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IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE.

The brave that are no more."
"Toll for the brave,

"We stand at one with those men
that died,
Come dawn, come dark, we have these
beside!
Living or dead, we are comrades all,
Our battles are won by the men who
fall.

When peace dawns over the country
side,
Our thanks shall be to the lads who
died.
Oh, quiet hearts, can you hear us
tell
How peace was won by the men who
fell!"

"There is a reaper whose name is
Death,
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at a
breath,
And the flowers that lie between."

For four long years has the Reaper,
with his sickle keen, been busy in our
midst, and by means of war, pestilence,
and famine, he has garnered in,
as well as the "shocks of corn fully
ripe," so many of the "bright flowers
that grow between."

From these far-off isles of the sea
numbers of bright spirits went forth
to fight for freedom, and many, alas!
will return to us no more for ever.
Thousands of our most promising
young lives have been cut short,
freely offered up for the sake of
others.

The mighty guns are silenced now;
no longer does the deadly submarine

lie in wait for the peaceful merchant
ship, or the hospital vessel with its
cargo of wounded. The sight of the
telegraph uniform has ceased to
send a deadly chill to the heart of
the mother. The long drawn out
agonies is over, and already new life is
stirring beneath the ashes of the dead
past. But deep in our hearts we
cherish the memory of our honoured
dead. Sincerely do we mourn them;
lovingly do we reverence them; and
earnestly do we desire to erect a memorial
that shall fittingly commemorate
their supreme sacrifice, and express
our deep sense of indebtedness
to them.

What grander tribute could we offer
them than to lay the foundation stone
of a monument that shall be lasting
as time itself, and the topmost stone
of which, reaching beyond the bounds
of time, shall be hidden in the golden
mists of eternity. Now is our opportunity
to do this. On April 10th we
may sweep away the Liquor Bar, and
in a dry Dominion lay broad and deep
the foundation stone of a national
character, that shall grow slowly, inch
by inch, stone by stone, into a monument
so beautiful that the highest
looking upon it may pronounce it
good.

Our soldiers gave their lives for us
on the blood-drenched plains of Europe
and Asia, and on these fields they
won for us victory over the foe without.
What more fitting tribute can
we offer to their memory than a glorious
victory upon the moral battlefield
which shall free our land from
the traitor within. The one battlefield
is as real as the other, and just
as destructive, for no nation ever is
conquered from without until it has
first allowed its strength to be sapped
by the foe within. And

"What of the widespread havoc
wrought
By the foe within our gates.
It assails the fortress, Conscience,
It wages combat fierce,
And seeks by subtle strategy
The soul's stronghold to pierce;
It lures youth to destruction
With tyranny it reigns;
It binds its helpless victims
In slavery's galling chains."

And the two foes are not unlike in
character. Is there any atrocity committed
by the Germans upon helpless
innocence to which a parallel cannot
be found in the records of these Huns
of Liquordom? Did Germany torture
women and children? What of
the long years of martyrdom endured
by the wives and children of the
victims of Strong Drink? A little
boy broke a bottle of whisky to save
his father from drinking it. The
drunken father tied the boy up, and
with a horsewhip thrashed him till life
was nearly extinct. He would have
finished the work but a little brother
rushed up to him, and, holding out
a loaded gun, sobbed, "Shoot him,
father; don't torture him." These
words pierced the drink-sodden brain,
and caused him to desist, and leave the
tortured child to be brought back to
life by his mother. This happened
in New Zealand. Did Germans commit
unspeakable outrages upon women
and young girls? What of the long
record of crimes against little girls in
this Dominion by sexual degenerates,
themselves the product of the liquor
bar? Study the history of the White
Slave Traffic, and its iniquitous promoters.
They were all frequenters of
the saloon. Without one dissentient
voice police and Magistrates affirm
that the brothel and the saloon go

hand in hand. From every place that has prohibited the sale of alcohol comes this testimony: "Shut the saloon, and you deal the deadliest possible blow to the social evil and to venereal disease. Ghastly as were the crimes of Germany against the mother and her unborn child, those perpetrated by strong drink are yet more appalling and more awful. General Booth went no whit beyond the truth when he spoke of children who are "damned, not born into the world." Every gardener knows that an unhealthy seed can never give a strong and vigorous plant. All life is one, and through the whole universe runs one grand harmonious plan. Scientists know that it is equally true with the seeds of life. A child whose life starts from an alcoholised life germ will never be a vigorous child, either physically, mentally, or morally. On the highest authority, a Congress of Alienists and Neurologists, we have it that alcohol is responsible for all the mental, moral, and sexual degenerates who crowd our gaols and mental hospitals.

And what care these Liquor Huns for the disgrace of the nation? Nothing is sacred from their greed of gold. To fill their own pockets they sell liquor to the soldier who comes back wounded from the fray. It is a sight to make angels weep to see the men who bore themselves bravely and proudly upon the battlefield conquered by the foe at home. Men sick and lame reel on our streets, and to fill the coffers of some wealthy brewer their recovery is hindered, often rendered impossible.

From the King upon his throne, the bishop in his palace, the Premier on the platform, the general on the battlefield, the doctor at the base hospital, comes one unbroken condemnation of Stroag Drink. In the Cabinet, at the War Council, on the field, or in the camp, in the trenches and the munition factory, in the ship-building yard or in the workshop, alcohol spells inefficiency. One who loved our Empire well and spent his life in her service said: "Britain must conquer the drink, or drink will conquer her."

A Dry Dominion! What a monument to hand down to our children! Proudly can we say to them, "Your brothers' lives were too valuable to be

given for a drink-sodden Dominion, and that it might be worthy of their sacrifice we laboured till it became dry."

"That we may tell our sons who see the light

High in the heaven their heritage to take:

'I saw the powers of darkness put to flight!

I saw the morning break!'"

Our Government said that the boys went to the front to protect the women and children. Now let the women protect the boys from a deadlier foe than German bullets, from a stealthier foe than its deadly gas.

This monument shall be built of precious stones. In it we see glowing the red ruby of courage, the courage to stand alone, the courage to do and dare here as our loved ones dared on the foreign field. Shining there too is the blue sapphire of Love, the love that counts not the cost, but though weary in the work, is never weary of it. The clear green emerald of hope glows softly there, hope that looks to the future and sees it better than the past; that sees mankind plodding upwards to the shining heights above unencumbered by the deadly incubus of the liquor bar.

The diamond of faith scintillates there also, faith that looks to God, that hears Him say, "Go forward."

"Forward, when all seems lost,
And the cause looks utterly hopeless;
Forward when brave hearts fail,
And to yield is the rede of a coward;
Forward, when friends fall off,
And enemies gather around thee;
Thou, though alone with thy God,
Alone in thy courage, go forward;
Help, though deferred, shall arrive,
Ere morn the night is at darkest.

And all these stones set in the pure gold of self-sacrifice, just to work for others, to spare nothing in the fight, the White Ribbioned hosts are out to win. They have grimly determined that the only way worthily to commemorate their boys is to carry on the work of protecting the home and the children from every Hun that would suppress them. To this end they are pledged to remove from Zealandia the strangle-hold of the Liquor

Octopus, and they're going to do it on April 10th if it takes "the last woman and the last shilling."

"Zealandia, the blood of all thy sons
Cries out to-day from fair and glorious deeds!

And spirit legions of immortal ones
Pledge thee, anew, by their white Honour Roll

To loftier issues, born of sacrifice;
Bidding thee keep, unstained, that nobler soul,

Which they have ransomed with so great a price."

A PUFF OF SMOKE—WHAT'S THE HARM

One puff calls for more puffs. That's the harm. And every one of these deposits a small quantity of deadly poison in the body. One needle prick of the Chinese doctor does not kill the baby; but the multiplied pricks given in the effort to banish the so-called evil spirit, drives the breath of life out of the little sufferer.

One puff does not destroy the brain or heart; but it leaves a stain, and every other puff deepens that stain, until finally the brain loses its normality, and the victim is taken to the hospital for the insane or laid in the grave.

One puff did not paralyse the young man in the wheel chair; but the many puffs that came as the result of the first puff did. The tell-tale stains on the fingers were indicative of the deep stains made upon the nerve cells.

One puff did not make of the bright boy a criminal; but the many puffs that followed the first placed him in the dungeon.

One puff did not keep the boy from winning in athletic games; but many puffs did.

One puff did not destroy his obedient, helpful spirit; but many puffs made him a disobedient, disloyal boy.

One puff did not take him from the head of his class to the foot; but many puffs did.

Beware, boys, of the first puff.—
"The Youth's Instructor."

The men that move the world are the ones who do not let the world move them.

"MOTHER, OH, WHERE IS THAT BETTER LAND?"

