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HOME WOMEN GAIN THEIR FREEDOM.

(By Mrs Kineton Parkes.)

It is months ago since newspaper women who read the "White Ribbon" have rejoiced to know that the women of the British Isles have gained at last the political emancipation for which they have laboured so long and so strenuously. Thousands have lived and worked for this great reform; some have sacrificed even their lives, and now the struggle is over.

I find there is universal satisfaction amongst both men and women who think in New Zealand, because they have always felt a sense of indignation and dissatisfaction with the continued denial on the part of Home politicians to recognise and extend to women the rights of citizenship. I find also, which I can easily understand, that there is very little knowledge out here as to how it came about in the end that the old prejudices were overcome, and how the women achieved, with such apparent ease and swiftness, the response to a demand which had been made steadily for over sixty years. There is an inclination to assume that it was on account of the fine war work we accomplished so well and so swiftly; but this we are very anxious to contradict. We claimed the vote as a right, and not as a reward for service, and we threw ourselves heart and soul into every department of war work because we knew we were wanted. We trust that it may serve as an object lesson to prove the truth of what we always claimed, that "we needed the vote in order to serve." We trust also that the work which we are so anxious to do for women and children in the great problems of reconstruc-

tion which are facing us may justify even more our persistent demand.

The reason why "Votes for Women" became an accomplished fact early last year was purely a political one, and largely the result of our own work, and the knowledge we acquired in doing it. We had gradually worked with combined effort to a point where Mr Asquith, owing to the pressure brought to bear, had made a definite pronouncement, viz., "There shall be no further extension of the franchise unless it includes women." This doubtless appeared to the then Prime Minister to be a perfectly safe thing to say, because there was no clamour for manhood suffrage. But how wonderfully everything changed within a year! Who could have foreseen the war, with its subsequent just demand for the enfranchisement of the soldier and the sailor?

And so it came about, **because** we could not go to the country on a 1913 register, and **because** we could not compile a new one without soldiers and sailors being on it, and **because** of the existing pledge to women they must be in it also. The Representation of the People's Bill was framed and women were included.

This Bill was passed into law, and so swift has been the current once it turned in our favour that to the surprise of the public and of other nations, we have almost immediately become not only voters, but eligible for Parliament. Most people have been greatly astonished at the huge majority for this latter Bill in the House of Commons, but we women were not so surprised, for the members were naturally anxious to capture votes in the new electorate.

We trust that because our power and influence were so speedily demonstrat-

ed we may realise to the full our great privilege and sacred responsibility to humanity during the coming years, and endeavour to be worthy so great a trust and opportunity.

A CALL FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Will every Union throughout the Dominion arrange special meetings for prayer wherever possible between this and polling day? I would suggest that whether the meetings be large or small, the spirit of the gathering be devotional, and that much time be spent in earnest, united supplication. We plead with all good women everywhere to join with us heart and soul in the holy endeavour to protect and sanctify the home by outlawing the traffic in alcoholic liquors. Let us in the love of God and Humanity band ourselves together with the solemn conviction that our united faith and works will, with God's blessing, banish alcohol from New Zealand. We plead with our members and all women like-minded with us in this sacred cause to lift up their hearts to God at the noontide hour of prayer, giving thanks for the wonderful progress of the temperance reform in this and other lands, and earnestly praying that prohibition may be carried in April next. Remember how the Master said: "If ye shall ask anything in My Name I will do it." Think of the greatness of the promise, and let us individually and collectively see to it that we **ask**. Assuredly God will do. Fellow Christians let us avail ourselves of the power of prayer.—Yours to serve,

R. DON,

Dominion Pres.

BRITISH DOMINIONS WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE UNION.

Dear Mrs Don and White Ribbon Sisters,—The Third (Biennial) Conference of the British Dominions' Woman's Suffrage Union was held in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of June. The subjects dealt with were of wide interest and of practical importance, and almost all the opening addresses were given by those who had made long study of their subject, and could speak with the authority of deep thinking and many years of experience. Miss Newcomb, the main organiser of the Conference, is to be congratulated on the unqualified success of the meetings. A letter from Miss Henderson, with my credentials as delegate for the N.Z. W.C.T.U., arrived the very morning that Conference opened. (See what it is to have a really punctual Corresponding Secretary.) I was proud to represent such a Union as ours, and such a country as New Zealand. I wish to thank you, Mrs Don, Miss Henderson, and those of you who had any part in bestowing this honour upon me. The meetings were well attended, the subjects ably discussed. Unfortunately, owing to difficulties of travelling under war conditions, all the Dominions were not able to send delegates; also much of the correspondence dealing with resolutions, etc., was lost owing to "enemy activity." Nevertheless, all the affiliated Societies will later on receive a full report of the deliberations and conclusions come to by the overseas delegates fortunate enough to be present. I hope it will always be possible for our Union to be represented at these Biennial Meetings, and more than ever now in the coming years the voice of the women must be heard as it never has been in the past. We are all part of one mighty Empire, which is now fighting for her very existence and that of the small nations, as well as for the Liberty of the World. When Peace and Reconstruction come women will have an immeasurably wider field for their activities than in the old pre-war days. We women of New Zealand and other overseas parts of the Empire, blessed for many years with a larger freedom than they possess in the Home Land, owe a duty to the British women as far as our opportunities and power permit to help them in their after-war efforts for the

betterment of the world conditions. To keep in close touch with the B.D.W.S.U. headquarters and to relieve Miss Newcomb of considerable work, it would be very desirable to have a special Corresponding Secretary in each Dominion, to whom Miss Newcomb could write, and who would undertake the necessary correspondence with the affiliated societies in the Dominion she represents. Time and paper are very limited in the Old Country, so as the report will be printed as soon as possible, I shall not deal with the meetings as a whole, but with apologies for appearing egotistic, will deal only with the share your representative was privileged to take. I had attended as many of the committee meetings as I could. I was asked to read extracts from our "White Ribbon" article, "The Maiden Tribute to the Modern Mars," in moving the following resolution:—"The Conference condemns as lowering to the moral standard and as an unwarrantable insult to the great majority of men, the practice of regularly supplying prophylactics to soldiers on leave, and urges that all measures for stemming the progress of venereal disease should be based on the belief in the nobler side of human nature, and that all necessary instruction to the men should be accompanied by an appeal to the sense of duty, patriotism, and chivalry which exists even in the weakest." Mrs Waldgrave (Wellington) seconded. An amendment was moved by an Australian delegate. As it meant entirely shelving our protest, it was fortunately thrown out by an overwhelming majority—only four voting for it. In moving the resolution, I took the old but to us unanswerable argument that what was morally wrong must be physically wrong, and that to remove the consequences of sin was to encourage the wrong-doer to continue his wrong-doing—to place great temptation in the way of the weak by giving sanction of authority to the breaking of one of God's holy commandments. My small efforts were magnificently supported by Dr. Jane Walker and Dr. Beadon Turner (Chairman of the British Medical Association), in speaking on "Is it reasonable to expect from men the same moral standard as from women." They spoke with no uncertain voice. Dr. B. Turner's address was inspiring, and must carry conviction to the most ignorant or sceptical hearer or

reader, for as it is to be prohibited, it should be widely distributed by our Union and all Societies who have the welfare of our boys at heart. (Some extracts from this address were published in last month's "White Ribbon."—Ed. "W.R.")

Each session we had a change in the chair. Miss Newcomb asked me to preside one afternoon, and later on I had the opportunity of moving a resolution against supplying our boys with drink. There was no other dealing with the subject of alcohol, and I felt, as your representative, it was incumbent on me to show our colours. I was proud to be able to pay a tribute to the mothers of New Zealand, who, with ungrudging self-sacrifice, have given their men. As to our boys, they need no praise over here from one of their country. One hears nothing but good of them, not merely as soldiers of courage, skill, and endurance, but as a body of men their character ranks as high, if not higher, than any other set of men who go to make up the British Army. When I spoke of the dangers of drink to the young recruit and the efforts of our women to protect our boys from it by insisting on dry canteens and six o'clock closing, and that I did not think the authorities in the Old Country had "played the game" with the Dominions in not supplementing their efforts, the applause was very hearty. The resolution, to my great surprise and immense satisfaction, was carried, the Chair said unanimously, though I believe one hand was said to have been raised against it. An address I enjoyed very keenly was one on Women Police by Miss Damer Dawson, O.P.E., commandant of the W.P.S. Dressed in dark blue uniform, long coat to the knee meeting high gaiters, with official cap, she looked the very embodiment of emancipated womanhood, keen, capable, an organiser, and a leader entirely lacking in self-consciousness, and yet aware of her own powers, and fully determined to use them all for the good of her country and her sex. All she said was intensely interesting, and one would gladly have listened to her for a much longer time. You will see the report of it later, but I will just mention one point which appealed to be particularly as typical of what we hope and think will follow the entrance of women into the larger responsibilities and duties of civic life. The great work of the women

police was not catching a criminal—it was preventing the young, especially the girls, from becoming criminals. At the close of the Conference, as no one else rose to do it, I felt it would be ungracious and ungrateful not to pay some tribute to the one who had been the head and the heart of this world-wide organisation of women. I regret that I was not in any way prepared for the honour which I took upon myself at the last moment, for Miss Newcomb deserved very much more than what I was able to express in the few hurried sentences I succeeded in putting together. It is impossible to overestimate her enthusiasm, her unselfishness, her tact, her single-eyed devotion to the work she has undertaken. Long may she be spared to continue the scheme for the amalgamation of the British women's societies, that she has so nobly and so successfully started. Miss Hodge also deserves our thanks and gratitude, for she devotes her time and money and great ability to the same cause.

