarke; **Bryndwyr,** Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Holden; **Johnsonville,** Mrs. Markle; **Karori,** Mrs. Shearer; **Brooklyn,** Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Bogren, Mrs. Pearson; **Feilding,** Mrs. Helen Goldfinch; **South Invercargill Union,** Mrs. Greenfell, Mrs. Bamfield, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. McKnight, Miss E. A. Borland; **Timaru,** Miss Agnes Pearson, Miss McKay, Miss Cumming; **Waimate,** Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Gardiner; **North Brighton,** Mrs. M. Thompson; **New Brighton,** Miss N. Ballantyne, Miss A. Ballantyne, Mr. Gibb (Hon. Member); **Blenheim,** Mrs. Goslin (Foundation Member), Mrs. E. Milgrew, Mrs. S. G. Eckford; **Masterton,** Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. J. Elliott, Mrs. Nellie Miller; **Lower Hutt,** Mrs. Lily Crawford; **Palmerston North,** Mrs. White, Mrs. Grover; **Hawera,** Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Evans; **Hamilton,** Mrs. Stephenson Craig; **Te Awamutu,** Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Dixon.

President's Message

My dear Comrades,

As I greet you for the first time in this new capacity, I feel deeply conscious of the spirit of friendship and loving-kindness with which the members of our Women's Christian Temperance Union have so graciously enwrapped me throughout the years of my service as Organiser and co-worker. I appreciate it very deeply and thank you for it.

Another mile-stone in our work, our 62nd Dominion Convention, has been passed; and I think that to most, if not all of us, it will be a memorable one. The gracious and outstanding leadership of our beloved friend, Miss C. E. Kirk, set a remarkably high standard of efficiency; and carried fresh enthusiasm and encouragement to every heart. To Miss Kirk, and Mrs. Hiett, as they retire from their respective offices, we would pay a heartfelt tribute of love and gratitude for their long and devoted service to the Union, and to those who have been privileged to work with them for God, Home and Humanity.

In accepting the call to be your President, I feel that God's call has come to me through your voices; and so, together, relying upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and trusting in God for strength, we go forward to the task awaiting us.

The present position in our own country, and world-wide, revealing a spiritual, social and moral landslide, which, if not stemmed, will bring very serious consequences, is causing much concern. The late Dr. S. D. Gordon said, in 1933, "The direction in which the moral finger of a nation points indicates what will happen to that nation. The moral finger of the world is pointing downwards. Something terrible must happen." A WORLD WAR HAPPENED.

The W.C.T.U. has, as its chief aim, that "righteousness which exalteth a nation." In all our work that aim is kept in view. Against the dark background of today, the W.C.T.U. stands out as a beacon, pointing the people back to God and His good way, wherein they will find rest of soul. Let us then continue to stand fast against every evil thing, unafraid; pray and work unceasingly until the forces of evil are driven back and out. I BELIEVE WE CAN ONLY COMBAT AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL ON THE SPIRITUAL PLANE.

The W.C.T.U. Forward Movement, OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN, approved by Convention, will be placed before all the Unions in detail.

"Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize."

Yours in His cause,

CATHERINE M. McLAY.

"Within the Veil"

MRS. ELIZABETH PEARSON

Brooklyn Union

Another heavy loss has been sustained by the Brooklyn Union in the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson, a foundation member, and a W.C.T.U. member for over 35 years. She was one of those who sponsored the Union when it was formed by Miss C. McLay over 20 years ago; and she was one of its most faithful members till her death early this year.

Mrs. Pearson had charge of a "Bring and Buy" table at the meetings, and she stocked it with cakes and pickles, chiefly of her own making, and for which she was noted. Each year she provided an iced cake for the Union's birthday celebration. She loved to give, and her sympathies were always with those in need.

For years, Mrs. Pearson represented the W.C.T.U. on the Wellington Hospital Auxiliary, and on the Bible in Schools League.

A valiant worker has gone to receive her reward; but she will live in the hearts of those who mourn the loss of a faithful friend and fellow-worker. "She rests from her labours and her works do follow her."

MR. JOHN WALLACE

Takapuna

Deep sympathy was expressed with Mrs. J. Wallace, of the Takapuna Union, in the death of her husband, who was a lifelong temperance worker. Always ready to lend a helping hand in any good work, his death leaves a gap not easily to be filled. As a member of the Methodist Church, his services were highly valued. One of the foundation stones of the present building was laid by him; and his truly Christian life was the theme of the tributes paid to his memory. A very large number attended the funeral on February 9th; public bodies being represented, also the W.C.T.U., Foresters' and Orange Lodges. The Mayor and previous mayors of Takapuna were present also. Mrs. Wallace is the "W.R." agent; and is a worker of long standing.

"Devotional

Period"



Hymn 143

Scripture Reading: St. John, Chap. 21, vs. 11-18.

At the sepulchre

Early morning saw Mary Magdalene at the tomb, with her grief newly awakened, and the dreadful agony that only the mourner can understand, that comes with the awakening from the heavy sleep of exhaustion following on overwhelming sorrow. She was weeping. The simplicity of the statement makes the scene very real to us. Poor Mary! All that her tears expressed cannot be realised; but every woman knows that in her grief, she was one with womanhood the world over. Looking into the sepulchre, and finding that the loved body was not there, another element entered into the suffering heart of Mary. Stolen! Gone all the hope of ministering to the lifeless clay. Some solace there would have been if she could have done her little share in that loving last service; but it was not to be; and Mary's tears fell faster in her disappointment and pain. And then, the heartbroken enquiry of the supposed gardener showed how bitter was her suffering, "Tell me where Thou hast laid Him," she cried.

Oh that moment of revelation! Too wonderful, too sacred for words to describe. It came to the two at Emmaus that same evening, when He was known to them in the breaking of bread. It came to Thomas after darkness and despair of doubt. It came to Peter on the lake shore in the early morning. Not in protestations, not in appeals to the reason, but in the quiet irresistible, unconquerable might of His resurrection the Lord opened the eyes of those who loved Him. Have we seen Him as these earlier ones did?

Prayer

In the silence, Oh Lord, our Redeemer, open our eyes that we may see Thee as Thou art, risen, victorious over death and the grave. Let us realise Thy presence here. Grant us to follow Thee; to give ourselves to Thy service; to feed Thy lambs; and to seek and save the lost. We give thanks from our full hearts for Thy life and death for us and for our redemption; and pray for the power of Thy Holy Spirit in all our ways. Guide us in all things; lead us to clearer understanding; and give to us the consciousness of Thine abiding presence in all our work and in all circumstances.