This is the language of childhood; the first outreaching of the soul after the Spiritual and Divine. There is a sweetness about it, a soothing measure, that lingers on in the life of man. It is fitting that there be childish thoughts for childhood's days. They somehow dovetail into the maturer years of life, but not to die. The child thought is father to the man thought. Not as the seed produces the plant. The seed of character is in the soul, awaiting a call from the outside. A call not to another land, but to a fuller adaptation to this land, and a fuller knowledge of its possibilities. Somehow or other, if we could carry over with us from childhood years more of childhood's simplicity and openness, the life struggle would be lighter. There is really no more difficulty in adjusting life in mature years than in childhood. If the burden is heavier, the back is stronger. I don't like the word burden. I have just, from force of habit, used it. It does not call up the right thoughts. The child starts with the thought of a better land. It has to learn the lesson that this land is the best for the present training, and that in some way, somewhere, there is a "Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will." There is no boundary line between childhood and manhood; it is a gradual rise, enlargement. It is not a question of one fitting into the other; but of being carried into the other. It is a broad outstanding truth, that the child is father to the man. Thoughts of childhood are slowly changed, but no doubt a substratum in some way is carried forward into the maturer life. It is thus that we see the necessity for guarding the child mind from error in every form, of every shade. Is there not a suggestion of error in this Better Land thought? We know this is the best of all lands for the opening soul of man. There is no better land for us until we have somewhat unfolded. It is not untrue to say there is a better land. It is sure. We stand related to it. We have inheritance; it now. But like the child at school, we need to be educated before we can use it.

This suggests to us the real business of life. The place, our place, is right. We were not consulted about it. The All Wise fixed it up for us. It is the how of life, not its where, that is all-important. It is all-important that the child mind, at an early stage, should know this. Could we improve those beautiful words, "Mother, Oh! where is this better Land?" They sound so sweetly, have cheered many in the past, that it seems almost sacrilegious to say a word against them. Yet there is a more excellent way. It is well to impress the childish mind with the fact that we have not reached the best in life yet. By all ways, and every way, assure the opening mind that life holds better things than have yet reached us. It has an interest in a better land; but only when we are ready for the change. We don't need to withdraw anything said about the better land. It is all right, only there is something comes before it. This, what we may name a primary quantity, needs to be added in some way. It is not a case of subtraction, but addition. Possibly the better land suggests more than another country to most minds. God-given life seeks more than place, more than land, however bright. Man is Spirit, and Spirit seeks Spirit. Man is God-made, and only God can satisfy the soul's desire. But the thought of a better land may help, may draw higher, nearer to fitness.

We all know, in later life, that Love is the great transformer that fits us to fill a better land. It can go far to make earth like heaven, and the best heaven we may dream of, could not continue without Love. It is in the highest degree desirable that children should know this in early life. It is a germ truth, that opens and grows in the soul, producing fruit of its kind, always sweet, bright, good.

All human love is mixed, we may say, with human characteristics, is human. This seems, may be, like playing on words, but there is a truth very near it. We may put it another way: All earth love is mixed with personal qualities. It may be correct to say it is human. Love, as we meet it every day, is a compound of the best, and we may say the ordinary. It may sometimes seem only to have a veneer, but it is always good. There may be good love and better love

down here amongst men. We hear the goldminer speak of good gold, but he does not want us to think there is any bad gold about. He only means there is substance of less value mixed with it. "God is love," and love is from God; it is our highest conception of excellence.

THE SPREADING DROUGHT.

The wetter grows the weather, why the dryer grows the land—
The drought is spreading like a leak out far on every hand.
Dry States are getting dryer, the wet ones grow less humid—
It's "high and dry" is living, for the moisture all is doom-ed.

It's Southern States, and Western, East, North, and Central, too,
The districts, territories, and the island spots a few—
They are all a-hieing, drying, one or two or three a day—
It's the pro-hi and the so dry* is this anti-wetness way.

They won't let you make it, keep it, sell it, give it to a friend,
Can't store it, ship it, imitate it—no one will defend
Old Demon Rum these sober times, and few will drop a tear
For this departed spirit, or put flowers on his bier.

—D. G. Bickers, in "Macon" (Ga.) Telegraph.

TO-DAY.

Sure, this world is full of trouble—
I ain't said it ain't,
And I've had enough and double Reason for complaint.
Rain an' storm have come to fret me,
Skies were often gray;
Thorns an' brambles have beset me
On the road—but say,
Ain't it fine to-day?

What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine.
Life it ain't no celebration,
Trouble! I've had mine—
But to-day is fine.

It's to-day that I am livin',
Not a month ago,
Havin' losin', takin', givin',
As God wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again to-morrow,
It may rain—but, say,
Ain't it fine to-day
—Douglas Malloch,

VICTORY OVER VICE IN THE AMERICAN ARMY.

In every great army the question of disease resulting from sexual vice is of serious importance, if only from the point of view of effectiveness. It is immensely to the credit of the Surgeon-General of our Army, of General Pershing, and of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, that in this war they have fought the evil fairly and squarely. In the face of scepticism they have believed in and enforced prohibition, repression, education, and punishment as opposed to toleration, inspection, and regulation. The results, as pointed out by Mr Raymond B. Fosdick, in an article in the "New Republic," have been excellent. In this country there was no open opposition; the difficulties to be contended with were chiefly those relating to men on leave of absence and the dangers of large cities. The vicinity of a camp was kept safe by stern and rigorous authority, the measures were thorough, and without parallel in any other country, says Mr Fosdick. But in France for generations the view has obtained that prohibition was impossible, that the only alleviation was through license of houses and constant inspection of registered inmates. "So sincerely did they hold this belief that prostitution facilities for soldiers were officially offered to our high command."

General Pershing would have none of this. He issued the strictest orders to his officers; he even told his commanders that their reports and statistics on this subject would be used as "a basis in determining the commander's efficiency and the suitability of his continuing in command." One commander accepted the offer to take over a licensed house for American use; General Pershing at once put it "out of bounds," and removed the commander. An order urging sexual continence and the maintenance of high moral standards of living was followed by search for brothels, the stationing of military police to refuse access to whole districts which had been put out of bounds, the enforcing of scientific treatment of men who had been exposed, punishment for all who evaded treatment or disobeyed prohibitory regulations.

Even the French scepticism was shaken by the results. In one base

port where the houses had been open for three months and were then closed for three months, the rate of diseased cases fell from sixteen to two per thousand men. The total per cent. of sexual disease in our army, here and overseas, has been almost negligible as compared with other army records. In France three 1000 bed hospitals had been prepared for venereal patients; it was expected that they would be filled by a certain date in accordance with the statistics of past experience. **They were not used at all.** Instead, in that time three hundred cases only were treated, mostly in regimental and field infirmaries. In one body of 7401 men only one case of venereal disease developed in seven weeks.

General Pershing, in a letter to Lord Milner, has recorded his conviction that "abolition as distinguished from regulation is the only effective mode of combating this age-long evil." And in urging co-operation between the Governments to this end, he speaks feelingly of "the menace to the young manhood in the army forces," and urges military and civil co-operation on the common ground of humanity and in accordance with the well-considered conclusions of the best scientific minds.

Mr Fosdick pays a high tribute to General Pershing and our military authorities generally when he says: "When the history of America's participation in the great war comes to be written, no finer achievement will be recorded to her credit than the unending battle against sex indulgence and venereal disease in the army.—Exchange.

In startling contrast to the above stands out the incompetence of our military authorities in dealing with this menace.—Editor "White Ribbon."

"We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;

We rise, and all the distant and the near

Stand out in outline brave and clear;

We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong;

That we should ever weak or helpless be,

When with us in prayer, and power and suffrance dwell with Thee?"

UNITY.

Madame Avril De Ste-Croix, of France, who is President of the International Society for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, and one of Europe's most eminent women, has just paid a flying visit to Canada in the interests of Social Hygiene. While in Toronto she delivered a touching message from the women of France to the women of Canada, appealing particularly for unity of action in order to overcome the effects of war. Unity of all allied women was indeed the key-note of her address, and the dependence of French women upon the united action of all their women allies was repeatedly emphasized.

"In France," said Madame Avril, "women refuse to recognise differences amongst themselves—of creed, class or political opinion; we are all French women bound together for France, to repair the moral and physical and social ruins brought upon us by the barbarism of Germany. Women of the old Catholic families, Protestant and Hebrews, and the working women of our country all stand together for reconstruction, as they have done in the past four years for sacrifice."—"Woman's Century."

WHO IS THE PATRIOT?

Not he whose view is bounded by the soil,

Not he whose narrow heart can only shrine

The land—the people that he called **Mine;**

Not he who to set up his land on high
Will make whole nations bleed, whole nations die;

Not he, who calling that land's right his pride,

Trampled the right of all the world beside.

No! He it is, the just the generous soul!

Who owneth brotherhood with either Pole;

Holds Freedom's banner o'er the earth unfurled,

And stands, the guardian patriot of a world.

—Selected.

LOVE.

Love is the golden law, sunnily dear;
Justice, the silver law, cold, calm,
and clear;

Anger, the iron law, harshly severe.

Anger's an iron lance, mighty to slay;
Justice, a silver scale, faultless alway;
Love is a golden ring, joining for aye!



GRANNIE COSSIPS.