RUTH ATKINSON.

WHITE RIBBON HUTMENT FUND.

Dear White Ribboners,—

In connection with the above fund, it is imperative that all money collected must be sent to me by 24th February, on which date the Fund closes.

Now that the war is over there is no need for Hutments in France; but the fund is to be devoted to the benefit of soldiers—probably through the Y.M.C.A. War Fund.—Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

WINIFRED B. YOUNG,

Treasurer, White Ribbon Hutment Fund.

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Roslyn, Dunedin.

OUR CONSECRATION.

To bind earth's broken hearts and sore;
To tread the way Christ trod before;
To know Thee better, serve Thee more;
We take Thy cross, our Lord and King.
To help the weary to Thy rest,
To heal and comfort the distressed,
To show the world we love Thee best,
We wear Thy cross, our Lord and King.

PROHIBITION AND THE WAR.

INTERVIEW WITH TEMPERANCE SECRETARY.

During the course of an interview with a representative of the "Standard," Miss Agnes Slack, hon. secretary of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Association, and hon. secretary of the National British Women's Temperance Association, disclosed some interesting facts relative to the great work Miss Slack has, and is still actively carrying out in various parts of the world. In view of the fact that this untiring temperance worker is to deliver an important lecture on Monday, the following incidents in her career should give increased weight to her words next week.

Miss Slack has had a wide experience on four continents, and she has addressed meetings in many of the principal cities and towns, thus being afforded an exceptional opportunity of studying the social and economical questions and conditions in each of the continents. In Italy particularly has Miss Slack favoured with her presence, and it was due to her strenuous endeavours that the Women's Temperance Movement was commenced in Italy prior to the war. Miss Slack was specially received by the Qu who was much interested in her work, at the ancient Quirinal Palace in Rome, and she expressed appreciation of the work. Previous strength was given to the cause by the establishment of the movement in both Belgium and France, which benefited materially by the meetings addressed in the principal towns of Belgium and in Paris by Miss Slack. Whilst in the former country she was much struck by the general feeling that a great European war was pending. Continuing her tour, Miss Slack visited India, where exceptional opportunities were afforded her by the potentates for visiting the people. The hospitality extended to her, by both low and high caste, proved a feature of the trip. The latter were very interested in the work she was doing, and never lost an opportunity of telling her of how the Mohammedan and other Indian religions taught total abstinence as an essential part of their creed. While in the country she was the guest of Viceroy Lord and Lady Minto, at their Calcutta palace.

Miss Slack has travelled in South Africa, and three years after the Boer War had the pleasure of addressing the first meeting of British and Boer ladies in Pretoria. One interesting feature of the visit was the delightful day spent as guest of Dr. Jameson, at Grooteschur, where she met several Cabinet Ministers. During the day she spent some time examining the priceless curios and old Dutch furniture, collected at great trouble, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Dr. Jameson called special attention to the bedroom occupied by the great Premier, from which a wonderful view of Table Mountain was to be obtained, and explained to Miss Slack and her friend that the room was arranged in such a position that Mr Rhodes could see the mountain, adding that "his greatest ideas always came to him as he looked at the mountain." Miss Slack replied that "it seemed very fitting that Cecil Rhodes lies buried at the top of the great Motoppo Range in Rhodesia."

In conclusion, Miss Slack referred to the temperance existing among the American troops in Britain, and spoke of the dangers of the liquor to the wounded coming home in their weak or highly-strung condition.

WHY ONE WIFE?

A woman missionary in China was taking tea with a mandarin's eight wives. The Chinese ladies examined her clothing, her hair, her teeth, and so on, but her feet especially amazed them.

"Why," cried one, "you can walk and run as well as a man."

"Yes, to be sure," said the missionary.

"Can you ride a horse and swim, too?"

"Yes."

"Then you must be as strong as a man!"

"I am."

"And you wouldn't let a man beat you—not even if he was your husband—would you?"

"Indeed I wouldn't," the missionary said.

The mandarin's eight wives looked at one another, nodding their heads. Then the oldest one said, softly:

"Now I understand why the foreign devil never has more than one wife. He is afraid!"

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

The question of efficiency has been prominently before us during the last few months. In this new world that is being built before our eyes do you desire to be an efficient worker?

Are you a parent? Then here are the choicest productions of the most capable writers and workers to guide you in your task.

Are you a teacher? Experienced teachers place the cream of their life work before.

Are you a student and a thinker? Every phase of the question of moral hygiene is here presented. How to safeguard personal and public health is here made clear.

If you desire to study further from the social and economic standpoint, a list of such works will be submitted.

The books in the undermentioned list will be shown at Convention, and orders taken. In some cases there is only one copy available, at most three or four. Send orders now, or come to Convention prepared to commence or increase that library.—

Yours for God, Home, and Humanity,
MARY McCARTHY,

Supt. Moral and Social Hygiene.
18, Albert Street, St. Clair, Dunedin.

BOOKS SUITABLE FOR
LIBRARIES.

"Making the Best of Our Children," Parts I. and II. (Mary Wood Allen), each 5s. This is the work of a woman with scientific knowledge and training, to which has been added the practical experience of a mother. The books deal with problems arising from babyhood to adolescence. The problems are dealt with in the form of stories. These books should be read by every mother.

"Towards Racial Health" (Norah March, B.Sc., M.R., Lan. Inst.), 5s. Dr. Arthur Thomson, M.A., LL.D., says: "Those who wish to fit themselves to impart Sex Education and find the task difficult, have here the help of a woman with scientific knowledge and wide experience as a teacher." Scientists may gain something from this book. The moderately educated can understand it.

"The Marvels of Our Bodily Dwelling" (Dr. Mary Wood Allen), 6s

6d. A book that teaches us we are responsible not only for our own vigour and health, but for that of coming generations. In the guise of an allegory, the subjects of anatomy, physiology, and hygiene are brought within the compass of all who are willing to give the time to study these subjects. The skill and charm with which the questions are dealt with should win over people who think it not decent to know too much about "one's inside."

The Carlick Hygiene Series.

Book 1 "Good Health" (Frances Gulick Jewett), 2s 6d.

Book 2: "Emergencies," 2s 6d.

Book 3: "Town and City," 3s.

Book 4: "The Body at Work," 3s.

"Control of Body and Mind," 3s.

"The Body and Its Defences," 3s 6d.

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A series of readers meant to aid in the establishment of good hygienic habits. The subjects dealt with are too numerous to give in detail, but range from elementary subjects, e.g., fresh air, the care of the teeth, up to the laws of inheritance, and the knowledge put to practical use in the rearing of plants and animals. All W.C.T.U. publications.

"Maternity Without Suffering," 3s.

"We Young Men," 4s 3d.

"The Social Duty of Our Daughters," 2s 3d.

"Before Marriage," 2s 3d.

"The Bloom of Girlhood," 1s 6d.

"The Daughter's Danger," 1s 6d.

"Parental Honesty," paper, 4d.

"Letters of a Physician to His Daughter," 2s 9d.

See also lists in "White Ribbon," February and June, 1918. A full stock of pamphlets described in June number now to hand.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP DEPT.

I take this early opportunity of reminding Union members of the Municipal Elections, which will take place towards the end of April, in order that there may be time for the enrolling of names before the closing of the Municipal Roll. I trust that this work has already been begun amongst those who have come of age during the past year, or who may hitherto have neglected to have their names placed upon this roll.

As there still seems to be a little confusion in the minds of some upon this point, I may perhaps be forgiven for mentioning once more that the fact of a name being upon the Parliamentary Roll does not give the right to vote at a Municipal Election. Although the franchise is the same, giving the vote to every individual over 21 who has resided in New Zealand for one year, and in the district (in the case of the Municipal Roll) for the last three months. The two Rolls are not identical, and it is necessary to see that every elector's name appears on both.

I may also once more call attention to the School Committee Elections, which will also be in April as usual. Not much work in this direction was reported for 1918, though the reports sent in may not have covered the whole activity; and I would urge Unions this year to endeavour to make the representation of women on local bodies as wide as possible. This is specially necessary at the present time when the old ideals are being replaced by higher ones, and reform initiated in all departments of civic life. At such a time it is more than ever necessary that women should use to the full extent the privilege they possess, and should take as large a part as possible in the discussion of the questions which will arise and the problems which must be solved in the rebuilding of Society that will follow the period of disintegration just passed through.

Women are eligible not only for School Committees and Hospital Boards, but for Boards of Education, City Councils and other local bodies, and it is to be hoped that all will realise more fully their responsibilities, and that those who have the necessary time and capabilities will come forward and endeavour to give their best in the service of the community and for the lifting up of the race.

MARION JUDSON,
N.Z. Superintendent

Mr Secretary Daniels wrote thus to the Chicago City Council: "We have 20,000 sailors at the Great Lakes Training Station, who are given no leave to spend in Chicago. I venture to express the hope that the city authorities will throw every safeguard around these young men by closing such institutions as injure their moral and physical welfare."



GRANNIE COSSIPS.

