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THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

The White Slave Traffic—that dark shadow that hangs over all the older countries of the civilised world—that huge octopus whose tentacles reach wherever in the crowded town of the Old World is a fair young girl without influential friends to protect her. “It is enough to raise hell,” said W. T. Stead 28 years ago, when told of the sacrifice of very young girls to this trade. “It does not even raise the neighbours,” was the reply of his informant. And still that is true; it does not even rouse the women with whom lies the remedy, though last July the chairman of the International Congress in London said that conditions were never worse than at present. Every year in England alone thousands of girls disappear, never again to be known to those who have loved and cared for them—doomed to a life of degradation and shame, and to a slow lingering death.

There was a time when it required a brave man or woman to speak on this subject, and even yet there are people who do not think it is “quite modest” to speak about such things; it exists, but it is better not to speak about it. But the thinking people are realising more that it is an evil that must be grappled with and crushed, or our civilisation must sink under the load, and for years past men and women have met together in congresses and conventions to discuss ways and means of suppressing the traffic. We are told sometimes that the curse of alcoholism is the greatest evil in the world, but before our

readers finish this article they may wonder if this is so.

First, what the trade is not. It is not prostitution. A woman may be a prostitute and have no connection with the Trade. Nor is the Trade responsible for assaults on children, of which one society alone in England dealt with 807 cases in a year, from a baby of six months upwards. In the Court the mother of this child held up the little bandaged form, and said, “Ruined for life, my Lord.” The man, an ex-policeman, was sentenced to 12 months’ imprisonment, which, by remissions, was reduced to three months. Nor is it responsible for the little children in the Lock Hospital, little children doomed to a slow lingering death for the sins of others. All these, though closely allied, are not the Trade.

The Trade consists in capturing by various methods young girls, and inveighing them into houses of ill-fame, and either keeping them there or sending them abroad to foreign countries, where they do not know the language. London is said to be the chief clearing port of this Trade.

The Traders, who are both men and women, are regular merchants, whose business it is to sell their wares in the highest market. They are known to one another, and have a most complete and effective organisation, and though in competition always protect one another, and unite to track down any victim who may escape.

Their wares are girls young and attractive in face or figure, or charm of manner. The demand is great, for the average life is from two to seven

years; and before that they are cast aside by their owners as unprofitable, and left, broken in health and spirit, to sink lower and lower.

Of the Traders, there are three classes. First, the procurer, the man or woman who captures the girl. Second, the importer or exporter, the person who conveys her to her destination. Thirdly, the person who lives on the immoral earning of one or more women. All of these are inspired by financial gain, and the profits are enormous. It is stated on good authority that in 1909 one syndicate alone made a profit of £40,000.

The victim once caught is condemned to perpetual servitude, beside which the suffering endured by African slaves, prior to their liberation, is as nothing. She has to do as she is told, receive any and every visitor, submit to any indignity, is not allowed out alone, and has to hand over her earnings to her owner.

The price of an English girl varies from £30 to £200, according to her attractiveness and the market to which she is sent.

The methods by which girls are entrapped are of all kinds. Attractive advertisements of every conceivable kind of employment—governesses, companions, secretaries, singers, dancers, stenographers, masseurs, even circus riders; any and every occupation a girl may follow. Or it may be a chance acquaintance on a tram or train; a man dressed even as a clergyman, or a woman as a nurse. It is not safe for a girl to trust any stranger. They are on every steamer, at every railway station, watching and tracking their

victim till the favourable opportunity comes. One instance: A mother and her two daughters, girls in their teens, travelling; at Naples the mother went to look after their luggage, the girls following a few steps behind. She turned to speak to them, but they were gone, and she never saw them again. In all probability the man or woman who was responsible for this case had been travelling with them for some time, just waiting their opportunity.

Another method: Bogus telegrams to girls away from home; some relative ill. They are met and carried off.

Sometimes they are taken from one place to another as lunatics, and so people keep clear of them; or they may be drugged and be taken as invalids.

Quite recently a grave scandal was disclosed in Toulouse in connection with the Labour Exchange there, a semi-official institution subsidised by the municipality. As a result of a complaint from a girl, it has been found that some three hundred women who had sought employment through the Exchange had been handed over to White Slave Traders. The manager has been arrested.

Massage institutions are frequent traps. A girl answers an advertisement; calls by appointment; she may even see others in nurses' uniform, for nothing is omitted to hoodwink the authorities. She is engaged, may even be taught massage. When she is "qualified" she is locked in a room with her "patient," and force may even be used. She goes indignant to the "lady" in charge. Madame knows nothing. She was not there, and walls tell no tales. She can leave, but no effort will be spared to blacken her character. She was discharged for grossly immoral conduct. The man may even say she solicited. Of course they have no vacancy for a girl with any influence.

Another instance. A young girl was bookkeeper in a large London hotel, which was thronged with Americans over for the Coronation. One gentleman, who stated he was a manufacturer from Chicago, got into conversation with her in regard to her pay and prospects, and finished up by offering a post as his secretary at £40 a year, all found. The salary was not out of the common, and she naturally thought it was all right, and

with the prospect of travel accepted with delight. One of her friends who had read "The White Slave Traffic" urged caution, and advised her to consult Scotland Yard. She did so, and was just in time. Next day the American, his wife, and new secretary were to sail for Flushing. The police discovered he was a notorious procurer, and he had tickets for a South American port.

These are a few of hundreds of instances that might be given, but they serve to give some insight into the various methods adopted by the Trade.

This article would not be complete without some reference to the causes of this and kindred evils. Amongst the factors that make this Trade possible are women's economic dependence on man, low wages of both men and women. Three million women in England are unable to earn more than from 4s to 7s per week. These women live all their life on the verge of starvation. Is it any wonder that in desperation some of them take to the streets? The marvel is that so many resist, and in spite of all temptation live clean, honest lives. Of course one of the largest factors is the uncontrolled passion of man, but we would not lay the blame for that at his door alone, for woman must take her share, for has she not set a lower standard for man than he has set for her? And also with her has lain the training of man in his childhood and youth, when the foundation of all truth and purity is laid. And with her now lies the remedy, when women think it is worth while to give serious consideration to this subject; when they are willing to unite and work for the suppression of this evil, then its doom is signed. Years ago, when many of us were children, and many more not yet born, men laid down their lives to rescue those not of their race or colour from slavery and from what were then nameless wrongs, but now those wrongs can be nameless no longer, for the slaves who bear them are of our own blood, our own kith and kin.

Can women ever again fold their hands in ease until they have at least done something in this fight?

Behind all other causes that contribute to the existence of this evil we would place our low ideal of marriage, while we consider that what is wrong before marriage is right after

—that a legal or religious ceremony can make what would otherwise be wrong right, while our standard for the married is lower than for the unmarried, so long will this evil and all others that follow in its train continue. We know that "all men cannot receive this doctrine," but "he that is able to receive it let him receive it." We are glad to know that in our Dominion there are men and women who have accepted this as their standard, for they by so living and so teaching are creating a purer atmosphere, in which evil cannot live.

In another article we will deal with the efforts that have and are being made to suppress this traffic, and also with conditions in our Dominion.

WORLD'S CONVENTION.

Rest Cottage, Evanston, Illinois,
July 15, 1913.

My Dear Friend,—

Plans for the coming Convention of the World's W.C.T.U. in Brooklyn are progressing admirably. The chairman of the New York Committee on Local Arrangements, Mrs Ella A. Boole, President of the Hostess State W.C.T.U. of New York, reports remarkable interest already shown by New Yorkers in the Convention, and the World's W.C.T.U. officers feel greatly encouraged at the hopeful outlook for an unusual attendance of delegates, and a correspondingly vigorous push forward for our White Ribbon activities in many lands.

We rejoice over the cheering news coming to us from every quarter of the world, showing that our comrades are alertly at work for the increasing establishment of our principles in custom and in law.

Many White Ribboners attended the International Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland. There is a growing bond of unity between the mighty forces of the Sunday School and the W.C.T.U. The anti-Alcohol Congress at Milan promises to exceed in interest and power the many similar great meetings that have preceded it. Miss Agnes E. Slack will represent the World's W.C.T.U. at this important Congress.

It is with heartfelt gratitude we report the improved health of our beloved President, Lady Carlisle, whose splendid abilities are generously de-

voted to the promotion of our world-wide efforts, and whose gifts to our treasury have made possible the best record of three years' service in missionary fields our organisation has ever known. We have been able, as never before, to provide for the travelling expenses of World's W.C.T.U. organisers; to send out literature; and to pay for the translation of literature in many needed fields. Indeed, the far-reaching beneficent influence of the fund given us by our World's President can never be fully estimated.

Another generous friend of our work in missionary fields is the United States Superintendent of the World's Missionary Fund Department, Mrs Caroline McDowell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs McDowell has generously agreed to personally give 100dol. (£20) for each gift of this amount sent to the world's treasury to constitute life membership or memorial membership in the World's W.C.T.U. until the amount of 5000dol. (£1000) is reached. This offer also includes each contribution sent in for the headquarters of the W.C.T.U. in Japan.

It will be of interest to all White Ribboners to know that we have on our list of life and memorial members in the World's W.C.T.U. fifty-five life members and twelve memorial members, making a total of sixty-seven. Switzerland, South Africa, Australia, Scotland, Wales, England, Canada, and the United States are the countries represented in this list. We have one name from Switzerland, one from South Africa, one from Australia, two from Scotland, three from Wales, five from England, twenty-two from Canada, and thirty-three from the United States. In the Dominion of Canada two provinces are represented; one name coming from British Columbia, and twenty-one from Quebec, the home province of our Treasurer of the World's W.C.T.U., Mrs Mary E. Sanderson. Among the States of the United States, Massachusetts leads with eight names. Six have come from New Jersey, and from the following twelve States the additional names have been received:—New York (3), Virginia (2), Pennsylvania (3), Rhode Island (2), Maine (2), Illinois (2), Ohio (1), North Dakota (1), District of Columbia (1), California (1), Hawaii (1), Missouri (1). Fifteen

names have been received since the report of the Glasgow Convention was published, and we trust many additional names will come in prior to the publication of the report of the Brooklyn Triennial Convention.