Yes, my dear, I always like to be Parliamentary, and so I don't say that the Moderate Party tell lies. I only rank them an easy first in the Ananias class. If a lie gets them votes, that's all that troubles them. Of course they might be such fools that they can't understand the Act, but you take it from me that they're either fools or knaves—they can place themselves which class they rank in—but I know what I think. Last night Mrs Smith was troubled because they told her that if we failed to carry Prohibition in April, then all our No-License districts would become wet. "Well," says I to her, "just you read the Act and use common-sense, which, by the way, is a very uncommon article. I've read Hansard (which my old friend, Sir James, sends me pretty regularly) closely, having not much else to read, and mighty dull reading some of it is, and I've got the Act and studied it, and I can't find any provision in it for increasing the number of licenses. My old friend Mr S. A. Adams, whose legal opinion is always mighty clear, and worth having, not being the product of whisky and imagination, says I'm right there, and that we are sure to keep what we've gained in the past, and get as much more as we can, all New Zealand we expect. Even in the old Act there was no provision for increasing licenses. We could reduce by vote of the electors, but no vote could increase. Just you make a note of that!

Then they told Mrs Jones that after we had voted the trade out and paid

the 4½ millions, the bars would open again in 12 months. So says I, "My dear, don't you worry any about that; do you think the Moderates would rush round holding meetings and working to keep their licenses if they could get 4½ millions just to close them for one year. Not much!" If we carried Prohibition there is no other poll provided for in the Act. Of course any Act of Parliament can be repealed or amended by any succeeding Parliament, but if the people of this Dominion are going to vote out the trade and pay 4½ millions to make it quit at once, and then elect a Parliament to bring licenses back in a year they are bigger fools than even I took them for. If we look at things in that way we'd never work for any reform. What's the good of working to get women a vote if the next Parliament can take it away. Well, we worked and got the vote, and no Parliament would dare to take it away from us. You take my tip for it, Parliament don't alter Acts that the people want; the members are too fond of votes to do any such fool thing. I'm going to do my level best to get it out this time, and let them get it back if they can. I'm a democrat, and let the people decide.

Besides, no Government would grant licenses unless they first submitted the question to a Referendum of the people. And if we once get folk to vote it out, I'm not afraid they will ever vote it back again. Anyway, I'm going to do my duty on April 10th; also I'm praying the Lord to strengthen the backbone of some of my friends to do the same.

In my younger days, when Clutha had just gone dry, a publican up North says to me, "Of course, we don't object to No-License. We sell more liquor in Clutha than we did before." And I smiles, and says, "Go on now. Do you really? Well, I suppose you'll work hard for No-License in every electorate, as all you want is to sell more stuff." But they didn't help us to get No-License. What's troubling the Moderate Party is that Prohibition is so great a success that no place ever wants to go back to License after trying Prohibition, and they know that New Zealand will be no exception to the general rule. Doctors say it isn't healthy to lie on both sides, though I always thought that lawyers were a healthy

enough body of men. But the Moderates are not finding it healthy to lie on both sides. They say to the drinker, "You know, if Prohibition is carried you can't get a drop, even as a medicine." Then they tell the likes of me, "Prohibition does not prohibit." But they can't have it both ways. Wait till the numbers go up in April, and I'm prepared to bet, not being a betting woman, that Prohibition leads the field, with Continuance such a bad second that he'll hardly get into the "Also-ran" class.

STATE PURCHASE OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Mr. Asquith Expresses Strong Views to a Deputation.

In speaking to a deputation from the British Temperance Societies, Mr Asquith spoke thus about State Purchase: "As an old Chancellor of the Exchequer, one who had a long experience of financial matters, he had examined the subject from every point of view. It was true that some of the proposals had plausible attractions, but in his view the whole scheme was financially unsound. That, however, was only one, and not the principal consideration. There were businesses, some of which had been placed under Government control during the war, which might rightly, and probably would, be acquired and carried on by the State. But this business was not a business of that character. It was a business the owning and carrying on of which as a business the State should not touch with its finger-tips. On every ground, social, economic, moral, and intellectual, he was opposed to State Purchase, whether by the State as a whole or by smaller communities, and those who opposed such a proposal might rely on his uncompromising support."

"The loved and lost; why do we call them lost?

Because we miss them from our onward road?

God's unseen angel o'er our pathway crossed,

Looked on us all, and loving them the most,

Straightway relieved them from life's weary road."

A NEWCOMER'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF REST COTTAGE AND NATIONAL W.C.T.U. HEAD-QUARTERS.

Walking down Chicago Avenue in the University city of Evanston, between the rows of shady elms, a unique sign catches our attention as it swings back and forth in the breeze: "National Woman's Christian Temperance Union." Then as Rest Cottage and National W.C.T.U. Headquarters come into view, and our steps turn up the path across the velvety lawn, our first impression is: "Why this is like coming home." And the impression still lingers upon entering the place so sacred to the loving memory of Frances E. Willard.

Wrong ideas are easily lodged in the mind, and one generally prevalent is that the Rest Cottage and National W.C.T.U. Headquarters are one and the same.

Rest Cottage, where once lived Frances E. Willard, is now the home of our National President, Miss Anna A. Gordon. It is a cozy house with many gables. Adjoining to and connecting with Rest Cottage in such a way as to give one the idea that the two are one, is what is now known as Headquarters, once the home of Mrs. Mary B. Willard, the widow of Frances E. Willard's brother, Oliver. This the National W.C.T.U. purchased for National Headquarters.

Upon entering National Headquarters, one is first shown into the large and comfortable reception room, with its piano and easy chairs, which give the semblance of one's own living room back home. Here also is found the telephone switchboard connecting sixteen busy workshops. Above on the second floor are the offices of the National Corresponding Secretary and the National Treasurer and their stenographers.

Historic Rest Cottage has its own entrance opening into a hall in the centre of the house. On the right is Miss Gordon's office, never free from work. Back of this is Miss Willard's dining-room, still arranged as our noble chieftain used it.

Across the hall is the old Willard parlour the same as it always was, with the family furniture and pictures, and those intimate things of family life which take us in memory back to

the days of long ago when Miss Willard was organising and leading our wonderful band of white-ribboners.

The room in Rest Cottage, which is most dear to us all, and the one in which we long to linger just to breathe the atmosphere of the place, which was once radiant with her personality, is the "Den" of Frances E. Willard—the spot from which went forth to the world the inspiration and the plans and the guiding influence from which we to-day are reaping the harvest.

Yes, this was the home of our great leader, and it is the spirit of her life still lingering about which welcomes one as to the dear home far away.

But Rest Cottage and the Headquarters or Administration Building of the National W.C.T.U. are not all. In their rear, set in the midst of the spacious lawn, dotted with beautiful trees and shrubs, stands a handsome and commodious two-storey red brick building, with grey stone and white trimmings.

This is the Publishing House, and to one whose idea of this department of the National W.C.T.U. has been formed from seeing a table of literature at the various Conventions, the revelation is tremendous.

The entire first floor and basement are taken up by the publication department, with its business offices and stock room, where tons of literature are kept in open stock on shelves reaching from the floor to the ceiling, while nearly 2000 feet of shelving in the basement are loaded with a reserve supply. It is impossible to conceive of the magnitude of the work until a visit is made to this building.

The machine room, where the address labels are printed for the "Union Signal" and the "Young Crusader," is one of special interest, and a place where no small amount of work is accomplished.

The second floor of the Publishing Building is occupied by the editorial rooms of the "Union Signal" and the "Young Crusader," by the large circulation department, and by the Bureau of Publicity. Here also is the rest room with its kitchenette for the use of employees.

This building is a veritable bee-hive with its constant click of typewriters, the hum of the addressing machine, the scratch, scratch, scratch of the editorial pen, and the hundred and one noises of the shipping department.

And yet, although all are working so hard, no one seems to count her task as toil, but as a labour of love. Here, too, the spirit of the home seems to pervade the thirty or more workers about Headquarters. It is the predominant characteristic in every department, and the home tie seems to bind them one and all.

But why should this not be so? National Headquarters is the centre of our W.C.T.U. life, the home of our organisation, to which we all belong. Oh, what a comfort it is to know: first, that we are not adrift in the world, but that we belong to something; and second, that we belong to an organisation which has for its aim the uplift of humanity and the redemption of the world.

ANNA PRITCHARD GEORGE,
Director, Bureau Publicity, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

A BOY'S REMARKS TO HIS STOMACH.

What's the matter with you? Ain't I always been your friend?
Ain't I been a partner to you? All my pennies don't I spend
In gettin' nice things for you? Don't I give you lots of cake?
Say, Stummick, what's the matter, that you had to go and ache?
Why, I loaded you with good things yesterday. I gave you more Potatoes, squash, and turkey than you'd ever had before!
I gave you nuts and candy, pumpkin pie and chocolate cake—
And last night when I got to bed you had to go and ache!
Say, what's the matter with you? Ain't you satisfied at all?
I gave you ail you wanted; you was hard, just like a ball;
And you couldn't hold another bit of puddin', yet last night
You ached most awful, Stummick; that ain't treatin' me just right!
I've been a friend to you, I have; why ain't you a friend of mine?
They gave me castor oil last night because you made me whine.
I'm awful sick this mornin', and I'm feelin' mighty blue,
Becoz you don't appreciate the things I do for you!

—Anon.

The lesson of the East is that the alcoholism of the white race must be overcome, or that vice, with the licentiousness it promotes, will overcome the race.—"Homolitic Review."

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IN GERMANY.