Do I believe in compensating the Liquor Trade? No, I don't, and that's straight, but we New Zealanders are not going to do anything so foolish as that. We are only going to pay for our own crass stupidity in the past. Now, just be sensible. This trade has no moral right to compensation, but we gave it a legal right. We allowed our politicians to say to this trade, "You must be voted out by a three-fifths majority, and then when that is done we are going to give you four years in which to pack up and clear." See my point! We gave them a legal right to stay four years after they were told they were not wanted. Now we want them to quit in a hurry. Our boys are coming home, the dear lads; we are so proud of them, and we want to guard even the weakest of them from destruction by strong drink. We are in a hurry, and we buy their four years' right. Now mark, the law gave them that four years' right, and we offer to buy it for anything up to 4½ millions. That's not compensating them any more than buying the right of a lease is compensation. And I reckon we're getting a mighty good bargain. Look at the millions it costs us to keep up our gaols, mental hospitals, and every institution, to look after the wrecks made by this trade. It's dirt cheap at 4½ millions. We put 4½ millions in the Referendum Pen to tempt the trade, and then we say, "Dilly, Dilly, come into this pen and be killed." We'd never have got the Referendum if the Efficiency Board had not recommended it, and they would not recommend that we

take away from the licensees the legal right to four years' trade unless we paid in hard cash for that right. How will the boys vote? Well, bless them, all my boys came back better prohibitionists than they left here, and they were good ones even then. And Judy's boys used to take a glass before they went away, but they tell me, "Grannie, we had to cut out booze as soon as we got over there." Yes! I know some good boys began to drink over there, and some came home drunkards. But keep a level head. Many a boy in khaki is going to help us "vote it out." True, some of them are young, and they hear so much talk about "liberty" that they want liberty to get drunk. Poor boys, they'll gain wisdom with the passing years, but in the meantime we'll lose their votes. But I get fairly angry when I hear them talk as if all our fine, straight boys were going to vote for liquor. Too many, alas! will so vote, but there's a number who'll line up beside their mothers and their wives, and don't you forget it. The publican poses as the friend of the boys. Fine friend he is! Why, when a troopship arrived at our port one Sunday the landlord of one hotel was up for sly-grog selling. Not much slyness about it—a constant stream poured in and out of his back door, and the police couldn't help seeing it. He was taken to Court, and he talked so nicely about just giving the poor thirsty boys a drink. Ha! he never told the Court that he charged the "poor boys" 25s and 30s a bottle for their whisky. Well, they fined him £10. What a farce, when his profits were more than ten times that amount. In Canada and U.S.A. they put the sly-grog seller in gaol for six months. Sensible people, but then they mean the law to be kept.

WHEN THE BOYS COME BACK.

When the boys come back from the battlefields,
Scarred and weary, and longing to rest;
What shall we have prepared for them,
We that have prayed and cared for them?
They surely deserve the very best
That we can find
For body and mind
And for the spirit so long distressed.

Shall we tempt to sin in their hours of leisure?
Shall we offer the cup of the world's false pleasure?
When they ask for bread, shall we give them a stone?
For a smile and a song, a sigh and a moan?
May God forbid. Nay! Nay!

When it comes, that glorious day
Of victory and peace, and welcome back
Of the heroes who have suffered and fought,
They shall certainly have of joy no lack;
But it must not be of the baser sort,
That spreadeth destruction with poisonous breath,
And withers the soul with the cyclone of death.

Let us put temptation out of their way—

Remove the thorns from the flowers,

And give them full measure
Of pure, true pleasure,

These glorious lads of ours.

—E. T. Wray.

Milk-drinking shipyard workers of Seattle are responsible for 26½ per cent. of all the ocean-going tonnage completed and delivered to the United States Shipping Board during the first five months of this year, despite the fact that this port is 3000 miles from the steel mills. No shipbuilding port on the Atlantic did even half as well as Seattle, though the Eastern yards are almost next door to the steel mills; Seattle, in fact, stands as the saviour of the Shipping Board programme during America's first year of the war. Milk-drinking Seattle, remote from the steel mills, was setting the pace for the entire world in cargo ship construction, when the old established beer-drinking ports of the Atlantic Coast were waddling around trying to get started. Seattle's record of 26½ per cent. of all the cargo tonnage delivered to Uncle Sam the first five months of the year is the answer to the argument that ships cannot be built in "dry" territory, according to the Seattle plants' men in overalls.—"Seattle Times."

VIOLA'S MEDAL.

(Lotta Corrine Shepard.)

"O mother, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is to have a silver medal contest and Mrs Stone wants me to speak. Do say I may! I know I can win the medal. The children in this town can't recite very well." Viola Hunt was out of breath when she had delivered this speech for she had run all the way home from the Loyal Temperance Legion meeting.

"If it will not interfere with your school work you may take part," replied her mother, "but you must not get so boastful and sure of success. Remember: 'Let him who thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.'"

Mrs Stone said I just must be in the contest," Viola continued with shining eyes. "We are to be trained after school hours, but you will train me, won't you, mother. You can do it better than any of them."

The recitations were soon assigned and the children earnestly at work. Viola, who had had the advantages of training in a city school and whose mother had taught her at home to recite well, felt not a little superior to the other contestants with their sing-song style of reciting, which was only partially eliminated by the careful efforts of the L.T.L. leader.

A few days before the contest a county officer arrived to make the final arrangements, and being a friend of Mrs Hunt, was entertained at the Hunt home. Viola had gone back to school after the noon meal and Mrs Hunt and her guest sat at the table chatting.

"My dear," said Miss Beach, "how old is Viola?"

"She will be twelve the twentieth of this month," replied Mrs Hunt.

"That's too bad," rejoined Miss Beach regretfully. "The rule is," she continued, "that contestants must be of nearly the same age, and the others are all older than that. We must have Viola in the class for she is the redeeming feature but it will be impossible to allow her to compete for the medal. I am afraid it will be a very great disappointment to the poor child."

Mrs Hunt looked thoughtful in her turn. "Suppose Viola is unwilling to speak when she knows she can not have the medal; still it would hardly

be fair to allow the audience to think she was beaten when she was not a contestant—it is a problem."

"Yes, it is a problem, and one Viola will have to solve for us," decided the county officer.

When Viola returned from school a little later her mother met her at the door. "Come in, dear. Mother has something to tell you," she commenced, a little doubtful of her success in winning Viola over to her point of view. "You speak your piece very nicely—"

"Yes, mother," broke in Viola. "When Miss Beach heard us recite today she did not correct me at all, and she did the others a lot."

"Yes, dear, we are all pleased with you and feel sure you will do well, but, Viola, Miss Beach tells me the contestants must be nearly the same age, and you know the others are two or three years older than you are." Viola opened her blue eyes in amazement for a moment, then exclaimed, "What difference does that make?"

"Enough difference to bar you out of the contest, for rules are rules, and we must obey them," her mother said in the quiet, firm tone that Viola knew usually closed an argument. Her eyes grew wrathful, and she started to protest. Then as she realised that she must give up entirely all hope of the shining silver medal Mrs Stone had shown them, a storm of tears blinded her. Mrs Hunt, her arm around her little girl and a moisture in her own eyes, proceeded, "I know, Viola, this is a bitter disappointment to you, but listen! Miss Beach says you are the only redeeming feature of the class, and she wants you to go on and speak, and she will —"

Seeing her importance to the success of the affair and hugging her last hope, with eyes now dry and flashing, Viola cried out determinedly, "I won't speak if I can't have the medal." Mrs Hunt, recognising in the child her own tenacious will, went on gently. "And she will announce to the audience that the mistake was only recently discovered, and while you are not competing for the prize, yet the number was too good to be left off the programme. How does that sound?"

"Why didn't Mrs Stone tell me I was too young, and I wouldn't have

bothered with the thing?" demanded Viola.

"Because, dear, she did not know there were any rules as to age. Now be mother's sensible daughter, and go on and speak your piece as nicely as you can, and everyone will know who spoke best, no matter who gets the medal. You will gain more in the end than that bit of silver by swallowing your disappointment and not being unladylike and obstinate. Believe mother, for she has learned these things." Viola stood weighing the matter in her own logical mind, and at length replied, cheerfully, "All right, mother, I'll do it."

"Mother is very proud of you," with a kiss.

The contesting class filed down the aisle, five boys and five girls, five Sunday suits and shiny, squeaky shoes and five dainty gowns. At the end of the line was Viola Hunt, rosy-checked, and smiling her sweetest, showing no sign of the pride that had been mastered.

When nine children had spoken, Miss Beach announced: "The next number is not part of the contest. Viola Hunt was admitted to the class because the age rule was not understood. Contestants must be about the same age, but owing to her complete preparation we insisted on her remaining on the programme. 'The Cry of To-day'—Viola Hunt."

Vividly Viola depicted the Chicago fire, a destructive flood, and a great earthquake. She reminded her audience that all this suffering had been met by generous aid from the entire nation. Taking a step forward, eyes flashing and every nerve and muscle lending force to her words, she exclaimed:

"Men and brothers! men and voters!

there's a fire that burns to-day;

There's a flood that's sweeping manhood, truth, and honour fast away;

There's a demon fierce and wrathful, shaking as an earthquake could, The foundations of the State and planting vice where virtue stood;

There's a war-cry being sounded, and America's brave sons

Flocking to her tottering standard, all her noble-hearted ones—"

The little speaker continued picturing effectively the sorrow and despair caused by drink, and appealing to the

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voters to right the wrong, her enthusiasm growing, until a stirring climax was reached, and a tearful audience applauded as they had not done that evening.

A few minutes later the shining medal, in its velvet-lined case, was handed to Louise Black, a girl three years older than Viola.

The light was out, and a tired little girl was almost in dreamland when she felt something brush her hair, and her mother's voice whispered: "I heard something nice to-night. I overheard one of the judges say to another, 'Did you ever see an easier case to decide than we would have had if number ten had been a contestant?'" With only a good-night kiss she left Viola to decide whether it had paid to "give in."