Amen.

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ADDRESS GIVEN AT DOMINION CONVENTION By Mrs. HUGH KASPER TEMPERANCE WORK IN THE UNITED STATES

I have been asked to speak on Temperance Work in the United States and I appreciate the privilege of doing so. First, I would like to say that the work is vital and real. In America I heard many addresses, and the outstanding theme was Prohibition, Local Option and Scientific Temperance. The programme of the W.C.T.U. is carried out, but first and foremost among aims is the abolition of the liquor trade.

The Crusade. You have all heard, I am sure, of the Crusade which gave birth to the W.C.T.U. It is one of the most notable events in the history of the Temperance movement, which began December 15th, 1873, in Fredonia, New York, and at Hillsborough, Ohio, on December 24th, 1873. The first 75th and notable Diamond Anniversary of this historic event was the Jubilee Convention in Ohio held on October 20th, 1948. Clinton N. Howard was one of the guest speakers. I have quoted from some of his statements made at the

World Convention. By request he was asked to speak on the same subject. Mr. Clinton Howard, who spoke at the Jubilee Convention, asked, "What is the matter with Prohibition?" Mr. Howard said "For 50 years I have been the Guest Speaker of Local, State, National and World W.C.T.U. Conventions. I have declined to speak sometimes under the auspices of other dry organisations because they are unstable and operate along the lines of least resistance. Not so the Women's Christian Temperance Union. It has not changed its name or front since the Fire from Heaven fell upon the Crusade Women." The text Mr. Howard opened his address with was "and God spake unto Moses—out of the midst of the burning bush and said—put off thy shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is Holy Ground." I know of no better description of the Women's Christian Temperance Convention than that—Holy Ground. I have attended them for 50 years so I feel as I stand behind the desk of this historic Church to speak on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Women's Crusade when the fire came down upon that brave band of praying women gathered around the altar of the Presbyterian Church on December 24th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., who then went out and knelt on the snow-covered pavements, emblem of the White Ribbon which they were soon to wear upon their bosoms, and to wrap round the staggering world. Directed by God, Moses appointed 70 Elders of Israel. Jesus appointed 70 other disciples—70 crusade mothers who set out on their mission at Hillsborough singing—"Give to the winds thy fears." Since that day and after the Union had been formed, the Women's Christian Temperance Union has never gone back. They have increased their membership by thousands. In 1946-47 they gained 25,000—their objective was a million last year and although I have not received the total returns I know they have greatly increased the membership over the previous year. For a six years' period new members gained were 44,090.

Little White Ribboners. The United States has the Little White Ribboners Department well organised under the title of "White Ribbon Recruits." They appoint efficient superintendents so that an intensive campaign is maintained all the time. The war interfered somewhat with the constant training of the work. Last year they

asked for a million new recruits—28,357 were reported at the World Convention.

Loyal Temperance Legions. Almost every Union conducts an L.T.L. or some member a House Legion. At the School of Methods at Pasadena a woman told me she started one with her grandchildren and now she has quite a large Legion. They have Schools of Methods Workshops just to study methods and they spend whole days on the organisation of L.T.L. Leaders go home with all sorts of equipment to demonstrate Temperance Facts and Scientific Facts. These schools are held every year and last three or five or six days. This was said at a state-wide one-day school for L.T.L. leaders in Dover, Delaware, 29 Leaders attended. "When you observe the speed and power of today, when you observe the trained co-ordination of mind and body demanded in handling this speed and power, when you learn why alcohol causes people to lose their needed co-ordination of mind and body for handling this speed and power, when you become conscious of the injury to many persons because one person attempted to handle speed and power when under the influence of alcohol, then you will help to make it possible for more children to become members of **The Loyal Temperance Legion.**" The L.T.L. helps children to learn the reasons for personal sobriety. The L.T.L. is an Agency through which you can help boys and girls learn to adjust themselves socially; an Agency for helping boys and girls to an understanding of why personal total abstinence is needed for Christian growth, an Agency for assuring the future growth of the W.C.T.U.

The Young Crusader is a monthly paper printed for the L.T.L. and children's work, a definite Christian Temperance matter. Mrs. Powell, the Assistant Editor is responsible for the paper. She works in conjunction with Miss Wiggins, the Secretary of the L.T.L. and Miss Bosman, who is in charge of the Medical Scientific Temperance Department. She was appointed when Miss Rachel Palmer resigned through ill-health.

The "Y" Work. The "Y" Work is carried on under the title of Youth Temperance Council. Miss Regina Moede is General Secretary and in charge of this work throughout the whole of the United States. Every

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Planning for Work Among Children and Adolescents

Foremost in our planning for the year to come, should be our work in the various departments of Youth Service. In the "Five-Year Plan" detailed on page 7 of this issue, as set forth by our Dominion President, Miss McLay, urges the claims of youth very strongly. Now is the time to begin, before the winter is actually upon us.

We have secured articles from various expert people in our Union, in which accounts of proved and tried methods are given. Suggestions are made and information is included, by means of which it is hoped every union will be able to undertake one or another, if not all forms of activity among the young. We have been told for the last few years, that children are already overburdened with organisations and their demands; but it is clearly shown that where our work is carefully planned and expertly and enthusiastically carried out, the response is surprisingly good.

If we are not doing our share in the training of young people to take the right attitude towards the drink evil, we are **failing in our task**.

Any questions regarding Youth work will be gladly received and answered through our pages. "Y" work will be discussed in "The Beacon."

From Mrs. Brewer, Superintendent of "Little White Ribboners" Department, we have the following.

LITTLE WHITE RIBBONERS

Our Cradle Roll now numbers 6,739; a decrease on that of last year, but this may be due to the fact that some Unions failed to report; and so the exact figures were not obtainable.

This year at Convention, a challenge was given—3,000 new Cradle Roll members in the next five years! If all the Superintendents in this department will keep this in mind, and work with renewed energy, this objective can, and will be reached; so "Hitch your wagon to a star."

This department is important and valuable because it is concerned with the welfare of the child from its infancy; and so is foundation-building. It also brings the mother in touch with our work, and so enlists her sympathy and interest; helping her to realise her responsibility for her child's moral welfare.