Mrs W. D. Bayley, wife of one of the Canadian Prohibition campaigners, now in New Zealand, has received the following letter from her brother, Captain A. D. McRae, M.C., who is now with the army of occupation beyond the Rhine. Captain McRae, writing from Bonn, Germany, on December 10, says:—

"Here we are at last at the Rhine, and at present located at the above fair city. This is a University city, and a very fine one. I do not know the population, but should judge somewhere between one and two hundred thousand. The buildings are very fine indeed, and it is well located.

"We crossed the border into Germany on the morning of December 4th, and have been on the move almost daily since landing here at noon to-day.

"We sure have these birds where we want them now, and they have to watch their step, and step lively too. It is rather funny walking into some swell house, looking it over, and then telling the Hun proprietor which room you intend to live in for the night.

"The men all have to raise their hats to the officers, and flag us as we pass along the roads or through the cities. Sometimes they try to slink by, or feeling chesty, decide not to do so, and as a consequence get them knocked off. The ones with felt hats usually figure the best, as it is a simple matter to swipe a felt hat off with a cane without greatly damaging the cranium under it, whereas those with peak caps usually get the odd jolt on the "bean" as well as losing the hat.

"For miles after crossing the frontier the country is very sparsely settled, but as we neared the Rhine it got quite thickly settled, with lots of little towns and villages.

"There is only one language the Hun understands, and he is just foxy enough to know that he would be out of luck if he did not do what was

wanted of him, so we find the world conquerors of last March quite willing to lick one's boots. Talk about kids—there are thousands of them; never saw so many in my life. They are greatly pleased with the show, of course, and follow the band for great ways.

"The talk and noise put up by the Hun about the people over here starving is all rot, and but a game of the wily Hun to try and gain sympathy."

KEEP YOUR GRIT.

Hang on! Cling on! No matter what they say.
 Push on! Sing on! Things will come your way.
 Sitting down and whining never helps a bit.
 Best way to get there is by keeping up your grit.
 Don't give up hoping when the ship goes down,
 Grab a spar or something—just refuse to drown.
 Don't think your doing just because you're hit,
 Smile in face of danger and hang on to your grit.
 Folks die too easy—they sort of fade away;
 Make a little error, and give up in dismay.
 Kind of man that's needed is the man with ready wit,
 To laugh at pain and trouble and keep his grit.

—Selected.

THE RUM RATION.

"I served at Gallipoli. I was wounded on the Western Front. It is my earnest opinion that the rum ration is utterly bad. I believe that there are thousands of glorious British lads who would be alive to-day, recovered from their wounds and from disease, restored to their country, their loved ones, and their friends, had this rum ration not undermined their strength and destroyed their resistance."—A surgeon of the Royal Army Corps, quoted by Daniel A. Polings, in "Huts in Hell."

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Maori Sisters,—Convention is to be held this year in Napier about the last week in April. We hope very much that several delegates from your Unions will attend. Homes will be provided for you if you will let me know in good time who will be able to come.

Please write to me for further particulars. Hoping that you are all in good health, and with greetings from the Union.—I remain, yours sincerely,

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Superintendent Maori Department.

Address:

Mrs Walker,

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GOD'S WOMEN.

God give the women the age demands—

This age of tension and stress—
 Women of intellect, judgment keen,
 Of tact, of resourcefulness,
 Women of energy, industry, skill,
 Of purpose, of action, of zeal,
 Women courageous, responsive, alert,
 When loyalty makes appeal.

God give the women the need demands—

The need of the present hour—
 Women of sacrifice, fortitude, hope,
 Of honour, of patience, of power,
 Women whose sensitive heartstrings stand
 Attuned to misery's plea,
 Bringing with joy to the world's sad hearts
 Love's kindest ministry.

God give the women that Life demands—

The Life of infinitude—
 Women serene in the light and calm
 Of God-fearing rectitude;
 Women of uprightness, vision and prayer,
 Strong faith and humility,
 Women who ever may truly rank
 'Mong God's Nobility.

Lottie Moore.

Teeswater, Ont.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The following appeared in the Canadian "Woman's Century":—

"The question of the position of women in the church was discussed, and while the Conference was strongly in favour of giving women all rights as laymen, the matter of allowing them to be ordained as preachers was finally left over for the next meeting. It was bitterly opposed by many."—Newspaper report.

The Methodist Conference has spoken. Let the women keep silence! But they throw out one small mouldy, mildewed crumb of hope: They'll think about it! For four years they will consider it, and then, if we're good, and the weather's fine, and it doesn't rain or anything, and they feel like it, maybe they will think about it again!

It must be a wonderfully exhilarating feeling, to mistake yourself for God. It must throw a thrill down the spine and cause a rosy glow to spread all over the bald head, to even assume that you are the arbiter of human destiny. The brethren go back to the Scriptures for their authority. Christ did not call women! There now! Sure enough. He didn't! There are many things Christ did not do. He only enunciated principles. He did not organise a Ladies' Aid either, and here we have been working away, without the slightest Scriptural authority. I am going to quit it, now that I have found out. I never really wanted to fry chicken for church socials, or give the money that I wanted for a new hat to repair the parsonage, but I thought I should. Now I see it was a mistake. So the turkey supper, with its morning after, of dish-washing, will know me no more! Farewell, Oh autographed quilt, whereby we raised the mortgage and put a prop under it! Christ did not institute you—so you must go! The W.C.T.U. has no Scriptural basis either. Neither has the Boy Scouts or the Y.W.C.A. Strange to say, Christ did not institute superannuation funds or a Stationing Committee, or even a General Conference. But these things have got started somehow, and the Scriptural ones make no objection. The General Conference has a way of reasoning, which would not encourage the average person to attend church. But

these light afflictions will not worry us. The Methodist Church has failed to grasp a situation—it has gone groping into the dark past, when it should have been turning its face to the light. The door of opportunity is open wide to women. If the Church does not want us, there are other channels for our activity. Let us pass on!

CO-WORKERS WITH GOD.

The day is long, and the day is hard,
We are tired of the march and of
keeping guard;
Tired of the sense of a fight to be
won,
Of days to live through, and of work
to be done;
Tired of ourselves, and of being alone,
Yet all the while, did we only see,
We walk in the Lord's own company.
We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our
arm;
He turns the arrows which else might
harm,
And out of the storm He brings a
calm;
And the work that we count so hard
to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too;
And the days that seem long to live
are His,
A bit of His bright eternities;
And close to our need His helping is.
—Susan Coolidge.

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—J. R. Miller.

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**THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
CONVENTION
of the
N.Z. W.C.T.U.,**

To be held in Napier on April 23rd
and following days.

AGENDA.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd.

10 a.m.—Meeting of Executive Com-
mittee (N.Z. Officers and District
Presidents).

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th.

9 a.m.—Convention opened by Pre-
sident. Crusade hymn, "Give to
the Winds Thy Fears." Reading of
Crusade Psalm responsively, "Praise
ye the Lord."

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the
Lord, O my soul. While I live
will I praise the Lord. I will

sing praises unto my God while
I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes,
nor in the son of man, in whom
there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he re-
turneth to his earth; in that
very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God
of Jacob for his help, whose hope
is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is;
which keepeth truth forever,

Which executeth judgment for
the oppressed: which giveth food
to the hungry. The Lord looseth
the prisoners.

The Lord openeth the eyes of
the blind: the Lord raiseth them
that are bowed down: the Lord
loveth the righteous.

The Lord preserveth the strang-
ers: He relieveth the fatherless
and widow: but the way of the
wicked He turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign forever,
even thy God, O Zion, unto all
generations.

Praise ye the Lord.

Prayer.

9.45 a.m. Roll Call. Minutes.
Report of Executive Committee. Ap-
pointment of Committees on Cour-
tesies and Resolutions, Convention
Letter-Writer and Press Reporters.
Appointment of Proxies. Letters of
Sympathy. Corresponding Secre-
tary's Report. Treasurer's Report
and Balance-sheet, and Organising
Treasurer's Report.

12 o'clock.—Noon tide Devotions.
Miss Macarthy's Notice of Motion.
Departmental Reports: Evangelistic
and Home and Mothers' Meetings
(Mrs Johnston Wright), Narcotics
(Mrs Boxall), Educational Bureau
(Mrs Young).

12.30.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Organiser's Report. Re-
port on Maori Work (Mrs Walker).

3 p.m.—President's Address. Re-
ports: Scientific Temperance Instruc-
tion (Miss Helyer), Work Among Sea-
men (Mrs Nimmo).

5.30.—Adjournment.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.
10 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Dis-
cussion on Plans for 1919 Campaign.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.

12.30.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Reports: Prison and Re-
formatory Work (Sister Moody-Bell),
Medical Temperance (Mrs Neal), So-
cial and Moral Hygiene (Miss
Macarthy), Literature (Mrs Houlder),

Peace and Arbitration (Mrs Judson),
Home Science (Mrs Macdonald),
Bible-in-Schools and Sabbath Observ-
ance (Mrs Cobb).

5.30.—Adjournment.

During this afternoon session the
Y delegates will hold a special separ-
ate meeting for discussion on their
work.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Reports: Flower Mission and Relief
Work (Miss Cole), Rest and Refresh-
ment Booths (Mrs Upton), Back-
blocks and Work Among Railwaymen
(Mrs Moyes), Notable Days (Mrs X
Jones), Press (Miss J. Mackay), Mil-
itary Camps (Mrs Whincop).