"Here is something that came in the mail, dear," was her mother's greeting as Viola entered the house.

"Oh, mother, it's a dainty little book with a lovely poem and coloured pictures, and here on the first page it says, 'To Viola from Lula Beach.'"

"The latest edition of your medal came to-day, Viola." Mr Hunt seated himself at the supper table opposite Viola's expectant eyes. "When I was at the polls to help keep this town dry I met Mr Banks. I had no idea he had changed his mind about saloons helping business, but I slapped him on the shoulder and said, 'Banks, give us a dry vote, and use your influence as the biggest man in the town should use it—in the right direction.' I nearly staggered when he said, 'I intend to, Hunt, and I don't mind telling you my change of heart dates from the night your Viola spoke at the contest the temperance women had.'"

There was silence while Mrs Hunt smiled at her little daughter through tears. Then Viola, in serious tone, but with mischief in her eyes, rejoined: "I think I received a better medal than Louise did—it's the kind that keeps coming."

THE FIRST SPECIAL POLICE-WOMAN IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Perhaps you would like to know how I became the first special police-woman in San Francisco? It is rather a long story, and time will not permit me to tell you all about it, but it grew out of the fact that women were not allowed into the courts when trials were going on—that is, trials of a so-called "indecent" character. A poor, frightened little girl had to go into the court room alone, where the judge and jury were men, and the visitors' benches were filled with men; but a woman was not admitted, on the plea of "decency." We held a mass meeting to protest against this injustice and demanded that women should be admitted; but on various pretexts we were always shut out, first on one ground, and then on another. We then formed a committee of women, representing 14 or 15 different associations and women's clubs, and this committee, of which I was made chairman made application to be allowed to give help and countenance to these poor children. These little girls were of all ages from 4 to 14 years.

We had at one time 100 children as witnesses on charges made against fifteen men. The first of these men was on trial, and his lawyer claimed the right to shut out the women. I had had fifteen of these small children in my own personal care over 3 weeks, and the judge said that he did not see why one woman at least should not be allowed to sit with the girls inside the court room. We were, however, all turned out. I went upstairs to the Chief of Police, and asked him for an order to enter the court, and he willingly wrote out such an order. I went downstairs and presented it, but the attorney simply threw it into the waste paper basket, saying that the Chief of Police had no authority over him. I went again and saw the Chief, and he said, "I don't know what can be done. I wish we had women-inspectors or women police." (We had

been trying then for over two years to have women inspectors, and he had given us strong support.) It then occurred to the Chief that I must be admitted if I were made a police officer. The result was that he "scored me in" as a special police officer, and gave me a police star or badge, and I went down and was admitted. I then asked that another lady might sit with me, and the lawyer agreed, "as," he said, "Mrs French was really the one he objected to."

That was how I became the first police woman in San Francisco. That star has never been taken away from me, and for over seven years I used it and it gave me access to places where otherwise I could not have gone. The White Slave traffic was then at its very worst in America, and I could get into houses of prostitution to find young girls who were missing; I could also go into homes and find out where the girls of large families slept, crowded into small quarters, and with the police star I could speak to loitering girls on the streets at night, and send or take them home.

O LITTLE MOTHER OF MINE!

Sometimes in the hush of the evening hour,
When the shadows creep from the west,
I think of the twilight songs you sang
And the boy you lulled to rest;
The wee little boy with the tousled head,
That long, long ago was thine.
I wonder if sometimes you long for that boy,
O little mother of mine!

And now he has come to man's estate,
Grown stalwart in body and strong,
And you'd hardly know that he was the lad
Whom you lulled with your slumber song.
The years have altered the form and the life,
But his heart is unchanged by time,
And still he is only thy boy as of old,
O little mother of mine!

—"Great Thoughts."

A CANADIAN IN BELGIUM.

Mrs W. D. Bayley, wife of one of the Canadian Prohibition Campaigners, now visiting New Zealand, has just received word from her brother, Captain A. D. McRae, M.C., that he is now with his battalion in Germany. Captain McRae was wounded last August, after two years' service, a bullet passing through his nose and cheek. He received the Military Cross for his work in the fighting during which he was wounded.

Captain McRae described his adventures in getting to his battalion after returning from hospital in England. He says, November 25, 1918:—

"I got back to the Battalion a few days ago, after quite a wonderful trip up from Boulogne, the last hundred miles or so being done by hopping the odd motor lorries. I spent the first night in Valenciennes, and the next in the famous Mons. The towns and cities here are a mass of flags, floral arches, etc.

"It seemed quite strange, when nearing the old battle ground, not to hear any guns, and I think it made it seem all the more desolate, if possible.

"The roads for miles on either side of the old zone are crowded with old men, women, and children, pushing wheelbarrows, pulling carts and wagons, or carrying great bundles, on their way to their old homes, though in many cases it will be but the place where their homes used to be. Many will not even be able to find a vestige of the town or village left. What some of these wonderful French people are going through (smiling with the knowledge that they are to be free of the Hun) the world at large will never appreciate.

The roads, as we now march through Belgium towards the Rhine are ever lined with old men (the others are in their own army), women and children and all seem to have learned the word *Welcome*. Floral arches decorate the streets, and great banners bear some welcome in Belgian, French, English, or a mixture. Women rush out with cups of tea or coffee to the boys as we pass, and when we stop for the night they do their utmost to make us comfortable. (The little lady here has me fixed up in fine style.)

It is often quite touching to see the older people standing to welcome us with tears of joy running down their

cheeks. Yesterday, when nearing a little town, we were met with a band of some dozen pieces, no member of which I should judge was a day under sixty years. They played "Oh, Canada" and "God Save the King," and not too badly either."

Captain McRae figured very prominently two years ago as a witness in the famous British Columbia Soldiers' Vote investigation. A referendum on Prohibition was held, and a Government Commission sat in England and discovered that dead soldiers, as well as thousands of fictitious names, had been voted. Captain McRae had acted as scrutineer for the Drys, and was able to give evidence that proved that ballots marked for Prohibition had been destroyed, and Wet ballots substituted. Captain McRae later on was placed in charge of the Canadian General Election for one of the four divisions of the Canadian Army.

THE FUTURE.

Be brave, O Heart! and meet the coming years

With a strong courage born of faith and love;

Be brave and, smiling through the falling tears,

Look up to where God's stars still shine above.

Be brave, O Heart! the years short or long,

With steps that do not falter tread the way;

Take courage, meet the future with a song.

Have faith that joy will come at close of day.

Be brave, O Heart! so many feet have passed

O'er sorrow's road where now the light grows dim,

Beyond the hills, the dawn is breaking fast.

O trust in God, and leave the rest to Him.

—"The Messenger."

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**ON THE BEAT WITH THE LADY
COP."**

(An article from the "New York
Tribune.")

The policewoman is not a passing fad; she is not an experiment, she is not even a war measure; she is simply the logical solution of one of our greatest problems, the proper care and protection of our women and girls,

and she has come to stay. She stands before you as a permanent and an extremely important addition to the metropolitan police force, and she demands your respect and co-operation. There were eight or ten of her sitting around a long table, each busily writing a report of her work of the previous day. Nice, motherly, middle-aged women they were for the most part, with the exception of two who had the appearance of successful stenographers. They were all well dressed, in clothes that were decidedly feminine, and there was nothing about them that suggested in any way that they were guardians of the law. There are seventeen of these lady cops working under the direct supervision of our woman Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Ellen O'Grady. They are almost without exception women who have had long experience in the same sort of work. A goodly number have served as police matrons, and the others have done detective work and investigation of different kinds for the department.

"The work of these women is confined almost entirely to the protection of women and girls. They believe that an ounce of prevention is worth a year in a reformatory, and so for the most part they leave the punishment of offences to the men of the force and devote all their energies to the work of protection and prevention. And it is a really remarkable work that they are doing.

"Every morning the seventeen women who compose Commissioner O'Grady's present squad assemble in the Deputy Commissioner's office for an hour's instruction by their chief. Plans are discussed and questions answered, and in this way the Deputy Commissioner keeps in close touch with the work which the women are doing. She knows the details of all the cases on which they are working, and she often interviews the wrongdoers herself. If a girl is reported as in need of employment, the Commissioner finds her a position; if marriage is indicated she arranges for this. She furnishes food and clothing and arranges temporary loans where there is need for such help.

"Through the courtesy of Commissioner O'Grady I accompanied one of her police-women one evening last week as she made her rounds of the parks.

"While these policewomen are the legal protectors of women and girls of all ages, it is the younger girls, girls from fourteen to sixteen years of age, to whom they are devoting the greatest care and attention. It is the most vital problem for the moment and one which it is extremely difficult to handle, for the heads of these susceptible young women have become completely turned by the glamour of khaki and blue serge, and it is extremely difficult to differentiate between the innocent and the harmful friendships of these young girls and their soldier and sailor friends, and the situation often requires very tactful handling.

"So many have asked the question, 'Just what does the policewoman do when she finds one of these girls in the park?' She begins her peregrinations in the early evening, sauntering slowly through the more secluded portions of the park, where a more timid woman would not dare to go alone, but the policewoman is apparently fearless. She is unarmed, and her badge is usually in her handbag; her only weapon is a police whistle. As she walks along she keeps a sharp look-out on either side. There may be a black mass just ahead that looks like a rock in the distance, but as she reaches it it moves and separates into two masses silhouetted against the sky; a soldier and a girl. The policewoman speaks to the girl in a pleasant tone.