Our gifted representatives in Burma and Japan, Miss Flora E. Strout and Miss Ruth Frances Davis, are accomplishing great things in their respective fields. The work in China, under the leadership of Mrs Chauncey Goodrich, is extremely encouraging. Indeed, all the great fields of W.C.T.U. service are whitening unto the harvest, only waiting for the needy workers and funds. With these provided, White Ribbon sheaves will joyfully be garnered.

The W.C.T.U. of India is to receive the able help of Miss Strout Smith, of England, who will no doubt be elected at Brooklyn to succeed Miss Lockhead as World's White Ribbon Missionary for India. Scotland will take a special interest in Miss Smith. We trust that at the Brooklyn Convention, India's appeal for help in building headquarters or in establishing a permanent W.C.T.U. office, will meet with a favourable response.

We are happy to report another victory in the United States for Woman Suffrage. Illinois women have been granted all the voting privileges possible for a State Legislature to bestow, the Municipal and Presidential ballot, and we rejoice that the women of Frances E. Willard's home State have now this powerful weapon for the protection of child life and for the advancement, in the larger home of the Government, of the high ideals all true women to-day seek to promote.

With profound sadness we allude to the recent heavy losses from the ranks of our Executive Committee of the World's W.C.T.U., Mrs Frances Cole, beloved and gifted President of the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand, an ardent worker, and wise leader, a woman of broad vision, and boundless activity; Mrs J. E. P. Peters, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who since the beginning of our work on that Island has been the faithful leader and honoured President of the Newfoundland W.C.T.U.; Miss Ella Gilbert Ives, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, the Associate in the World's W.C.T.U. Department of Co-operation with Missionary Societies, whose unusual gifts of intellect and heart admirably equipped her to do a great work for our or-

ganisation; and Miss Ina Smith, of Edinburgh, Scotland, World's W.C.T.U. Superintendent of the Department of Counter Attractions to Licensed Houses, a woman of charming personality, and unselfishly devoted to our blessed activities.

I have recently sent you circulars describing Brooklyn, the Convention city, and outlining the general Convention plans. We hope to have with us many visiting White Ribboners as well as delegates, and we hope you will widely extend the invitation to your friends and acquaintances.

The fortieth annual national Convention of the United States W.C.T.U. will be held at Asbury Park, New Jersey, and will immediately follow the Brooklyn meeting. Mrs Stevens, the beloved President of our national organisation, and the Vice-President of the World's W.C.T.U., extends a most cordial invitation to our comrades from other countries to attend this annual meeting, as guests of the National W.C.T.U.

We live in electric days—days throbbing with the spirit of Christ, as it is being expressed in the altruistic work of this wonderful century. Our Christian nations have doomed the Liquor Traffic, and its twin scourge, the White Slave Traffic, to utter extinction. In the United States we have adopted the thrilling slogan, "National Constitutional Prohibition in 1920," and to this end White Ribboners will follow the call of Mrs Stevens in her prophetic proclamation of September 10, 1911. We do this with faith in the God of battles, and in the assurance that our cause is just. Our efforts must eventually be crowned with glorious victory.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,
ANNA A. GORDON.

A WORD TO "W.R." AGENTS.

Several agents have written to us for a list of subscribers in their towns. We shall be very pleased to send any agent who will write for it a complete list of subscribers in their own town. We have to thank agents for many new subscribers sent forward. As an instance of work done, we may state that the veteran agent of Christchurch sent 28 new subscribers in one year, 12 of them being secured in one month.

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.)

OXFORD.

October 1. Birthday social at the Coronation Hall, Mrs Gainsford presiding over a good attendance. The President gave an account of the year's work. Mrs Ryde read a report of the Provincial Convention held at Ashburton. Miss Gainsford gave an account of mission work in India. Musical items were given and supper was handed round. Decided to send Mrs Barton a piece of birthday cake. A motion of sympathy was passed to our President in losing her only brother. Decided to hold a treat in the Park on Labour Day for the Band of Hope children.

HAMILTON.

September 10. Evangelistic and mothers' meeting at Mrs J. M. Jones'. A letter from Miss Woodhead, Maori Organiser, was read, and a collection was taken in aid of the Maori work. Several articles read from the "White Ribbon." At the close of the meeting afternoon tea was served.

Monthly meeting held in Wesley Class Rooms, attendance good. Dr. Rogers gave an instructive address to mothers on "The Artificial Feeding of Children." The doctor said if the mother fails to nurse her child cow's milk should be tried before resorting to artificial foods. A child's digestion should be carefully studied until it is eight years of age. We to-day are suffering because our parents lacked the knowledge of how to feed the children properly. Much time and thought was given to consumption and cancer, but we neglect the foundation of real health in the feeding of children. The foods should be of the simplest. Articles that were forbidden were dried fruits in any form, tea, coffee, wine, beer, cider, etc. At the close Dr. Rogers was warmly applauded, and a vote of thanks was passed.

PALMERSTON.

Meeting held on 3rd October. A good attendance, Mrs Crabb (President) presiding. Correspondence re the "Stead Memorial" was read. Resolved not to help with this work, but to confine the work of the Union to the obtaining a women's hostel in connection with our own town. Special thanks were accorded Mr Clausen for the use of a large room in Main Street. An initiatory service was held for the reception of new members.

GREYMOUTH.

August. Meeting held, attendance good. Mrs Mason appointed Superintendent of Backblocks. Resolved to hold a rally of the Union on Sunday, September 7th, when Rev. A. Ashcroft will preach on "Women's Work." One new member.

October. A record attendance. Arrangements were made for Sale of Work on October 15th.

WAIMATE.

Franchise Day meeting on September 10th. Meeting opened in usual way. Miss Smart opened with devotional exercises, and Mr G. Park addressed a fair attendance on "Consciousness of Duty." Miss Strong presided at the organ, and Miss Smart sang a solo. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all, after which four new members were enrolled.

WOODVILLE.

September 30. Meeting held in Ormond Street Hall. Mesdames Crabbe and Carter, of Palmerston North, were welcomed. Mrs Crabbe gave an address dealing mostly with the three-fifths handicap. Mrs Carter spoke on the necessity of having a Cradle Roll, and how to conduct meetings for the elder children. The Secretary was requested to write to School Committee asking permission for children of Standards IV., V., and VI. to write essays for the Temperance wall sheet. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the two visitors for coming to help us.

TUAKAU.

September 16. Letters were received from Mr R. F. Bollard, M.P., and Mr Allen, M.P., re homes for feeble-minded; Mrs H. G. Hughes, re Maori work. Rev. Fitchett was elected Superintendent of "Children's Happy Hour," which we decided to hold monthly. Also decided to hold our Annual Convention on November 12th. Two new members were initiated.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The twentieth anniversary of Franchise Day was celebrated by a special afternoon meeting in the Constable Street Rooms. Mrs Spearman read a report of the District Convention, held in Petone, for which she received a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Houlder read Mrs Bendeley's paper, "Work for the Enfranchised." One new member was initiated, and afternoon tea brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The monthly meeting was held in the Constable Street rooms on Thursday, October 2nd, Mrs Boxall presiding. Two members from Petone were present, and invited all members and friends to a Garden Party to be held at Mrs Corner's. Correspondence was read and discussed in connection with "Unfermented Wine," "Temperance Sunday," "Cradle Roll" and "Loyal Temperance Legion." A paper, entitled "Untruthfulness," was read by Mrs Webb.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

August. Meeting held, attendance good. Mrs Peryman continued her talk on the resolutions passed at last Convention. Mesdames McDonald, Nimmo, and Glen were appointed to represent the Union at the District Convention.

September. Meeting held, Mrs Atkinson in the chair. Routine business was disposed of. Mesdames McDonald and Glen gave an account of the District Convention held at Petone. Mrs McDonald spoke of the need there is for the W.C.T.U. to have a home of its own in this city. Some discussion took place on Mrs Neal's letter to the "White Ribbon" re placing babies on the Cradle Roll whose mothers take alcohol while nursing. Mrs A. R. Atkinson gave a very interesting talk on "Food Reform," for which she received a vote of thanks, as also did our delegates for their reports.

LOWER HUTT.

September 30. It was thought advisable to send a short report of our work in the Lower Hutt. Our workers are few. Resolved we meet on the usual day for special prayer for help and guidance in our work. We ask the members of other W.C.T.U. meeting to pray for us, although the fight to keep together is a very hard one. We had a small sale amongst ourselves of a few useful and fancy articles, given previously, for the benefit of the funds. Goods were sold to each, amounting to £1.

KAIKOURA.

September 2. Meeting held in St. Paul's Sunday Schoolroom, every member present. A short business meeting was followed by public meeting for mothers and children. Mrs McIvor read a paper on the bringing up of children and the evils attending giving them alcohol in any form. Two new members initiated, and several babies put on Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea provided. Two new members were initiated.

September 11. Meeting to farewell Mrs Slater, leaving shortly for the Old Country. Rev. McAra wished her a pleasant voyage, and spoke of how she would be missed. The members presented her with a small token of their appreciation.

September 22. The Band of Hope met. A good gathering to listen to the young people. Rev. Friberg in the chair. A good programme was presented. More names were added to their list of members.

TAURANGA.

September. Meeting held in St. Peter's Hall, President in the chair. Two members were out of town, and another sent an apology, so our numbers were very few. However, after the minutes were read and confirmed, an interesting discussion on the Bible in Schools took place.

CHRISTCHURCH.

August 13. Meeting held, Mrs J. McCombs presiding. Resolved to assist the formation of a Women's Suffrage Union of British Dominions Overseas, to support whichever paper was adopted as the official organ of the Union, "Votes for Women" being recommended. Mrs F. Stewart and Miss Henderson were appointed to represent the Union at the Provincial Convention to be held at Ashburton. Resolved to protest against the Bill in regard to premium bonds which is before the House, and the proposal to increase the number of racing permits. Superintendents for Hygiene, Medical Temperance, and Cradle Roll presented their reports, which were adopted. Mrs M. Wicks read a paper on Hygiene and Medical Temperance. She favoured a vegetarian diet. Discussion followed on the use of alcohol as medicine. Motions of sympathy were passed with Mesdames Cook, Arlow, and Bowron.

