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FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY

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OUR HERITAGE: THE SEA.

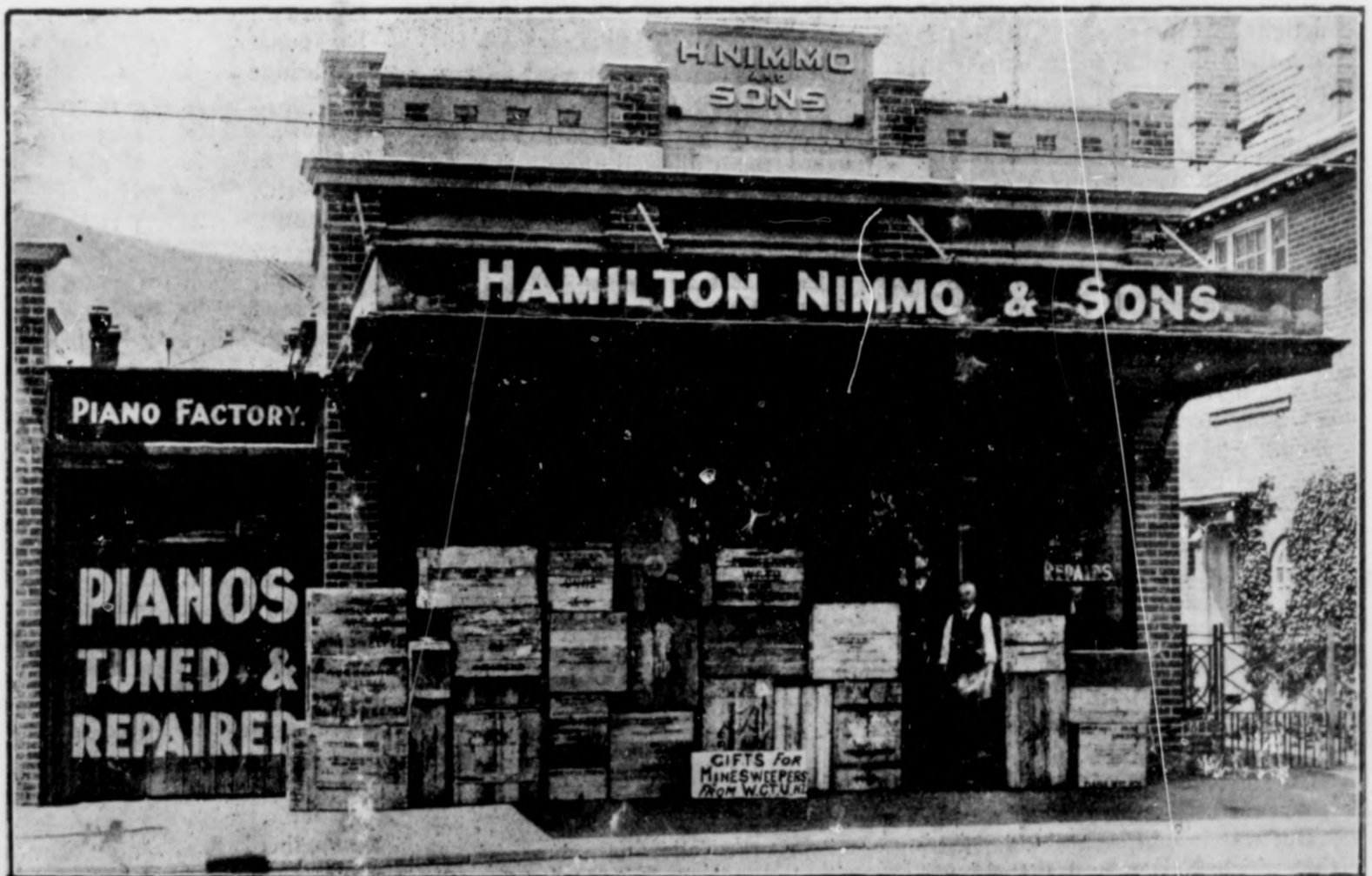
From the very dawn of history we catch glimpses of man standing on the shores of the illimitable ocean, gazing out over its wide expanse, then launching his tiny skiff and putting forth upon its bosom, hugging the shore closely. From the first the fight has been severe, man at one time exulting that old ocean had been

conquered, and then the mighty waves arising in their fury and sweeping away his handiwork, as "without a groan he sinks into their depths, unknelt, uncoffined, and unknown." The ancient Greek found a pathway o'er the sea to found colonies, linked to the motherland only by the tiny vessels that went to and fro over the watery way. To the Jew the sea meant separation and danger, and the Seer of Patmos tells of a heavenly

city in which there shall be "no more sea."

Contrast with this the joyful cry of the 10,000 Greeks, "Oahatta! Oahatta"—"The sea! The sea!—as once more they beheld its blue waves after their toilsome journey over the sands and mountains of Asia.

The Phoenician, on gain intent, launched his vessels, and boldly sailing through the Pillars of Hercules, braved the storms of the mighty At-



GIFTS FOR MINE-SWEEPERS, FROM W.C.T.U., N.Z.

lantic, and brought tin from the Scilly Isles to his native land.

Carthage, Tyre's proud daughter, fought for years with the young Republic of Rome for supremacy in the Mediterranean, until the words of Cato, "Delenda est Carthago," were literally fulfilled, and proud Carthage was a heap of ruins. The supremacy of the sea lingered long round the shores of the Mediterranean. Venice, Genoa, the Knights of Malta (the Sea-Kings of the Mediterranean) in turn held sway.

But the introduction to Europe in the fifteenth century of the mariner's compass made possible longer voyages. Columbus and Cabot crossed the Atlantic; Bilboa sailed out on the breast of the mighty Pacific; and Hawkins and Frobisher dared the boundless icefields of the frozen North in their effort to find a north-west passage to India.

England early turned her attention to navigation. The wise Alfred offered an earldom to any man who made a voyage in his own vessel. In the veins of English mariners there flowed the blood of sturdy Saxon and bold Norseman, and with this heritage came the free spirit of the old sea rovers, their love for the sea, their delight in conquering its wild moods, and their pleasure in its calm waters. Almost every part of his land is within sound of its waves; they sing his cradle song, they tempt his youthful feet into paths of adventure, and lure his maturer years with hope of gain.

Then came the great colonising movement of the 17th and 18th centuries. Streams of people left the Old Land, some to find "freedom to worship God," others led by the lure of wealth. To keep freedom to trade it was necessary that "Britannia should rule the waves." Blake, Nelson, and Collingwood laid the foundations of our naval supremacy. But as Britain became more and more a manufacturing nation, and less and less an agricultural country, so her dependence on over sea dominions to feed her people increased, and so the necessity to keep open trade routes became more imperative. Our Navy did its work well, and when the Kaiser let loose the dogs of war, the British Navy was ready, if its Army was not.

But war is a different thing now from that which Nelson and Blake fought. The deadly submarine and the mines

strewn "'neath the billows dark" have taught the mariners to look for danger under the waves as well as upon them.

In the dark and foggy seas around England the brave mine-sweepers are ever on the alert to keep the way safe for troopship and cargo boat alike. Hardy men they are, stern and strong and rugged as the mountains of their Northern land. They dare alike the icy storms of winter and the dangers of the mine-strewn sea. They go out on the lonely deep, and often the call comes to them there; no flourish of trumpet announces their brave deed, and no lament is sung over their lonely graves beneath the waves. What may they sing to their foes—

"With mouldering bones the deep is white,
From the ice-clad Pole to the tropics bright,
And the mermaid hath twisted her fingers cold
In the mesh of the seaway's curls of gold;
And the gods of the ocean have frowned to see
The mariners' beds in their halls of glee.
Hath earth no graves that ye must sow
The boundless sea for the thronging dead?"

A cry from these brave men has come ringing over the sea, travelling half-way round the globe. We have heard the call, and their great need has appealed to mother hearts here; and in response to their need have gone cases of warm clothing and much that may alleviate the miseries of their lot.

Now, while they pursue their lonely calling, with wintry gales raging around them, and howling seas below them, they will know that far away, in the sunny isles of the Pacific, women are thinking of them, and working and praying for them. Freely we have received here. May we freely give to help the needy.

FOR MINE-SWEEPERS.

41, Kent Terrace, Wellington,

December 5th, 1917.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

I have now much pleasure in submitting the following report, as promised, in connection with my appeal to the Unions for warm comforts for

the mine-sweepers and torpedoed crews.

The contributions received from the Unions and the public throughout the Dominion, in both goods and money, are as follows:—

W.C.T. Unions.	Cash.		Goods Valued.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Pukekohe ...	1	14 6	3	9 0
Lower Hutt ...	—	—	10	0 0
Normanby ...	11	9 0	1	11 6
Feilding ...	0	12 6	5	0 0
Hamilton East... ..	—	—	5	0 0
Ormondville ...	0	18 0	3	0 0
Ashburton ...	10	10 0	5	0 0
Gisborne ...	2	4 0	70	0 0
Waipukurau ...	—	—	57	0 0
Masterton ...	50	0 0	68	0 0
Waipawa ...	—	—	36	2 4
Hastings ...	6	10 6	20	0 0
Auckland ...	23	7 6	100	10 6
Greymouth ...	3	7 6	22	13 6
Opotiki ...	—	—	3	10 0
Napier ...	—	—	49	13 0
Nelson ...	8	0 0	26	14 0
Blenheim ...	—	—	40	0 0
Invercargill ...	28	0 9	208	0 0
New Brighton ...	1	4 0	3	4 0
Wanganui Cent. ...	—	—	8	0 0
Wanganui E. ...	1	5 6	8	4 6
Woodville ...	—	—	4	10 0
Timaru ...	—	—	9	3 10
Takapuna ...	—	—	1	18 6
Cambridge ...	—	—	10	8 6
Bluff ...	4	16 6	10	2 6
Newtown ...	1	5 0	—	—
Petone ...	1	8 0	—	—
Hawera ...	60	0 0	—	—
Onehunga ...	3	11 0	—	—
Waihi ...	1	5 0	—	—
Belfast ...	11	14 6	—	—
Norsewood ...	3	18 0	—	—
Tokomaru Maori ...	47	10 0	—	—
Pakairi ...	2	3 0	—	—
Morrinsville ...	1	1 0	—	—
Eltham ...	17	5 0	—	—
Otautau B. of H. ...	2	0 0	—	—
Mosgiel ...	1	0 6	—	—
Oxford Y. ...	1	0 0	—	—
*Okaiawa ...	1	0 0	—	—
*Ngaruawahia ...	—	—	—	—
*Dannevirke ...	—	—	—	—
*Tokomaru Bay ...	24	10 0	—	—
*Marton ...	1	2 6	—	—
*Wellington ...	—	—	—	—
*Warkworth ...	19	0 0	—	—
*N.E. Valley ...	3	0 0	—	—
*Edendale, South-land ...	25	2 6	—	—
*Dunedin City... ..	4	0 0	—	—
*New Plymouth ...	11	0 0	—	—
*Rakaia ...	—	—	—	—

W.C.T. Unions.	Cash.	Goods Valued.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
*Goods sent in by other Unions not priced by W.C.T.U. and combined with goods from general public. Total value amounting to		130 18 10

Contributions from Other Sources.