"'Good evening, my dear,' she says 'Isn't it late for you to be out here in this lonely spot? I am a policewoman, and it is my business to take care of young girls. I would like to talk to you for a minute.'

"The girl is usually very amenable, and the policewoman takes her out of the hearing of the young man and asks her questions of all sorts, her age, her occupation, family conditions, etc., and then she comes to the subject of the young man, and after finding out all the particulars concerning their acquaintance, if the girl is young she accompanies her to her home and she has a conference with the mother. She is always careful not to speak of the girls' shortcomings before the father or brothers, for this might cause a family explosion. From this time on that girl is watched over and protected by the policewoman. If she is out of employment, work is found for her. Her name is given to the Big Sisters of the creed to which

she belongs, and they, too, look after her welfare. It is this personal campaign and the conscientious following up of the cases that are bringing the improvement which is so noticeable among the women and girls.

"I have dealt at some length on this particular branch of the work of the policewoman, but do not think for a minute that this covers the activities of Commissioner O'Grady's office. Not by a good deal. Missing girls are found by the women of her staff, men who have insulted their stenographers are trapped by one of the younger women sent ostensibly to seek employment, and are brought to justice, and the Commissioner has completely changed the old-fashioned methods of dealing with illegal practitioners, a feat of which she is particularly proud. In fact, there are many jobs for which the policewoman is far better fitted than a man, and these women are daily proving that their appointment to the service was not a mistake."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report—

N.Z. FUND.

Dunedin, £10; Christchurch, £5; Hastings and Petone, £2 each; Ngāio, £1 4s; Blenheim, South Dunedin, and Wanganui, £1 each; Feilding, Greytown, and Pakiri, 10s each. Total, £24 14s.

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NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 10th February, 1919.

MEMORY GEMS.

(By Frances E. Willard.)

The human brain with its fair, delicate, mystical filaments, is God's night-blooming cereus, its white radiance forever enclosed and shut away from sight within the close crypt of the skull, but exhaling its fragrance in poetry, and revealing its deep pure heart in science, philosophy, and religion. Keep that sacred blossom ever pure, fair and fragrant, with God's truth and heaven's immortality.

The beautiful brain that can think out an epic, compose a symphony, transfigure a canvas, invent an engine, a telephone, an airship—we are in the fight for its freedom and integrity, the holiest fight this side Jehovah's throne.

In his ignorance man began to use alcoholic drinks, and honestly called them a "good creature of God." But the attractive ingredients in all these beverages is alcohol, a poison that has this changeless law—that it acts, in exact proportion to the quantity imbibed, upon the brain and nervous system precisely as fire acts upon water, lapping it up with a fierce and insatiable thirst.

Just as an engineer controls his engine with the throttle valve, or as an operator controls his telegraph line, so the wonderful brain controls the body's intricate machinery. Given so much clear thought and you will get so much clear action. Given so much crazed thought and you will get so much crazed action. There is no axiom of mathematics more fixed than this physical law.

The man who cannot think his own thoughts though nobody hinders him, cannot speak his own words though everybody wishes he could, cannot use his own five senses though they were given him for that specific purpose, and whose cruelty is greatest toward those he loves the best, presents nature's supreme illustration of the law that alcoholic drinks have no business in the economics of a well-ordered physical life.

Character is bounded on the north by sobriety, on the east by integrity, on the west by industry and on the south

by gentleness. But these cardinal points are all determined by the first, sobriety. This virtue must precede that of integrity.

Alcoholic beverages are the only ones that have no power of self-limitation. One glass says two, and two says three, until as a general rule, from the power of self-perpetuation in this appetite, the life of a drinker of alcoholics has but two periods, in the first of which he could leave off if he would, and in the last, he would leave off if he could.

FAITH.

I will not doubt, tho' all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I shall believe the Hand which never fails,
From seeming evil worketh good for me:
And tho' I weep because those sails are battered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
"I trust Thee."

I will not doubt, tho' all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still, white realm above;
I shall believe it is an all-wise love
Which has refused those things for which I yearn:
And tho' at times I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardour of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt, tho' sorrows fall like rain,
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive:
I shall believe the heights for which I strive
Are only reached by anguish and by pain:
And tho' I groan and tremble with my crosses,
I yet shall see, through my severest losses,
The greater gain.

I will not doubt; well anchored in the faith,
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale;
So strong is courage that it will not fail
To breast the mighty, unknown sea of Death.
Oh, may I cry, when body parts with spirit,
"I do not doubt," so listening worlds may hear it
With my last breath.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE 1919 CONVENTION.*

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

Doubtless many of you will have been wondering when our next Annual Convention is to be held. In view of the poll to be taken on April 10th, it was felt that Convention could not be held at the usual time, seeing that all would be busy in their respective districts with enrolment work, the distribution of literature, or other preparation for the poll. Moreover, with Dominion Prohibition hanging in the balance, it would have been impossible to plan for the work of the ensuing year. It was therefore decided to postpone the Convention till after the poll, and the 23rd of April is fixed for the opening day. This is immediately after the Easter holidays, which will, perhaps, give delegates an opportunity of combining attendance at the Convention with a preliminary holiday.

Napier is to be the scene of the annual visit of the New Zealand Union, and members will look forward to a few days' sojourn in this beautiful little town.

District Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, New Zealand Superintendents of Departments, Organisers and Organising Treasurers, with the New Zealand officers, are, ex officio, members of the Convention. Each Branch is entitled to send one delegate for every 100 or fraction of 100 members, but no delegate can represent more than one Branch. An important alteration was made at last Convention with reference to the appointment of delegates, so that a Union unable to send a delegate from amongst its own members, may elect as delegate any other member of the W.C.T.U., provided she is resident in its own District. This will obviate the necessity for asking for a proxy to be appointed. Should there be any Union, however, that still desires a proxy, it will be necessary to send me word to that effect and to enclose directions as to voting for the New Zealand officers and to voting on the Notices of Motion. Of these there are two: The first, to be moved by Mrs Peryman, "That as Unions may now choose as their delegate any member in their own District, Article II. of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words 'No proxy shall

be appointed, etc., to the end." If this motion is passed, the effect will be to do away with proxies altogether. The second notice of motion, to be moved by Miss Macarthy, is that Article IV. be amended by inserting after the words "Editor and Business Manager of the 'White Ribbon'" the words "and Superintendents of not less than 4 nor more than 6 Departments, to be selected by the Executive." The purpose of this is to give to the Superintendents of the more important Departments a seat on the Dominion Executive during the time of the Annual Convention.

Members of Convention are expected to present their credentials at the Reception, or at the first Session.

Will the Secretaries please remember to send me the names of delegates as soon as possible, and to state their official position, whether District President or Secretary, etc.?

Every Union should endeavour to be represented at this coming Convention. If the poll on April 10th is in our favour as we all hope and pray it may be, and as many signs seem to show that it can be—it will be a historic occasion, in which all will wish to have some part. To that end let us all devote our best energies, that to us, as to the woman of old, it may be said, "According to your faith, be it unto you."

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,
KATE M. EVANS,
Recording Secretary.
19, Hiropi Street, Wellington.

CANADIAN WOMEN ADDRESS LLOYD GEORGE.

"We, with breaking hearts, gave up our husbands, sons, and brothers to fight for liberty and justice in Europe, and to protect our Motherland from the encroachments of the enemy, but we did not give them up to be ruined in body and soul by drink and disease in England.

"In Canada our men are protected by the dry canteen in the camps, but in England you took away that protection, and exposed them to all the temptations of the open bar, with all its horrible consequences. It was a cruel and a wicked thing, never to be forgotten by the women of Canada—a boy's return for all their self-sacrifice and suffering.

CREATION'S PLAN.

Back of creation's plan Love always waits, and always acts. It always holds joy, but we are not always in a state to receive it. We are children on a new path, every day, and have a very imperfect conception of earth and its values, and still more imperfect of Life and its possibilities. Disappointments follow our hopes and wishes delayed, or denied, until we are ready to make better use of them. But for our ignorance, we would be glad to wait. Hopes gratified at the wrong time would bear bitter fruit. It is better to wait; but waiting is not pleasant, especially to the untrained soul. A wise old writer said: "Let Patience have its perfect work." But Patience is a growth. We have patiently to wait for patience to grow. When it gets a good growth, it is a wonderful transformer. But the need to wait for desired objects often reaches us before patience has grown. We may say be patient, and thus we suggest the way to find it. It grows as we try to grow it. It is ours to possess, to open, to unfold. It works well mixed into every-day life, and always leads to the light. Because love reigns, many of our hopes must not materialise very many of them. There is a great work for patience in the life of every one. We may define our waiting without worry or grief. Its bedrock is, my Father knows best. The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

COMPENSATION FROM THE BUSINESS MAN'S POINT OF VIEW

A prohibitionist and a prominent business man from Sydney writes thus about our fight over here:—"I have come to the conclusion that we made a mistake with our "No Compensation" cry. It has been an awful handicap to an uphill fight. This traffic is sucking the life-blood of our nation, and its abolition is worth paying for. We have let the injustice of the compensation clause weigh too much with us. It is a greater injustice to our nation to allow its evils to exist one day longer than necessary, if freedom from those evils can be obtained by granting compensation."

Y Column

ALCOHOL CONTRA MUNDUM.

A suggestion for a "Y" demonstration. The music is only suggested, and any other suitable pieces may be substituted.

Dominions and Allies are grouped on the stage. All are appropriately dressed, and carry their national colours. All sing "Britannia, the Pride of the Ocean," as curtain rises, while Britannia enters and takes up a central position on the stage.