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.

12.30.—Adjournment.

MONDAY, APRIL 28th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions (Favourite
Hymns).

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Report of "White Ribbon" Editor and
Business Manager. Appointment of
Editor, Associate Editor, and Busi-
ness Manager.

12 o'clock.—Noon tide Prayer. Re-
solutions. Any unfinished business.
Report of Sub-Committee on scheme
for Superannuation of Organisers.

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Reports: L.T.L. and
Cradle Roll (Mrs Neal), Y's and
Medal Contests (Mrs Napier). Re-
port from Y's of their special session.
Discussion of suggestions for "Y"
work. Report of Hutment Fund.

5.30.—Adjournment.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Reports: Good Citizenship (Mrs Jud-
son), Legal and Parliamentary and
Anti-Gambling (Miss Henderson).
Discussion on Plans of Work for 1919.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.

12.30.—Adjournment.

2 p.m. Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Plans of Work. Resolu-
tions. Any Unfinished Business.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions. Quotations.
9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Mrs Peryman's Notice of Motion re
Appointment of Proxies. Report of

Sub-Committee on Syllabus of Examination for Organisers. Resolutions.
12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.
Question Box.

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Resolutions. Unfinished
Business. Notices of Motion.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Appointment of Tellers. Election of
N.Z. Officers and Superintendents of
Departments. Resolutions.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Unfinished Business. Votes
of Thanks. Conclusion.

N.B.—Details as to public meetings
and similar functions will be given in
later issue.

It is probable that Mrs Kington
Parkes will attend Convention, and
will give one of her interesting and
instructive lectures.

CONVENTION.

Will all members of Convention re-
quiring hospitality send word, and
also state whether coming by rail or
boat, as soon as possible to Mrs
Chellew, 82, McDonald Street, Napier
South?

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

So he died for his faith. That is
fine,
More than most of us do.
But, stay! Can you add to that line
That he lived for it too?

It is easy to die. Men have died
For a wish or a whim—
For bravado, or passion, or pride.
Was it harder for him?

But to live; every day to live out
All the truth that he dreamt,
While his friends met his conduct
with doubt,
And the world with contempt.

Was it thus that he plodded ahead,
Never turning aside?
Then we'll talk of the life that he
lived—
Never mind how he died.
—Ernest Crosby.

APPEAL OF THE WOMEN OF FRANCE TO THE WOMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES.

Societies representing more than a
million French women have appealed
to the women of all countries on be-
half of the war victims of their own
sex who have suffered unspeakable
horrors at the hands of the enemy's
forces. The appeal is in the follow-
ing eloquent words:—

"Among the solemn protests which
the whole world is making against
the deportation of Belgian and French
women, French women wish to make
their voices heard.

"How can they help trembling with
indignation as they learn that, under
the German yoke, there disappears all
respect for the family and its ties?
They learn that the women of France,
Belgium, and Servia, and others, have
been or are to be torn cruelly from
their husbands and children whenever
the invader needs them for service of
his officers or mills or trenches.

"Among all the enemy's crimes not
one so chokes with anxiety the heart
of woman. Is it not round the wo-
man that every civilisation has group-
ed the family? Is it not the long
patience of woman that, through the
centuries, has defended the intimacy
of home, the weakness of childhood,
the morality of youth

"This is why we invite women to
join in our protest. All are enlight-
ened. Not one can be ignorant of
international laws slowly wrought for
the safety of non-combatants; and
none can be ignorant that, by the very
avowal of those responsible, such
laws have been trampled under foot.

"The stirring protests of the high-
est political, social, and religious
authorities have been unable to stop
these brutal dispersions; the criminal
Governments pursue them, counting
on the fear or apathy of the peoples.

"Are they to have the support of
women's silence? Shall women for-
get that respect of another's right is
the surest guarantee of our own right,
and that should history in its returns
expose to like dangers other genera-
tions and other peoples, they and
their daughters could lift up their
voices neither to complain nor in
malediction.

"To whatever country she may be-
long—ally, neutral, or enemy—each

woman must acknowledge her respon-
sibility. To be silent is to absolve
the soldiers who violate home and ar-
rest passers-by to choose their vic-
tims, is to become their accomplices.
To be silent is to forever renounce all
appeal to treaties and to right, all de-
mand that to public or private action
there shall be given the authority of a
moral foundation.

"Where is the woman who will re-
fuse to hear our appeal and judge
savagery? Let all whose homes are
respected unite in one movement of
justice and compassion. From the
height of their anguish and sorrow
our sisters, victims of force, can now
hope for help only from the con-
science of the world."

The National W.C.T.U. of America
has drawn up the following resolu-
tions, and requested all their branches
to pass them and forward to head-
quarters:—

"We women of the United States
hereby—

"(1) Associate ourselves with the
women of France in their protest and
appeal, which is annexed hereto.

"(2) Demand the trial before an in-
ternational tribunal, and punishment,
on conviction, as a criminal, of every
officer, soldier, or civilian of any of
the said Central Powers or of any of
their allies who shall be accused, whe-
ther as principal or accomplice, of
any sexual offence against a woman
in the course of the war.

"(3) Declare our own deliberate
feeling, judgment, and position to be
that all women so injured by a des-
picable enemy ought to be treated
and regarded, not as shamed, but as
wounded in war. We implore our
allies to confer that status on them,
both officially and in the public
mind."

Though the day be never so long
It ringeth at length to evensong,
And the weary worker goes to his rest
With words of peace and pardon blest,
Though the path be ever so steep,
And rough to walk on and hard to
keep,
It will lead, when the weary road is
trod,
To the Gates of Pearl—the City of
God.

The wife of Congressman Taylor,
of Colorado, says that the women of
that State have found that "it does
not take as long to vote as it does to
match a piece of silk!"

Correspondence.

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

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In the last number of the Danville "Normal Instructor," New York, which is one of the leading State school teachers' journals in America, the following extract appears:—

"In nearly every part of the Broad British Empire provision is made in the official syllabus issued by the various educational departments for the children to learn in school hours the Ten Commandments. Many of the State School authorities encourage the displaying of the laws on the walls of the school rooms. Our attention is called to this by a circular sent from Wellington, New Zealand, sent out by the "Decalogue Committee," urging that the laws of that State be made conformable with those of other parts of the Empire, and provision be made for the repetition or memorising of these in the school. They urge that 'a knowledge of these laws is in the interests of character building and good citizenship, and is also an aid to good government.'"

As the children in the State Schools of New Zealand are not taught the Ten Commandments, which are the foundation of our British laws, I beg to suggest that parents and school committees at once petition their own members of Parliament (and also candidates for the same) to urge that the Government Printer be instructed to print and supply free to all State School Committees sufficient copies of the Ten Commandments for each of the class rooms, with a recommendation that they be learned by the scholars.—I am, yours truly,

A NEW ZEALANDER.

P.S.—Nearly all New Zealand Education Boards allow School Committees to display the Ten Commandment charts, but unfortunately these charts are unprocurable in New Zealand. The National W.C.T.U. of America instructs all Unions to get the Ten Commandments into the State Schools in America, as Jew, Protestant, and Catholic are agreed upon the Ten Commandments.

STOP! LOOK OUT FOR THE BOGEY!

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—As the fateful April 10th draws near, I am impelled to add my voice to the many that are sounding a warning all over this Dominion. Everywhere we hear it being said that this is the grandest opportunity we have ever had of voting our be-

loved country "dry." We have a simple issue, unconfused and direct, we win or lose by a bare majority, we have support from thousands who have never before taken a keen interest in the matter, we are not hampered, as in the past, by the necessity of trying to make us do the work of 28, and of cutting out all expenditure that is not absolutely essential. And yet we tremble lest the 11th of next month may see us still held fast within the tentacles of the Drink Octopus. And why? Because of the apathy from which it is so difficult to arouse many whose argument is: "It doesn't affect me one way or the other. I'm not going to bother"; or because of the neglect of many others, well-meaning enough, but not deeply convinced that on **them** rests the responsibility of freeing the land from evil, and therefore easily put off from doing their duty as electors by considerations of their own personal convenience; or because of the mistaken notion that if the present poll is in favour of the Trade, there will be a better chance before long of striking another blow, without the "compensation" clause, that is a stumbling block to so many staunch Temperance partisans. That this last is a serious menace is shown by such facts as the following: A friend of mine recently visited a house in the country where there were eight votes, all of which have always been cast for Prohibition hitherto, but on this occasion none of the household intended to vote because "they did not like compensation." After hearing the explanation and arguments of my friend they were convinced that their attitude was wrong, and gave their decision to vote for Prohibition as in the past. To all who may feel similarly inclined to refrain from exercising their vote, I would say, Do not fall into the error of supposing that you will be able in a few months to vote out the Trade without compensation. If this poll fails, it will be years before drink is banished, for it will be years before so favourable an opportunity offers itself for securing a majority against it.