Mr Crowthers, Karori ...	2 0 0
Mrs G. Olives, Mangaweka ...	3 0 0
Friend ...	0 10 0
Mrs Gandin, Hataitai ...	0 2 6
Palmerston N. town & country Women Workers' Patriotic Shop ...	100 0 0
Mrs Morton, Auckland ...	0 5 0
Miss and Mrs Joseph ...	2 0 0
Misses Perry, Kelburn ...	2 0 0
Two Lady Friends ...	0 10 0
Friend ...	1 1 0
Mrs J. Port, Wellington ...	1 10 0

£510 15 9 £921 14 6

The total money and goods has now been handed over by me to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Wellington, for transmission to their Head Office in London, and an audited account of the whole transaction is being submitted by them to the Minister of Internal Affairs.

I do trust and pray that these 26 cases of lovely garments, which you have all helped to provide, will arrive in London safely. As you can imagine, I have had a good deal of work with this appeal, but am more than recompensed for it all by the hearty response that has been made by the Unions throughout New Zealand.

I take this opportunity of thanking all the Unions for the splendid support they have given me in response to my appeal. Might I suggest to all the Unions who succeeded in securing the help of their local papers in connection with this effort, that they might convey from me, to their papers, my thanks for the valuable

help they gave this matter? I know for a certainty that they helped very considerably to make the result such a success.

I also wish to thank all friends of Union members who made contributions of cash or goods throughout the Dominion, also the gentlemen who helped to pack the cases or assist the Union members in any way.

I do not need to remind you that the war still continues, but nevertheless I trust and pray that in God's good providence, as Superintendent, it will not be necessary for me to make another appeal. But if it should be otherwise, I have every confidence in the women of the W.C.T.U. in New Zealand helping the brave mine-sweepers and torpedoed crews.

We owe these men a debt we can never repay.

Thanking you all once more.—Yours in the work,

BESSIE NIMMO.

NELSON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The first Nelson District Convention took place on November 13th and 14th, meetings being held morning and afternoon of both days, presided over by Mrs Watson on the first day, and by Mrs Field on the second. Four Unions were represented—Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield, and Waka-puaka. Reports were given from the different Unions, showing steady work; the Superintendents of the Cradle Roll and Moral Hygiene Departments gave a short account of their work, with suggestions for the working of the departments by the younger Unions; and Mrs Field gave a helpful address on the general work of the W.C.T.U.

The second day was mainly occupied in the framing of a Constitution and the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—District President, Mrs Field; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Wilkinson; Recording Secretary, Mrs Judson; Treasurer, Mrs Moyes. It was decided that the District Convention should in future be held in September or early in October.

Amongst the resolutions passed were the following:—

"That this Convention desires to offer its sympathy to all who have

suffered bereavement through the war."

"This Convention, while welcoming the restriction of the hours for the sale of liquor, regrets that the Government has not seen its way to adopt the recommendations of the National Efficiency Board with regard to Total Prohibition during the war, and especially that the Bill has been so amended as to allow liquor to be served with meals during prohibited hours, thus opening the door to serious abuses."

A resolution of strong protest was also passed against the gambling methods adopted for raising money for patriotic funds.

A small committee was appointed to consider the question of children's picture entertainments, and to initiate action along the lines taken in Christchurch and other New Zealand centres.

A public meeting was held on the evening of the second day, when very interesting addresses were given by Mrs C. Kidson on "The Montessori System," and by Mrs Claude Graham on "Women in Public Life."

BEER AND VICE.

In 1912 when an effort was being made to restore the beer saloons in the American Army, the following statement was made in a memorial signed and sent to Congress by sixteen of the most famous physicians and surgeons in the United States:—"A study of army statistics shows that venereal diseases increased 600 per cent. during the beer-selling period. It is not only in the state of drunkenness that men step into danger of incurring venereal diseases, but in the state of exhilaration and weakened self-control, which follows the use of comparatively small amounts of alcoholic liquors. Modern scientific investigation has shown clearly that one of the earliest effects of the use of alcoholic liquors is impaired self-control."

REMEDY USED IN DRINK CASES.

1 ounce quassia chips, boiled in 1 pint of best vinegar, and left in liquid. Dose One teaspoonful in wine-glass of water three times a day.

Apples are also of use in curing the drink crave, and hot milk with ginger is a fine stimulant,

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

MAORI REPORT.

The following Unions have contributed to the Maori Fund since last published list (see September "White Ribbon," 1917):—Oxford (2nd subscription), £1; Pahiataua, Oct. 4th, 16s 6d; New Plymouth, Oct. 4th, £2 2s; Wellington Central, Oct. 27th, per Mrs Helyer, £1 14s; Ngaere, Nov. 12th, 15s; Nelson, Nov. 12th, per Mrs Judson, £1; Nelson, Nov. 28th, per Mrs Brown, £3; Wellington District, Nov. 28th, per Mrs Boxall, £1; Kaia-poi, Nov. 29th, per Mrs Blackwell, £1; Auckland District, Nov. 30th, per Miss Dewar, £1.

I am glad to report that Pahiataua and Katikati (a newly formed Union in the Bay of Plenty) are working for us in the matter of distribution of Maori leaflets; also that Miss Woodhead has been able to visit some of the native Unions in North Auckland. We welcome her active interest in this work again, and trust that her health may continue to improve. The thanks of the Union are also due to the Rev. and Mr Paikea, of that district, for again this year placing their steam launch at Miss Woodhead's disposal for a two days' trip, thus saving the Union a big expense. I would also remind all Unions that reports of any work (no matter how small) done in this department are now due, to enable me to draw up Convention report in good time.

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Supt. Maori Department.
Address: Upper Fox Street, Gisborne.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—At the present time, when public feeling is in favour of restricting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors because their use lowers our national efficiency, ought we not to make special efforts to educate the public on the medical side of the question?

In the new evidence against alcohol it is shown to be a depressant, never a stimulant. "Impairment seems to be the keynote expressed by the depression," says the Journal of the American Medical Association in an editorial review upon some of the latest scientific experiments of the

effects of alcohol upon the nervous system. The editorial quotes approvingly what Quensel said: "Work and alcohol do not belong together, especially when work demands wide-awakeness, attention, exactness, and endurance."

Professor Conn, in his review of these experiments, says: "Two very important general conclusions concerning the physiological action of alcohol seem to be reached from this new series of tests. Alcohol is the one universal narcotising drug. Various other drugs have a narcotic effect upon certain actions, and are somewhat selective as to the functions they will depress. But alcohol seems to depress all vital functions, and it appears to be the only one of the narcotics that has this universal action."

"Alcohol in small quantities has the same effect that it has in large quantities, although less in amount. The apparent stimulating action which is sometimes seen in small doses of alcohol, when traced analytically to its cause, proves to be due to the fact that the alcohol has paralysed certain mental functions, allowing others to run riot, as it were, unchecked by the normal controlling functions of the undrugged human brain."

Dr. Sims Woodhead, professor of pathology at Cambridge University, England, said some years ago, in speaking of alcohol as a medicine: "In 90 per cent. of cases where alcohol was given it was found that instead of getting a better condition, the heart and blood vessels attained a condition more dangerous to the patient."

Dr. Woodhead was asked for a substitute for brandy in cases of collapse for home use. He recommended hot water and hot milk. These could be carried in a thermos bottle as easily as brandy is carried in a flask. He was asked also if port wine is blood-making, and replied that it is no good whatever in that respect.

Madame Von Wolfing, of Paris, the well-known bacteriologist, reports that her observations show that alcohol produces the same reactions in the blood as are produced by the poisons of bacteria.

Sir A. Pearce Gould, recognised all over the world as an authority on cancer, in a recent lecture stated that the experience of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident

Institution (insurance company) was that death from cancer was more than twice as frequent among the non-abstaining section of their policy-holders as it was among the abstaining section. His experience with this disease led him to say that it is more rapid and more distressing among those who take alcohol.

Dr. J. Wallace Beveridge, formerly instructor in children's diseases in Cornell University Medical College, declares that the consumption of spirituous liquors by parents materially reduces the birth-rate, particularly that its use by mothers of babies results in infant disease and death. The effect of alcohol upon infant mortality is appalling.

He also says: "Just let us glance for a moment at the physiological action of alcohol. It causes a lowering of the body temperature of from one to three degrees. At first it increases the heart action, but lowers the blood pressure through the dilation of the blood vessels. It affects the nervous system directly through the blood.

"It has been found present in the blood stream fifteen minutes after taking. It causes a tremendous flow of blood to the capillaries and small blood-vessels that supply the stomach. At the same time there is a corresponding lessening of the blood supply in the brain.

"After alcohol has been taken for some time, either in small or greater amounts, the muscle cells degenerate through a fatty degeneration or through direct starvation. The small blood vessels of the brain often are ruptured, and minute clots form.

"This breaking down of the cell structures of the body, of the lessening of the oxidation, creates a distinct toxic condition which is very difficult to eliminate. In time various portions of the body, such as the liver, stomach, and kidneys, become seriously damaged.

"One very interesting fact which I have noticed is that in the majority of cases when a patient is suffering from malignant growths, such as cancer in the abdominal organs, there is usually an alcoholic history. It is reasonable to presume that where a vital organ like the stomach has its delicate tissues constantly irritated, as is done by the steady use of alcohol, that the way is opened for whatever pathological change may take place wherein

cancer is given a chance to manifest itself."

As a medicine, in the opinion of many of our greatest doctors, alcohol has practically no value. The great weight of scientific evidence leads to the conclusion that alcohol is an unmitigated evil. It has been eliminated from the pharmacopoeia of the U.S.A.

The figures gathered by the State Board of Health show that only three-fourths of a tablespoonful per year per patient is prescribed by the best and highest class physicians. That it is not efficient as a medicine is easily shown by the fact that many of the best doctors never prescribe it at all.