The pity of it is that in so many Unions our Youth work ends here, if Bands of Hope and Loyal Temperance Legions are not functioning. If the Temperance training could be continued through either of these departments of work, the "Y" branches would be flourishing and numerous. Will members make the Youth work a

matter of special prayer, and then do all they can to remedy this great handicap to the desired 100 per cent. efficiency of our Unions?

At the Convention, a remit was considered which recommended that children should be listed on the Cradle Roll without the mother's signature to the pledge-card. Those in support said the work of Superintendents was handicapped when mothers refused to sign, as when **names** were gained for the Roll a regular supply of temperance literature could be sent to the home with the birthday cards, and the mother's interest and sympathy gained in this way. On the other hand it was thought that the co-operation and interest of the mother were absolutely necessary if the child was to have temperance teaching early in life; and that the pledge did not ask too much of a mother who had her child's welfare at heart. The remit was lost. "What worth the harvest of the soil or sea?

What use the scholar's lore, the spell of art?

Futile your science, laws and industry
If the brave mother fails in her great part."

It is the work of our department to help the mother to realise the great responsibility as well as the privileges of motherhood.

I hope in a future issue, to deal with other features of our L.W.R. work.

God bless all our Youth workers, and give them courage to achieve much.

L. M. BREWER.

Mrs. Ross has a complete run of suitable literature on the work of this department. Suggestions for working will be received gladly, and will appear in the "White Ribbon" as soon as possible.

HOW TO START A LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Mrs. Spencer, of the Belmont L.T.L., sends the following stirring call.

The majority of our Union members today, deplore the lack of interest shown by the young people regarding the Temperance question. There is only one solution. Make it attractive!

Among the 125 Unions there must be many who could, if they WOULD, form a small group of five or six children of Primary School age. This number could easily be accommodated in the home and drawn from the nearby homes, thus making it easier for their return, after the meeting. The difference between the L.T.L. and the Band of Hope was clearly stated at the Convention but the choice depends entirely upon those who are brave enough to "launch out into the deep" believing for results.

Contact the parents first and get their consent. You will find they will be interested, too.

Before starting off, send to Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington, for a copy or two of the Scientific Temperance Examination Book, 6d. each. It is a mine of information, attractively written, easy to understand and small paragraphs could be read at each meeting.

Open each meeting with a children's hymn, a prayer or Lord's Prayer in unison and perhaps a reading from the Scriptures. Responsive reading can be VERY attractive. Follow this with Temperance Training but make the lesson finish at an interesting point so that the next will be looked forward to! Encourage each one to take a part in the meeting by setting aside a portion of the time for items. Should you be at all musical, it makes a happy interlude to learn a few nice songs. It is splendid training for them, especially if attention is paid to pronouncing all their words correctly.

Should a small programme be possible, invite the mothers in to hear them or make arrangements to entertain the local Union. The children do enjoy being useful.

Then comes the vision of these few children reaching the college age and wanting to continue their connection with the meeting.

Here is the opportunity to form a "Y" Branch and this brings them into a sphere of usefulness, because they hold office and conduct their own meetings, under the supervision of a Superintendent.

Thoughts and ideas are often published in the "Y.P. Supplement" and the good old "Beacon," which I am afraid, are often passed over by members of the W.C.T.U. as not being useful, simply because they are not really interested in Youth work. Don't you think YOU could try?

There is no shortage of material to work upon for the children are all round us, waiting to be taught. Mrs. Ross can assist you with the books mentioned previously, and with our paper, there should be sufficient to work upon for quite a while. Games that can be played around a table and easy competitions can all find a place in the programmes, making every meeting a pleasant anticipation.

Almost five years ago, six children met in a home in Belmont for a small meeting. They are now members of a very flourishing "Y" Branch, younger children are filling up their places and the work goes steadily moving forward. The examination results prove that they have learned the lessons well and are fully equipped to take their places as good citizens of the Dominion. How many will respond to this appeal? It would

cause a good many hearts to rejoice, if the "Ribbon" had to print a list of names of those who had decided to sow the good seed of Temperance in the hearts of a few children, because "the harvest is great and the labourers are few."

ADA SPENCER.

THE BAND OF HOPE

This old form of organisation seems to be coming back into favour. Interest is keen in several places; and a fine response is being made. From Mrs. Thompson, of Opotiki, we have the following details regarding a most successful Band.

In preparation for the opening meeting, prayer sessions are held. This is felt to be all-important; and guidance and inspiration come as the result. Then, and this is not an easy piece of work, homes are visited, and parents are invited to bring, or send their children on a given evening. Some organising is necessary for this; but it is exceedingly well worth while. Then the programme is prepared. This is very carefully done; for the whole success of the work depends on the interest engendered. Every avenue is explored. The musical people are pleased to help. Junior orchestras, junior choirs, instrumentalists, all contribute in turn throughout the season. But the great attraction is the regularly held Singing Competition; which deserves a paragraph all to itself.

"Topical" choruses are held in readiness for use each evening. Mrs. Thompson is expert in providing these. Here are one or two examples, taken from the B. of H. Hymanal.

Tune, "Three Blind Mice."

"Sly old beer,
Sly old beer.
See what it does,
See what it does.
It runs away with your wits and wealth
It runs away with your strength and health
And silently, steadily does it by stealth
That sly old beer."

Tune, "Pack Up Your Troubles."

"Shut up the public houses one by one
And smile, smile, smile.
While you're a member of the Band of Hope,
Fight on, that's the style.
What's the use of Alcohol? It's cursed us such a while
So, shut up the public houses every one
And smile, smile, smile."

These, and others similar, are supplied (duplicating is not expensive). A good pianist is put in charge, and the "Band" proceeds to learn one of these by singing it a few times. Then, it becomes a Test piece. Competitors gaily take their turns. A competent judge is asked to adjudicate; and marks are given to each entrant. These are kept till the end of the year, and then trophies are awarded.

Following on this, which is soon put through, comes the Address. Various well qualified people willingly take their turn. Demonstrations, experiments, diagrams and pictures are freely used.

During last winter, the following features appeared on the programmes at different times: the Salvation Army Band, the Methodist Choir, the Anglican Church Choir (Boys), Temperance Films, a Temperance Play, pupils of a local dancing class, Maori children with their own programme, and a special Cup presentation (for singing), presentation of posies to helpers. Recitation. A collection is taken up, mostly of pennies and three-pences. So large is the attendance that very good sums are thus collected.

