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## CITIZENSHIP.

When Rome, proud Rome, was mistress of the world a man counted it his greatest pride to be a citizen of that vast empire, and gloried in his ability to say "Civis Romanus sum." Even St. Paul, that fearless missionary, that tireless preacher, that devoted servant of God, and loyal citizen of the Heavenly Jerusalem, claimed with pride his rights as a Roman citizen. To-day we rejoice as citizens of the greatest Empire in the world, an Empire on which the sun never sets.

It is rather disturbing to note that while many claim the privileges of citizenship, comparatively few are willing to shoulder its responsibilities. Good citizenship means service, and spells sacrifice. Wonderful to say, good people are often not good citizens; they refuse to be mixed up in politics, and leave them to be run too often by self-seeking and inferior citizens. To woman, but newly entered into her rights of citizenship, we look to alter this state of affairs. Miss Willard said that women would sweeten every place they entered, and that they would enter every place in the wide world. Good citizenship requires effort, and too many, alas! are only too willing to follow the path of least resistance.

Many women, busy with household and family cares, refuse to make this effort. But how can any one act and vote intelligently without making a study of municipal, national, and even international problems? No woman is justified in allowing her husband, father, or brother, or even her news-

paper, to do her thinking for her. A famous historian points to the able and noble band of statesmen who gathered around the Council board of Queen Elizabeth. Never sovereign had an abler band of advisers, yet the Queen was the puppet of none. She listened, she weighed, she questioned, but in the main her policy was her own, and it was a policy which lifted her country into front rank as a European nation. So should it be with the women citizens of to-day. Information should be gathered from every available source, but that information should be weighed in her own mind, and the decision should be her own.

Frances Willard wrote: "As Christ once stood over against the treasury box of the Temple and watched the poor widow cast in her two mites, so now He stands beside the ballot box and marks what we place therein. How many citizens cast their vote with the single aim that it should meet with Divine approval? Fewer still are those who prepare themselves to intelligently cast their vote.

A little girl was kneeling at her mother's side for her evening prayer. Her little brother slyly pinched her. Being a polite little maiden, she asked, "Please, God, excuse me while I slap Teddy."

Are there not some even among those who call themselves Christians who would like to dismiss Christ at the door of the polling booth with a polite bow and an "Excuse me, while I cast my vote for self, and not for Thee."

Again, our Police Courts, Children's Courts, etc., are urgently needing wo-

man's work and influence there. Women's societies are demanding for women seats in the jury box and on the Bench. And rightly so, but how many women are conscientiously fitting themselves to fill these positions? Women are as capable as men of filling any and every office in the State, from the throne to the jury box.

Men themselves tacitly admit this, even while verbally denying. If men think women are less capable than themselves in business, professional and political spheres, why all the outcry they raise about allowing women to enter these fields. The bitterness with which many men oppose the entry of women into these spheres is simply the measure of the dread they have of meeting women in a fair field and with no favour. Women ask for no discrimination in their favour. All they ask is to meet fairly, and be judged by their work. It almost seems as if men fear defeat and having to take second place if they meet women in open competition in fields which they have so long regarded as exclusively their own.

Citizenship means sacrifice, giving up the things pleasing to ourselves, and devoting our time to studies that shall fit us for larger and wider service. But women in all ages have been past-masters in the art of self-sacrifice, and to-day, when it is so needed, they will not be found wanting. We belittle our womanhood, and particularly our young women, when we try to coax them by easy ways and pleasant paths. Should we not rather appeal to the highest and best in them as leaders of all ages have done? Pass on to them the stir-

ring appeal of Garibaldi to his soldiers: "Soldiers, what I offer you is fatigue, danger, struggle, and death; the chill of the cold night in the free air; the intolerable heat beneath the blazing sun; no lodgings, no munitions, no provisions; but forced marches, perilous watch posts, and the continual struggle with the bayonet against strong batteries. Those who love freedom and their country may follow me."

And a greater leader than the Italian patriot said to His followers: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Carry on! Carry on!

Fight the good fight and true;

Believe in your mission, greet life with  
a cheer;

There's big work to do, and that's why  
you're here.

Carry on! Carry on!