And what is this compensation that is so strongly objected to? The real truth of the matter is that the hated compensation was given years ago when that clause was inserted in the Licensing Bill making Prohibition, if carried, inoperative for over four years. The present proposal of the Efficiency Board is practically commuting the **time** compensation for a **money** payment; it is paying 4½ millions, or less, for the purpose of securing **immediate** Prohibition. Will anyone seriously maintain that it is not worth paying that sum to save the country the misery and degradation resulting from four years more of the drink curse? Nay, rather, it is a good business proposition! Think of all the bright boys, the promising young men who will fall victims to the temptations of the open bar during

that time; think of the unhappy, poverty-stricken homes, the ruined manhood, the impaired efficiency of the nation, to say nothing of the millions that will have to be spent in dealing with the crime and poverty produced by the Liquor traffic. Men and women, no matter what your feeling has been against compensating a Trade that works such untold harm, take a broader view of this present aspect of the question, and let nothing prevent you from casting your vote for Liberty on the 10th of April! Do not risk the bitter regret that will assuredly be yours if you let the golden opportunity slip, and fail to record the vote that will help to make New Zealand free from this curse of the Drink Traffic.—I am, etc.,

KATE M. EVANS.

10, Hiropi Street, Wellington,
March 12th.

ABOLITION OF PROXIES.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—As a resolution will be brought forward at the Convention next month to do away with proxies altogether, we should be glad if you would state in the "White Ribbon" what will be gained by such amendment to the Constitution.

If the proposal is carried, it will mean that a Union that is not in a position to pay either the whole or part of a Delegate's expenses will be unrepresented unless some member of the W.C.T.U. in its own district can go at her own expense. It seems to us that this would bear hardly upon the smaller Unions, which are as much entitled to representation as are the larger ones, and we feel that in all our regulations special consideration should be given to those who are working under greater disadvantages. It will also mean that members who have not been selected to represent their district, but who are so keenly interested in the work of the W.C.T.U. that they attend Convention as visitors, will have no opportunity of a seat or a vote, but must remain simply onlookers. Some of the leading members of our Unions are decidedly diffident about allowing themselves to be elected too frequently, thus shutting out younger and less experienced members, and if this resolution were carried, Convention would suffer a serious loss in thus being deprived of their wider experience and judgment.—Yours in Union work,

MARIAN JUDSON,
Rec. Sec., Nelson Union.

(There are several advantages in doing away with proxies:—

(1) As the Constitution now stands we have in Convention besides the ex-officio members, three classes (a) Delegates who are members of the Union they represent; (b) Delegates who are members of a Union in the same district as the Union they represent. These are elected by the Union, and must be instructed by them

how to vote for officers and on notices of motion.

(3) Proxies who are chosen by the Rec. Sec., and have written instructions handed to them now to vote.

Abolishing proxies would simplify our representation by confining it to two kinds of representatives. Also it secures a more real representation because a Union would be likely to select a member in their own district, known personally to them, and knowing the local conditions under which they work, also a delegate from their own district could probably give the Convention report in person, and a visit from their Convention Delegate would be the next best thing to a member of their own Union as their representative.

The experienced members who visit Convention at their own expense, could always be chosen by some Union in their own district, such arrangement being far more satisfactory both to themselves and the Union than being selected by Rec. Secretary to act as proxy for a Union they know nothing about.—Editor "White Ribbon.")

"I PROTEST".

To sit in silence when we should protest
 Makes cowards out of men. The
 human race
 Has climbed on protest. Had no
 voice been raised
 Against injustice, ignorance and lust,
 The inquisition yet would serve the
 law,
 And guillotines decide our least dis-
 putes.
 The few who dare must speak, and
 speak again,
 To right the wrongs of many.
 Speech, thank God,
 No vested power in this great day
 and land
 Can gag or throttle. Press and voice
 may cry
 Loud disapproval of existing ills;
 May criticize oppression and condemn
 The lawlessness of wealth-protecting
 laws
 That let the children and child-
 bearers toil
 To purchase ease for idle millionaires.
 Therefore, I do protest against the
 boast
 Of independence in this mighty land.
 Call no chain strong which holds one
 rusted link.
 Call no land free that holds one
 fettered slave.
 Until the manacled slim wrists of
 babes
 Are loosed to toss in childish sport
 and glee;
 Until the mother bears no burden,
 save
 The precious one beneath her heart,
 until
 God's soil is rescued from the clutch
 of greed,
 And given back to labour, let no man
 Call this the land of freedom.
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

ALCOHOL IN AFRICA.

In the course of a statement in the "Daily News," Sir Harry Johnston, G.C.M.g., Administrator in several parts of Africa, said: "I suppose in course of time I have become a fanatic in regard to the drinking of distilled spirits or of brandied wines, because I am intensely interested in the British islands and the British Empire, and wish to see both prosperous, happy, healthy, and efficient, because in Central Africa I found alcohol far harder to fight than the Arabs; because in West Africa I found alcohol the main cause of the quarrels between the natives and the white men, between the natives themselves, the chief stimulant of horrors like cannibalism and "were-leopardry," secret poisonings, and the foulest intricacies of fetish worship; the principal cause of laziness amongst the blacks, or deadly ill-health amongst the whites; because in South Africa I knew only too well that the quarrels between British and Boers were almost entirely conflicts between Scotch or Irish whisky and Cape brandy, and that distilled alcohol was the one overmastering incitement to the native to rape, rob, revolt, and ravage; because I saw in India, and in the employment of the Sikh and Indian Mohammedans in East Africa, what serious damage the spread of alcoholic habits was causing among Oriental populations—the white man's example being the ally of the distiller; because I have seen the same in Egypt and in Algeria; because I know that just as the Jameson Raid was provoked, conceived, born, and miscarried in alcohol, so were the Ceylon Riots, and many a Kuli disturbance in Malaysia (according to the complaints of Planters' Associations). I saw this mischievous traffic first in 1882, when I certainly had an open mind and a horror of the goody-goody, when in my anxiety to be free from sentimental trammels, I was prone, rather than otherwise, to take the anti-missionary point of view. I saw it some years later, as both Consul and Administrator, and never ceased to inveigh against the mischief alcohol was working among the blacks and whites alike. My attacks on alcohol in Africa have continued from 1885 without intermission.

If the liquor traffic was prohibited, the loss of freight to the shipping

companies would soon be made up by a great increase in exports from a sober, industrious, and well-populated Africa."

A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT.

At the Society of Arts the other day the Archbishop of Canterbury put forward the moderate temperance view, and he was followed by Mr H. Charrington, who said that he was proud to have been a brewer for thirty years, spoke of teetotal fanatics, and declared his belief in the fine old vintages which many of those present were brought up on, and thank heaven, still enjoyed. Sir A. Pearce Gould, who spoke next, said that he was a teetotaler, though he did not believe that this question was to be settled by teetotalers, but by all classes of the community coming together. Speaking with a solemnity which visibly impressed the audience, he said that Britain could not last the next ten years if we reverted to pre-war drinking. To him the outlook was very grave from the point of view of the national future, and he pleaded with the distillers to give up making drinkable gin, and to make commercial spirit instead for manufacturing and motor purposes.

MAORI REPORT.

Miss Woodhead, now Mrs Harsant, wishes me to thank the Union for their good wishes and token of their appreciation of her services, which I forwarded to her at the time of her marriage in December last. She tells me that the epidemic worked great havoc amongst the Maoris in the North. Mrs Noda and all the women who were not laid up worked splendidly. She also helped herself until a few days before her wedding. They had it in a very bad form in that district, and Mrs Rebecca Harris, who worked for our cause some years ago as Rebecca Smith, gave her life in nursing the sick and dying in her husband's parish. She was indeed a great-hearted woman, and our sympathy goes out to her husband. We trust that the thought that she died such a noble death in the service of her stricken people may be some consolation to him in his bereavement.

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.)

NELSON.

Feb. 11. Mrs Watson presided. Miss Anna Gordon acknowledged Nelson's congratulations on the closing of American breweries, and calling attention to the "International Edition of the Union Signal." Resolved that this Union subscribe for one year. Balance-sheet read and adopted, and Treasurer thanked for her work. £16 9s 6d raised for Hutment Fund. Officers elected: Pres., Miss Atkinson; Acting-Pres., Mrs Watson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Field, Hill, Hockey, and White; Cor. Sec., Mrs Edmonds; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs Brown; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford. Superintendents of Departments: Literature and Moral Education, Mrs Field; Librarian, Mrs Kirby; L.T.L. and Backblocks, Mrs Moyes; Cradle Roll, Mrs Thompson; Good Citizenship, Mrs Hill. Mrs White and Mrs Kirby elected Convention delegates. Preliminary arrangements made for School Committee elections and Municipal.

N.E. VALLEY.

Feb. Annual meeting and election of officers. Good attendance. A most interesting address on the coming licensing poll by Mrs Don. March. Resolved that next meeting take the form of a by-rally. Convention delegates were appointed. Very good attendance.

HAMILTON EAST.

Feb. 18. First meeting of the year. Attendance good. Members all reported doing good work enrolling electors for the coming poll. Decided to hold Cradle Roll and Mothers' Meeting next month.

MATAMATA.

This new Branch held a second meeting a week after its inauguration to consider plans of work.

Feb. 1. Special meeting. Decided to assist Alliance League with house to house canvassing.