At the annual meeting of the neurologists of America, held in Chicago, July, 1914, it was resolved: "That organised medicine should initiate and carry on a systematic, persistent propaganda for the education of the public regarding the deleterious effects of alcohol."

Friends, this is what we must do, carry on a systematic propaganda for the education of the public regarding the evil effects of alcohol upon the organs of the human body.

The following leaflets should be purchased, and distributed by all Unions, especially at public meetings, and at meetings held for mothers in connection with Cradle Roll work.

I would also suggest that the two leaflets, "Alcohol Drinking Hinders Business," and "Alcohol, the Young Man's Greatest Enemy," be distributed to boys of high school age.

I can supply the following at per dozen:—

- Safe Remedies in Illness, 8d.
- New Evidence Against Alcohol, 4d.
- Medical Opinions of Alcohol as a Remedy, 4d.
- A Patent Medicine Quiz, 4d.
- How can the Medical Temperance Department of the W.C.T.U. Help to Bring Prohibition? 4d.
- Why Headache Remedies are Dangerous, 4d.
- Beer Drinking Injures Health, 4d.
- Do Weak Hearts Need Alcohol? 4d.
- Alcohol Drinking Hinders Business Success, 4d.
- Should Pledged Abstainers Use Alcohol as Medicine? 4d.
- A New York Physician's Arraignment of Alcohol, 4d.
- How Drunkards are Made in the Home, 4d.

- Medicated Wines, 4d.
- Do Alcoholic Liquors Aid Digestion? 4d.
- Medical Temperance Quiz, 4d.
- Medical Men and the Alcohol Question, 4d.
- How to Avoid Constipation, 4d.
- West Virginia State Medical Society Against Alcohol, 4d.
- Special Medical Directions for Women, 4d.
- What Can Nurses Do for Temperance, 4d.
- Trained Nurses and Alcohol, 4d.
- Recent Medical Opinions and Findings Upon Alcohol, 4d.
- Alcohol the Young Man's Greatest Enemy: Why? 4d.
- Alcoholic Degeneracy, 4d.
- Alcohol Injures Children, 4d.
- Alcohol and Nursing Mothers, 4d.
- Save the Babies, 4d.
- British Doctors Against Alcohol, 2d.
- Nerve Specialists and Insanity Experts Denounce Alcohol, 2d.
- A Bottle and Two Glasses, 2d.
- Physicians Not Using Alcohol, 2d.
- The Medical Profession Officially Divorced from the Liquor Traffic, 2d.
- Alcohol Baths, 2d.
- Why Patent Medicines Should Not Be Advertised and Sold, 2d.
- Deaths, Poisoning, and Drug Habits Result from Taking Patent Medicines, 2d.
- An Easy Road to Drunkenness, 2d.

A sample packet, containing one each of the above leaflets, 1s, post free.

Trusting that every Union will send a report before December 31st.—

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,
CLARA M. NEAL,
Dominion Supt., Pahiataua.

UNIONS' ADVERTISEMENTS.

Will all Secretaries of Unions kindly revise their advertisements, on the last page of "White Ribbon," and bring them up-to-date? If there is any mistake at all in the advertisement, or if you have changed officers, please send along a post-card to the Business Manager, Port Chalmers, in time for our January issue, so that we may start the year well. Unions who have no advertisement, please consider if you could not afford 10s per annum to insert an advertisement in our official organ.

STRENGTH OF NATION MOVEMENT.

Will every member or friend who has a suggestion for aggressive and progressive work for 1918 please write me so that we may give it prayerful consideration before our Convention. We want to "be strong and do exploits," so "In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

Cordial Christmas greetings from your comrade,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

"The Chatel,"

Littlebourne Crescent, Dunedin.

BEES, BOOZE, AND BIZ.

Humans may learn many lessons from the bee, but few know that he is a temperance advocate. True, the unwary bee may fall a victim to the lrimming poppy cup, and you have perhaps seen him fall off the water wagon and sprawl in a boozy stupor in your flower garden. But, if so, he soon picks himself up, says "Never again," and means it. Naturalists tell us that a bee never makes the mistake twice of mixing business with booze. If he hits the juice once, he is "bone dry" for ever after.

How doth the busy, boozy bee
Improve each shining flower,
And sip the poppy's juice till he
Reels sprawling by the hour!

I've seen him in a poppy cup,
Prone soused in ecstasy,
While myriad comrades whooped it up,
All drunk as lords can be.

With two legs and a jug, a man
Is in an awful fix;
Think of the boozy bee—how can
He ever manage six?

But, unlike man, the busy bee
Is wise—you bet he is!
Once stung, he cuts the ecstasy,
And settles down to biz.

"If in life's game you would not
lose,"
The busy bee makes oath,
"You've got to choose 'twixt biz and
booze;
You can't get on with both."

—Copied from "Munsey," Nov.

A CHILD OF THE MANSE.

(By Gertrude Cockerell.)

(Continued.)

The morning light was struggling past its obstacles into Pearl's room, when a gentle knock aroused her from her sleep. Thrusting into her hands a cup of tea and some bread and butter, Sarah whispered, "Jest to put a little heart into yer, yer know," and withdrawing almost as quickly as she had entered, with the parting injunction, "Yer needn't say nothin'; she wouldn't like it."

Pearl warmly thanked the intruder for her thoughtful act, though she did not approve of the deception, and was loath to receive such favour. And Sarah, who always made use of the housetop to proclaim her virtues, only got from her mistress a stern rebuke for "interfering with her intention to begin with Miss Wilson as she intended to go on."

As Pearl hastily dressed, her sweet, clear voice rang out in tuneful praise, with her new-born resolution, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praises shall continually be in my mouth."

"Who's that, my dear," Mr Avis asked.

"Oh! I suppose Margaret," Phyllis replied with irritation.

"Why, what a good voice she has," he exclaimed, with appreciation.

Phyllis vowed that this remark should never reach Pearl's ears, and on a subsequent occasion, when her husband found her an intelligent critic of the work on which he was engaged, she made up her mind the two should meet as little as possible.

Whether wilfully or otherwise, there always followed aloofness, if not separation, on the part of any one inclined to favour Pearl. It was the policy of Phyllis, in her immediate circle, though never outside that circle, to withhold the kindly word or message that would have cemented friendship, or the explanation that would have saved heart-ache, or the acknowledgment of suffering. She acted on the assumption that to ignore inconvenient facts made them non-existent. "You needn't tell her that her voice is good, or you will make her vain." "Don't take notice of her, or she will think herself ill," and so on.

Occasionally Phyllis had qualms of conscience over some fresh havoc her tongue had caused, but her admirers immediately checked any personal blame. "You should not blame yourself." "How humble." "How sweet." "How just you are."

"Sarah has a great deal too much to do. Evelyn was such a comfort, and did so much," was dinned into Pearl's ears from morning to night. And ignoring the fact of Pearl's delicacy, she would add, "And she was not strong." "As for myself, I am a veritable slave. I have no time to live," as like one demented she rushed at the last moment to overtake some trifling duty, her long absence at the 'phone indulging in social gossip, or watching her neighbours from the window, made overdue.

As to Sarah, her service was "eye service," and "down tools" was her invariable rule in the long periods when her mistress was not in evidence. It was when the neglect of common cleanliness was only too patent that Phyllis ventured to address Sarah on the subject, sheltering behind Pearl as the one "dissatisfied." Sarah's ire knew no bounds, and she entered on a course of persecution that did much to embitter Pearl's existence. Mistress and maid now made the adverse discussion of Pearl's ways and methods their constant theme, and so the fires of bitterness and resentment were kept burning. The most flagrant neglect of Sarah's work was met with, "You are too particular, Margaret," though Phyllis took no pains to verify her charge. Lamentably weak where she should have been strong, Phyllis was masterful enough where she should have been yielding. Whatever mishap occurred in the home, she made Pearl the scapegoat. Was Sarah in a bad humour, it was, "What have you been doing now to upset my woman," and despite her explanations and attempts to put the crooked straight, Pearl was always made to appear in the wrong. Her work was at a discount, and her efforts to bring order out of chaos were called "interference." Taking every advantage of the position, Sarah became rude, and even insolent in word and deed, despite Pearl's efforts at conciliation. Sometimes Phyllis, sometimes Sarah, would suddenly pounce down upon Pearl in the midst of her thankless tasks, with "You

should not do this," "What are you doing," and both would watch her like a child-criminal whose every act had to be controlled.

It was not long after her arrival, that Pearl was pouring forth her soul in sweet refrain, revelling in the beautiful organ the home possessed, when she was startled in the midst of her sublime exercise by her cousin madly rushing into her presence.

"Surely her clothes must have caught on fire," was Pearl's first thought. But no, facing her with flaming cheeks and flashing eyes, she exclaimed, "What are you doing? You will ruin that beautiful instrument," despite the fact that Pearl was a musician of no mean order.

Another day Pearl was attacking a pile of household mending with a worn-out sewing machine, when the irate Phyllis, whom Sarah had secretly called upon the scene with frantic, mysterious gestures, burst forth in fury with, "What a liberty to use my machine, Margaret," as she snatched it from her.

Pearl found it hard to realise, after her free life at the Manse, and its responsibilities, which she had so long shouldered with competency, that she was not to have a free hand in her cousin's house. "How long, O Lord?" was a cry often on her lips. And then she thought of Him, "despised and rejected of men," and "considered Him" and was comforted.

(To be Continued.)

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Several enquiries have been made by officers of Unions as to the necessity of advertising their annual meetings. The majority of our Unions are unregistered, and therefore they may call their annual meeting either by advertising or by sending post-cards, with time and place of meeting, to every member. Those Unions which are registered under "The Incorporated Societies Act for 1908," must have rules, and in these rules must provide for the mode of summoning and holding general meetings of the Union. It is therefore necessary for these registered Unions to consult their rules, and comply with the terms of the rules on calling meetings.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs Wright has just been returned at the head of the poll, the first woman to be elected a member of the Cape Province Municipality.

In Richmond, Victoria, a little child of three years of age was brutally treated by her step-father in the presence of her mother, and apparently without any protest from her. The man got three months in gaol, but no charge was laid against the woman. In reply to a question, the State Attorney-General said it would be useless to take action against the mother. The legal presumption that she acted under compulsion of her husband would be a bar to proceedings against her. Even if she had actually taken part in the binding and gagging of the child, she would still be protected under the presumption of the law that she acted under the influence of her husband.