August 27. Union met, Mrs McCombs presiding. Reports Department of Good Citizenship and Jubilee Home were received. Provincial Convention to open in Ashburton September 9th. The Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction was authorised to make arrangements in regard to a prize essay on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body," for competition in the primary schools. Mr Fletcher, a member of the Society of Friends, delivered an address on "Peace." Questions were asked, and a vote of thanks given.

September. Meeting was held, Mrs J. McCombs presiding. Fourteen members volunteered to make comfort bags for the sailors. To celebrate Franchise Day, short addresses and papers were given on what women should work for, viz., the training of girls in home-making and motherhood, the liquor traffic, taking a share in the civic work of the city, the removal of civil and political disabilities of women, the abolition of the totalisator and various forms of gambling; and the raising of the dignity of housekeeping by paying the daughters of the home a fair wage for their work.

WANGANUI.

Meeting held in Trinity Church parlour, Mrs J. Smith in the chair. Mrs Jones, of Ngaire, Mrs Duxfield, of Hawera, and Miss Simpson, of Dunedin, were present. Resolved: "That the members take charge of the rest tent at the forthcoming A. and P. Show." Three new members joined. Mrs Upton, our delegate, gave a report of the Hawera Convention. The President, Secretary, and a number of other members of the Wanganui Union visited Wanganui East on September 26th and formed a branch union. The following are the officers:—Pres., Mrs Andrew; Sec., Mrs Hicks; Treas., Mrs Brough. The new Union will meet in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches alternately.

HAWERA.

September 18. Meeting to celebrate Franchise Day and to bid farewell to Mrs Duxfield, who has left Hawera. Mrs Duxfield read a paper on "W.C.T.U. Work" by Mrs Bendeley, and Mrs Jones on "The Responsibilities of Voters," and a collection was taken up, proceeds to go to the N.Z. Treasury. We deeply regret losing our President; her place will be hard to fill. Mrs E. Jones consented to act until the annual meeting.

September 25. Monthly meeting held. Resolved to provide a rest tent at the Show. A deputation from the No-License League waited on the ladies to ask their assistance in getting signatures to the Democratic Vote, and also to get up a meeting for October 14th.

GISBORNE.

Franchise Day, September 19. Social afternoon held at the Burlington Tea Rooms, attendance of members good. Mrs A. Graham presided. Mrs Walker gave a paper showing benefits of Women's Franchise, and the disabilities still existing in the laws relating to women and men. She also spoke of the terrible disabilities under which women in the Old Country live and work, and gave an outline of the objects of the Woman Suffrage Union, British Dominions Overseas. The following resolutions were put and unanimously carried:—

(1) "That this meeting welcomes the forward steps now being made in the direction of the raising of the status of domestic science and other branches of admittedly women's work, and pledges itself to do all in its power to assist this movement; it also realises the great importance of the principle of equal pay for equal work, the recognition of which must tend to force into more suitable channels of employment those women who are now unfairly competing with men at a lower rate of wage, to the great disadvantage of both." (2) "That this meeting assembled to commemorate the granting of the Franchise to the women of New Zealand, as it recognises the great importance of all that lies behind the vote, deeply sympathises with the women of Great Britain in their demand for justice, and sincerely hopes that their efforts will soon be crowned with success." Revs. F. W. Chatterton and Keith Ewen, who were present, also spoke in support of these resolutions.

September 30. Monthly meeting. Miss Woodhead, the Maori Organiser, attended the meeting, and gave an account of her work. She leaves on October 6th for the East Coast and Opotiki. Mrs Oakley (Superintendent Ed. Department) read extracts from a magazine on "Social Sympathy," which were much appreciated. Mrs J. Stewart made a strong appeal to members to support their "White Ribbon" paper.

MATAURA.

August. Miss Powell visited our district, and a branch of the W.C.T.U. was formed, with twelve members. President, Mrs Landels; Sec., Mrs Menzies; Cor. Sec., Mrs Brown; Treas., Mrs Abernethy; and Vice-Presidents, Mrs Waddell and Mrs Reid. Decided to hold meetings on the last Friday of each month in the vestry of the Presbyterian Church, at 3 p.m.

September. Meeting held. Mrs Landels presided, who read a paper on "What the W.C.T.U. has Accomplished," referring especially to the Infant Life Protection Bill. We are distributing purity literature and temperance leaflets. Hope to form a Cradle Roll in near future.

N.E. VALLEY.

September. Quarterly evangelistic meeting held. Attendance good. Our President, Mrs G. B. Elliot, was welcomed back after three months' absence. The Rev. R. S. Gray explained the aims and objects of the Democratic Vote Campaign, and urged the women to work hard for its success. Not until we do our utmost will the Lord help us. Members, after Mr Gray's clear explanation, approved this campaign, and all asked for cards to obtain signatures. A large amount of correspondence was read, and Mrs Reekie contributed a solo.

MANAIA.

Monthly meeting W.C.T.U. held on September 12th at Methodist Church. A vote of sympathy passed with Mr and Mrs Lilley in their recent sad bereavement. Miss Craig elected Secretary. Most of the members present signed the Democratic Vote pledge card. The President read an item referring to Oamaru under No-License. Miss Hughes was promised a return next month regarding amount of liquor brought into Waihi under No-License. One new member for the Cradle Roll.

GORE.

Interest in our Union is growing, new members constantly joining our ranks. Drawing-room meeting in June, Miss Powell present. We were glad of the stimulus of her presence. Good attendance in July. Mrs Evans' paper, full of practical suggestions, was read. Resolved to have a rest tent at the Show. Mr R. H. Every, of Invercargill, spoke of the work of the B.W.T.A. in England, with which she was recently intimately associated. It was urged that the badge be always worn. Our meeting in September took the form of a social afternoon at one of the tea rooms. After the Rev. R. S. Gray, of North-East Valley, had given us an address on "Christian Temperance," He gave an earnest appeal for real consecration for the service of God.

FEILDING.

During the month Lady Stout delivered a most interesting and eloquent address to a large and appreciative audience of ladies. Mrs Frost (President) occupied the chair, and introduced the speaker, who dealt with those evils of the day which affect women and children, and also eulogised the efforts of the W.C.T.U. in the interests of womanhood. A vote of thanks to Lady Stout carried by acclamation.

NELSON.

Monthly meeting September 9th, Miss Atkinson presiding. It was resolved to hold the annual garden party and Sale of Work in the month of November. Attention was called to Franchise Day, September 19th. The (revised) resolutions forwarded by the S.P.W.E. were passed unanimously, and copies directed to be sent to the Premier, the member for Nelson, and the Minister of Justice. The following resolution, passed at the Good Citizenship meeting on August 22nd, was endorsed by the Union, and the Secretary directed to forward it to the N.Z. Executive:—"That this meeting, viewing with grave concern the possibility of the White Slave Traffic obtaining a footing in our Dominion, would ask the Executive of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. if it would consider the advisability of appointing a N.Z. Superintendent to gather any evidence on the subject, and also to suggest preventive measures." At the last Good Citizenship meeting the subject of "Proportional Representation" was discussed.

KAIAPOL.

Social evening held in August. Musical items were rendered, and the "Congress of Nations" was admirably given by 16 young women under Mrs Laishley's supervision. Collection in aid of Maori Department.

Business meeting held September. Report from the Kaikoura Branch, telling of aggressive work taken up. A letter was read from Lyttelton Union asking for gifts of "comfort bags" for the sailors. Several members volunteered to make one. Decided to celebrate Franchise Day at end of October, when Captain Brown will give an address on "Rescue Work." Collection in aid of N.Z. Treasury. A letter was read from Miss Anna Gordon stating the manner in which they had used the children in the last No-License campaign. It was decided to send greetings to the new Union at Tuatapere, and to Mrs Harrison, as President. Resolution of sympathy was passed with Mrs Peryman in the illness of her sister, and at the same time a resolution of grateful appreciation was passed, to be forwarded to Mrs Peryman for her splendid services to the N.Z. W.C.T.U. A proposal was discussed as to the advisability of selling suppers and soft drinks on the nights when the local band played on

the rotunda. A resolution was passed strongly protesting against any increase of racing days or totalisator permits, copies to be sent to Premier and Hon. D. Buddo. Mrs Barnard gave a report of the District Convention. Two new members were initiated.

AUCKLAND.

A meeting was held September 10th, when a mass of correspondence was dealt with. Arrangements were then made for the District Convention to be held September 24th.

RIPOATA O AROPAOA.

Hepetema. I tu te mitingi a te Ropu Karaitiana o Aropaoa Pahi i te Ra-horoi, te 5 o nga ra o Hepetema nei, 1913; ki te kainga o te Perehitiini, o Hera Tatana Hemana, ki Rangiatea. I hui mai nga mema me etahi wahine manuwiri i tae mai ki te whakarongo korero. Nga kaumatua ko Paratene Hemana raua ko Te Tatana Hemana, haunga heki nga tai-tamariki awhina i te mahi o te Ropu.

Na te Pirihiimana na Heeni Hu Hemana i whakapuare te mitingi. Ka tu te Perehitiini ki te whai-korero: E oku hoa wahine, tena koutou i o tatou aituatanga kua hurihia iho nei ki muri. Heoi, i te mea kua huihui mai nei tatou i te ra i powhiritia atu ai koutou e ahau, kahore kau o aku nei take. Kei a koutou he take ma tatou i tenei ra. Heoi, me mutu ake inaianei a tatou mihi. Na, mo te whakautu mai o taaku reta whakanuku i ta tatou mitingi mo te paunga o nga ra o Hepetema nei. I te mea ka marama ake au ki te take i peratia mai ai, e pai ana, kua marama hoki. Ko tenei, e tono atu ana i a koutou he take ma tatou. Me mahi tatou i runga i te rangimarie me te wehi i te Atua.