Now, all this is done in the space of ONE HOUR. Starting promptly at seven, however small the numbers may be, not a minute is wasted, and by eight o'clock, the meeting is over. This is held to be one of the reasons of its success. All the Ministers, large numbers of parents and others attend. Devotions are conducted at the opening.

Surely there is some inspiration here. It is an idea to have ladies at the door with something nice to eat as the audience departs, apples, sweets, buns, etc., providing just the last touch to a happy evening.

From this, it is a natural transition to the fine Youth Group work being carried out at Nelson. Our new Dominion Vice-President, Mrs. Toomer, with her members, has hit upon a very successful line of approach to the adolescent; and we give the account provided by Mrs. Toomer herself.

NELSON YOUTH WORK

Our Youth work was commenced last year in much fear and trembling and after much deliberation it was decided to venture. A Special Committee was set up by the President to draw up a plan, to contact speakers, to make suitable arrangements for the feeding of the hoped-for multitude and for the general smooth running of the meetings. A special letter of invitation was sent to all Bible Classes inviting them to come to our Hall for a Youth Rally, tea provided, and the Guest Speaker's name was given, time four o'clock. On the Sunday afternoon six Union members, together with the President, met at the Hall to prepare the tea, arrange flowers, put out the hymnbooks and generally make the Hall attractive. Then came a few anxious moments, had we ventured too far, would the young people come, were they sufficiently interested in Temperance to make the effort, was the time right? and a few more doubts in the same vein. How little we needed to doubt, God wonderfully blessed the venture, in ones and twos, and in groups, came young men and women until close on forty were seated, the Song Leader called for favourite hymns and for half an hour

the songs rolled out. Then the Guest Speaker took over for the next half hour and kept his audience interested for, we discovered, these young people had not only come to get but they had come to give of their interest and attention.

Tea came next and amidst much laughter and bantering the chairs were turned and the youthful congregation found themselves well mixed together, Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodists, Salvationists, Church of Christ and Baptists. Sandwiches, scones, cake, tea, cocoa, or soft drinks were provided and much to our delight the food supply held out.

After tea came a Quiz Session run by the President, Bible questions and Temperance questions intermixed which caused amusement and kept things moving. The last quarter of an hour the Song Leader again took over, and how they sang. Then at twenty minutes past six o'clock the President closed with the Benediction and the gathering dispersed to their own churches for the evening service.

So the work has gone on each month with as many as 83 attending. Speakers have been found each month, men and women who have been glad to come and help and who have expressed pleasure in the work which is being accomplished. We have been well blessed in having good Song Leaders as so much depends upon this important part of the meeting. Programmes have been varied, sometimes Bible Quiz Sessions, other times Temperance Films and always a good Speaker who stresses the necessity for Temperance. A venture in faith, a venture that God has blessed, a venture that has brought joy to those women of Nelson Union who launched out into the deep and then cut the shore lines, such a difficult thing to do, and simply clung to the promises of God and proved again that "the promises of God are true to those who believe."

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION NEW PLYMOUTH

Mrs. Stewart

It may be of interest to readers to hear a little about the part taken by the W.C.T.U. during the "Home and Family" week which was held in New Plymouth in October.

Request was made for a section in the Exhibition Department; where a large quantity of Temperance literature, in the form of leaflets occupied the main place; also such booklets as "Scientific Temperance," "Keeping Fit," and "Be on top of your Form." These latter were for sale, but the former were given away to the many interested folk who came our way. In this distribution, the facts about the Enemy Alcohol were introduced into many homes. Boys and girls especially received the leaflets eagerly; our one regret being that so few of these were written for children. The num-

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ber of fine posters with pertinent Temperance Facts arranged on the wall above our stall attracted much notice. These gave a clear idea to the public of the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U.

On another table, several practical displays were arranged. No. 1 was two saucers of wheat, one saucer having fine, healthy green shoots, this having been moistened with water only. The other saucer remained hard and lifeless, having been watered with water and spirits. No. 2 was a bottle of whisky, with the price plainly marked, and a quantity of tins of wholesome food bought for the same price. No. 3 showed a bottle of beer with the price plainly marked, and five bottles of milk bought for the same price. These gave a fine opportunity to tell the young people of the harmful effects of alcohol upon the human body.

"Y.P. SUPPLEMENTS," HAWERA

Further news of Union work among the young comes from Hawera. The Union here sends out 500 "Y.P. Supplements" monthly; and run a Picture Colouring Competition of their own. About 300 pictures are returned to Mrs. Barron, who deals with this work. A list of prizewinners is published in the "Y.P. Supplement" for this month. The interest taken shows that some result does follow the sending of the little sheet. If nothing more than this can be done by Unions, it is worth while to do it.

TEMPERANCE EXAMINATIONS

Preparations for these should be begun early. A good idea is to appoint a member of each church from the Union, to discuss the matter with their Sunday School Superintendents; and try to arouse interest in the plan. The pamphlets should be taken, and each Union should have a good supply on hand for those who may ask for them. If a class can be formed, with an experienced person to lead it, for perhaps half an hour weekly (after school on Monday is a popular time), the syllabus will soon be covered and the children can become really familiarised with the facts in good time. This is one of our best methods of reaching children and making the facts tell their own story.

ESSAY AND POSTER COMPETITIONS

At Convention it was agreed that these competitions should be put into the hands of a special committee. Particulars as to dates, subjects, and conditions will be published later. In the meantime, Unions should accustom themselves to the idea of doing all possible through their contacts with children, parents, teachers, ministers, and all youth workers in their districts, to create sympathetic interest. When the subject is known, members might do worse than to discuss it in all its aspects in their Union meetings. They

might learn something new for themselves; and would certainly be in a position to help and encourage children to enter. A great deal might be done in this way to increase the number of entries; which is really not large enough for the good prizes offered. The pamphlets are two in number, one for the Preparatory, Junior and Intermediate Grades, and one for the Senior Grade. They are really excellently prepared, being the work of our Temperance Examination Superintendent, Miss C. Jamieson, of Palmerston North; and equally valuable for preparation for Essay and Poster Competitions and the Examinations. They cost 6d. each and can be obtained from Mrs. Ross at Headquarters.