Surely it is time the law ceased to treat a woman as an irresponsible person, just a mere appendage of her husband, and compelled to do evil at his bidding.

America is employing women in the Dupont powder plant. It has also opened competitive examinations to women as munition inspectors.

Many women are working at the British Headquarters in France as carpenters, chauffeurs, electrical workers. Housed in huts, under women chaperones, they work under women lieutenants.

Lady Holder, President of the Australian W.C.T.U., has been appointed a Magistrate.

In a certain U.S. town, the Board of Trade became concerned about the mortality among the babies. They appointed four men to lecture to mothers on how to feed and bring up their babies, but they never thought about putting any woman on the committee. Why should they? The men were quite competent to run that town without any assistance from the women. But alas! the women quietly stayed away from the meetings, and the gentlemen lectured to old bachelors and high school children. Next time, perhaps, that Board will consult the women before venturing to instruct them how to do their own work.

New York City is holding an examination for the post of Chief Medical Examiner, who is to replace the Coroner. Both men and women physicians will be eligible.

The Minister of Public Instruction in France says there are 650 women teaching in boys' schools, with the best possible results. In the primary schools 15,000 women were employed to free male teachers, and they had shown the same devotion and competency, and maintained the same discipline as their male colleagues.

Fifty women are employed on locomotive and munition work by the Grand Trunk Railway, Quebec, and a woman has replaced a watchman, and is doing the work satisfactorily.

Miss Mary Whelan is Wisconsin's first deputy woman sheriff.

Flag women at crossings are a recent innovation on various railroads in America. They have long been an institution in Germany. Women are generally replacing men in the lighter work of the railways. Here is a hint for our Minister of Railways. Why does he not employ a few capable women? If a capable, brainy woman managed our railways, she would arrange that a late train took girls home from business on Friday nights.

Women in Berlin have been elected Magistrates.

For the first time, the Health Department of Columbia has appointed a woman inspector. The Health Officer thinks a woman is better fitted than a man to inspect kitchens in lunch rooms and restaurants, and to judge of the cleanliness of grocery stores, markets, and soda fountains.

Dr. Mary Cutler, President of the W.C.T.U. in Korea, has served as a missionary there for over a quarter of a century; for twenty years she has been superintendent of the "Salvation for all Women" Hospital, at Seoul, and for five years superintendent of the hospital of "Extended Grace" at Pyeng Yang. In her training homes for nurses she conducts courses in scientific temperance, and her students go out to spread the gospel of total abstinence among the people.

Dr. Evelyn Windsor is the first woman to be appointed to a medical position in the Canadian Army. She has the rank of Captain, and is attached to the Canadian Army Medical Corps in France.

According to W. H. Packer, superintendent of the Ohio State Stove Co., "women workers are swifter, more careful, steadier, and more adaptable than men. They are more ambitious, and less given to watching the clock."

Women have invaded Government offices by the tens of thousands; they have found work in munition factories; they have entered the engine-shops and shipyards; they have appeared on the land; they have taken their places as conductors of buses and trams, as ticket collectors on the railways, as lift attendants in public and private establishments. The remarkable disclosure which has come to us is not so much their adaptability and quickness as their physical endurance. They seem to stand the strain of long hours and arduous and exhausting work as well as, in many cases better than, men. A good many preconceived ideas have, in short, been completely upset by recent experience, and the consequence is that women are being invited to assist in new directions.—"Daily Telegraph," London.

MOSLEM WOMEN DEMAND MONOGAMY.

In Tomsk, Siberia, Moslem women at a mass meeting, held early in May, demanded that polygamy, as a tenet of religion as well as a practice, cease.

WOMEN POLICE.

A Conference on the work of the women police was held in July in London. Miss Damer Dawson said that there were now 560 uniformed police women working in official posts in England. Many testimonies to the success of their work were given by police officers and others.

WOMEN IN RUSSIA.

Under the Act issued by the Provisional Government to reorganise the judicial system of Russia, women as well as men, who possess the necessary qualifications, are eligible as Magistrates and Judges.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION.

(Contributed.)

It is over 25 years ago that the I.B.R.A. was commenced by the late Charles Waters, of the S.S. Union, Old Bailey, London. The membership is steadily increasing, till at the present the readers number nearly one million over the world (in New Zealand there are 14,400).

The Bible-in-Schools department has been set aside, but there is great need of the Bible in the home in our fair Dominion, as elsewhere.

For many years the American International S.S. Union lessons have been followed in the course of these daily readings. But now the new "British International course" (undenominational) will be adopted for 1918 and 1919. So that our Sunday School teachers will still be greatly assisted in their study of the lessons, week by week, and busy workers will appreciate this.

The individual reader (or the family circle) that takes up the I.B.R.A. will find Dr. Smellie's notes most illuminative, and spiritually helpful, day by day, as strengthening and stimulating to the Christian life.

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N.B.—The million members are asked for the small sum of 3d each to provide funds for missionary work in India.

You will ask what is the subscription of the I.B.R.A. These can be received at any time. The "Hints" on the outstanding topic of the day cost 6d only for the year (a tiny leaflet); but adult members are recom-

mended to secure the full notes, at 1s per year, sent quarterly by post.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

ORGANISING FUND.

Nelson and Wanganui, £5 each; Ashburton and Timaru, £4 each; New Plymouth (account), £2; South Invercargill, 11s; Mrs C. Ogle (Waitara), 5s. Total, £20 16s. Expenditure for month, £11 6s 8d.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION FUND.

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OTHER RECEIPTS (excluding Capitation Fees).

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NELLIE BENDELY,
N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 5th December, 1917.

Almighty God is not to be bought with gold that is blistered with orphans' tears, that is steeped in the mother's blood, that is cankered with the mildew of England's sins. I would sooner see the cathedrals rot on the ground than that they should be rebuilt by the colossal fortunes that have been raised by the drinking idiocy of the English people.—Arch-deacon Wilberforce.

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A VISION OF JERUSALEM.

The news that Jerusalem is now in English hands has thrilled many hearts throughout our vast Empire. After being centuries under the rule of the Crescent, once more the flag of the Cross is hoisted o'er its walls.

Amid the many visions of Jerusalem that memory calls up, there are two that linger longest in our mind. The first is the picture of the Man of Sorrows as He weeps over the city and voices the tragedy not only of Jerusalem, but of the world: "How often would I have gathered thy children as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

The twin picture is that of Calvary, with its mighty sufferer. The shadow of the cross falls athwart all our memories of Jerusalem. At this Christmas season, while we commemorate a Saviour's birth, it is well to remind ourselves that the birth of Christ does not convey a full lesson. Calvary, with its cross of suffering, succeeded Bethlehem with its peaceful cradle; the multitude of the heavenly host praising God and singing "Peace on earth, good-will to men," was replaced by a howling mob shouting, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" The babe of Bethlehem becomes the "Man of Sorrow and acquainted with grief."

To-day He broods o'er a sin-stricken and suffering world, as of old He wept over Jerusalem. Still He voices the same tragedy, "Ye will not come unto Me that ye may have life." To-day He says to our nation, as to Israel of old, "Return unto Me, O backsliding Israel, and I will heal all thy backslidings, and love thee freely."

The call to sacrifice has come to us. From our shores have gone forth the flower of our young manhood. They went not because they loved war, but because they believed duty called them. All through our land is heard the cry of weeping and lamentation. "Rachel weeping for her children, and will not be comforted, because they are not." May the Christmas season bring comfort to all sore hearts! May they realise that the Eternal Father gave His well beloved Son to redeem a world from sin, and pray and work that the ordeal causing the sacrifice of many sons may lead our Dominion, our Empire, our world, up from the mists of sin and sorrow on to the golden heights where God resides among His own.

We look upon the dark war cloud and see it glowing darkly red with the waves of suffering and shot athwart with the golden gleams of sacrifice. If we are true to the best in us, we will see our Empire emerge from this crucible of suffering with the gold of national character purified, and the dross of national sin refined away.

The constant prayer of every Christian citizen should be, "Lord, send us statesmen, not time-serving politicians." The politician looks around and says, "The evils of intemperance, impurity, and other evils are among

us; we can't reform, let us license and regulate the evils." But the statesman, beholding with clearer vision the things which make for our eternal welfare, sets up the standard of national prohibition, and exalts the white ideal of purity before men and women alike. He is working in harmony with all the unseen forces for righteousness, and though only by slow degrees and much education, still the race begins to climb up to the ideal set before it. The politician is a materialist, and his aims are physical only. The statesman recognises that the most powerful influences are unseen, and his aims are spiritual.

"God makes the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He will restrain."

What benefits can we see coming from this trial? Under the iron flail the different parts of our Empire are being welded together into one harmonious whole; the right of every adult to an equal voice in the government of the country is being realised; the iniquity of a system which allows huge acres to be kept as deer parks and pleasure grounds for the few, while the many are crowded into unwholesome slums, is being brought home to us; the right of every child to be well born is now recognised; also its right to a mother's care is allowed in Mothers' Pension Acts.

Ceaseless war is waged upon the twin evils of drink and impurity; the need of an equal standard of morals to save us from national corruption and decay has been shown.

God shows to us a vision splendid of a nation, a world redeemed from evil by the spirit of a glorious sacrifice. He calls us to translate this vision into a reality; if we fail, our doom is sealed.

When victory shall come to us, it will come as a little babe cradled in the arms of a Madonna, who is the Angel of Sacrifice.

"But, Britain! Britain! what if it be written

On the great scrolls of Him who holds the ways,

That to the dust the foe shall not be smitten

Till unto Him we pledge redeemed days?

Not of our own might shall this tribulation

Pass, and once more to earth be
peace restored;
Not till we turn, in solemn consecra-
tion,
Wholly to Him, our One and
Sovereign Lord."

THE CAPTAIN AND THE PRIEST.

(By Estelle Lawton Lindsey.)

The captain of finance has cornered
the wheat.
"Stand firm," said the Captain, "the
people must eat."
"Have you thought," asked the Priest
"what the suffering will be?"
"Of course," grinned the Captain,
"it's millions to me."
"My mills," laughed the Captain, "are
rivers of gold."
"It's minted from pain and from hun-
ger and cold."
"Have you thought," asked the Priest,
"what those children will be?"
"I have," said the Captain, "it's noth-
ing to me."