Heni Hu He Mana: E aku hoa wahine me te hunga tane, kia ora tatou katoa. I mua mai o te whakaharereanga o nga take, e penei ake ana ahau, i te mea hoki ko au te Pirihiimana. E mea ana ahau kia pai te noho, kua e whakaturituri, kua hoki e whakararuraru i nga korero. Na, me panui ake e au nga Pae-ro. Kei hoha mai koutou ki tenei, i te mea e whakarite ana au i nga mahi i whakawhiwhia mai ki a au nei. Panuitia ana nga Pae-ro, mutu noa.

Painaporo P. Hemana: Kia ora tatou katoa kua huihui mai nei; me te Ropu tane, kia ora. Heoi ano, kahore kau o aku nei take.

Kohi T. Hemana (Hekeretari awhina i a Keita H. Manukau): Kia ora te Ropu wahine, me te Ropu tane. Na, i te me kua rongo ake nei ahau kahore he take a nga mema o te Ropu, kei a au nei etahi take hei whakahare ake ma tatou, ara:—Ko nga moni i whakapaua i muri mai o te mitingi i Waihoua, i te 30 o Mei nei. I whakaritea mo te awhina i te Kaiwhakahaere mo te taha Maori (organiser), £1. Mo nga Pine hou, £1 4s. Mo nga pukapuka, 5s. Mo

nga Waea te Rata o Maungaturoto kia tae mai ki te rongoa i a Keita Manukau raua ko Ina Hepeti, 2s 6d. Utu i a te Rata, £3 3s. Awhina i nga aitua, £4 5s. Huihui katoa ena moni he, £9 19s 6d. Ka whakamaramatia i konei e te Pirihiimana, e, kua whakautau mai e Paratene Hemana etahi o nga moni i riro (o te £4 5s) e £2 10s. Ka ataahua enei mahi awhina i nga taroro me nga tangata e whiua ana e te aitua.

Ka whai-korero a Paratene Hemana raua ko Te Tatana Hemana, ara, whakamihi ki te Kopu wahine e kaha nei ki te hapai i nga mahi a Te Ariki, me nga tikanga e tupu ai te pai me te rangimarie ki o tatou kainga me tatou hoki e awhina nei i nga aituatanga ki o tatou Marae. Heoi e te Ropu, kia kaha tonu koutou hei matua mo tatou, hei hapai ake i a tatou i nga ahuatanga maha o tenei Ao. Kia kaha tonu, kei a Te Atua he awhina mo koutou.

Te Perehitiini: Kei te hari ahau mo nga take kua oti pai nei i runga i te rangimarie. Ko tenei, i te mea kua poto katoa atu nga take i o tatou aroaro inaianei, me whakakapu te mitingi.

Na Tatana Memana i whakakapi; na te Koea te Himene 51.

Heoi ano.

NA KOHI T. HEMANA,

Hekeretari.

ORUARIKI.

I te 2nd nga ra o Akuhata Kahore te Roopu Karaitiana Otarei and Oruariki itu irunga i te mate okaoka vaccination o te heketari. I tenei ra ka hui te Roopu o te 22 mema e 6 ano nga mea i tae mai. Ka mihi a W. Weriti Hinei angi me te tokomaha ka whakawhitaitia e te Tumuaki. E mihi W. Weriti ka mutu ka panuitia, nga Ripota i te Ripine ma. Ka mutu ka whakatakotokia he awhina ia Atareta Weriti raua ko Wiri Rata mo runga i o raua nei mate turorotanga 10s ma te tahi, 10s ma te tahi. I runga ano ra i te kore hereni o te roopu i iti ai te awhina. Ka mutu ka whakamutua Ema P. Mohi E amene.

E o tatou hoa o nga Uniana o te Ripina ma he mea atu tena kia Routou kia whakapotea mai nga ripota kia o ai ki te pepa.

NA TE ETITA.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

Mrs Gaskin, Superintendent of above department, has now a good assortment of literature for her department. She regrets that its arrival has been so long delayed. Samples are being sent to District Unions, and any Union wanting pamphlets or information on this subject should write to Mrs Gaskin.

CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

Convention was opened in Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday, September 9th, at 2 p.m. A good attendance was present, including Lady Stout, from Wellington. Mrs J. McCombs, President of Christchurch District Union, occupied the chair. Mrs W. T. Lill opened with prayer. Mrs Lill was appointed Recording Secretary, and Miss Henderson Reporter to Christchurch "Press" and "Times," and local paper. During the afternoon the Executive discussed several matters of vital importance to the organisation. Lady Stout spoke on the deputation to Parliament re "proper provision being made for 'drink' patients." It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent Mrs Blackwell, of Kaiapoi, in her illness. Mrs P. Hansen closed the session with prayer.

In the evening a public reception was held in the Baring Square Church. Mrs W. K. Watson presided. The White Ribbon song was sung, and prayer offered by Rev. W. J. Elliott. Mrs Watson, as President of the Ashburton Union, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. Addresses of welcome were given as follows:—"Ministers' Association," Rev. W. J. Elliott; "Borough Council," Mr J. T. M. Priest; "Band of Hope," Rev. T. R. B. Wooloxall; "No-License Council," Mr W. J. Brown; "Independent Order of Good Templars" and "Rechabites," Mr H. Hopwood. Mrs McCombs, President of Christchurch Union, Mrs Trot (Timaru), and Miss M. S. Powell (Dominion Organiser) thanked the speakers for their kind reception. During the evening vocal and instrumental items and recitations were rendered.

The Wednesday morning session opened with prayer by Miss M. S. Powell. The President gave a short opening address on "Work and Inspiration," and concluded with a glowing tribute to the memory of the late National President (Mrs Cole). Several members spoke very feelingly. The following was carried, all standing:—

"We, the members of the Canterbury Provincial Convention of the W.C.T.U., desire to express our profound sorrow for the loss of our honoured and well-beloved President

(Mrs Cole). Her promotion to higher service has deprived our organisation throughout New Zealand of a wise and noble leader, and we hereby place on record our deep appreciation of the unwearied and devoted service she rendered for so many years to the White Ribbon movement. We recognise that it is due to her capable leadership as National President that our numbers and influence have increased so greatly of late years. We thank God for her beautiful life, and her many and varied capabilities consecrated to the furtherance of every reform tending to the uplifting of humanity. We rejoice that her pathway through the dark valley was bright with holy peace and joy, and calm trust in God's love and care, and we pray that her example may strengthen us to carry on the work she has laid down, until for us, too, 'the day dawns and the shadows flee away.' We tender to her husband, daughters, and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement."

Mrs Stewart (Christchurch) spoke on the matter of erecting a national memorial to the late Mrs Cole, whose desire had been to erect W.C.T.U. rooms for the comfort and convenience of women and girls in Christchurch, and explained what was being done in the matter. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That the time is now opportune for the N.Z. Union to procure headquarters, and we consider the building the Christchurch Union have in view would be most suitable, and especially so, as it is intended to be a memorial to our late beloved President, Mrs Cole."

Reports of work done during the year were received from the following Unions:—Christchurch (District), Timaru (District), Kaiapoi (District), Ashburton (District), Oxford, Rangiora, Belfast, New Brighton, Lyttelton, Sheffield, and Winchmore.

The following resolutions were passed after considerable discussion:—

"That this Convention views with alarm the attempts now being made to introduce Premium Bonds into the Dominion, and urges that the publication of advertisements inviting investment in them be prohibited."

"That this Convention is strongly in favour of women having equal opportunities with men of entering the

public service of the Dominion, and of women having equal opportunities with men of promotion therein."

"That this Convention urges that proper police supervision be provided in all districts where a publican's license has been granted."

"That this Convention protests against any attempt to increase the number of totalisator permits, and regrets that the Premier gave a sympathetic answer to the deputation which recently interviewed him."

"That in cases of affiliation where several men are implicated, each should be made liable for the whole of the maintenance, the money to be paid into Court for the benefit of the child."

"That all Government institutions in which men, women, or children are cared for should be under the control of boards elected by popular vote."

The luncheon adjournment was taken at 12.30, and the Convention resumed its afternoon sitting at 1.30 p.m.

The following further resolutions were carried:—

"That a woman inspector of gaols be appointed for the women's side, and that some of the official women visitors be given the powers of Justices of the Peace."

"That persons of either sex, who have been convicted for sexual offences, and who are beyond the age of reformatories, should be adjudged moral degenerates, and should be detained in special institutions for an indeterminate time, the sentence to be subject to revision at stated periods; also, that the institution for these cases should be of the nature of a farm colony."

"That this Convention is glad to see that an effort is being made to raise the age of marriage, but is of opinion that the age should be 18 years for women and 21 for men."

"That in the case of young persons of either sex who appear before the Magistrate's Court and are adjudged mentally deficient, the Magistrates should be given power to order such persons to an institution for the feeble-minded; and that the institution in which it is proposed to detain these persons should be of the nature of a farm colony—the sexes being rigidly segregated, and the cases classified in various cottage homes; also that, as far as possible, this institution should be made self-

supporting, the inmates being paid wages for work done; this having been proved to have an excellent mental effect. In order to make the colony self-supporting, the articles produced by inmates should be sold at ordinary market rates."

"That Convention draws attention to the fact that the smoking carriages are not always placed at the front or rear of the trains, and would respectfully urge that for the comfort of the non-smoking travelling public, especially women and children who have occasion to pass through the train, all smoking carriages should be placed either at the front or rear of the train."

"That this Convention is of the opinion that the extinction of sly-grog selling would be hastened if it were made illegal for a convicted sly-grog-seller to buy any liquor in the Dominion, and we therefore urge an amendment of the law, in order to make a conviction for sly-grog selling carry with it a prohibition order against the person convicted."

"That a letter, expressing the loyal devotion of the members of this Convention, be forwarded Mrs Don (acting-President)."