Feb. 10. President in the chair. Article from "White Ribbon" read and discussed. One new member initiated. Corresponding Secretary resigned, and her duties were undertaken by the Recording Secretary.

GISBORNE.

Feb. 18. Postponed annual meeting. A good attendance. Letter received from Mrs Nimmo acknowledging £42 7s for the Minesweepers' Fund. Treasurer's report showed a balance of £3 18s 1d. Mrs Graham

spoke a few words, contrasting the drinking habits of the Americans and the British, much to the disadvantage of the latter. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Goffe; Sec., Miss Rosie; Treas., Mrs Wilkes; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Graham, East, Toneycliffe, and Whyte; Heads of Departments: Literature, Backblocks, and Purity, Mrs Graham; Flower Mission, Mrs Church and Mrs East; Evangelistic, Mrs Day; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Sievwright; Tea Committee, Mesdames Church and Spence. Mrs Laurie was welcomed, and a collection of £1 6s taken up for the Missionary Fund.

TIMARU.

Feb. Mrs Hyland Brown presided over a good attendance. Reports of Hospital Visitors received, and new visitors appointed. Mrs Don's letter in "White Ribbon" read. Mrs Brown appointed delegate to Convention. Decided to ask Mrs Raymond to allow herself to be nominated for Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Members agreed to supply refreshments to Prohibition Scrutineers on polling day. Sailors' Rest report showed 130 visits paid by 45 men. Two socials had been given to men from the s.s. Ruahine. One new member received.

FEILDING.

Feb. 6. Mrs Barton presided. Resolved to post our Dominion President's letter re the soldiers' vote to every absent member. Paper on "Good Citizenship" read, and report given of Y Branch lately organised.

Feb. 10. Frances Willard Day. Meeting at Mrs Barton's. Address by Mrs Neal. Three new members and collection of £1.

March 1. Members attended L.T.L. picnic held in Mr Guy's grounds.

TAKAPUNA.

Feb. 6. Annual meeting. Short address by President. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer received. Membership stands at 42, an increase of 11 for this year. Officers re-elected, with Miss Mills as Cradle Roll Superintendent. Afternoon tea served.

Feb. 20. Cradle Roll picnic in the grounds of Mr Goldie. Mrs Don gave an inspiring address, a tiny member recited, and afternoon tea was served. Many children were enrolled.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Feb. 12. Postponed annual meeting. Mrs Cook presided. Special thanksgiving for peace. Reports read and received, and showed good work accomplished. £52 1s. 3d collected for Hutment Fund, and £30 for Minesweepers, with £73 worth of woollen goods. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Cook; Rec. Sec., Mrs Taylor; Cor. Sec., Miss Little; Treas., Mrs Pirrett; Miss Dewar had to retire owing to illness, and Miss Nellie Dewar also declined re-election. Both officers were thanked for long and faithful services, and sympathy expressed with Miss Dewar in her illness. Mesdames

Garroway and Moody appointed Vice-Presidents.

Feb. 19. Special meeting of combined Executives to welcome Mrs Don, who gave a stirring heart to heart talk. Decided to hold a daily prayer meeting for victory until April 10th.

Feb. 26. Votes of sympathy with Mrs Caughey and Mrs J. J. Craig in the loss of their sons overseas. Mrs Reuben Bailey gave an inspiring address, and a solo was rendered by Miss Remer.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

March 4. Mrs Macalister presided. Treasurer's report showed £82/14/- taken at the refreshment tent at the Show, also £138 for the Minesweepers' Fund. Mr Bayley gave an address on Prohibition in Canada. Mrs Lillicrap was appointed Delegate to Convention.

MOUNT EDEN.

Feb. 24. First meeting of the year. Attendance poor; many members not yet returned from holiday-making. Miss Wilson gave an interesting and helpful talk.

TAURANGA.

Nov. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Christian; Cor. Sec., Mrs Weston; Rec. Sec., Mrs Petchell; Treas., Mrs Chappell; W.R. Agent and Cradle Roll, Mrs Christensen. £2 donated to No License League.

Feb. Mrs Christensen presided. Address on the work for the coming poll by Staff-Capt. Moore. Balance-sheet read and adopted.

Feb. 18. A successful garden party was held. £6/10/- raised for the World's Mission Fund.

MASTERTON.

March 4. Mrs Devonport presiding. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs J. A. Hosking also to Mrs Hosking (Senr.) who have suffered bereavements; also to Mrs Jas. Elliott in the illness of Mr Elliott.

PETONE.

Dec. 18. Annual meeting; Mrs Rouse presiding. Votes of sympathy with Mesdames Ashby and McKenzie who lost relatives in the recent epidemic. The reports were read and adopted, and showed a satisfactory year's work. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Ashby; Rec. Sec., Mrs Budd; Cor. Sec., Mrs Eason; Treas., Mrs Donaghue.

WAIHI.

March 1. Mrs Don welcomed by our President and the Mayoress at a reception on Saturday evening. Mrs Don gave a most inspiring address, and seven ladies responded to her appeal for new members. On Sunday evening Mrs Don addressed a large audience in the Miners' Union Hall, and was listened to with much attention.

Feb. 7. Mrs McRae presided. Decided to do all in our power to assist for the coming poll. Balance-sheet read and adopted. £1 donated to the

fighting fund. Mrs Snow, late of Hamilton, gave a very interesting address.

ASHBURTON.

March. Mrs Lill presided. Decided to publish the first-prize essay. Mrs W. H. Robinson appointed Delegate to Convention. Visitors from Timaru and Port Chalmers were welcomed. An animated discussion took place on "What is the Best Form of Memorial to our Fallen Soldiers." Mrs Frost was presented with a brooch on her leaving Ashburton, and Miss Burley with a teacher's Bible.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Feb. 21. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided, and read an article from the "White Ribbon" on the position of the Indian women in Fiji under the indentured system. In the discussion that followed, members expressed the hope that the decision of the Viceroy to abolish the system would soon be given effect to.

WANGANUI EAST.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting, President presiding. Date for postponed pay-up social to be arranged next meeting. Annual report read and adopted. Dextology sung in thankfulness for blessings of peace, cessation of epidemic, and promising outlook for Prohibition. £2 10s donated to Organising Fund. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Blair and Dowsett; Sec. and Treas., Mrs A. Andrew; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett.

Feb. 28. Mrs Dowsett presided. Encouraging reports from many members who are busy canvassing and distributing literature in connection with the coming poll.

OXFORD.

Feb. 26. Frances Willard Day. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Wotherspoon and Mrs C. Tritt in their illness. Mrs Ancall read a paper on the early days of the W.C.T.U. and how Frances Willard became its President, and was heartily thanked for it. Decided to undertake the catering at the A. and P. Show.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 20. Meetings resumed after holidays. Mrs Hall presided over a good attendance. Mrs Williams gave a most interesting address, for which she was thanked. Collection of 11s 2d for Missionary Fund. Arrangements made for annual picnic. Decided to devote next meeting to prayer. Afternoon tea served.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

March 4. Mrs Hiatt presided. Decided to ask the Council of Churches to arrange a combined prayer meeting on or about the day of the poll. Superintendents of Departments elected: "White Ribbon," Mrs Anderson; Evangelistic and Sabbath Ob-

servance, Mrs Bennett; Maori Work, Mrs Romerili; Social and Moral Hygiene, Miss McCarthy; Work Among Seamen, Miss Nicol; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Downing; Band of Hope, Mrs Gain. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to prayer.

OTAMATEA.

Feb. 2. Postponed annual meeting. President in the chair. Attendance large. Resolution passed expressing sympathy with all in the district who suffered bereavement during the recent epidemic. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs C. E. Paikea; Sec., Mrs T. Noda; Treas., Mrs Peramiko, Wikaraka. Kaati kia kaha tonu tatatou. Nga roopu Maori Kite awhina ite roopu matua kite inoi atu Kito tatou matua ite Rangī. Kia homai te wikitoria. Kia tatou ki iwi roopu Karaitiana monga hotera kia kapi katoa.

FEILDING.

March 6. Mrs Miller in the chair. Miss Svendsen appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Reeve warmly welcomed on her return to reside in Feilding. An address by Mrs Müller on the marvellous power of Prayer. The meeting closed with a chain prayer for success on April 10th.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 21. Frances Willard Day. Social afternoon. Address by Mrs Cobb, and a musical programme. Collection of £6 for the Campaign Fund.

March 7. Mrs Crabb presided. Mrs Dcn gave a splendid address in connection with the campaign. Two new members.

TAKAPUNA.

March 6. President in the chair. Mrs Fuljames gave a short address, then Mr Gosnell spoke of "Women Inside and Outside the home." Mrs Robinson appointed Librarian. President elected Delegate to Convention. One new member.

SAWYERS BAY.

March. President in the chair; good attendance. Mrs Prattley elected Delegate to Convention, with Mrs Chuttleborough as substitute. Decided to have a temperance display in Sawyers Bay Hall before the poll, arrangements left in the hands of the Y's.

W.C.T.U.

W—is for Women who work with a will.

C—is for Christians who never stand still,

T—is for Temperance, the Creed of our Band.

U—is for Union—United we stand, for God and our Homes and our own Native Land.