BEER BOTTLES

Horrid indignation was felt up and down the land last Christmas (1947), when statements were broadcast regarding the enormous numbers of beer bottles collected by boys and men after the Christmas and New Year celebrations in various places. The accounts given for this year's collections are worse. The idea that there would be less drinking because of the new legislation (remarkable idea, certainly) does not seem to have materialised. From Christchurch we have the following: "... this season's harvest is going to be a record one. Nearly thirty collectors are on the job and they are doing well. The beer bottle position is more buoyant than I have ever seen it." The comment following is: "The inference is that more beer was drunk in private houses this Christmas and New Year than ever before." The statement went on: "The man who watches the bottles coming in from all over Christchurch said that December was a record month for outgoing and incoming business. He thought the same remark applied to the whole of New Zealand."

In the N.Z. "Herald" appears the following: "Empty beer bottles collected at Mount Maunganui by the end of the holiday period are expected to exceed the number gathered last year. The yield in 1948 was between 15,000 and 20,000, but the number this year will probably exceed 20,000. This will represent an expenditure of over £17,000 on beer."

And from a leader in the Otago "Daily Times" we cull the following choice blossom to add to the bouquet: "If drinking in New Zealand is at the present time excessive and indiscriminate and undisciplined—and there is some evidence that it is—it will not be discouraged and controlled by limiting the people's opportunities of drinking, but by extending these opportunities, and making temperate drinking a respectable community indulgence."

Well, there has been an extending of opportunities, with what results the beer bottle figures give some indication. We await further indications of improvement with keen interest.

EDITOR.

W.C.T.U. FORWARD MOVE

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THE HOME-MAKER

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS

P. King

The care of the garden is a thing which repays one. To have flowers ready for various occasions is very nice; and gives a lot of pleasure. When a friend is sick, how welcome a sheaf from the border is. If a friend returns from a holiday, how pleased she will be to have a few flowers waiting for her as a welcome home. And when people are in trouble, there is no easier way to give your sympathy than by sending a few of your choicest blooms to give a message. Then, what a difference it makes in your own home to have fresh flowers everywhere. It is a long job putting them in, of course, but there are a few little things which may help you so that you will not have to find fresh flowers every day.

First, put the cut flowers into water as soon as possible. Don't keep them in your hot hand. Be sure to cut, not break the stems; and usually in a slanting direction. If you are going to send them away by post, pick them

in the evening and keep them in water for some hours.

To keep dahlias well, stand them in boiling water for three minutes, before putting them in the vases. Asters, zinnias, marigolds and gerberas all need this treatment. They should not be cut in the heat of the day. Early morning is the best, but the evening is good too.

Some flowers should have the stems bruised, chrysanthemums, stocks, roses, fuchsias, hydrangeas all respond well to this. Hydrangeas should be given a drink through their flowers as well as through the stems. Cyclamens should have their stems slit up about half an inch. Carnations should be cut on the slant between the nodes. To keep maidenhair fern fresh, wrap it in newspaper dampened.

Keep vases clean; and change water by draining it off without disturbing the flowers if they are still fresh.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" — 31

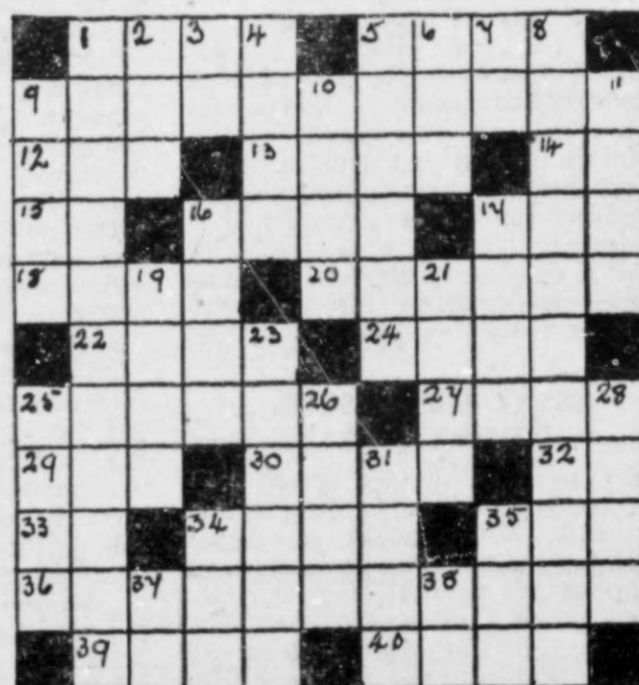
CLUES

Across

- 1—Three-toed ostrich.
- 5—District in Arabia.
- 9—Rearranges.
- 12—River island.
- 13—A single thing
- 14—Note of the scale.
- 15—Postal note.
- 16—Pour.
- 17—Exist.
- 18—Mark.
- 20—Enclosed.
- 22—Among.
- 24—Dregs.
- 25—Right.
- 27—Grey.
- 29—Writing fluid.
- 30—Twist.
- 32 and 33—Gentle parents.
- 34—Girl's name.
- 35—Stitched fold.
- 36—Fortifies.
- 39—Prepares for the press.
- 40—Kind.

Down

- 1—Reborn.
- 2—Angry.
- 3—Edward Rex.
- 4—Shivering illness.
- 5—Living creature.
- 6—Be in session.
- 7—Part of the verb "to be."
- 8—Food and drink.
- 9—Knocks.
- 10—Afresh.
- 11—One of 25 down.



- 16—Holiday journey.
- 17—Class of intoxicants.
- 19—Berserk.
- 21—True.
- 23—Respectable.
- 25—More than one of 11 down.

- 26—Sounded.
- 28—Edible tubers.
- 31—Rodents.
- 34—Garland.
- 35—Pronoun.
- 37—Rural delivery.
- 38—A call.

Important Announcements

VISIT OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT, MRS. FORRESTER-PATON

The announcement that Mrs. Forrester-Paton, World President of the W.C.T.U., with her husband, World President of the Y.M.C.A., is to visit New Zealand in September of this year, has given great pleasure. The Auckland District is hoping that she may be able to speak in connection with their District Convention, which is to be arranged to coincide with her visit to Auckland. It is unlikely that Mrs. Forrester-Paton will be able to give unlimited time to visiting districts; so it will be advisable for those who wish to hear and see her to watch for news and plan to visit Auckland or any city adjacent to them in which she may be scheduled to speak. A World President's visit is a unique event in our W.C.T.U. history; and

MRS. HUGH KASPER—continued.