Mrs Lill opened the afternoon session with prayer, after which Miss Henderson, M.A., gave a review of the progress made in humanitarian legislation since women had been enfranchised. It was moved and seconded: "That Miss Henderson be asked to prepare her paper, 'Twenty Years of Progress,' for publication in 'White Ribbon,' and 1000 copies be printed in pamphlet form, and distributed to the Unions."

Also: "That Convention protests against the difficulties under which women at present suffer in the guardianship of their children, and calls upon Parliament to amend the law in direction of giving women equal rights with men."

Miss M. S. Powell spoke on the Democratic Vote Campaign. The following resolution was passed:—"That this Convention heartily endorses the Democratic Pledge Campaign, and promises to support it, believing that in all elections the bare majority should rule."

An excellent paper on "Eugenics," by Miss L. Smith (Christchurch), was read.

Miss Henderson, M.A., moved the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of this Convention, sex physi-

ology should be imparted to children in public schools."

Mrs Fell's paper on "Labour Colonies" was read, and briefly discussed.

It was resolved: "That the next Provincial Convention be held in Christchurch on Wednesday and Thursday, September 18th and 19th, 1914."

Mrs W. T. Lill was unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer for Convention.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT.

The Superintendent of the above department will be very glad if all the Unions which have been working in connection with this department during the past year will send in their reports before the end of November, in order to facilitate the preparing of the Report of the Department by the end of the year. At the last Convention some of the work that had been done was unreported, on account of the reports having been sent in too late; the Unions are therefore specially requested to send in good time, that a full and complete account of the year's work may be forwarded to the Convention. Address:

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THE TEACHING OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE IN THE OTAGO UNI- VERSITY.

The establishment of a Chair of Domestic Science in connection with the New Zealand University was accomplished two years ago in the Otago University, which is the oldest of the Colleges now affiliated to the University, and dates back to a time prior to 1870, one year before the charter was granted to the N.Z. University. It will be interesting to see what is being done there.

The object of the courses of study arranged is stated to be "to provide a thoroughly scientific education for women in the principles underlying

the conduct and organisation of home life, in order to equip them well and adequately for the part they have to play." Thus to obtain a degree, far from being the only purpose of this new course, is made to occupy a position of secondary importance. Accordingly, in addition to the full Degree course which leads up to the degree of "Bachelor of Science in Home Science," there is the shorter diploma course which "has been planned to meet the needs of two classes of women students: (1) Those who intend to take up home duties, and who consequently desire to become really efficient in home management; and (2) those who intend to become teachers, but wish for a more general education than that provided for specialists in the Degree course, and, at the same time, desire to gain a thorough and practical knowledge of the Domestic Arts, together with the scientific principles underlying them."—Otago University Regulations.

Students taking the Diploma Course may obtain either a Pass Diploma or a Diploma with Distinction, the time required in both cases being either two or three years, as may be preferred.

Candidates for the Pass Diploma must be over 16 years of age, and must have passed the Matriculation Examination of the N.Z. University, provided that those who are over 18 years of age may substitute a special entrance examination of the same standard, but requiring fewer subjects. They must keep terms, i.e., they must "attend any **three** of the classes prescribed for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Science of the New Zealand University, and have also done the work of those classes to the satisfaction of the teachers" (Otago University Regulations) for at least two years, and must pass the Otago University examinations in the following subjects:—Chemistry (Inorganic and Organic), Applied Chemistry (application to Laundry Work, Housewifery, and Cookery), Elementary Physics and Dynamics, Physiology (including short courses on Biology and Bacteriology, and also First Aid to the Injured and Home Nursing), English, Household Economics, Needlework, and Hygiene (including the care, nurture, and feeding of infants). In all subjects practical courses are insisted on, which it is

strongly urged should be taken side by side with the theoretical courses. These conditions being fulfilled, candidates have qualified for the title of "Associate of Otago University in Home Science," with diploma, the latter bearing not only the signatures of the highest officers of the Otago University, but also that of the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand.

For obtaining the Diploma with Distinction, the conditions are necessarily more stringent. Candidates must have passed the Matriculation Examination of the N.Z. University; they must gain a first or second-class in every subject during their course; they must take the first section of the Degree Course in Household Economics; they must take first-class passes in Practical Cookery, Practical Laundry Work, and Housewifery, and Needlework; and they must take at least two first-class passes in other subjects, according to certain limitations laid down.

It will thus be seen that the course is eminently practical, and that no one can gain even the Pass Diploma without being fairly well equipped for the duties and position of a homemaker. As to cost, it is estimated that the whole course of study for the diploma, including class fees, college fees, and laboratory fees, requires about 30 guineas, whereas the total cost of the whole course of study for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Science, including the N.Z. University fees for registration, examinations, and degree, is estimated at about 50 guineas.

But the opportunities for the study of Home Science are thrown open to other classes of students besides those already referred to. There are many who, while wishing to make themselves more efficient housewives, might be unable to devote so much time as would be required for obtaining a Degree or a Diploma. Such are allowed to take a group of subjects arranged so as to constitute a short course, and here also certificates are awarded stating the result of the examinations, both theoretical and practical, in the subjects chosen by a candidate. Various combinations of subjects may thus be selected for a short course. One very good and thoroughly practical course of this kind might include the following subjects:—

1. Elementary Chemistry (Inorganic and Organic).
2. Elementary Physiology and Hygiene.
3. Applied Chemistry.
Part 1: Application to Cookery.
Part 2: Application to Laundry Work and Housewifery.
4. Practical Cookery.
5. Practical Laundry Work and Housewifery.

Finally, single courses may also be taken, and certificates will be given on the examination results. Thus it will be seen that everything possible has been done to popularise the subject, and to place within reach of every class of people the advantages of regular instruction in it.

But a mere list of the subjects as already given does not fully indicate the comprehensive character of this new departure in the education of girls. Possibly some of our readers may be at a loss to understand just what is included in such a branch, for instance, as Household Economics. Quoting from the published syllabus, the full Degree Course in this subject consists of about 30 lectures on—

1. The evolution of the home, as seen in a study of England. The Home under the system of Natural Economy; the transition from Natural to Money Economy; the Industrial Revolution and its influence upon Home Organisation.
2. The Modern Home: its organisation and adaptation to modern conditions; the chief factors which distinguish the work of the home from all other forms of industry; the relation of this to the problem of domestic service.
3. The cost of living: rent, wages, and price of food, and their relation to one another. How to keep household accounts. How to start and manage a banking account. Household budgets.

It will be agreed by all thoughtful men and women that in these days when the sanctity and power of the home seem to be on the wane, studies of this nature will form one potent factor in removing this serious menace to society. How many homes have been wrecked just through ignorance of the cost of living or the management of money and the art of wisely spending it? If we can impress upon our girls the fact that the home is the very basis of society, that in home-making lies the real dignity

of womanhood, and that in creating around them the true home atmosphere they are rendering their country the very best service in their power, we shall have done something towards solving some of the difficult problems of our modern life. It has been questioned whether this experiment of the Otago University is proving successful. In the early part of the present session—the second only since the Chair of Home Science was established—it was stated officially that 48 students of the University were taking Home Science, of whom 28 were taking the full Degree or Diploma Course, and 20 either Single Courses or Grouped Courses. Several are preparing to become teachers; the Degree students will become the future lecturers or scientific experts on the subject, the Diploma students probably class teachers in High Schools, Technical Colleges, and elsewhere. Some have taken up the subject in order to equip themselves more fully as missionaries, matrons of hospitals, or matrons of boarding-houses in connection with girls' schools. Some are simply aiming to make themselves more efficient in the management of their own homes. A good many hope to take up research work in some form or other. This perhaps forms the best answer that can be given to any criticism as to the success of the movement. The people of Dunedin are thus already showing, and will doubtless show more fully as time goes on, their gratitude for the philanthropy of their fellow-citizen that has made possible the establishment of so complete a system of training in Home Science.

An impetus has been given to a much needed reform in education, a reform that the leaders in educational matters have long had in view, and have been working for with the determination to give to girls in every part of the Dominion the opportunity, through the primary schools and technical colleges, of learning as one of the chief parts of their education that which shall contribute largely to making them worthy wives and mothers for the future generations of this favoured land.

"A virtuous woman . . . looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

REPORT OF MAORI ORGANISER.

I have been spending this last month in the Taumarunui and Wanganui River settlements, going from place to place. At Raetihi I have re-formed one Union, and formed another. At Pipiriki I stayed with Sister Huia, who was of great assistance to me, and who is doing good work amongst her people. I visited Jerusalem, and almost succeeded in getting a good stronghold there, when, at the last minute, the priests sent word to their people that they were not to sign pledges before anyone else but themselves. Also that their Church does not believe in Prohibition. The consequence was that there were only eight who kept on my side. At Parikino, where no worker has been before, I got a splendid Union together, and the Rev. W. Williams very kindly spoke to the people supporting our work.

I find that the Mormons have a Union of their own, called "Oui Atawhai (meaning "Union of Kindness"), and so they do not join into ours. I think it would be a good subject for us to discuss, as the Mormons are getting a stronger hold amongst our dark sisters day by day. Why should they be allowed such facilities in New Zealand, when they are not allowed at all in the Old Country?

At Putiki we had a very good meeting, and the Union hopes to start out afresh. Then I received word to come to Gisborne district, where, with the help of Te Rau students and Mrs Walker and Mrs H. Albert, I am having a busy time. Next week I proceed to the Tokomaru district, and later to Opotiki. These places have not yet been visited by organisers, so I hope to add a few more Unions to our list.

I was so fortunate as to be in Gisborne for Franchise Day, when we had an enjoyable meeting. The Rev. Mr Chatterton was also there, and he has given me every possible help in my work. I attended the monthly meeting W.C.T.U., and gave a short address on the Maori work, telling the Union some of the needs, and also the great benefits, which our Maori Unions derive from the work. I do not think there is anything else to tell you all about, except that the Gisborne W.C.T.U. is kindly trying to procure me pamphlets of Dr. Truby King's to distribute amongst my Unions.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

(By the Dominion Organiser.)