In the stores of the Captain pale wom-
en and grim
Coin soul, blood and body to money
for him.
"They're starved," said the Priest, "so
they sin; don't you see?"
"Just so," said the Captain, "but
what's that to me?"
"The nations, like spinxes now
brooding and dumb.
Shall wake," said the Priest, "and
your judgment shall come.
Have you thought on the day when
that judgment shall be?"
"They're fools," said the Captain,
"They never will see."

Part Two—The Women to the Captain.

"The day of your judgment is here;
we demand
You yield to the voice of the Lord in
the land.
That many shall labour, a handful
shall reap,
The idler shall laugh while the work-
ers must weep,
"That babes shall be broken in an-
guish and pain
To mould their young lives into ill-
gotten gain,
Is wrong," say the women, "The
judgment HAS come;
We cry it aloud who for ages were
dumb;

"And the sound of our crying shall
never be stilled
Till the soul of the nation is quick-
ened and thrilled,
And the hand of the spoiler relaxes
because
The love of the mothers has written
the laws!"

OUR DOUBLE STANDARD OF MORALS.

(Professor T. W. Shannon.)

The men of the primitive savage
races were responsible for the origin
of the dual standard of morals. Dur-
ing the early centuries men were
very largely responsible for main-
taining and perpetuating it. During
all the centuries men have been
taught that sowing "wild oats" was
natural, and even necessary for them.
Women were taught that such sowing
was unnatural and unpardonable for
them, and that they should not hold
as high standards for men as for
women. Respectable women formed
only good habits, while respectable
men formed one or more bad habits.
Respectable women were compelled to
marry men of known bad habits, or
be disgraced as "old maids." To a
very large extent acquiescence in this
dual standard by women has been a
justifiable expediency. They were
powerless to help themselves.

In the days of savagery the erring
woman was usually stoned to death.
Among the civilized races the erring
woman has been killed socially, and
the torture prolonged for a number of
years, terminating in an untimely
death, and an unmarked grave. The
churches have given millions of
money, prayed earnestly, and worked
faithfully in their efforts to rescue
these women, without being able to
save one in fifty. These poor women
know, even better than rescue workers
know, that should they reform and
become Christians, not one person in
a hundred would really ever forgive
them, and practically all places of
honourable industry would be closed
to them for life. Under the double
standard of morals, the churches can-
not offer these women reasonable en-
couragement to reform and become
Christians. Our rescue efforts in
the past have been largely misdirect-
ed, therefore lost.

With rare exceptions, the equally or
more guilty man has gone unmolest-
ed, unarrested, unconvicted, un-
whipped; has lost no social prestige;
may unite with any club, lodge, or
church; become an official member of
the same; or, if he chooses, he may
become a national reformer. Our
double standard of morals is almost
entirely responsible for the more than
a quarter of a million children annu-
ally born in our country outside the
pale of holy wedlock. One-half of
this number die from starvation or
improper feeding. The other half, in
their tender, innocent, playful child-
hood, have flaunted into their faces
the fact of their unfortunate birth.
From this experience on through life
they are targets of ridicule, sneers,
and persecution.

Ninety per cent. of race degeneracy
is due to immorality and its conse-
quent diseases and to alcohol and
tobacco. To the extent that these

habits are indulged in more by men
than by women is the double standard
of morals responsible for these habits.
The passage of eugenic marriage and
parentage laws will do little good so
long as we maintain a dual standard
of ethics, this relic of savagery, this
monster curse of civilisation, this chief
cause of degeneracy, this greatest
enemy to Christianity.

HOME HELPS.

SPRING CLEANING.

(By an American Poet.)

Yes, clean your house and clean your
shed,
And clean your barn in every part;
But brush the cobwebs from your head,
And sweep the snowbanks from your
heart.
Yes, when spring cleaning comes
around,
Bring forth the duster and the
broom;
But rake your foggy notions down,
And sweep your dusty soul of
gloom.

Sweep old ideas with the dust,
And dress your soul in newer
style;
Scrape from your mind its worn-out
crust,
And dump it in the rubbish pile.
Sweep out the hates that burn and
smart,
Bring in new love, serene and
pure,
Around the hearthstone of thy heart
Place modern styles of furniture.

Clean out the brain's deep rubbish
hole,
Soak every cranny, great and small,
And in the front room of the soul
Hang prettier pictures of the wall.
Scrub up the windows of the mind,
Clean up, and let the Spring begin;
Swing open wide the dusty blind
And let the Springtime sunshine in.

Plant flowers in the soul's front yard,
Set out new shade and blossom trees,
And let the soul, once frozen hard,
Sprout crocuses of new ideas.
Yes, clean your house, and clean
your shed,
And clean your barn in every part;
But brush the cobwebs from your
head,
And sweep the snow banks from
your heart.

—The Alliance Record.

In 1890, when Nebraska voted on
State-wide Prohibition, the met ma-
jority was 29,436. Last November,
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L.T.L. Reports.

NGAIO.

Nov. A most successful concert to wind up their first session. The schoolroom was packed to overflowing with friends and sympathisers, and the members of the Legion gave a most enjoyable programme of songs, recitations, and dialogues. The junior members, all under twelve years of age, acted with spirit "The Sick Baby," one of Mrs Neal's list, and the senior members brought the evening to a close with "Queen Temperance and Her Attendants." Mr Buzzicot Rowden, the Legion's President, made a most capable chairman for the evening, and the few remarks he made were to the point. We hope next year to begin work with fresh vigour, and to keep up the interest which has been very apparent this session.

CORRECTION.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

In the list of Superintendents last month, Press Department was inadvertently omitted. Will Unions please note that all reports on Press work are to be sent to Mrs Duxfield, Mahoney Street, Wanganui East?

SCULPTURING.

Roses die on earnest faces,
Lines and pallor take their places.
Useful hands are seldom pretty,
Honest lips are rarely witty.
Ears that hear high mandates ringing,
Are but dull to pleasure's singing.
Vigils dim the eye of beauty,
Forms are bent by loads of duty—
Can these types, so faulty, seem
Worthy of the Sculptor's dream?

Aye, He recognises truly
All of hidden worth, and duly
Cuts the rough outline away
(This the work we deem decay).
Lines of strength He carves intently,
Then more carefully and gently
Final grace He keeps supplying—
And we falsely call it dying.
Lovingly He views the whole,
Naming it **The Priceless Soul.**

Y's Reports.

ARAMOHO.

Nov. 12. Social evening, 39 present. Vocal music, competitions, and games were indulged in. Refreshments were handed round. An item of special interest was the initiation of nine new members. Two "White Ribbon" subscribers. Cradle Roll started with five babies; more pledges to come in. Literature distributed, Aramoho Railway Station W.C.T.U. box. A letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Andrew and family. Flowers and messages sent to the sick.

AUCKLAND.

Oct. 29. Attendance very good. Nine new members gained. A fine address on "State Control" by Hon. G. Fowlds. Reported that this Branch, with Avondale Y's, took afternoon session at District Convention, and helped with "Our Day" appeal. We are working hard for a Bazaar on November 30th and December 1st.

Nov. 26. Final arrangements for the Bazaar. This has been a very busy month. Our Bazaar was opened on November 30 by the Mayoress, Mrs Gunson. The stalls were prettily decorated, and well filled with useful articles, and the attendance was good. The counterpane was a great success, and is to be presented to the "Brave soldiers of the Auckland Annex." The amount in hand for two days is about £156. More is still to come in.

Dec. 4. Special meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Miss A. Parkinson; Vice-Pres., Misses I. Cook, E. Foster, and O. Scott; Rec. Sec., Miss H. Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrill; "W.R." Supt., Miss I. Sussex; Librarian, Miss S. Lee; Press and Parliamentary Committee, Miss Glasson and officers ex officio. Our membership is still increasing.

(Hearty congratulations, girls! The splendid result of your Bazaar would take the ache out of brain and limb that such affairs always give earnest workers.—Editor "W.R.")

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

CHRISTCHURCH.

October. Meetings held every week, and great preparations made for luncheon and tea rooms at the A. and P. Show. It was most successful, the takings being almost as great as last year.

November 14. Mrs T. E. Taylor presiding. Decided to hold annual meeting on December 12th. Decided to hold social on November 2nd; all new members specially urged to attend. Votes of thanks to all who helped at Show. Vote of sympathy to Mrs A. Allen.

November 28. Mrs Blythe presided. Reported that social very successful. Attendance large, and three new members initiated. Decided to hold several evening meetings in 1918. Mrs Wicks spoke on food conservation.

RAKAIA.

November 8. Mrs Boag presided, and spoke on the "Social Hygiene Bill." The Rev. A. S. Morrison led in prayer, and addressed the meeting on the "Words of Our Society's Name," and "The Fiddlers." Our Treasurer reported £1 1s 1½d in hand. Decided to hold a big Band of Hope on November 30 to finish the season.

FEILDING.

November 22. Annual meeting, and election of officers. A small attendance, Mrs Reese presided. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. Report of L.T.L. meetings, and work for the year was read by Mrs Thompson. All the old Officers were re-elected.

DEVONPORT.

November 8. Annual meeting. Mrs Cranch in the chair; 24 present. Following Officers were elected: President, Mrs Barr; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burnett; Cor. Sec., Mrs Little; Treasurer, Miss Le Roy; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Budd, Elliott, George, Sheppard and Armitage; Reporter, Mrs Armitage. Special vote of thanks

to Mrs Little for faithful service for many years. She has "carried on" when a less loyal-hearted worker would have laid down her tools.

HASTINGS.

November 7. An At Home to the mothers and wives of soldiers. 250 present. The Mayoress welcomed the guests in the name of the Union. The President invited those present to link up with us and help to gain Total Prohibition. Dr. Boxer gave a fine address on "Efficiency." Afternoon tea handed round by young ladies, and a fine programme was thoroughly enjoyed.

NORMANBY.

Nov. 14. Annual meeting held at Mrs Linn's; about 30 present. Officers elected: President, Mrs Scott; Sec., Mrs Saunders; Cor. Sec., Miss Anstes; Treasurer, Mrs Linn; W.R. Supt., Mrs Dickson; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; Literature, Mrs Walker; Flower, Miss P. Clement. Reported that the Union has raised an average of £2 10s per week for the year. £13 collected for mine-sweepers. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mrs Linn.

PAKIRI.

Nov. 1. Fair attendance. Social Hygiene Bill criticised; objection to compulsory clauses of the Bill, and a resolution passed endorsing the decision of the women's meeting in Wellington on the 6th of October. One new member initiated. One new subscriber to the "White Ribbon." Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs Matheson and Mrs Haskell for the loss of their sons at the Front.

DANNEVIRKE.