Let the world be the better for you;  
And at last when you die, let this be  
your cry:

Carry on, my soul! Carry on!

### SEXUAL DEGENERATES.

We are pleased to note that at a recent case in Wanganui the Grand Jury expressed the opinion that legislation should make it physically impossible for a man convicted of sexual offences to repeat that crime.

This is what thinking women have been requesting for a long time. These cases are becoming too frequent, and it is not unusual for a man to be up several times for offences of this class. Such a thing should never be permitted. Why, when a man has been imprisoned for assaulting a little girl, should he be set at liberty after a few months to repeat the offence? It only means that another child has to be injured before he can be again imprisoned.

Women are not asking for vindictive punishment for the offender, but most emphatically they demand protection for their children. Such men are a menace to children so long as they are at large. Witness the shocking case at Gisborne, when a girl was assaulted and then murdered. Another awful case at Dunedin, when Mr Adams, Crown Prosecutor, branded it as a

brutal crime. A father attacked his own daughters, and brutally threatened them with murder. Here the medical evidence showed that the man was a sexual pervert, and the maximum penalty was inflicted by the Bench. The point we wish to stress is that these men should never have the possibility of repeating their offence. Either they should be detained for life, not in prisons, but in farm colonies or other healthy surroundings, but never again free to injure others. Some, perhaps, may be safely set at liberty if surgically treated, but that is for the Medical Board to decide. All mothers ask is that it be rendered impossible for such sexual maniacs to injure our children. They are to be pitied in many instances, and only the Divine Judge can decide how far they are morally culpable. Many of them, perchance, ought never to have been born, and the sin lies with the parents who brought such subnormal types into the world.

### GONE WEST.

As we go to press the news has just reached us of the passing hence of Miss Butterick, of Ashburton. For over 15 years the faithful "White Ribbon" Agent of that Union, a rarely beautiful soul, and one in whom every good cause had a sympathiser and helper. Fuller notice will appear in next issue.

### AWAY.

I cannot say, and I will not say,  
That she is dead—she is just away;

With a cheery smile, and a wave of  
the hand,  
She has wandered into an unknown  
land.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad  
return,

Think of her faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of  
Here;

Think of her still as the same, I say;  
She is not dead—she is just away.

### REDEMPTIVE WORK IN ENGLISH GAOLS.

"For I was hungry, and you never fed  
me;

I was thirsty, but you never gave me  
drink;

I was a stranger, but you never enter-  
tained me;

I was unclothed, but you never clothed  
me;

I was ill and in prison, but you never  
looked after me."

Matt xxv. 42, 43.

(Moffat's Translation.)

The hungry are thought of as the "submerged tenth," unemployables, work-shy's, vagrants, casuals. The strangers are considered as undesirable aliens. The ill-clad are thought of as the chance victims of the struggle for survival. The prisoners in our gaols are referred to as criminals, outcasts, enemies of society, unchangeable, unconvertible human beings. Our mental attitude too often is "Serve you right; you deserve all you get; you have broken natural laws, you are beaten in the struggle for life, therefore take the consequences."

This attitude may be consistent in the worshipper of mammon, but to the followers of Jesus the words quoted above must come as a great challenge.

"Inasmuch as ye did it to one of these brothers of mine, even to the least of them, ye did it to Me" (Matt. xxv. 40).

A vision should be ever with us of God suffering in the person of the unemployed worker, the orphan and fatherless, the sick in mind and body, the prisoner in solitary confinement, and the helpless victim taken to the scaffold. . . . To see men and things with the eyes and imagination of God demands mental and spiritual heroism, and a continuous process of spiritual enlightenment . . . Of sixteen reforms suggested in 1921 by the Society of Friends, eleven have been accepted. Conversation during times of associated labour, visits from outside visitors, associated recreation for prisoners enduring penal servitude, and increased educational facilities, are among the changes made during the last two years.

It is in the work of education that the John Woolman Adult Educational Settlement has been more particularly



concerned. An invitation was received from a chaplain of a London prison to provide lecturers for adult prisoners of sixteen to twenty-one years old, and in response to this appeal two, and on one occasion three lectures per week were given, dealing with biography, travel, civics and history, the plan followed being a forty minutes' lecture and twenty minutes for questions and discussion. All who shared in the work were surprised at the interest and intelligence shown, and experts in their subjects have admitted that questions were often more pointed and searching than those of outside audiences. Concentration of mind and the exclusion of other interests no doubt contributed to this end.