State holds encampments and Conferences. I will just give you an outline of one Camp held last September, 1948, with enrolment of 128 Campers, 12 Instructors and Adult Leaders, two part-time teachers and 17 delegates from the W.C.T.U. School of Methods Workshops. The theme of the school was "Forward together" and was well carried out. Mrs. Caroline Brooks, Chairman of Alcoholic Education of Greater New York laid the Foundation Plans for Council Studies for the coming year. Mrs. Mary Dubois conducted the classes in Parliamentary Procedure. Mrs. Helen Mayer who presented charts of Organisation Fundamentals and Poster Planning on Alcohol. Mrs. Marie Leonard, State W.C.T.U. Director of non-alcoholic fruit products and Mrs. Eva Disc Gillette, State W.C.T.U. Director of speech contests, who taught rules and regulations for speech contests. Can we wonder when we know that in every State these schools and conferences are held why the W.C.T.U. is increasing its membership and that young women are taking the places of elderly officers, the "Y" work is so thorough and they concentrate on Temperance Education.

Prohibition Divine. Prohibition was and is all right from the beginning says Mr. Clinton Howard, Prohibition is of divine origin. Prohibition was the first law after the Creation of Man in the Garden of Eden. We read—"And the Lord God commanded the Man, saying 'Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat but of the tree of knowledge, of good and evil thou shalt not eat.' (Prohibition) and God commanded the Man, saying 'of it Thou shalt not eat for the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'" That was prohibition with a death penalty for its violation.

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doubtless, many members will make the necessary effort to attend where she is to speak.

TO REMIND YOU

Will all "White Ribbon" agents, branch treasurers, and subscribers, please note that subscriptions, payments for advertisements, "Beacons" and "Y.P. Supplements" are now due and payable; and every endeavour should be made to send in these monies to me as soon as possible. JUNE is "White Ribbon" month—utilise it to settle "W.R." business.

A. D. GRIGG,
Business Manager.

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SPECIAL REPORTS

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Blenheim Union

The attendance for the Women's World Day of Prayer, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Blenheim, on March 5th, was good. The programme as set out by the World Day of Prayer Committee was used; and was closely followed by the congregation, who joined in the responsive readings. This was divided into sections, and a number of ladies, representative of the different churches, were leaders. The morning address was given by Mrs. Noel Bythell, and in the afternoon, Miss O'Brien gave a very inspiring message. The beautiful solo, "Consecration," was sung by Mrs. Fulton. The assistance of Mrs. Pike as organist for the day was greatly appreciated.

At the close of the afternoon session, Mrs. Kirkham spoke of the coming referendum poll, and urged all present to vote on the polling day, and endeavour to get others to do so. Special prayers were offered, and the National Anthem was sung.

HOME MEETING

Onehunga Union

On February 24th, the Onehunga Union held a Home Meeting at the residence of Mrs. Moss; the attendance being good, and the weather lovely. The hostess gave demonstrations showing the effects of alcohol on various foods; following this by giving an interesting description of the subjects considered, and the lessons on Temperance and Hygiene taught by her to the girls of "Kurahuna," of whom she is the Leader.

"REFERENDUM" MEETING

Karori Union

In connection with the recent referendum, a successful special meeting was arranged by the Karori Union in the Karori Methodist Schoolroom. There was a good attendance of women from other organisations. The Rev. J. D. Grocott, who was in the chair, spoke on the referendum as regarded the closing of hotel bars, and Mr. J. R. Marshall, M.P., spoke on the betting issue, giving reasons for voting against off-course betting. Both speakers urged the women to ensure that voters went to the poll. A number of questions were asked by the visitors, and two donations were given for Branch Funds. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, President, thanked the speakers.

OVERSEAS VISITORS AT WELLINGTON UNION

At its March meeting, Wellington Union had the honour and pleasure of the presence of two officers of the Victorian W.C.T.U., Mrs. Hallebone and Mrs. Cook. Members of other Unions and visitors were present, and all enjoyed the messages brought by the visitors; who each spoke briefly on our work. They emphasised the helpful, silent witness we can give by always wearing our badge wherever we are. Miss Kirk, President, was in the chair; and presented a spray of flowers to each of the guests of honour. Convention report was given and much interest expressed in it by the visitors.

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting. March 7th. Mrs. E. W. Mountjoy, District President, presided; Devotions being led by Miss Grigg.

A letter was received from the World President, Mrs. Forrester-Paton, telling of her proposed visit to New Zealand, probably about September; and it was suggested that the Auckland District Convention should be held earlier than usual to coincide with the visit. Final arrangements made for Poll work on March 9th. Arrangements also made to assist with the "Poppy" day street appeal, and for the "Mother's Day" gathering in May.

Miss Leman reported that the Henderson Union had had a visit from two ladies from Australia, Mesdames Hallebone and Cook, who are seeing New Zealand at present. Members of the Executive made a donation towards a presentation to the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, which is to be given to her by the Women's Organisations of Auckland on the eve of her departure for England. Mrs. Mountjoy gave a most concise and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention held in Timaru.

Auckland Union, March 8th. Opening meeting for 1949. Mrs. Long presided, giving a very inspiring Devotional address from Nehemiah. Mrs. Coombe of Greymouth and Mrs. Leslie of Hamilton were welcomed; Mrs. Coombe bringing greetings from the Greymouth Union. Mrs. Long gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention, giving the deliberations and highlights, and the resolutions passed at that very happy and inspiring gathering. Letters of greeting were received from several members unable to attend, owing to feeble health.

Orehunga, February 10th. Good attendance for opening meeting for 1949. A visitor from Leigh, Mrs. Bozan, welcomed. Mrs. Breeze warmly thanked for the successful Sale of Work to assist funds; which she had conducted in November. Syllabus of meetings for the year approved. Matters in connection with the coming Poll fully discussed; and a donation agreed upon for the Alliance Funds. Following on a talk by Mrs. Ashton on the work of the "Seamen's Rests" at New Plymouth and Timaru, it was agreed to send a donation to each of them.

Wellsford Union, February 15th. Very good attendance, presided over by the Vice-President, Mrs. Fordyce, the President being engaged in relieving teaching. Devotions taken by Mrs. Fordyce. Temperance Fact, Mrs. H. Neal, and Roll Call. Next month, vegetables and fruit to be brought for the Maori Girls' Hostel. Three members appointed on a newly formed Temperance Council, in Wellsford. Protest sent re permit for liquor bar at the A. & P. Show. Miss Elma Ward elected Secretary. As the Speaker had not arrived, extracts were read from the "White Ribbon." Bring and Buy Stall. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Philips and Ward.