Nov. A very successful "American Tea." Every member had to bring at least 1s earned by herself, the result being the sum of £5, which is to go to the mine-sweepers. Mrs Venables, President of Napier Branch, had a most interesting talk with us, and gave us many hints. Afternoon tea was provided, and several visitors were present, three of whom became members.

NGAERE.

Nov. Annual meeting at Mrs K. Tarrant's. 12 present. Reported that the Union had assisted Stratford at a Mart and Tea Rooms, when about £45 were raised for Y.M.C.A. work. Reports and balance-sheet read and adopted. Officers: Pres., Mrs Jones; Rec. Sec., Miss Ellis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Tarrant; Treas., Mrs Whittome; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Morrison and Tarrant; Cradle Roll, Evangelistic, Purity, and "W.R." Supt., Mrs Ellis; Backblocks, Mrs Gilliver; Sunshine League and Mothers' Meetings, Mrs Morrison; Flower Mission, Misses Johnston, Jones, Phillips, and Walker; Maori Work, Miss Walker; Hospital Visitor, Miss Giddy; Anti-Gambling and Good Citizenship, Mrs Jemison;

Organist, Mrs Walker; Auditor, Mr D. Morrison. Decided for a temperance essay to give four prizes to Ngaere School and two to Finnerty Road School.

NELSON.

Nov. 13. A large attendance, Mrs Watson presiding. Arrangements were made for the annual meetings, and delegates nominated for the next Dominion Convention. Treasurer reported the proceeds of Sale of Work to be £38 14s 7d. Donated £5 to the Organising Fund, and £3 to the Maori Fund. Members took a large number of Dr. Platts-Mills' pamphlet to distribute.

WAIPUKURAU.

Nov. Annual meeting. Mrs Venables, District President, presided. Secretary's report outlined the work of the year. Treasurer's balance-sheet showed a balance in hand. The President reported upon the work of the Loyal Temperance Legion for the year. Officers elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs J. E. Reid; Sec., Mrs H. French; Treas., Mrs H. Robinson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding and Hopkirk; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Mercer; Organist, Mrs Harris. Refreshments were dispensed, and thanks given to the District President for her visit.

AUCKLAND.

Nov. Votes of sympathy with Mrs Cook and Mr McDermott, who have lost sons. Reported proceeds of "Our Day" W.C.T.U. Stall £102. Mrs Mason represented the Union at the unveiling of French memorial, and spoke splendidly. Dr. Florence Keller gave an address on "Progressive Organisation of Women in America." Adjutant Gordon also spoke.

Nov. 28. Mrs Perritt appointed Supt. of Y Branch. A gift afternoon for Y Bazaar. Rev. Hammond, of Sydney, gave an able address on his experiences in America.

ASHBURTON.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Mrs Miller presided. Attendance large. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Lane. Three new members. Decided to send letter of thanks to Editor of local paper for an article. Secretary's report read and adopted. Membership 132, increase of 80 for the year. Gratitude expressed for 6 o'clock closing and passing of Social Hygiene Bill. Treasurer's report showed a balance of £18 4s 10d. Excellent reports from Branch Union and Superintendents of Departments. Reported 91 subscribers to "White Ribbon." Officers elected: Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. Holland; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurza; Treas., Mrs R. McDonald; Assist. Treas., Mrs W. J. Brown; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Miller, Frost, Galbraith, Corbett, Brown, and Robinson. Remainder of business held over until February 5th.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Nov. Mrs Pasley presided; 25 present. Decided to send letters of appreciation to Mr Hanan and Mr Myers, who voted for 6 o'clock closing. Decided to spend 30s in prizes for temperance essays for two schools. Extracts read by President and Mrs Cooper.

Dec. Annual meeting. Mrs Pasley presided. Good attendance. Decided to assist Central Union with rest tent and tea rooms at the local Show. Annual report read and adopted. 12 new members for the year. Balance-sheet showed a credit balance. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Pasley; Sec., Mrs Garrett; Treas., Mrs Aitken; Assist. Treas., Mrs Parry. Great appreciation expressed for the labours of retiring Secretary, Mrs Parkins, and sympathy with her in her protracted illness.

GREYMOUTH.

October 30. Good attendance, Mrs Gaskin presiding. The Hygiene Bill discussed, and an article on the subject was read from "White Ribbon." The appeal for comforts for the mine-sweepers resulted in 144 warm garments, and £3 7s 6d in cash. A sale of work for the purpose of raising funds for Sailors' Rest, to be held on 6th December.

November 27. Annual meeting. Attendance very good; Mrs Gaskin presided. Work done through year reported. Officers elected for 1918: Mrs Gaskin, President; Mrs Mason, Senr., Mrs Parkinson, Mrs Hornsby, Vice-Presidents; Mrs W. Mason, Secretary; Mrs G. Sweetman, Treasurer; Mrs Brown, White Ribbon; Mesdames Perry, Stewart and Pound, Bands of Hope and Cradle Roll; Mrs Parkinson, Legal and Parliamentary; Mrs Hornsby, Evangelical.

GREYTOWN.

November 27. The President from Masterton took the chair. The election of Officers was as follows: Mrs Whincop, President; Mrs Banks, Secretary; Mrs Boucher, Treasurer; Mesdames Quin and A. Haigh, Vice-Presidents; Mrs Banks, Acting W.R. Agent, pro. tem. Votes of thanks passed to officiating President, also to Mrs Hodge and Miss Robinson who acted as tellers. Afternoon tea was handed round, and the National Anthem sung.

TAURANGA.

October 31. President, Mrs F. N. Christian, presided. Owing to unfavourable weather, attendance not too good. One new member initiated. Literature taken by members for distribution. Social Hygiene Bill was explained and discussed. Afternoon tea partaken of.

November 27. Annual meeting held, President presiding. Election of officers as follows: President, Mrs F. N. Christian; Corr. Secretary, Mrs Turner; Rec. Sec., Mrs Neal; Treasurer, Mrs Chappell; Vice-President, Mrs Laybourn, Christian, Senr., and

Chappell. Several papers read by Secretary. Decided to have recess of two months, and have social at opening meeting in New Year.

N.E. VALLEY.

November. Annual meeting; a full hall. Greetings from Churches and Temperance Societies. Officers elected: President, Mrs Peart; Secretary, Miss Begg; Treasurer, Mrs Saunders. Secretary read the report. 18 new members for the year. Treasurer reported balance in hand £10 6s 1d. A musical programme and refreshments.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

November 16. Annual meeting, Mrs McDonald presided. Attendance good. Mrs Evans read annual report, which was adopted. Mrs Helyer read balance-sheet and report, also adopted. Superintendents of Departments presented their reports. Officers elected: President, Mrs A. R. Atkinson; Acting-President, Mrs McDonald; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Cor. Sec and Press Reporter, Miss Helyer; Treasurer, Mrs Helyer; White Ribbon, Mrs Port; Cradle Roll and L.T.L., Mrs Remington; Railway Boxes, Mrs Lawton; Back Blocks, Mrs Stephenson; Hygiene, Mrs McDonald; Work Among Sailors, Mrs Nimmo; Literature, Mrs Witby; Purity, Mrs Caughley; Home Meetings, Mrs Evans.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Dec. 6. Annual meeting. A good attendance. Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Dennet read the report of work done during the year, and Mrs Boxall read the balance-sheet, showing a membership of 129. Rev. W. Shirer was present, and read the balance-sheet of the Building Fund. Reports were read from the following Branch Unions:—Central, Lower Hutt, and Greytown. The Superintendents of Good Citizenship, Red Cross, Railway Boxes, Sabbath Observance, and L.T.L. read accounts of the work done, which were very gratifying. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Houlder; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, M.A.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Keene; Treas., Mrs Boxall. The election of Superintendents was held over until the February meeting.

HAWERA.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting. Miss Maunder presided, and the annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. Mrs Curtis reported that the Loyal Temperance Legion had been carried on successfully. During the year a Young People's Union was started. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs J. S. Young; Vice-Pres., Sister Nellie, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, Blamires, and Miss Maunder; Cor. Sec., Mrs White; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs Best; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Tonks; Supt. Young People's Union, Mrs Bone; Maori Work, Mrs T. Tait; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bischoff; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs Best.

PAHIATUA.

Nov. 15. Drawing-room meeting. Address by Mrs Crabb, District President. Mrs Neal presided. Captain Mrs Huston gave a recitation. Two members initiated. Collection for N.Z. Fund, 10s 6d.

Dec. 6. Annual meeting. Increase in membership nine, one by removal, and eight new members. Work done in 14 departments. Officers elected as follows:—Pres., Mrs Neal; Sec., Mrs H. Godfrey; Treas., Mrs Eager; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cottom, Checkley, and Webster; Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs Webster; Purity Literature and Cradle Roll, Mrs Burgess; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Robertson; Flower Mission, Miss Davey; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Neal; Representative on Band of Hope Committee, Mrs Wright. Vote of thanks passed to Mrs Tasker for donating fifteen books to the Purity library. Resolved: "That we protest against the action of the National Government with regard to the secret deportation of religious and conscientious objectors."

MASTERTON.

Dec. 4. Mrs Devonport presided. Attendance fair. A vote of sympathy was extended to Mrs James Millar on the illness of her son. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E. G. Jones and Mrs Morris. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Whitehead and Jones; Sec., Mrs Flannagan; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; Supt. of Backblock Literature, Mrs N. Miller; Supt. of Home Meetings, Mrs H. Beale; Supt. of "White Ribbon," Mrs Ross; Supt. of Purity Literature, Miss Wingate; Press Reporter, Mrs N. Miller.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Dec. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mesdames C. H. Macalister, McKenzie, Lopdell, Peters, Hunter; Sec., Mrs Kennedy Gladstone; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Princes Street, Enwood; Treas., Mrs Frank Lillicrap, 57, Earn Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Hunter; Sick Visitors, Mesdames Stuck, Cruickshank, McGruer, Chambers, Knucky, Hunter, Dobin; Social Committee, Mesdames Parr, Williamson, Stuck, Lewis, Hunter, Hamilton, McGruer, Lillicrap; Flower Committee, Mesdames McKay and Cameron and Miss McKay; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames McKenzie and Wright; Finance Committee, Mesdames Macalister, McKenzie, McGruer, Hamilton, Hunter, Lillicrap. Agreed to have a pay-up social in February, when a report of the year's work will be read. Prizes to be given to the various schools for the best essay on Temperance. The fund for the mine-sweepers is now closed; the sum of £224 5s 3d makes the total sent in. Mrs Peters gave a donation of £1 to the Union.