Britannia: Daughters and Allies, greetings to you all. Together we faced a common danger, and wrested victory from overwhelming odds. Without our terrible handicap we could have faced Germany's hordes with calm confidence; handicapped by strong drink, we came perilously near defeat. Strong drink hindered the production of munitions; it lessened the efficiency of soldiers and civilians alike; it clouded the brain of the officer, and weakened the physique of the private. It cast men into hospital who should have been in the trenches, until of my own forces 45 per cent. were unfit to take the field by reason of preventable diseases. Strong drink threatens our very national existence, and we all had to deal more or less drastically with this traitor within ere we could conquer the foe without. Now we are no longer threatened by the German invader, shall we allow our life-blood to be sucked by this infamous traffic? Strong drink attacks life in its earliest stages, and robs the child of its right to be well born. Its wreckage crowds our gaols and mental hospitals, and from the cradle to the grave it is a menace and a handicap to anyone who uses it. Friends and Children, shall we not join in a bloodless war against strong drink until, for our nation's salvation, we drive it, an outlaw from our Planet? Columbia, my eldest daughter, driven in your youth from my household; but returning in your vigorous womanhood to help in my hour of need. What have you to say?

As United States of America advances all sing "Battle Hymn of Republic."

U.S.A.: Long ago some of my States outlawed strong drink, and from these States which were dry my

finest soldiers came. Secretary Daniels made Army and Navy dry, to their great benefit. Dry Seattle broke the record for ship-building. Wherever drink went out efficiency increased, so my States have confirmed the amendment to the Constitution, and the success of Prohibition in individual States has caused a nation to adopt it. My United States have outlawed the drink traffic.

Solo:

("Tune, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp.")
We advance in arts of war, but in things of moral worth
Every Christian mind is more disposed to think.
And as sure as God has said, "Evil shall be rooted up,"
Britain's sons shall see the overthrow of drink.

Chorus (All):

When you see the Temperance Army,
Know the time is drawing near,
For we're at it every day
And we never mean to stay,
Till the great and glorious victory shall appear.

Britannia: Now, my Lady of the Snows, fair Canada, you and your sister Columbia own a continent between you, so how fares your part in this great contest?

Canada: Forced by the stern logic of facts, I made my camps dry. Mothers petitioned for their sons to have dry camps abroad. My whole Dominion is dry for the period of demobilisation, and I intend to keep it dry.

Chorus:

For we're at it every day,
And we never mean to stay—
Till the great and glorious victory shall appear.

Britannia: Belgium, my brave ally, in the hour of your peril did you find strong drink a blessing or curse?

Belgium: When the Hun swept down upon me with rage in his heart, that rage was inflamed to madness by the strong drink found in such abundance in my cellars, and my daughters drank to its dregs the cup of suffering. I am with you in this fight.

Chorus:

"The Marseillaise."

While singing, France advances.

France: I too can speak of how this foe thrusts its sword into the very vitals of a nation. I set up a commission of experts, whose verdict was:

"The chief cause of race decay is alcohol." Absinthe I barred during war, and restricted sale of other spirits. By posters and other means I am teaching my people that "Drink is as much your enemy as Germany."

Solo:

Cheer, boys, cheer! The nation is awaking,
Thousands rise to snap the tyrant's chain,
Brave, true hearts the tempter's cup forsaking,
Fighting for truth they will conquer yet again.
Through the land let freemen assemble,
Soldiers brave, devoted to our cause;
Foes of truth, before our arms shall tremble,
And proudly the nation enjoy the temperance laws.

Chorus:

Cheer, boys, cheer! our cause is great and glorious,
Spread it wide, our world to restore;
Cheer, boys, cheer! for truth shall be victorious,
Firm to the Pledge let us labour evermore.

Britannia: Thank you, La Belle France. What say my other Allies?

Japan: When Russia and I fought to a finish her vodka-weakened soldiers fell before my sober, brown warriors like sheaves before the scythe. I proved then how quickly wounds heal when the blood is untainted by alcohol.

Russian National Anthem as Russia approaches.

Russia: Learning the bitter truth and lesson from the former war, I banished vodka ere I marched against the Hun. It paid financially, and in spite of the war my finances improved. How it paid in efficiency my brave Allies know; know the story of my long retreat. How a sober Army retreated for months, and remained an Army, and not a mob. Now my land is a welter of bloodshed, and anarchy and vodka is restored to power. Success to your crusade, and may you help me to become a sober nation once again!

Roumania: My patriotic statesmen closed the wineshops, though they owned the vineyards. My help is yours in this fight.

Italy: The wine of my country is dear to the palate of my people, but dearer far is the welfare and efficiency of our nation. We have restricted, we have regulated this traffic to no purpose, and we now join you to fight it to the death.

Solo:

(Tune, "Scots Wha Hae.")

Friends of freedom swell the song,
Young and old the strain prolong
Make the Temperance Army strong
On to Victory!
Lift your banners, let them wave,
Onward march a world to save,
Who would fill a drunkard's grave;
Bear his infamy.

Britannia: Our hearts are as one.
We have fought and beaten the Hun,
and shall we fear to face that deadlier
Hun—Strong Drink? Come, my
Children from the Southern Seas, are
you willing to join us in this war?

South Africa: I closed my bars
whenever your troops called on me en
route, and tempted not your soldiers
to drink. I stand beside you in this
fight.

*Victoria, New South Wales, W.
Australia, S. Australia, Queensland,
Tasmania, and New Zealand sing
"The Homeland."*

Victoria: For these, my sisters, I
speak. Already we are in this fight.
Some of us forbid the sale of liquor
after 6 p.m., and all are busy trying to
vote it out. My sister Sydney is
shortly to vote, and we pray and be-
lieve that ere 1920 closes our contin-
ent will be as dry as our own sandy
deserts.

Round:

(Tune, "Scotland's Burning.")

Whisky's going, Whisky's going,
Vote on, Vote on,
Everybody, everybody,
Join our home protection party.

Britannia: Last, but not least, fair
Zealandia, who dwelleth like a jewel
in the blue waters of the Pacific.
Well watered art thou, cascades leap
down thy mountain sides, snow-fed
rivers meander o'er thy fertile plains.
Canst thou not do without thy waipiro,
thy strong waters?

Zealandia: Mother of Mine, my
sons fought for thee in Gallipoli and
in France, and to the last man and to
the last shilling I was with thee in the
fight. So stand I beside thee in this
greater strife. Drink has slain many
of my sons, and wrecked morally
many more, and to it I swear undying
enmity. I have closed the traffic
after 6 p.m. and when troopships ar-
rive; but in spite of all, my boys get
drink. Now is aroused the deep
wrath of my people, and the trade that
cannot be mended must be ended, and
on April 10th we intend to end it with
our bullets, which are ballots. Our
great aim is to "Twine the Ribbon
round the Nations."

*Sing: "All Round the World. All
together."*

Britannia: Sisters and Daughters,
here we form our League of Nations,
we pledge fealty to each other and
undying hatred to the Liquor Trade.
We shall win in this bloodless war.
Linked by our Ribbon White, our
motto "For God, Home and Every
Land," and our Watchword, "God ex-
pects every nation and every indi-
vidual to do its duty."

Chorus:

We are coming to the rescue,
We are coming in our youth!
The homes we build to-morrow
Shall be guarded by the truth;
We are coming, coming to the battle
For Country, God, and Right;
And for a winsome token
We wear our Ribbon White.

All will then sing:

"GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

Y's Reports.**INVERCARGILL.**

Jan. 27. Annual meeting. Offi-
cers elected: Pres., Miss Birss; Rec.
Sec., Miss Stewart; Cor. Sec., Miss
Macalister; Treas., Miss Finlayson;
Assist. Treas., Miss Ramsay; Pian-
iste, Miss Baxter; Vice-Pres., Misses
Allan, Featherstone, C. Clark, and
Kerse; "W.R." Supt., Miss Seed;
Committee, Mrs Aiken, Featherstone,
and Milne. Four new members.
Decided to ask Mrs Napier to visit us
on February 6. Mrs Macalister gave
an address, for which she was warmly
thanked.

Seattle is the largest dry city in
America. Its Mayor, Hiram Gill,
had always been a wet. His political
and social relations are wet. He was
elected as a wet. He fought the en-
actment of the dry law. When the
dry law came in force, he laboured
much to see it enforced. He saw the
good to Seattle in the dry law, and,
regardless of consequences to himself,
he went into the middle of the fight.
"I am as dry as hell, and if you
know how dry that is you know how
dry I am. I know men in Seattle
who never earned an honest dollar in
their lives who are now at work sup-
porting their families."

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

TO WOMEN OF ALL NATIONS.

(By Mrs Charlotte Despard in "Jus
Suffragii.")

In a joy tempered with solemnity,
for the real battle is only beginning,
we the women of Great Britain salute
our sisters of every land. In these
moments of general rejoicing, we re-
member that womanhood all over the
world is one. It has suffered un-
speakably; but we hope and pray that
the suffering will bring to humanity
the fruit of wisdom.

From the spiritual side, the bitterest
and indeed the most sinister, aspect
of the war has been the enforced sepa-
ration between the peoples kept alive
by a fierce propaganda of hate. This
has been felt specially by women.
Rigorous press censorship, denial of
free speech, and restriction on indi-
vidual liberty have kept us apart. At
the same time, during these years of
unheaval our power to help and re-
deem the world has been growing,
and we are firmly convinced that if
womanhood everywhere can grasp and
hold the secret of power, our future is
assured. That secret is to be found,
not in armaments or war-munitions,
not in money, not in domination of sex
over sex, class over class, nation over
nation; but in the love that, binding
all sections of the peoples together in
a common humanity, makes for a re-
cognised oneness. It was said lately
by a poet, when he was describing a
great spiritual struggle:—

For thou hast but faken to gather
The last of the secrets of power;
The beauty that breathes in thy spirit
Shall mould of thy sorrow a flower.