Remuera, February 28th. Mrs. Clifford, President, in the chair. Mrs. Laird read a portion of Scripture and members engaged in prayer. Reports of the Dominion Convention were given by Mesdames Kasper and Laird. Mrs. Robinson, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Kasper with a book and bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her long and faithful service for this branch.

Takapuna, March 3rd. Fair attendance. Two local ministers were present by invitation. Arrangements made for conveying voters to the polling booths on March 9th. The Rev. Mr. Baxter spoke on "The Influence of Home Life"; and the Rev. Mr. Gilmore explained much of the "Gaming Law" which is difficult for the non-gambler to understand from leaflets. A short paper was read by Mrs. Rose, on the subject of having booths and stalls at race courses for the sale of soft drinks and teas. The matter of advertising boards on church grounds was highly commended. Loving sympathy with a bereaved sister, Mrs. Wallace, was expressed. Mrs. Petchell was thanked for acting as Secretary and carrying out many other duties during the absence of Mrs. Prussing at Convention. The question of a "Youth Centre" was discussed.

Warkworth, March 10th. Opening meeting for 1949. Mrs. Moore presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Hope gave Temperance Fact, and Mrs. Thompson the "Thought for the Month." Hymn and Devotional talk emphasised the "Beginning of another year," and a re-dedication of members to the service of Christ. L.T.L. banner won for the third year in succession, on display. Discussion on plans for the C.R. party on March 31st.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames, March 2nd. Devotions led by President. Recommendations from Executive meeting discussed and confirmed. Correspondence from Headquarters and N.Z. Alliance re the coming Poll read and discussed at length. All members pledged themselves to vote against ten o'clock closing and against the gaming proposal. The latter was explained as some members seemed doubtful as to how to vote. Campaign inaugurated for funds to help the N.Z. Alliance in the present work for the Poll. Funds coming in well. Agreed to co-operate with local branch in present activities. One new member by transfer. Good attendance. Benediction and tea.

Hamilton, March 3rd. Good attendance of members and visitors. One new member gained—one in the "Forward Move." Delegate read report of the Dominion Convention. Members delighted at receiving the competition banner for increased membership; and also very proud that a member of the Hamilton Union had been elected Dominion President. Benediction and tea brought the afternoon to a close.

Tauranga, March 1st. Good attendance presided over by Mrs. Bryan, Vice-President, in the absence of President at Convention. Frances Willard remembered. Paper from the "Union Signal" read by Mrs. Munro; who herself once heard and saw Miss Willard in London at a great gathering. Reports on Referendum work. No tea—power failure. Meeting closed with Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Williamson, another Vice-President.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, March. Fair attendance. Mrs. Robert Wilson elected Secretary. The President, Mrs. Duxfield, welcomed the District President, Mrs. Chesswas, who gave her impressions of Dominion Convention held in Timaru. Questions were asked and answered. The speaker was thanked for her interesting and comprehensive account of the Conference. Discussion on Referendum. Collection for N.Z. Alliance Funds.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings, Mrs. A. M. Smith welcomed all members and friends at the first meeting for 1949. Assisting the President was Mrs. A. G. Pitt, Secretary. Good attendance and a most enthusiastic meeting. Devotions led by Mrs. Thorp. Scientific Fact given by Miss Furniss. Goods received from members for four parcels for Britain. Five new C.R. members reported by the Superintendent, Mrs. Hugh Smith. Union was paying for short, "snappy" adverts. in the local paper. A jumble sale realised £25, which will be very useful during the year. Mrs. Colonel Burton gave a very interesting travel-talk on her trip to Australia; closing a most profitable meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

Napier, February. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Thompson was initiated as a member and took the position of Treasurer. Superintendents were appointed. A bouquet was to be sent to Mrs. Nielsen, one of our pioneer members on the occasion of her 95th birthday. The speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. W. Francis, M.A., B.D., who gave a very clear guiding on the proposed gambling and licensing alterations.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, March 8th. Mrs. McMillan presided and led Devotions. Mrs. C. Knapp took duty for Mrs. Doel who is in hospital. Greetings and flowers sent. Mrs. Toomer congratulated on becoming Dominion Vice-President. Letter received from Mrs. M. E. Hunter, a one-time member of Nelson Union, who is visiting in England, thanking the Secretary for information about the N.Z.W.C.T.U. to be given at a W.C.T.U. Convention in England. In response to a request from the Dominion President for Day of Prayer on Polling Day, members promised to give time to prayer at home. Mrs. C. Knapp gave part of her Convention report which it to be continued next month. Most interesting. Birthday posies presented and Temperance Fact given.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, March 1st. Mrs. N. Forbes presided; Mrs. P. Kirkham leading Devotions; her theme being "He is able," and "Faithless fear." Good attendance. One new member initiated. A monetary gift to C.O.R.S.O. from the Union for much needed medical supplies was gratefully acknowledged by the Dominion Organiser. Temperance Fact given. Polling arrangements completed; and syllabus for the year drawn up. The District President, Mrs. V. Underhill, gave a short talk on the recent Convention; and was congratulated on having been reappointed as Recording Secretary for the Dominion. Benediction.

Springlands, February 15th. Mrs. E. T. Hegglin presided, in the absence at Dominion Convention of the President and Secretary. Devotions led by Mrs. Leslie. Dominion President's letter in the latest "W.R." read; also extracts from the Bulletin. Delegate's expenses, £5, passed for payment. Syllabus arranged. Greetings sent to Convention. Roll Call. Benediction. Special prayers for Convention.

Picton, February 8th. Good attendance, the chair being taken by Mrs. Tennent, Vice-President, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the President, Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Reynolds, of Hokitika, and Miss Campbell of Mount Eden, brought greetings from their respective Unions; and were warmly welcomed. A discussion on the Referendum was held, and it was arranged for next meeting to be an open prayer meeting. A motion of thanks was passed to Miss O'Brien for her willingness to undertake the Superintendency of the Band of Hope and the "Y" Branch. A message of sympathy was sent to the President. Afternoon tea brought a pleasant and fruitful meeting to a close.