Dunedin White Ribboners had sundry schemes on foot for starting suburban branches. Anderson's Bay was visited twice with a view to this end, but things were by no means encouraging, and the idea was abandoned. Indeed, considering their proximity to Dunedin and the frequent tram service, I think it would be much more suitable if those interested joined the city Union. What is wanted is a **White Ribbon** crusade over there by the Y's; and if subscribers were obtained interest would be aroused and new members gained.

On Monday, September 8th, I travelled to Ashburton to take part in the Canterbury Provincial Convention, which proved a great success. These provincial conventions are most useful in educating the smaller branches, bringing workers into touch with each other, and keeping alive the interest in the country Unions, which labour under so many disabilities.

The Union at Kaikorai Valley was worked up ten months ago, but when the day for organising arrived I was in the hospital. I therefore felt I should give them a little more help, so went over on September 12th to arrange. Hospitality not being available, I had to work it from my home at St. Clair, which meant car-rides of nine or ten miles daily, and, of course, somewhat handicapped me. However, I paid between fifty and sixty calls, and on the following Friday (19th) a meeting was held. The attendance was not encouraging, but the campaign resulted in the obtaining of two new members, and additional interest was aroused. There are no wealthy families in the community, and the churches are making heavy demands upon their adherents.

Mosgiel, which had previously had a visit, was the next sphere of work. This town had been somewhat discouraging from a White Ribbon point of view, but as Mrs McDonald, our late energetic Secretary at Palmerston North, had recently taken up residence at the Baptist Manse there, it was decided to make another attempt. So on Monday, September 22nd, I travelled thither, and we paid a few calls. After spending the night at the home of Mrs Kirk—always so kindly open to me—I next morning continued the visiting, and in the

afternoon organised a strong branch, which, under the guidance of so experienced a worker, should do well. Officers: President, Mrs McDonald; V.P.'s, Mesdames Kinmont and Blair; Sec., Mrs Moir; Treas., Mrs Wilson. Cradle roll and purity work were decided upon.

On the Thursday I attended the Executive meeting and the City Union, and reported upon my work, and the following day left for Christchurch, where I spent several days assisting the N.Z. Corresponding Secretary in settling the boundaries of the various districts and carrying out other instructions received from the Nelson Convention.

Miss Powell's Address: Miss M. S. Powell, W.C.T.U., Palmerston N.

Miss Powell has received a consignment of pearl badges, designed by our Jerusalem Union, and made in Bethlehém, of mother of pearl from the Red Sea. They are to be sold at 9d each. Strong enamelled ones are also in stock at 8d each, and others (enamel) at 3d. The prices to Unions, when postal note is sent with order, are respectively 8s, 6s, and 2s per dozen, to be retailed at full price.

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Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by;

If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen, or defend

The right against a single envious strain,

My life, though bare
Perhaps of much that seemeth dear and fair

To us on earth, will not have been in vain.

The purest joy,
Most near to heaven, far from earth's alloy

Is bidding clouds give way to sun and shine,

And 'twill be well
If on that day of days the angels tell
Of me: "She did her best for one of Thine."

WHAT N.Z. WOMEN HAVE GAINED SINCE 1893.

As several enquiries have been made for copies of the above-named article, published in September "White Ribbon," we have had a number struck off. Members and friends may purchase copies at 3d per dozen, 1s for 50, or 1s 6d per 100, postage free. Order from Mrs Peryman, Johnsonville.

HOMES FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

The North-East Valley Union forwarded a resolution to the Minister for Education re the establishment of Homes for Feeble-minded Girls and Women. This Union expressed the opinion that male and female defectives should be in distinct institutions, and, if possible, in different centres. In his reply, the Minister said that he did not think it feasible at present to do this, nor did he see any real reason for it. It was economy to have them in the same locality, as the males did the farming work, and the females the laundry work. However, as Otekeika would shortly be full the establishment of a new institution would be considered, and then attention would be given to the question of separation of sexes.

It might be well for our Unions to forward resolutions to the Minister on this subject.

There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to lift mankind a little higher. Fearlessly to speak the words which bear witness to righteousness and truth and purity; patiently to do the deeds which strengthen virtue and kindle hope in your fellow-men; generously to lend a hand to those who are trying to climb upward; faithfully to give your support and your personal help to the efforts which are making to elevate and purify the social life of the world—that is what it means to have salt in your character.—Henry Van Dyke.

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Correspondence.

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ANOTHER FLOOD.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—When a deputation of White Ribboners waited upon Sir Joseph Ward—the then Premier—some time ago, he said, “I recognise that your organisation is a power in the country,” and at the next session of Parliament the Acts against which we were protesting were repealed. The truth of Sir Joseph’s remarks is becoming increasingly apparent to the general public, with the result that our Unions—big and little—all over the country are being simply flooded with communications from all kinds of organisations and individuals asking them to pass resolutions or take action upon various lines.

Now I want to point out, particularly for the benefit of the smaller branches, that they are not obliged to bring before their Unions this ever-increasing mass of material. At the end of the Convention number of the “White Ribbon” (which, by the way, should be always at hand for reference, and laid upon the table at every meeting), will be found a list of N.Z. officers and superintendents of departments, and all communications from these should be carefully read and discussed. I find, however, in moving about among the Unions, that a vast deal of valuable time is being spent over outside questions, to the exclusion of weightier measures. There are just now three debatable questions which should not, in my opinion, be brought forward. Bible in Schools is one of our own departments, and as such merits attention. But it has had far, far more than its share, and the N.Z. Executive having publicly requested that it be now dropped, all loyal branches will accede to that request, leaving each member to act according to her convictions. Compulsory military training is another question upon which differing opinions—and very strong ones—are held; also the militant suffragettes. All the above are very important questions, but no good end can be served by discussing them at this juncture. We have, as a party, arrived at a crisis in our history, and it is imperative that we push the Democratic Vote Campaign to the utmost of our ability. Furthermore, in view of National Prohi-

bition, it is essential that we constantly educate our own members, and through them the general public, as to the latest medical opinions upon the use of alcohol in health and sickness, both by educational papers discussed in our meetings, and by circulating the very fine literature to be obtained from our Superintendent of Medical Temperance. But if we are to spend time over outside communications, these all-important ones will be shelved. Let the President and Secretary of each branch decide what shall be relegated to the wastepaper basket. Before closing, please allow me to ask local secretaries to search for any educational papers which may possibly have been forgotten. I sent out, months ago, a number of valuable papers, which have not been returned to me, and which are needed for further circulation.—Yours in the work,

MARY S. POWELL.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—I was sorry to see by letter in September “White Ribbon” that exception had been taken to a portion of my Cradle Roll letter. The paragraph, which read thus: “No child can be a member whose mother takes alcohol during the period of nursing, the alcohol being thus transmitted to the child. The environment of child life, from its earliest dawn, freed from alcohol, will give us in every country the ideal little White Ribboner, healthy, strong, and pure. This is foundation work for our White Ribbon army,” is taken, word for word, from our World’s W.C.T.U. hand-book, issued in 1910, revised in 1913.

The second part of the paragraph pictures the results when the first part is carried out. How else shall we get “the ideal little ‘White Ribboner’ health, strong, and pure”?

I think, dear Madam, your footnote puts the whole matter very plainly: “A mother who is giving her child alcohol in her milk cannot take the pledge that she is bringing her child up in temperance principles.”

Our organisation is a temperance one. A mother who takes alcohol during the period of nursing may be ignorant of the fact that she is thereby feeding her child with alcohol, but she will be apt to have such faith in alcohol as a medicine that she will use it as a remedy in all childish ailments.

One of the greatest delusions we have to fight at the present time is

the belief that alcohol is a necessary medicine in illness. That is why I recommend all Cradle Roll Superintendents to circulate the two medical temperance leaflets, “Alcohol and Nursing Mothers,” and “Alcohol and Children,” and all Unions to present each new member with a copy of “Safe Remedies in Illness.”

As our late beloved President said in her last Presidential address, “My people perish for lack of knowledge,” is as true to-day as in the past, and “educate, educate, educate” should be our watchword.

Our World’s Cradle Roll Superintendent has resigned owing to ill-health. A new Superintendent will be appointed at the World’s Convention. I will lay this question before her, and let my comrades know her reply as early as possible.

Thanking you for allowing me this opportunity.—I am, dear Madam, sincerely yours in the work,

CLARA M. NEAL,

N.Z. Supt. Cradle Roll Dept.
Pahiatua, October 6, 1913.

TRAVELLING.

The Dean of Canterbury, speaking recently, mentioned that he had heard that His Majesty made a rule never to travel on Sundays unless it was absolutely necessary. The Editor of the “Church Family Newspaper” wrote to Lord Stamfordham, the King’s private secretary, asking for a confirmation of the report, and received the following gratifying message:—

“Buckingham Palace, June 9th, 1913.—Dear Sir,—The answer to the question contained in your letter on the 7th inst., is in the affirmative.—Yours very faithfully,

“STAMFORDHAM.”

It will also be remembered that Canon Bickersteth Ottley, hon. secretary of the Imperial Sunday Alliance, received the following message from the King in July, 1910:—

“The King heartily sympathises with any movement toward securing to working people rest on Sunday.”

Taken from the “Outlook.”

OUR LATE PRESIDENT.

The South Australian Union sends the following letter to the New Zealand Union:—

Dear Friends,—It was decided at our Convention to-day to send a letter of sympathy to you, in that you have been called to part with your late President (Mrs Cole). We feel that active workers can ill be spared from our ranks, but we must submit to the ruling of Him Who doeth all things well, and knows when our earthly work should finish. May it be a lesson to us to work while we have time and opportunity.—Yours on behalf of Convention.

ALICE M. WORDEN,

Letter-writer.

Glenlee, Colinton Road,

Edinburgh, July 19, 1913.