With this hope, we the women of
Great Britain, greet our sisters across
the seas. We rejoice that throughout
these years of reaction we and they
have been able to keep the flag of
internationalism flying. We give hon-
our to the women who, by their cease-
less activities, their courage, their suf-
ferings, and their death, have render-
ed homage to the great cause of in-
ternational unity, and we look forward
with joy to the opportunity, so long
denied, of meeting face to face those
who with us have been striving for
liberty, and seeking for a common un-
derstanding of its demands.

The "British Weekly" announces
the abandonment by the Government
of all intention to bring in a State
Purchase of the Liquor Traffic Bill.

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.)

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Feb. 4. A large attendance, and Mrs Baird presided. The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's showed good work and progress during the past year. Three new auxiliary Unions were organised, also a large "Y" Branch and a Loyal Temperance Legion. £138 9s 6d and a parcel of comforts were sent to the mine-sweepers. The hospital was visited regularly. Prizes were given to competitors for the Temperance essay written in the public schools. Tea and rest tents were successfully managed at the A. and P. Show. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mrs C. H. Macalister; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Peters, and McKenzie; Rec. Sec., Mrs Roland Lewis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson; Treas., Mrs Frank Lillicap; Assist. Treas., Mrs A. Dewe.

TIMARU.

Feb. 4. Adjourned annual meeting on account of the epidemic. Mrs Liddell presided. Mrs Woodward's report showed a quiet month at the Sailors' Rest on account of no Home boats being in port for some time. Letter was read from Miss Henderson, with letters to be sent to soldiers re voting. Members took these letters, and will have them sent to all they know. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Rule on her sad bereavement. Annual reports were read, showing a busy year, especially in the early months, when Convention was held. Treasurer's report showed credit balance, in spite of heavy expense in connection with Convention. A most cordial vote of appreciation was passed to Mrs Rule for her long and faithful service as President. Officers were elected as follows:—Pres., Mrs Rylands Brown; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rule, Black, Clay, Trott, Stewart, Campbell, H. H. Brown, Horwell, and Liddell; Sec., Miss M. Avison; Treas., Mrs Cave; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Grant; Assist. Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Evans; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Trott; Letter-writer, Mrs Clay.

HAWERA.

Jan. 30. There was a discussion re distributing literature and enrolling voters, and the members were asked to be present at the No-License workers' meeting on January 31st. Decided that post-cards be sent to the absent members urging them to be

present at this meeting. Miss Maunder reported that the Salvation Army will take charge of the Rest Tent at the A. and P. Show in February. It was agreed that the opening meeting of the Loyal Temperance Legion be held on Friday, March 14th.

HENDERSON.

Jan. 15. Annual meeting held on 15th inst. Very satisfactory reports were given by Secretary and Treasurer. The latter showed that £28 13s 10½d had been collected throughout the year, and of that sum £25 0s 7d had been donated to various funds, leaving a balance in hand of £3 13s 3½d. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Gilbert; Vice-Pres., Mrs Wright and Miss Duncan; Sec., Mrs McKay; Treas., Mrs Williams; "W.R." Agent and Reporter, Miss K. Duncan. It was arranged that the ladies attend at the Soldiers' Club on February 10th, and that the Mothers' Meeting be held on February 26th.

ASHBURTON.

Jan. 7. Mrs Lill in the chair. Several Superintendents were appointed to departmental work, and the remainder held over for want of time. All members were urged to assist in according General Pau and delegates a cordial welcome to Ashburton. Mr Jack, Organiser for electorate, addressed the gathering, and urged all to see that their names were on the roll. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was passed. Decided to procure copies of pamphlets issued by the Alliance for distribution.

MATAMATA.

Jan. 22. A meeting of ladies was held here to discuss the formation of a branch of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Richards was voted to the chair. Mrs Cook (President of Auckland Branch) met with us, and explained the aims and work of the Union. A message of greeting was received from the District President, Mrs Horne, of Hamilton. As a result of Mrs Cook's efforts, a Branch was started with about ten members. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Owen Garland; Vice-Pres., Mrs F. Vosper; Cor. Sec., Mrs Richards; Rec. Sec., Mrs Sutherland; Treas., Mrs Hall; "W.R." Agent and Evangelistic Supt., Mrs North.

RICHMOND.

Jan. 8. Postponed annual meeting. Mrs Price (President) in chair. Report and balance-sheet adopted, showing a marked improvement on last year. Money voted to National Efficiency Richmond League, £2; Organising Fund, 1s per member, with 23 on roll; balance in hand substantial. New members, 7. L.T.L. flourishing, about 100 members. Officers for the year appointed. Meetings to be advertised in "White Ribbon."

FEILDING.

Jan. 15. Special meeting to arrange campaign work. Mr Voyce, organiser, gave an address. Plans made for holding prayer meetings. The L.T.L. and "Y" officers appointed to arrange a children's demonstration before the poll. A vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Thompson, late Cor. Sec., in her illness.

PAHIATUA.

Jan. 23. Postponed annual meeting, Mrs Neal presiding. Report and balance-sheet read and adopted, and showed work done in 13 departments, and a record increase in our membership. Donations had been sent to World's W.C.T.U. Missionary, Maori and Organising Funds, and money and Christmas comfort bags to sailors. Officers elected Pres., Mrs Webster; Sec., Mrs H. Godfrey; Treas., Mrs Eager. Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs Webster and Miss Christiansen; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gregg; "W.R.," Mrs Rennie; Hospital Visitors, Mrs Dew and Mrs Robertson; Legal and Parliamentary and Press, Mrs Godfrey; Representative on Band of Hope Committee, Mrs Webster. Mrs Neal was presented with a fountain pen, and general regret expressed at her removal to Feilding, she having been President of the Union since it was organised in 1913.

LYTTELTON.

Feb. 5. Meetings resumed after holidays. Mrs Hatchwell presided. Six members present. Decided to hold a weekly prayer meeting in connection with the coming Prohibition Campaign.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Jan. 14. Annual meeting, Mrs Gaskin presiding. Sister Moody-Bell read report of year's work. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Vice-Pres., Mrs Parkinson and Sister Moody-Bell; Sec., Mrs W. Mason. Election of Treasurer deferred. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Mrs Pearson, of Dunedin, for her kindly help during her visit.

Jan. 28. Devotional meeting, conducted by Sister Moody-Bell.

LOWER HUTT.

Feb. 4. Good attendance. A social afternoon. Mrs Whincop, of Greytown, spoke about "Work in Military Camps" and Mr Pearce on "Temperance Work." Mrs Ballantine made an appeal to members to work and pray. Solo and afternoon tea ended a pleasant afternoon.

MASTERTON.

Feb. 4. Annual meeting. Good attendance. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Whitehead, Ross, and F. Ritter; Rec. Sec., Mrs M. Jackson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Wingate; Treas., Mrs R. Sutherland. Miss M. Wingate was elected delegate to Convention.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Feb. 4. Adjourned annual meeting, Mrs Hiatt presiding. Silent vote of sympathy to our members who have suffered bereavement since our last meeting. Resolved: "That this Union suggests to the local branch of the Women's National Council that a committee meeting be held at regular intervals in accordance with section 6 of Constitution. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Hiatt; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Chisholm; Treas., Mrs Young. Discussion on the work for the poll.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 7. Adjourned annual meeting. Mrs Crabb presided. Attendance fair. Annual report and balance-sheet read and adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Crabb; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clausen, Young, Murray, and Doull; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hill; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder; Treas., Miss Hodder; Superintendents: Moral Instruction, Mrs Hodder; Relief Work, Mrs Rowlands; L.T.L., Mrs Carter and Mrs Coles; "W.R." and Notable Days, Mrs Holbrook; Evangelistic, Mrs Cobb; Press, Miss Sorley; Finance Committee, Mrs Barnett (convener); Scientific Temperance, Mrs Ritchie; Cradle Roll, Miss Smith. Decided to place on record our appreciation of the services of Mrs Clausen, who was Treasurer for four years, and has left for Wellington.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Feb. Adjourned annual meeting. Silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of Mrs Mains, our late Treasurer, who had passed away during the epidemic. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Allen; Sec., Mrs W. A. Tiffany; Treas., Mrs Findlay. Superintendents: Home Meetings, Mrs Horn; "W.R.," Mrs Perry; Cradle Roll, Mrs Chuttleburgh; L.T.L. and Band of Mercy, Mrs Prattley.

OXFORD.

Jan. 8. Postponed annual meeting. President in the chair. Attendance large. Resolution carried expressing sympathy with all in the district who suffered bereavement during the recent epidemic. President gave short account of year's work, and the reports of superintendents of departments were read, showing much good work done. Balance-sheet read and adopted. Donations had been sent to all W.C.T.U. funds, and special donations to our patriotic work. £20 had been sent to Lady Liverpool Fund. Votes of thanks to retiring officers, the Auditor, and the editors of morning newspapers for reporting meetings. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs G. Ryde; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill. Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs C. W. Tutt; "W.R.," Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, senr., and Mrs Roi; Notable Days, Mrs L. Ancall and Mrs Kippenberger; Home

Meetings, Mrs Jim Clarke; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot. Decided to donate £5 to No-License League.