BLENHEIM.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Mrs Litchfield Secretary. Great regret expressed at retirement of our much loved Secretary, Mrs Sinclair, and much sympathy expressed for her in the loss of her husband. Yearly report and balance-sheet read and adopted. Mrs Lee-Cowie's visit encouraged us, and gave us several new members. Mothers' meetings held every fortnight. Great thankfulness expressed for 6 o'clock closing.

LYTTELTON.

Nov. Annual meeting. Secretary read report of year's work, and the Treasurer the balance-sheet. Both were adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "White Ribbon," Miss Clark.

Dec. Nine members present, Mrs Wilson in the chair. I am pleased to say we have three new members for coming year.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Yearly election held Friday afternoon, 7th. Pres., Mrs H. Smith (re-elected); Sec., Mrs Upton (re-elected); Treas., Mrs Siddells (re-elected); Minute Sec., Mrs R. Smith (Mrs Bott resigned); Vice-Pres., Mrs (Rev.) Ross, Mrs Upton; Evangelistic Department, Miss Tucker; Pianist, Mrs McAlister. Reports read and adopted.

MATAKANA.

Nov. 1. Home meeting held at Mrs W. Smith's. Mrs Witten addressed the meeting on the work of the W.C.T.U. and "The Strength of the Nation Movement." Two new members, and one hon. member. Afternoon tea was served.

Nov. 17. Annual meeting. Mrs A. Roke presided. A dozen copies of "The Fiddlers" were ordered. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both passed as being very satisfactory. Eight new members and three hon. members have joined this year. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Witten; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs Melville; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs A. Roke.

Nov. 29. Cottage meeting at Big Omaha. The meeting was opened with singing the crusade hymn, reading, and prayer. Mrs Witten presided, and addressed the meeting. Mrs Morrison, of Warkworth, gave an address on "Good Citizenship." Four new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was provided by the Matakana members.

GISBORNE.

Oct. 29. Monthly meeting, 17 present, Mrs Goffe (President) in the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Israel, who has lost a son at the Front. Resolved that the comprehensive list of resolutions passed by the Women's Institute in Christchurch regarding the censor-

ship of children's picture entertainments be published in the daily paper. Discussion took place on the Social Hygiene Bill, and a telegram was sent to the Hon. Russell asking for alteration in the Bill. A most instructive address was given by Miss Faubert on "Education in Sex Physiology." Miss Chatterton gave a homely account of her medical mission work among the Maoris in the North.

Nov. 27. Annual meeting, 24 present, Mrs Goffe presiding. The annual report, presented by the Secretary, showed steady progress in the aims of the Union, and the statement made by the Treasurer was satisfactory. Reports were read and given from Departments of Literature, Purity, Flower Mission, Narcotics, and "White Ribbon" Agency. Mrs Israel's resignation from the last-named was received with regret, owing to her leaving the district. Mrs Hingston was appointed in her place. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Goffe; Sec., Mrs Malcolm; Treas., Mrs Wilkes; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Graham and East and Miss Morice; Purity and Literature, Mrs Graham; Maori Work, Mrs East; Flower Mission, Mrs Church; Educational Meetings, Mrs Akroyd. The following resolutions were reaffirmed:—"That the age of consent be raised," and "That women be made eligible for Parliament."

NORSEWOOD.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting. Good attendance. Mrs Speight presided. Visitors present: Mrs Venables, Napier, also Mrs Nicholson, Dannevirke. The Secretary read the report of the year's work. Increase in membership, 17. Several public meetings have been held, also home meetings. One social afternoon was held in aid of the mine-sweepers. Mrs Venables being present. Hard work for six o'clock closing. The Treasurer reported a credit balance for the year. All officers were re-elected, also several new offices were taken up, evangelistic Superintendent, also Mothers' Meetings, and Cradle Roll.

KAIAPOL.

November 28. The business of the meeting was election of officers: President, Mrs Brighting; Secretary, Miss Blackwell; Treasurer, Mrs T. G. Blackwell; Superintendent Band of Hope, Mrs Laisley; Treasurer, Miss Linklater. Owing to December being a busy month, no meeting will be held this month. January, annual meeting and social will be held. Several letters of sympathy were sent to sick and bereaved.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

December. Annual meeting. A large attendance. Mrs Crabb presided. Mrs Hodder gave a very lengthy report of the work done during the year, which was much appreciated. Our Young Women's Society has a

membership of 100; 40 names have been added to the Cradle Roll. There are five branches of the Children's Temperance League, and about 300 children are being taught scientific temperance. Four cases of clothing have been sent away during the year; one to the mine-sweepers, one to the Serbians, and two to the Belgians. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of £115 19s 8d. Many thanks are due to our President, who has devoted practically the whole of her time to the work. The following officers were re-elected: President, Mrs Crabb; Secretary, Mrs Hodder; Cor. Secretary, Mrs Hill; Treasurer, Miss Hodder.

POUTO.

Noema 11th.

Ka tu te hui a roopu karaitiana o Pouto i tae mai te Tumaki a Mari Woodhead ka puare te whare he mea inoi na Kawhi Kena Tumaki. Kia ora te roopu i haere nou mai ahau. Kite tiro-tiro ia koutou kia rongu ahau ki te noho tonu kane: To kotou roopu kei te Pehea Ranei kote hui nui ate roopu ki Timaru te ra pea kite hiahia te tahi o koutou kite haere ki tau a hui e pai ana kia ora te Perehitini. Perehitini:—Kei te whakapai ahau kio take e te Tumaki e hara ite mea kua mutu taku roopu e ngari. He mangere ano noku kite whaka hui-hui ia matou kia ora. Ruteru:—Kia tau te rangi marie kia tatou kia ora ano e nga teina i roto ite roopu i haere mai ahau herite note. Ra ite koata mitini a to tatou matua i tae mai ai mana kote Tumaki. No reira ano te ahua reka o te noho anga tahi tanga onga onga tua kana onga teina i runga ite whakaaro kotahi. Kia ora. Tumaki:—Kia ora ano nga whakamarama ate Perehitini i rongu ahau kua tae kite rua tau ka hore koutou e huihui ana kati me huihui tonu koutou aha koa kote Perehitini. Kote hekeretari me te peeke pai tonu hoi ano taku pouri kei hore koutou e utu tau e tae kite tumuki. Ka whaka mutua ta koutou ingoa i roto ote roopu kati me tuku a ha koa 2s 6d me tuku kite tumaki kia ora. Whuiwhiu:—Kati koia ano ena konga whaka marama kei ate Perehitini aha koa matou kahore e huihui ana kei te u tonu nga whakaaro kite mahio roopu Kia ora. Kati kei te tautoko katoa nga mema ote roopu. Kote moni awahina mate roopu 7s Hoi ka mutu te hui nate Perehitini inoi. Kati kia ora e nga. Tuahina maha i tena roopu i tena roopu. Kati kei te titiro ahau ki tatou Pepa kite (White Ribbon) Erua tonu o tatou roopu kei te mahi kei te huihui kei te haere tonu a ratou ripoata i roto ite pepa kote roopu Otamatea me Pahi. Kia ora ano e nga tuahine o enei roopu. Kati aha kou kia u kia kaha kua riro mai tenei wahi o te Taniwha E Patua nei e tatou ara te taniwha nei ate waipiro. Rei riro mai kote o karaka teka pinga onga Paa onga Hotera. Kanui tenei aha koa iti kei te roanga pea ote whawhai tanga kitino hinga kote tinana o te taniwha

nei. Kia ora e nga tuahine taniwha nei. Kia ora e nga tuahine.

Na to koutou hoa.
TUNGANE KAWHI KENA,
Hekeretari.

ORUAWHARO.

Noema 25. I tu hui huinga ote Roopu Wahine Karaitiana Oruawharo Port Albert. I roto ite whare ote Perehitini O. Akura H. Eruera ite 25 o Noema, 11 a.m. Ne Rapana Karena i whakapuare himine 31. Kō mutu ka inoi Ka mutu te inoi. Ka tu te Perehitini kite mihi kia te Maari Woodhead mo tona taenga mai kia kite ito matou roopu hoi he nui to matou hari. Ito matou kitenga iaia. I mihi ano hoki matou kite kotiro a late Rev. Hauraki Paora i tona taenga mai kia kite ia matou. I mihi ano hoki te roopu ki te tahi mema hou i uru mai ki te roopu Oruawharo. I tenei-ra kia Hera T. Paika. Ka mutu. Ka tu a Te Maari Woodhead ka mihi ki te roopu Ka mutu te mihi ka korero inga take i whaka haua mai e Tuahaki kia ia kia haere kite tiro-tiro haere inga roopu katoa. Take (1) mo nga utu tau, (2) mote kore onga ripoata e tae kite etita, (3) mote reta mai a kingi Howi kinga roopu katoa o teao kia inoi kiti atua ate ono onga ra o Hanuera 1918. Kia Whakamutua te whawhai (4) He tuku ite tahi mema mo te te hui nui ate roopu ki Timaru, South Island, ka mea ano kia kaha kia maia. Kite pupuri i tenei taonga. Ka tei te Perehitini ka mihi kia Te Maari monga take i korerotia kite a roaro ote roopu, (1) mote utu tau hoi kua utu tau to matou roopu. (2) Mo kore onga ripoata e tae kite Etita ae he kore Hekeretari no matou. Te taeai he ripoata Inaianei kua whai hekeretari matou. (3) Mote reta mai kinga hoi kia inoi nga roopu kite atua kia whakamutua te whawhai ae e whakaae ana matou. (4) Mote haere ote tahi onga mema kite hui nui o Timaru, South Island. E kore e tae te whakaae atu inaianei te haere ki Timaru hoi tena. (6) Te awahina a te roopu mote tahi onga mema ote roopu epangia ana e te mate. Te awahina £1. Hei hokorongoa. **E te atua tohungia to matou kingi.**

Nate Hekeretari, Mrs K. Phillip.

A PLACE FOR ME.

Use me, my God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide like a wide sea;
The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me,
A place where best the strength I have will tell;
It may be one the other toilers shun.
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well,
So that the work it holds be only done.

—Christina Rossetti.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORTERS.

Dear "White Ribbon" Reporters,— We wish to thank you most cordially for all your help during this year, and to make an appeal for next year. We want every Union to report, but to report briefly. It is better every Union a short report than a few Unions a long report. By direction of the N.Z. officers, all reports must go in a certain space, therefore long reports must be cut down. There have been months this year when, if reports had been printed as sent in, then reports and advertisements would have taken up all the space in the paper. Please report, but report briefly. Remember there are 100 other Unions also to report.