The Edinburgh Executive of the British Women's Temperance Association desire to express to their sisters in the W.W.C.T.U., in New Zealand, their deep and sincere sympathy in the loss of their beloved President. They have heard from Mrs Napier of her devotion to her work, and of the great loss Mrs Cole will be to them. Her removal from their midst will leave a great blank, which we know will be felt by all her fellow-workers. God calls the faithful ones from earth to the Home above. He takes away the workers, but **He carries on the work**, and we doubt not in His own time some other one will be raised up to fill the place of the loved one now so deeply mourned. With loving greetings and heartfelt sympathy.—Yours in His service,

M. A. COLVILLE,

President of the Edinburgh and Lothians District Union of B.W.T.A.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LECION.

(Helen G. Rice.)

What gave the world to you?

"Pleasure—and loss."

What hath God given you?

"Christ—on the cross."

What asked the world of you?

"Tiring unrest."

What asked the Lord of you?

"Come—and be blessed."

What shall the world give to you?

"Death—after strife."

What hath He promised you?

"Eternal life."

—Anna Temple.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.**1. Auckland—**

All north of City; also along Main Trunk Line down to (and including) Drury and all places on the Thames line north of Morrinsville.

2. Tauranga—

All places in Bay of Plenty and district most easily reached from Tauranga.

3. Tuakau—

All places on or near the Main Trunk line south of Drury and north of Huntly.

4. Hamilton—

All places on the Main Trunk line and East Coast south of Drury, and as far as (and including) Taumarunui; also all on the Rotorua line.

5. Gisborne—

Poverty Bay District.

6. Napier—

Hawke's Bay Province, including Woodville.

7. New Plymouth—

Town and surrounding district; all places contiguous and as far south (and including) as Ngaere.

8. Hawera—

Opunake, Eltham, Waverley, and the intermediate district.

9. Wanganui—

The district along the Wanganui River, and the railway line between Waverley and Marton, but not including either.

10. Palmerston North—

Town and surrounding district; including Woodville; also the Main Trunk line between Taumarunui and Levin, but excluding both.

11. Wellington—

All places on the Wellington side of Shannon and Cross Creek.

12. Masterton—

The district south of Woodville and north of Summit.

13. Blenheim—

French Pass, Havelock, and the district between these.

14. Nelson—

All places in the Nelson Province most easily accessible from Nelson.

15. Greymouth—

Buller, Inangahua, Grey, and Westland districts.

16. Kaiapoi—

District south of the Kaikoura Range and north of the Waimakariri.

17. Christchurch.

District south of the Waimakariri and north of Chertsey, including places on the branch line to Methven.

18. Ashburton—

The district south of Christchurch district and north of the Rangitata.

19. Timaru—

District lying between the Rangitata and the Waitaki.

20. Dunedin—

District south of the Waitaki as far as (and including) Waipahi; also Otago Central.

21. Invercargill—

All south and west of the Dunedin district, including the Lake District.

In accordance with a resolution of the Nelson Convention, the above division of the Dominion into districts has been made. Will the Executive of each district please carefully consider its own boundaries and forward any suggestion to the N.Z. Corresponding Secretary not later than November 30? It is well to remember that it is not simply a question of mileage. Sometimes a country place will have very little connection with a nearer town, but a great deal with a larger one further off.

**VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME
FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS, IN-
VERCARGILL.**

We have just received the 15th Annual Report of this Home. Much good work has been done. During the year 61 persons were received into the Home, 37 adults and 24 children. Ten of these adults were returned to relations, 4 placed in other institutions, 12 were sent to situations, one married woman returned to her family, and one girl was married from the Home. The Matron speaks of the need for an institution where moral defectives could be placed and properly guarded.

**NOMINATIONS FOR N.Z.
OFFICERS.**

Dunedin nominates:—

President: Mrs Don.

Corresponding Sec.: Miss Henderson.

Recording Sec.: Mrs Elliot.

Treasurer: Mrs Bendeley.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Wellington W.C.T.U. held the annual District Convention in the Church of Christ, Sydney Street, Petone, on the 3rd September. Delegates were present from Wellington, Wellington Central, Ngaio, Upper Hutt, and Lower Hutt. About fifty members present. Mrs Peryman opened the Convention with devotions, the chair being taken by the District President, Mrs Boxall, of Wellington. Mrs Peryman proposed that the district officers remain in office for the present year. This was seconded by Mrs Rowse, of Petone, and carried. Mrs Webb, Secretary, read report of the year's work, and Mrs Houlder the balance-sheet. Mrs Peryman read an interesting paper on "Patriotism and Imperialism." A resolution was moved by Mrs Peryman, and seconded by Mrs McPherson: "That the District Convention of Wellington ask the Premier to bring in legislation this session to reduce the three-fifths handicap." Papers were read by Mrs McDonald on "Prevention Better Than Cure," written by Sister Miriam, and Mrs Houlder on "Physical Aspects of Temperance," by Dr. Reid, of Glasgow. The question box resulted in a good deal of interesting discussion among the members.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Cummings, seconded by Mrs Collins, to the Petone Union for their kind hospitality. A splendid programme was given in the evening.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Auckland District W.C.T.U. Annual Convention was held on Wednesday, September 24th, in the Albert Street Mission Hall. Mrs Pudney presided at both morning and afternoon sessions. The President welcomed the delegates from surrounding districts, and encouraging reports were received from the following Branch Unions:—Whangarei, Warkworth, Matakana, Waihi, Matapu, Ponsonby, Devonport, Otahuhu, Opotiki, Tauranga, Whakatane. Miss Evans gave a very good report of

work done in Auckland during the year.

Mrs Dewar, our former President, was warmly welcomed, and spoke a few words of greeting in reply.

Mrs Hughes spoke feelingly of our late New Zealand President, and the following vote of sympathy passed, the members standing: "That Auckland District Union Convention desires to express its deep sympathy with the family of our late President, Mrs Cole, in their irreparable loss, which is shared by every member of the W.C.T.U. throughout the Dominion."

The following resolutions were passed:—

"That this District Convention of the Auckland W.C.T.U. takes steps in the direction of securing the removal by Parliament of all artificial disabilities now imposed by law upon women, to the intent that in all matters men and women shall stand upon an equal footing as citizens."

"That this Convention urges the Government to so amend the law as to provide that all hotel bars shall be closed from 1 p.m. on the day observed as the statutory half-holiday by other trades in the same district."

"That this Convention reaffirms the resolution passed on former occasions: (1) That we are in thorough sympathy with the aims of the Bible in Schools League, and pledge ourselves to render it all the support in our power; (2) that the time has now come for a referendum to be taken on the question of Bible teaching in State Schools."

At the afternoon session there was a very large attendance, and various items of interest were dealt with. Miss White contributed a solo, which was much appreciated. A paper on "State Control" was then read by Miss Evans, which led to much interesting discussion. Miss Evans was warmly thanked for her paper, and it was decided to ask the "White Ribbon" to print same, as it is a subject much under discussion now, and our members need to be well posted, so as to meet argument. The Convention closed with an initiation service, at which several members were received into the Union.

DONATIONS TO MAORI FUND.

Mrs J. Walker, Bluff, 10s.
H. G. HUGHES, Treasurer.

OBITUARY.

MISS HANNAFORD.

With deep sorrow we record the death of an honoured member of the W.C.T.U., Miss Hannaford, who passed on to higher service on Thursday, August 28th, at her residence in Ashburton. Miss Hannaford was born in Edinburgh in 1841. She was well educated, and her refined Christian character made her friendship a privilege indeed. In the year 1886 she arrived in New Zealand, and settled down with her brothers in Ashburton. They remained in business for 13 years, when they retired into private life. Her gentle and genuine Christian character won for her the sympathy and esteem of all who knew her. Her chief delight was in doing good to others. In every way possible she did what she could to forward the Kingdom of Christ. It was as a member and officer of the Ashburton W.C.T.U. that she will be long and gratefully remembered. As Secretary and "White Ribbon" agent, she performed faithful and unwearied service, and the difficulties contended with and overcome in the interests of God, Home, and Humanity are recorded on High. In the days when the effort was being made to close the hotel bars, Miss Hannaford did valiant work in the cause of No-License, and great was her joy when the sale of alcohol—that prolific source of temptation—was removed from the paths of the weak and the erring. For several years she was laid aside from active work and from attendance at church services. Patient and resigned to the will of God, she passed quietly away to her rest with unwavering faith in Christ, sustained and comforted by the gracious sense of the Master's presence. The thoughts of many hearts will go out in prayer and sympathy for the lonely brother, whose chief comfort in his desolated home is that reunion cannot be very far away.

MEMORIAL TO OUR LATE PRESIDENT.

Mrs Bendely wishes to say that all funds for the memorial for Mrs Cole should be sent to Miss Henderson, Box 309, Christchurch, and not to the N.Z. Treasurer.

DEPUTATION TO PREMIER.

A deputation waited on the Premier on October 15th. It contained representatives of the Liquor Trade from every electorate in the Dominion, and was thoroughly representative both of wholesale and retail liquor sellers. They requested that the present three-fifths majority necessary to carry either No-License or National Prohibition be not reduced.

The Premier promised to convey their wishes to his colleagues and to give their request serious consideration. He stated that in a few days an announcement would be made as to whether any licensing legislation be introduced this session. In any case, it would not be made a party measure, and members would be left free to keep their promises to their constituents.

REVIEW.

We have received a copy of "The New Zealander" for September. It is a monthly review published in Nelson. It contains a great deal of up-to-date matter on subjects as widely different as "Protection of Women," "The Tourist Traffic," and "The Bible and the Schools." By studying the leading journals of the Dominion, it aims to keep its readers abreast of public opinion. We can recommend it to busy women as being very concise, and containing "multum in parvo."

A CONFESSION.

I am the greatest criminal in history.
 I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars of the world.
 I have made millions of homes unhappy.
 I have transformed my ambitious youths into hopeless parasites.
 I destroy the weak, and weaken the strong.
 I make rough the downward path for countless millions.
 I make the wise man a fool, and trample the fool into his folly.
 The abandoned wife knows me; the hungry children know me; the parents, whose child has bowed their heads in sorrow, know me.
 I live by the consent of the Christian voters.
 I am ALCOHOL.
 —The Gospel Preacher.