Jan. 20. President in the chair. Attendance good. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs R. E. Johnson and Mrs Roy in their bereavements. Mrs L. Ancall appointed delegate to Convention. Address by Rev. Ready, of Kaiapoi.

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—The writer on "Indentured Labour" in the December issue says: "We venture to think that very few New Zealand women can be aware of the conditions under which our Indian sisters are living in Fiji." It is most important that the facts should be made known. Is not a whole nation responsible for evils and abuses carried on within its own bounds? And when it is a question of the native races and of helpless women and children, it is surely time for the Christian conscience of the people to be aroused. Our Saviour shed His precious blood to redeem us all, and it is our privilege to give His message and to seek to undo the heavy burden and break the yoke of oppression. Will the writer kindly let us know who are directly responsible? Are the women working under the Government or a company—I am, etc.,

J. F. GANSTAD.

Urenui, January 4, 1919.
(Fuller information was given in our January issue.—Editor "W.R.")

Ever insurgent let me be
Make me more daring than devout,
From sleek contentment keep me free,
And fill me with a buoyant doubt.

Open my ears to music; let
Me trill with spring's first flutes
and drums—

But never let me dare forget
The bitter ballads of the slums.

From compromise and things half-
done,

Keep me with stern and stubborn
pride;

And when at last the fight is won,
God keep me still unsatisfied.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8.30 p.m. W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne 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., Miss J. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nelson, 78 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Avondale, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs Proctor; Treas., Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

Auckland, Y's.—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Pres., Miss Alice Parkinson; Vice-Presidents, Misses I. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; Rec. Sec., Miss Hazel Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrill, 31 Arthur St., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss D. Stubbs, Shoal Bay Rd., Devonport; "W.R." Supt., Miss I. Sussex.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Bowman, Peter St., E.; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevarza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakarua.

Avondale Y's, 3rd Wednesday, 7.15 p.m. in Ante room, Town Hall. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens, Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley. Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Morey. Treas. Miss A. Douthwaite; W.R. Supt. Miss R. Thomas; Y. Supt.; Mrs Pirrott, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs A. J. Litchfield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, 1st Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Sec. Mrs Clark, Methodist Parsonage; Treas., Miss Clark, Hall Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs W. Hogan; W.R. Agent Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Mrs Patterson, 316 Worcester St., Linwood; Asst. Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Drinnan, 11, Brown St., St. Albans.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs Richards; Rec. Sec., Mrs McPhee, Princes St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72 Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Chisholm. Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Mrs Young, Bishops Court Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Barr, Victoria Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Budd, Elliot Sheppard, George and Young; Sec., Mrs Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterfall Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lilliwall.

Fitzroy, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 834 Devon Street, Fitzroy. Sec. Mrs L. Gray, 638 Devon Street East New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilton St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clewley St., Fitzroy.

Fielding, 1st Thursday, 2.10 p.m., St Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Barton, "Brabourne," Monmouth St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clara Neal, 3 Fitzroy St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Cooke, Manchester St.; Treas., Miss Svendsen, East St; "W.R." Agent, Miss Jordan, c/o Mr H. Feild, "Cloverdale," North Road; Literature, Mrs E. Bridge and Miss O'Neill.

Gisborne District, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Maccolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, 1st Tuesday at 8 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Hamilton District, 1st Thursday, Wesleyan Club Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. T. Horne, Clifton Road; Sec., Mrs W. H. Paul, Clarendons; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gaulton, Rostrevor Street.

Hamilton East—3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs Gillies, Nixon St.; Sec., Mrs Ogilvie, Firth St.; Treas., Mrs Jack, McFarlane St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mears; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dey.

Hastings, 2nd and 4th Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stortford; Vice-Pres., Mrs Boyle, Mrs Burr; Sec., Mrs M. R. Lovell Smith, 808 Ellison Road; Treas., Mrs J. Wilson, Box 273, Hastings; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, R-gert Street, on the last Thursday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. S. Young, Cameron Street; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, Liversedge, and Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd; Cor. Sec., Mrs White, Argyle Street; Treas., Mrs Best, Milne St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Tait, Nelson St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilberd, "Homeview"; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Wright and Miss Duncan; Secretary, Mrs McKay, Great North Rd.; Treas., Mrs W. Williams, Gt North Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs C. H. Macalister; Vice-Pres. Mesdames Baird, McKenzie, and Peters; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rowland Lewis; Asst. Treas., Mrs A. Dewe; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Princes St., Enwood; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lillicrap, Earn St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St. Gorgetown. Sec. Mrs Garrett, 196 Neis St.; Vice-Pres. Mesdames Morrison, Parkins, Morris, Hughes, Clements, Ewart; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pate; Treasurer, Mrs Aitken; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs Parry

Kalapai 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 Baines, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume Treas., Mrs Woolford, Sec., Mrs Jack Hume, W.R. Sp. Miss McCutchan, 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., Mr. Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs Chittenden, Bridge Street; Treas., Mrs Bayley, Queens 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. Lytelton.

Leigh, 1st Saturday, Leigh Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs C. Wyatt; Vice-Presidents, Mrs D. Matheson and Miss C. Matheson; Sec., Miss E. Matheson; Treas., Miss A. Matheson; Cradle Roll, Miss J. Wyatt; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Matheson.

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

Masterton, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Rec. Sec., Mrs M. Jackson, Cor. Sec., Mrs M. Wingate; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross High St.

Matakana, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., & Rec. Sec., Mrs Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Eytton; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. Roke.

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

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashbridge Rd; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds and Fawcett; Sec., Mrs A. Chellew, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Faraday Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Chapman; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames J. Walker and W. Findlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens; Supt. Drawing-room Meetings, Mrs Fawcett.

Morrinsville, meets 2nd Tuesday. Pres. Mr Davies; Vice-Pres., Mrs Black; Sec. and Treas. Miss Beeson, c/o Private Hospital, Morrinsville.

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

Ngaurawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; President, Mrs Bycroft; Vice-Pres., Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs J. S. Colhoun; Treas., Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs Nicholson

New Plymouth District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., 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 Dickson, Hurstlands; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; White Ribbon, Mrs Dickson.

Norsewood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Gatman; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Frederickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park"; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gatman; Evangelistic, Mrs Todd; Home Meetings, Mrs Jensen.

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, 45, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Acting Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Edmonds, Tory St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opetiki, 2nd Friday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs Holman; "W.R." Mrs Francis; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Pearson.

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Rec. Sec., Mrs K. Comyns; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Coverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Roy; Evangelistic, Mrs C. W. Tritt; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Kippeberger and Mrs L. Ancell.

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, 128 College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, 64, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan St.; Treas., Miss Hodder, Allan St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Palmerston N., Y's.—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands, 21 Victoria Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Winnie Crabb, 128 College Street; Treas., Miss Maud Randall; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Cassie Bruce

Petone, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ashby, 64 Britannia St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Corner, McPherson, Murgatroyd, Collins; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burd, 87 Cuba St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Eason, 82 Richmond St.; Treas., Mrs Donaghue; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Barrow, Hutt Road.

Picton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church. Pres. Mrs Arthur, Broadway; Vice Pres. Mesdames Smith and Miller; Sec. & Treas. Mrs Wilkes, York St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Dry, Wai-kana; W.R. Agent, Mrs Jacques, York St; President Band of Hope, Rev. G. K. Stowell.

Ponsonby, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget Street; Acting President, Mrs C. R. Vickers, Millais Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Thorne; Sec., Mrs Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Plummer; Treas., Mrs T. Walker, Rose Rd.

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

Papatoetoe, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Ashton; Sec., Miss Franks; Treas., Mrs J. Bryant; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Wylie

Richmond (Nelson), 2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs L. Sutton, Upper Queen Street; Vice-pres. Mesdames Hunt, Field and Price; Sec., Mrs Cropp, Salisbury Rd.; Treas., Mrs Burrough, Hill St; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Fittall, Salisbury Rd.

Rakia 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 Jenkins, Treas.; Mrs Hopwood Sec

Sawyer's Bay, 2nd Tuesday in Methodist Church. Pres. Mrs Allen; Sec., Mrs W. A. Tiffany; Treasurer, Mrs Findlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Peary; Supt Home Meetings, Mrs Horn.

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

Stratford, 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Phillips, Bunny Hollow; Vice-Pres., Mrs Madill and Mrs Foster; Sec., Mrs Spurdle, Cloton Road; Treas., Miss Everiss, Juliet Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs McMillan.

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Vice Pres., Mrs Veats, Hurstmere Rd; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd; Treas., Mrs Penning, East Coast Rd.

Tauranga, Meets in Presbyterian Hall, on last Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 6th Ave. W.; Sec., Mrs Weason, 3rd Ave.; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Turner, Devonport Rd.; Treas., Mrs J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Christensen, 5th Ave.; Cradle Roll, Mrs A. Christensen, 5th Avenue.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Sailor's Rest. Pres., Mrs Rylands Brown, Grey St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Grant and Miss Evans; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Trott, Cane Street.

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 Foston, Bott and Robertson; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; "Okoiā," Wanganui E.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and McLeod; 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., Mrs J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Smith, College Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Warkworth, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom. Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Buckingham; Treas., Mrs Ellis; "W.R." Agent, Mrs T. H. Wilson; Press Reporter, Mrs McKinney.

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

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, 19 Hiropi St.; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St. L.T.L. Rooms, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Y Branch, Rooms, alternate Thursdays at 8 p.m.

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 Huia Rd., Hataitai; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treas. Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austi Street.

Waikurau, 2nd Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. E. Reid; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hopkirk, Hardy, Stace; 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.