March 8th. Meeting took the form of a prayer meeting, a number of non-members being welcomed by the President, Mrs. Miller, who presided; and read appropriate passages from the Bible between prayers. A cup of tea concluded the meeting.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

New Brighton. Mrs. Edmond, President, presided over a small meeting, weather being unfavourable. Mental Hospital visited. Donation of 10s. to Alliance Funds passed for payment. Mrs. Ellis read the report of the Dominion Convention. Tea followed, and the Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

Papanui, February 24th. Opening meeting. Good attendance. Mrs. Tillman presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Pledge and Roll Call. Temperance Fact, given by Mrs. Hampton. Concert given at Women's Reformatory, Addington, on Saturday, February 29th. Mesdames Thornton and Neville appointed as Mental Hospital visitors for 1949. Christmas Gift afternoon tea given to nine patients in December. Donation of £1 to Alliance for Poll expenses. Convention report given by Mrs. Kelly, of Bryndwr, and much appreciated.

Riccarton, February 10th. Very hot afternoon but fifteen members attended. Mrs. Griffith urged upon all members the duty of working hard this year for our objectives. Plans made for future activity.

Lyttelton-Heathcote, February 23rd. First meeting for 1949. Mrs. Tredennick presiding. Mesdames Webb and Lewis congratulated on the successful Cradle Roll party. The Rev. Mr. Trim, Methodist minister, gave a very fine Temperance address. Extracts from Alliance circular were read; several suggestions had already been carried out. The Rev. Mr. McMaster had preached a fine Temperance sermon and a collection had been taken up for Alliance funds.

Christchurch, February 9th. Thanks for our greeting received from Misses Bishop and Blackwell. Miss Thomas elected Convention delegate. It was reported that two Christchurch girls were successful competitors in the recent Junior Grade Temperance examination. Marion Francis won first place in the Dominion Essay Competition; and Denise Wilkinson came second in the Dominion Poster competition.

February 23rd. Our President, Miss C. Henderson, who presided at both meetings, informed us that Temperance workers are enjoying great success in India. Bombay is to go dry in April, and Madras in October. Agreed that we order two copies of the "White Ribbon" each month, and forty-three copies of the "Beacon" to be sent to the Christchurch Maori Girls' College. Work in connection with the Referendum Poll was arranged.

Sydenham, March 3rd. Mrs. Filer, President, was in the chair, eleven members being present. Address on the forthcoming Poll given by Mrs. Reddell, who explained the points at issue, urging members to use their influence as far as possible. Mrs. MacLachlan led in prayer at the close of the meeting.

Spreydon. Opening meeting 1949. Mrs. Nisbet, President, took the chair. Devotions. A telegram of protest re proposed extension of hours of sale for liquor sent to the local M.P., the Hon. Mr. McLagan. Mrs. Nisbet gave the district report, and stressed the need for co-operation and enthusiasm on all members to work against the extension of hotel-bar hours. Mrs. Ancall reported on the Christmas party which was so much enjoyed and appreciated by the Mental Hospital patients. Several successful competitors in the Dominion Essay and Poster Competitions were from Spreydon and Addington. Satisfactory balance sheet presented by the Treasurer. Opportunity was taken to present Mrs. Ancall, retiring President, with a small gift as a token of affection and esteem; and a spray of flowers was sent to Mrs. Woodcock, retiring Secretary. Mrs. Clarke, District President, gave a full report on Dominion Convention. Mrs. Nisbet, who chaired the meeting, thanked Mrs. Clarke. The C.R. party, held earlier, had been enjoyed by all the children present. Balloons, whistles, ice-cream and jellies were provided. Mrs. Hen addressed the mothers. Miss Brown reported on literature distribution for the Referendum Poll. Films on the same subject had been shown in the local cinemas.

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 Cumbræ Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, in Methodist School Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss E. M. West, 133 Aitken St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. G. Holmes, 78 Chalmers Ave., Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. A. Harwood, 12 Allord 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 Pompaier Tee, 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. Skentclbery, Zion Road.

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, Maungawahare.

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

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Sunday School, Hanover St. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiett, 11 Duke St.; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 4a Duke St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cauntington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 11 Duke St.; W.R., Mrs. Hiett; L.W.R., Mrs. Whittington, 9 Cargill St., Dunedin.

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

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

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, from March to November, Walter's Rd. Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. V. A. Read, 355 Dominion Rd.; Sec., Mrs. G. G. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd., S.2; Treas., Mrs. L. Powley, 8 Woodside Rd., Mt. Eden.

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., Mrs. A. M. Duthie, P.O. Box 81.

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; W.R., Mrs. Bradley.

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, Farnham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

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

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. and W.R., Miss Pollard; 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. Jelcoate, 289 Elles Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. Rumlér, 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. Evangeli., Mesdames Richards and Bevinam. 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 Tee.

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. Anstice; 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, Workshop Rd. Treas., Mrs. Trevorrow, Makorā 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 Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Hall, Glen Ave. Pres., Mrs. Tipler; Sec., Mrs. Clark, 10 Roseberry St., Belleknoves; Treas., Miss Ford, 29 Burke St., Mornington; W.R., Mrs. Elder, 21 Preston Cres., Belleknoves.

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. Atherfold, 21 Colenso St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. G. Martin, 194 Wellesley Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. Shaun, 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., Tahunarui; 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, Collingswood 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. and W.R., Mrs. F. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale St.; 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. Edgcombe 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 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 Taiere 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. 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, 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.1.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.1.; 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. Coles, 45 Albert St.; Treas., Mrs. Cobb; W.R., Mrs. Coles; Hospital Visitor, Miss Connelly.

PAPANUI, 4th Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Tillman. Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Hodder, 51 Mary St. Corr. 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, Du-ham St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. T. Tennent; Sec., Mrs. J. Martin, Kent St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Kirken, Buller St.; W.R., Mrs. J. Martien; Band of Hope and "Y" Supt., Miss O'Brien.

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. O'ds, 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 Newham 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.

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

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

TAURANGA, 1st Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian; Sec., Mrs. York, Pillans Rd., Otumotai; Treas., Mrs. Maunder, 127 Hunter St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, 67 Cameron Rd.

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

TEMUKA, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. W. Hewson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Grocott; Sec., Mrs. E. Butler, 30 Hayhurst St.; Treas., Mrs. Capt. Harford; C.R. and W.R., Mrs. Allanby.

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.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m. in Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Holdgate; Corr. 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 Seidon 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.

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; Corr. 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; Corr. 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 Barne and Thompson; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, R.D., Mahurangi Heads, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martini; 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 Dinmiss Ave.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; W.R., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinmiss 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.