HYGIENE.

To those who are concerned with the health of the community, the annual report of the Department of Public Health contains some interesting points. The infantile mortality rate for the year 1912, it is stated, was 51 deaths per 1000 births, the lowest infantile mortality rate recorded, showing a decline of 30 per 1000 during the past ten years. Dunedin, with a death rate of only 38.1 per 1000, is considerably below the average, and the whole of this part of the record is a magnificent tribute to the work initiated by Dr. Truby King and the Plunket nurses.

The deaths from phthisis and other forms of tuberculosis were the lowest mortality rate per 10,000 yet recorded. The most serious feature of the report is the noticeably high mortality rate from organic heart disease. We can with reasonable accuracy place our fingers on the cause of this. Tobacco-smoking, especially the deadly cigarette; alcoholism; and the craze for amusement and excitement, are all contributing causes. The human heart is a machine wonderfully designed for its work, which it will, with reasonable care of the body, perform year in and year out, 24 hours a day, in a way that no man-made machine can do. But we cannot with impunity increase its burden. And the seed of the three causes I have mentioned is generally sown in youth, beginning from the cradle, even before it, and it is for the mothers—yes, and the fathers too—to see that these evil causes are checked.

ASHBURTON, 2nd Tuesday, Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson Willowby; Sec., Miss C. Thomas, 32 Havelock St. W.; Treas., Miss A. C. Watson, 84 Cameron St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

AUCKLAND District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Executive meets 2.30; Pres., Mrs Pudney, Wallace St., Ponsonby; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, 399 Upper Queen St.; Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Gouk, Wallace St., Ponsonby.

BLLENHEIM District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Litchfield, Livermere; Sec., Mrs D. Sinclair; Treas., Mrs Hay; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs W. Parker.

CAMBRIDGE, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. D. Shepherd; Sec., Mrs A. T. Watson; Treas., Mrs L. M. Morrin.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT, rooms corner Manchester and Worcester Streets. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St. St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Whyte, Warrington St., St. Albans; Treas., Mrs Seed, 44 Brittan Street, Linwood; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Williams, 21 Philip Street, Linwood.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Stokoe, Allardice St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, the Manse.

DEVONPORT, Last Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Veats, Lake Rd.; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 31 Church St.; Treas., Miss Le Roy, Water-view Rd., Stanley Bay.

DUNEDIN District, 1st Tuesday, Y.W.C.A. Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Peter Dick, Roslyn; Sec. & Cor. Sec., Miss Nicol, 16 William St.; Treas., Miss L. Neal, 9 Queen St.; Agent Writing Pads & WHITE RIBBON, Mrs J. Anderson, 32 Duke St.; Supt. Sailors' Rest, Mrs D. T. Pearson, corner Castle & Union Sts.; Press Supt., Mrs Don, Canongate.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Mrs Frost, Denbigh St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burnley, Glasgow Ter.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Anstice, Denbigh St.; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer; Cradle Roll, Mrs Barron, Halcombe Rd.

CISBORNE District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs A. Graham, Kaiti; Sec., Mrs N. F. Walker, Fox St.; Treas., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs J. Stewart.

GREYMOUTH District, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Vestry Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Hansen; Treas., Mrs Sweetman.

HAMILTON District, First Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandlands, Hamilton; Sec., Miss Henderson, "Brangan," Frankton Junction; Treas., Mrs Gaulton, Rostrever St., Hamilton.

HASTINGS, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ramsay, Wallis, Clapham, Barbour, and Martindale; Sec., Miss Ford 206 Lyndon Rd.; Treas., Miss Ethel Nicholls, Riverslea Rd.; Supt. Maori Work, Miss McKeown; Purity and Evangelistic, Mesdames Clapham and Stewart; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Griffiths.

HUNTLY, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Butler; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Sheeran and Edmunds; Sec., Mrs Gleeson; Treas., Mrs Leather.

INVERCARGILL District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. and 7.30 alternately, Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs C. H. McAlister, Hollywood Ter., Gladstone, Invercargill; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Gregg, and McKay; Sec., Mrs McKenzie, Northend, Invercargill; Treas., Mrs Hunter, 110, Don St., Invercargill; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs H. Farrant, Pomona Rd., South Invercargill.

KAIAPOI W.C.T.U. COFFEE ROOMS, open Daily. Union meets second and last Wednesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "The Willows"; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Ward.

LOWER HUTT, last Tuesday, 3 p.m., W.C.T.U. Hall, Queen's Rd.; Pres., Mrs McCaw; Vice-Pres., Mrs Strand, senr.; Sec., Mrs T. Collins, Gracefield Rd.; Treas., Mrs Jenness.; W.R. Agent, Miss Knight.

LYTTELTON, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays, Methodist Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Whitby; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lyttelton.

MANAIA, 2nd Friday, alternate six months, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches; Pres. Mrs J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Allison and Berry; Treas., Mrs Ballantine; Sec., Mrs Hunt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ricketts; Press Reports Miss Patterson; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Hansen.

MASTERTON, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole St.; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Russell.

MATAKANA, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames W. Smith and Eyton; Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., Mrs A. Roke.

NAPIER District, 1st Wednesday at Wesley Hall, and 3rd Thursday Willard Institute, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Oldham, France Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clatworthy; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gibson, Colenso Hill; Treas., Mrs Dearlove, Lincoln Rd.; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Odds; Home Meetings, Mrs Ball; Purity, Mrs Oldham; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Freeman, Latham St.

NORSEWOOD, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Miss M. Campbell; Vice-Pres., Mrs McCaw; Sec., Miss M. Olsen; Treas., Mrs P. G. Grant; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss M. Allison.

NEW PLYMOUTH District, last Wednesday, 3 p.m., Good Templar Lodge-room; Pres., Mrs Allan Douglas, Pendarves St.; Sec., Miss Ambury, Gover St.; Treas. and WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

NCARUAWAHIA, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs Bycroft; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morris; Sec., Mrs W. A. Porter; Treas., Miss Morris.

NELSON District, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Treas., Mrs Grove.

OXFORD, last Wednesday, 3 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs Gainsford (senr.); Sec., Mrs Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs G. A. Ryde; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Fawcett, Pres. Manse, W. Oxford.

PALMERSTON N. DISTRICT, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, Fitzherbert St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs G. Rouse, Britannia St.; Vice-Pres., Miss L. Kirk, Britannia St.; Sec., Mrs Ashby, Britannia St.; Treas., Mrs Donaghue, Richmond St.; Cradle Roll, Miss Peach; Afternoon Teas, Mrs Burd; WHITE RIBBON agent, Mrs Corner; Flower Mission, Mrs Wilson; Visitor, Mrs Battersby.

PONSONBY, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St.; Pres., Mrs Vickers, Millias St., Grey Lynn; Vice-Pres., Mrs C. I. Harris and Dr. Keller; Sec. and WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs S. A. Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; Treas., Mrs M. A. Bailey, Ponsonby.

PUKEKOHE, 1st Thursday, Salvation Army Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Nixon; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bell, Cowan, Stevenson and Wilson; Sec., Mrs Blamires; Treas., Mrs Comrie; Supt. Cradle Roll and WHITE RIBBON, Miss Goldsworthy; Supt. Visitation, Mrs Wilson.

RANCIORA, last Friday, ante-room of Institute Hall, 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Cobden Cox; Sec., Miss Wadey; Treas., Mrs Shankland.

REEFTON, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Parsonage, Shield St.; Pres., Mrs McClymont, Black's Point; Vice-Pres., Mrs Watson; Sec., Mrs R. Wills; Assist. Sec., Mrs Jas. Lawn; Treas. and WHITE RIBBON Reporter, Mrs Humphries.

SHEFFIELD, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road Board Office; Pres., Mrs Neutze, Annaf; Sec., Mrs J. Henry, Annaf; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annaf.

TIMARU District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade; Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Rapsey; Evangelistic and Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs Valentine; Maori Work, Mrs Bardsley, Wai-iti Rd.; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Stead, Sailors' Rest.

TAURANGA, second Wednesday, St. Peter's Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Miss Sorley, Cameron Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs P. Munro, Cameron Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs C. York, Morris St.; Treas., Mrs A. E. Hammond, 2nd Avenue; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs J. W. Snelgrove.

TANEATUA, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Yeoman; Vice-Pres., Mrs Ravn; Sec., Mrs Johnson; Treas., Mrs Hooper; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Schofield.

TUAKAU, monthly, Wesleyan Church, 7.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bridge, Roberts, and Deeble; Sec., Mrs C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs Oldham; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Madill; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Miss Dwen.

WAITARA, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Cleave; Sec., Miss Lena Bayly; Treas., Mrs Isaac Elliott; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Andrew.

WAIKAWA, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Jas. Bibby; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McLean, Bott, and Maslin; Sec., Mrs H. McLean; Treas., Miss Johnson; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

WANGANUI EAST meets alternately in Baptist and Presbyterian Churches last Friday, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Andrews; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hicks; Recording Sec., Miss Neilson, River Bank; Treas., Mrs Brough.

WANGANUI District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour; Pres., Mrs J. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Miss Macaniny; Treas., Mrs Siddells; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Upton.

WARKWORTH, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs E. Morrison, "Red Bluff"; Sec., Mrs W. Hamilton, "The Grange"; Treas., Mrs T. H. Wilson; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Miss Morrison; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Miller.

WINCHMORE, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hanson; Sec., Miss Muirhead, Winter's Road, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Glassey.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall St.; Treas., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

Girls' Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening classes and socials. All girls invited.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Mrs McDonald, 80 Pirie St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Port, Pirie Street; Treas., Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay.

WAIKURAU, 2nd Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding and Mrs McDonald; Sec., Mrs Sowry; Treas., Mrs Schmidt; Band of Hope, Mrs Nicholson.

WOODVILLE, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs Forrest, Woodland Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. Cole, Woodlands Rd.; Treas., Mrs Davie, Station St.

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