Y's Reports.

AVONDALE.

Feb. 12. Annual meeting. Social postponed on account of squally weather. Officers elected: Pres., Miss Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Citrill; Treas., Miss M. McCarthy. Election of delegate for Convention postponed till next meeting. A few games and supper brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WANGANUI.

Jan. Opening social. Good attendance. Several items were rendered, games were indulged in, and a fruit supper closed a pleasant evening. One new member received.

Feb. 24. Fair attendance. Sylabus for 1919 arranged. Miss Marshall appointed Evangelistic Superintendent, and Miss E. Wilson to correspond with absent members. Social Committee to arrange for Jubilee Home to be visited. Members promised to distribute literature.

ARAMOHO.

Feb. President in the chair. Decided to postpone Sale of Work until after the poll. Workers secured to distribute literature. Secretary gave an interesting report of last year's work. T.T.L. session to open with a picnic on March 15. President read an extract from "Grit," entitled "Drink's Toll of Womanhood."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since the date of last report:—

N.Z. FUND.

Napier, £2; New Plymouth, £1. Total, £3.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Feilding and Gisborne, £1 each; Pahiatua, 18s; Waipukurau, 8s 6d. Total, £3 6s 6d.

ORGANISING FUND.

Palmerston North, £7 14s; Invercargill, £6 13s; Dunedin, £4; New Plymouth, £3; Waipukurau, £1 3s; Devonport, Masterton, Ngaere, and Urenui, £1 each; J. W. Nutt, £2 2s; Miss Tripp, 5s. Total, £28 17s. Expenditure, £28 19s 8d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 8th March, 1919.

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 1s 6d, payable to Mrs Poryman, Port Chalmers.

WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Seventeen women candidates sought election to the British Parliament last December 14th. They were: Mrs Carruthers (R.), Mansfield; Miss C. Pankhurst (Ind.), Smethwick; Mrs Despard (Lab.), Battersea N.; Mrs Anderson (Lab.), Stoutbridge; Mrs Pethick Lawrence (Lab.), Rusholme; Mrs Strachey (Ind.), Brentford and Chiswick; Miss Phipps (Ind.), Chelsea; Mrs C. Ashby (R.), Ladywood; Miss A. V. Garland (R.), Portsmouth South; Mrs Dacre Fox (Ind.), Richmond; Mrs J. McEwan (R.), Enfield; Mrs How Martyn (Ind.), Hendon; Mrs H. McKenzie (Lab.), Welsh University; Miss E. Murray (Ind.), Bridgeton; Miss M. M. Farquharson (Ind.), Scottish Universities; Miss Carney (S.F.), Belfast; Mme. Markievicz (S.F.), Dublin; Mrs Lucas, widow of Colonel F. A. L. Lucas (whose death during his election campaign necessitated the postponement of the polling day in the Kensington Division), took up the role of candidate herself.

THE TRIUMPH SONG.

(By Anna A. Gordon. Tune—Ancient of Days.)
 Lord God of Hosts, to Thee we give the glory,
 To Thee we lift our hearts in grateful praise;
 To all the world we tell the wondrous story,
 Thy Love has led us to these joyful days.
 Far-flung the line of battle now before us,
 Still led us on, Thou Conqueror Supreme;
 Thy name is on the banner waving on before us,
 Our path is lightened by its shining gleam.
 Lord God of Hosts, we plead for our great nation,
 Grant her the victory over sin and wrong;
 Perfect in law and built on truth's foundation,
 Thence shall we sing with joy our triumph song.
 —Popular Campaign Songs.

Buy with thought, cook with care,
 Serve enough with none to spare,
 Eat what will spoil, save what will not,
 Grow what you can, waste not a jot.

ONE DAY AT A TIME.

One day at a time! that's all it can be,
 No faster than that is the hardest fate;
 And days have their limits, however we
 Begin them too early and stretch them too late.
 One day at a time! Every heart that aches
 Knows only too well how long it can seem,
 But it's never to-day when the spirit breaks,
 It's the darkest future without a gleam.
 One day at a time! But a single day,
 Whatever its load, whatever its length,
 And there's a precious Scripture to say,
 That according to each shall be our strength.
 —Helen H. Jackson.

THE MOTHER WHO SMILES.

I am so glad you smiled at me
 When we said our last good-bye;
 It warmed and cheered my aching heart
 To see you more brave than I.
 It took me back a score of years
 To where I, a timid child,
 Turned, halting, on my way to school,
 And you waved me on and smiled.
 I've brought that smile across the sea,
 And your look of courage rare;
 They'll give me strength to meet the foe,
 And the heart to do and dare.
 I know I'm in your constant thought,
 That you often kneel in prayer,
 Entreating God to spare the world
 And your first-born "over there."
 God bless the mothers, every one,
 And comfort their hearts; the while;
 And pour a double blessing on
 Those rare, brave mothers who smile.
 —Sarah F. Dusenbury.

England's War-Time Drink Bill.

England's drink bill for 1917 was 250 millions. There were used in brewing during the year, 600,000 tons of barley and 65,000 tons of sugar. The barley turned into bread would have given 268 million quarter loaves.

Ruckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2.30 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 Ponnallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss J. Dewar Ponnallier Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nelson 78 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

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

Ruckland, 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, Wakanaui.

Avondale Y's. 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 a.m. in Road Board Room Blake Street. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens, Vice Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Cottrill, New Wind-or Rd., Avondale; Treas. Miss M. McCarthy, Station Rd.; W.R. Supt., Miss B. Thomas; Y. Supt.; Mrs Pirro tt, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., Pres Mrs A. J. Litchfield Livermore; Sec. Mrs H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Madames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, 1st Tuesday, 10 p.m. in Victoria Hall, at 3 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 Drizman, 11, Brown St., St Albans.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 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, 3 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, Bishopscourt Roslyn.**

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

Fitzroy, last 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, Chilmson St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clew St., Fitzroy.

Feilding, 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. Field, "Cloverdale," North Road; Literature, Mrs E. Bridge and Miss O'Neill.

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

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Hamilton District, first Thursday, Wesleyan Class Rooms 2.30 p.m.; Pres. Mrs J. T. Horne, Cliffto Road; Sec., Mrs W. H. Paul, Clandelands; Treas., Mrs F. J. Davey, London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gaulton, Ross Trevor 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 Meares; 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, 803 Ellison Road; Treas., Mrs J. Wilson, Box 273, Hastings; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, R. ger's Street, on the last Thursday, at 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. S. Young, Cameron Street; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, Liversedge, and Miss Maunier; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd; Cor. Sec. Mrs White, Argyle Street; Treas. Mrs Best, Milmoie St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Tait, Nelson St.

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

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. rooms; 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., Erwood; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lillierap, Earn St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Methodist Schoolroom, Ythan Street, at 2.45 p.m. Pres. Mrs Pasley, Centre St. Gorge-town; Sec., Mrs Garrett, 195 Ness St.; Vice Pres. Mesdames Smart, Morris and Fairbairn; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pate; Treasurer, Mrs Aitken; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs Parry

Kaipoi 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 Wednesday, 2 p.m., in Public Hall. Pres., Mrs Baines, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume, Mrs Woolford, Sec., Mrs Jack Hume, W.R. Sp. Miss McCutchan, Cradle Roll, Misses Dickey and Andrews, Organist, Mrs N. Johnston.

Lower Hutt, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs 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, last Thursday, 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 Hunt.

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

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

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

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Schoolroom, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds and Fawcett; Sec., Mrs A. Chellev, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Faraday Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Chapman; Evangelists, 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.

Ngaruawahia, 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; F.vangelistic, 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, 48, 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, Waka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opotiki, 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 R. Comyns; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Hoy; Evangelistic, Mrs W. Tritt; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Kippenberger and Mrs L. Ancall.

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 Holbrooke, 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, Cousins; 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

Penonby, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Page's 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 Haslem, East St.; Treas., Mrs Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs S. 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. Wyllie

Richmond (Nelson), 2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs L. Sutton, Upper Queen Street; Vice-pres. Mesdames Hunt, Feild 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 Hoag, 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 Fiddlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supt Home Meetings, Mrs Horn.

Shellfield, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road House Office; Pres., Mrs M. Hraith, Annet; Sec., Mrs Pettit, Kirwee; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annet.

Stratford, 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Phillips, Sunny Hollow; Vice-Pres., Mrs Madill and Mrs Foster; Sec., Mrs Spardle, 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 Vests, Hurstmere Rd; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd; Treas., Mrs Penning, East Coast Rd.

Tauranga, Meets in Wesley Hall, on third Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 6th Ave. W.; Sec., Mrs Weston, 3rd Ave.; Cor. Sec., Secretary, Mrs P. Ichell; Treasurer, 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 Foster 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, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 8 Liverpool St.; Sec., Mrs J. Bott, 76 Wicksteed St.; Treas., Mrs Sidells, Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs McKenzie, Wicksteed St.; "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.

Wichmore, 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 Hiroponi; Treas., Mrs Boyall, 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.

Waikukurau, 2nd Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hardy, Nurse Murray; Sec., Mrs Reid; W.R. Supt., Mrs Bungay; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Mrs Haswell

Woodvill, 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.