A BONE-DRY ARMY.

General John F. O'Ryan, commander of the National Guard of New York, who fearlessly blazed the "bone-dry" trail for soldiers, by last year putting his 20,000 New York troops on the Rio Grande "on the water wagon," wiping out drunkenness, prostitution, venereal disease, and lawlessness from his division, has just been commissioned by President Wilson and the Senate as Major-General of the United States Army. He is to take a "bone-dry" division of 37,000 men to France. In concluding an address to his troops, he says: "How can a division of troops be ever ready—ever up on the bit to drive ahead or thrust back the enemy's drive—if through the presence of this insidious evil (strong drink) some soldiers forget their orders or become noisy when silence is essential, fall asleep when every faculty should be alert, or are absent from their posts."

PROTECT THE BOYS.

The Acting-Governor of the State of Missouri issued a proclamation that all saloons and bars were to remain closed during the three days that the boys composing Missouri's quota were entraining and taking their departure.

GIVE US A CALL.

(Translated from the Norwegian by J. E. Stenberg.)

Come, "give us a call," working men and brave boys,
Here's liquor, and frolic, and chatter, and noise;
We'll welcome the old, and the young fellows too,
And promise right speedily these we will do:
We'll empty your purses, and paint your nose red,
Give poverty, sickness, and sorrow instead;
So if you have money, come one, and come all,
We're eager to greet you, so—"Give us a call!"

Come, "give us a call," our whisky and gin
Will fit you for folly, for riot, and sin;
Let preachers and teachers cry out as they may,
The years of their building we'll wreck in a day.
The beer that we deal in brings profit and gain,
You may drink quite a lot before feeling the pain;
Your body may sink to an untimely grave,
Your soul may be lost, Christ came down to save;
But, still we invite you, come one and come all,
If you've money to spend, just "Give us a call!"

Come, "give us a call," we've plenty of room,
Don't stop to consider your probable doom;
When pay day comes round we expect a rich crop,
Fools part with their money to buy the last drop.
The home and the children may cry out for bread,
And war may be laying our soldier boys dead,
But country and king they may go to the wall
If only you'll listen, and "Give us a call!"

Come, "give us a call," your ambition let go,
Give up your ideals, your honour lay low;
What matter if tears from your mother be wrung,
Or you grow an old man while yet you are young?
If honest, we'll promise to make you a thief,
For all sorts of evil law gives us a brief;
We'll cajole you, sadden you, sicken, enthral,
If only you'll heed us, and "Give us a call!"

Come, "give us a call," our drinks have a grip;
The man we once get rarely gives us the slip;
God promised you Heaven on earth and above,
He offers you peace, contentment, and love;
He has dowers of health, of strength, and of joy,
For the man who'll accept, for the straight-living boy;
But our trade it is licensed to block every line,
And send to perdition in double quick time.
So if you are willing to stagger and fall,
Don't heed those who love you, but—"Give us a call!"

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Baris Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 57; Sec., Miss Treverza, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss A. C. Watson, 84, Cameron St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Asst. Treas., Mrs J. H. Dent, Wills St.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 9.30 p.m. Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princes St., Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Nelson, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.: Pres., Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs E. James; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. E. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch District, Rooms, Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin, 572 Gloucester Street; Treas., Mrs Patterson, Latimer Square; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Williams, 21, Phillip St., Linwood.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Miss Roseveare, Castle Street; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Miss Reid, Bishops-court, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Cranch, Cameron St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Budd, Elliot and Shepard; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 81 Church St.; Treas., and Supt. "W.R.", Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Fitzroy, last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 884, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec., Mrs L. Gray, 698, Devon Street East, New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; "W.R." Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., St Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr. H. Feild; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. J. Thompson, Denbigh Street; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

Gisborne District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman White Ribbon Agent, Mrs F. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Greytown. Last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Vhincop, Gasworks; Secretary, also W.R. Agent, pro tem., Mrs Banks, Humphreys St.; Treas., Mrs Boucher, Humphreys St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Quin and A. Haigh.

Hamilton District, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandelands; Sec., Mrs W. Auld; Treas., Mrs Jenkins, Clandelands.

Hastings, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 1 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stortford; Sec., Mrs F. C. Griffiths, Market St.; Treas., Mrs Martindale, Market St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clapham; Asst. Sec., Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Road.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, Regent Street, on the last Thursday, at 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bone, Dive's Av.; Vice Pres., Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Peacock, c/o Mrs Taylor, South Rd.; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmo St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilberd, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Rd., Mrs Williams, Gt. North Rd.; Sec., Mrs McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs Paltridge, Rathgar Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Platt, Gt. North Road.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. McKenzie, Mrs C. H. Macalister, Mrs H. Lee-Cowie and Mrs Garrett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Frank Lillierap, Earn St.; Cor. Sec., Sis. Moody Bell; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs James Hunter, 110, Don St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St., Georgetown; Sec. Mrs Parkin, 80 Bowmont St.; Treas., Miss Pyle, Amethyst Hall, Bowmont St.; Press Cor., Mrs Smart, Ettrick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Sullivan, 19, Conon St.; Cradle Roll Supts., Mrs Cooper, Oteramika Road, and Mrs Bruce Wallace, Ythan St., Appleby.

Kalapoi W.C.T.U. Assembly Rooms. Union meets last Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "The Willows"; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; W.R. Supt., Mrs Ward.

Kati-Kati, 2nd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., in Public Hall. Pres., Mrs Bains, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume, Treas., Mrs Woolford, Sec., Miss Wilson, W.R. Supt., Miss McCutelan, Cradle Roll, Misses Dickey and Andrews, Organist, Mrs N. Johnston.

Lower Hutt, first Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs Chittenden, Bridge Street; Treas., Mrs Frethey, Main Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Burn, Aglionby Street.

Lytelton, 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lyttelton.

Manaiā, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs T. Tait; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prakinson and Hunt; Treas., Miss York; Sec., Miss Craig; Cradle Roll, Miss Ricketts; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hunt.

Masterton, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole Street; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High Street.

Matakana, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Roke; Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., Mrs Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Eyton; "W.R." Agent, Miss Tindall.

Mesgiel Meets in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pinfold; Sec., Mrs Eccersoll; Treas., Mrs E. Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Morton.

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, Willard Institute, Carlyle St., 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashbridge Rd.; Sec., Mrs A. Chellev, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Clare, Morris St.; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mens; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dodds; Home Meetings, Mrs Jenkins, Hastings St.; Cradle Roll and Flower Mission, Mrs J. Walker, Nelson Cres.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, Nelson Cres.

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs G. Densem; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt., Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs W. Smith, 344 Wasoni Rd., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas, Brooke St., Bexley, N.B.; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Tait, Bexley, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Langley, Park Rd., New Brighton.

New Plymouth District, first Friday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Mrs Allan Douglas, Pendarves Street; Sec., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

Normanby, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Normanby; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs J. T. Saunders, Turu Turu Rd., Hawera; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; White Ribbon, Mrs Dickson.

Norsewood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fountain; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Fredrickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park."

North East Valley, fourth Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4, Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45, Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opotiki, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs T. Fleming; Treas. and Supt. "W.R." Mrs Holman, Otara; Supt. L.T.L., Mrs Goodall; Cradle Roll, Mrs Evans.

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Clark; Evangelistic, Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Comyns.

Pakiri, 1st Thursday, Pakiri Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Rennie; Vice Pres., Mrs Wyatt; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss Dyer; W.R. Agent, Mrs Witton.

Palmerston N. District, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 51, College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Petone, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Rowse, Udy St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Kirk, Mesdames Corner and McPherson; Sec., Mrs Burd, 37 Cuba St.; Treas., Mrs Donoghue; Cradle Roll, Mrs Barrow; Flower Mission, Mrs McPherson; Home Meetings, Mrs Ashby; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Wilson; Literature, Mrs James.

Ponsonby, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St; Pres. Mrs J. Fountain; Vice-Pres Mrs C. I. Harris, Mrs C. R. Vickers, and Miss Caley; Sec., Mrs Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Plummer; Treas., Mrs M. A. Bailey, Ponsonby.

Pukekohe, Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Van, Beresford St.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Wilson; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; Cor. Sec., Mrs Haslem, East St.; Treas., Mrs Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Stevenson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mee.

Rakaia meets on the 2nd Thursday in the month, in the Methodist Church, Anglican S.S., and the Presbyterian S.S. alternately; Mrs Boag, Pres.; Mrs Judkins, Treas.; Mrs Hopwood, Sec.

Sheffield, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road Board Office; Pres., Mrs McIlraith, Annat; Sec., Mrs Pettit, Kirwee; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annat.

Stratford, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., ; Vice-Pres., Mrs White and Mrs Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. McAlister; Treas., Mrs Birdall.

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Sec., Mrs Carter, Lake Town Rd.; Treas., Miss Rushbrook, Milford.

Tauranga, Meets in Wesley Hall, on last Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 3rd Avenue, Sec., Mrs J. Neal, 11th Avenue. Treas., Mrs J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd., Cradle Roll, Mrs C. E. Ridley, 2nd Avenue., L.T.L., Mrs A. Turner, Devonport Rd., W.R. Supt., Mrs Wall, Norris Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Turner.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Miss Evans, Victoria St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Brooker, 11, Mere Mere St.

Tuakau, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.50 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Madill, Lee, Long and Graham; Sec., Mrs C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs Goldsmith; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Worthington; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Dwen.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; President, Mrs W. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Geo. Dash, P.O. Box 27; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangī, Mill Rd.;" "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bott and Harding; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Mahoney Street.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and Andrew; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett, Nixon St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

Wanganui District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 88 Liverpool St.; Sec., J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Bott, Wicksteed Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Warkworth, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Attwood; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Jones; Press Reporter, Mrs Tiplady.

Winchmore, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Frost; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prebble, and Mrs Mellroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; White Ribbon Agent Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Dennett, 27 North Terrace, Kelburn; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

Girls' Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening Classes and Socials. All girls invited.

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Acting Pres., Mrs McDonald, 8 Hina Rd., Hataitai; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clark, 16 Sussex Sq.; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Smith, 77 Austin St; Treas., Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austin St.

Waipukurau, 2nd Monday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding and Mrs Sowry; Sec., Mrs H. French, Main St.; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Mrs Harris W.R. Supt., Mrs Mercer.

Woodville, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs Thompson, Fox Street; Treas., Mrs Hancock, Fox St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.

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