Gradually other London prisons were included in the scheme, and at one time four prisons were served from the Settlement. After a time consecutive courses were suggested, and a course of twelve lectures on Civics was commenced in a Borstal institution. Thirty-four joined voluntarily, and the writer had them as students for twelve consecutive weeks. Note-taking, collateral reading, and essay work were undertaken. On questions like unemployment and education some poignant documents were produced. A passage from one reads:—

"The effect of the Great War is responsible for two-thirds of the people in all Europe being out of work. It is hard lines for poor people to live nowadays, through this last war, as people who had good situations when they went to the war, some one else took over their work, and after the war is done they come back to find they have no work, and then perhaps they go and steal something and get put in prison. That is how half the crime in England this last few years has been raised about 50 per cent., and perhaps many of these men and women only want a job to satisfy them. If they can't get it, what is the consequence—prison or starvation."

Many similar passages could be quoted. It is probable that the essayist was speaking out of a personal experience, and was giving out of his study of civics a criticism of our social order, mirrored as it often is in the spending of years in a penal institution.

From small beginnings interest has been quickened, and from all quarters information was sought. In most prisons of the country there are now

classes and meetings each week. In one London prison Toc. H. has supplied lecturers, and one lecturer told the writer how he had been brought back to feeling the need of a church by Toc. H. and prison work. For years he felt no need of a church, but now he seeks for the sustaining power of grace in order to carry through the work he has undertaken. "In others' good he finds his own." This winter, in a London prison, twelve voluntary lecturers are dealing with Literature, Civics, Geography, History, Science, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, and Languages, and as many as one hundred and seventy-five prisoners are meeting on one evening.

In women's prisons, dressmaking, fancy work, physical drill, in addition to cultural subjects, are being undertaken. Many societies are helping. The People's League of Health, the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, the Y.M.C.A., Cambridge House, Toynbee Hall, and Adult Educational Settlements are all engaged in the work of saving the mind, sweetening the soul, and keeping alive the hope of the new day. What this means to the victims of a diseased order it is impossible to say. An incident of my own can illustrate.

Walking down Petticoat Lane, London, one day, I was stopped by a youth selling garden peas from a barrow. He held out his hand, I grasped it, and conversation began. Had I been in Pentonville Prison. "Well—yes." Did I believe on allotments? "No, but I arranged." "Well, Sir, I want a piece of land. Will you give me the address of the gent. who lectured on 'Allotments'?" A new hope had arisen, a new resolve had been born.

The work has only begun; the work of following up has not been seriously undertaken. The Prisoners' Aid Society work is in great need of strengthening. To befriend the men and women inside is only half the work, and not the most important. Food, clothing, and shelter are assured while under "State protection," but under our so-called freedom outside the victim is driven hither and thither by the cruel winds of misfortune, suspicious policemen, nervous employers, friends and family cold and unkind. The victims find the chances of going straight difficult, and often the new resolve is killed, and the prisoner is almost compelled to pursue a round of anti-social

conduct in order to find the means of subsistence.

Here is a piece of redemptive work waiting to be done. Who will help to redeem and liberate the divine element in the least of these, God's brethren? Who will help to lessen the suffering of God in the person of His children? —Charles H. Simpson.

—From the F.O.R. News Sheet.

## THE PRODIGAL GIRL.

We all have a heart for the prodigal boy

Who was caught in sin's mad whirl,  
And we welcome him back with songs of joy;

But what of the prodigal girl

For the prodigal boy there's an open door,

And a father's bounteous fare,  
And though he is wretched, sick, and poor,

He is sure of a welcome there.

But what of the girl who has gone astray,

Who has lost in the battle with sin?  
Say, do we forgive in the same sweet way

We've always forgiven him?

Does the door stand ajar, as if to say,  
"Come, enter, you need not fear;  
I've been open thus since you went away,

Now close to the second year?"

O Christ! it seems we have never learned

The lesson taught in the sand,  
For even yet is the woman spurned,  
And stoned in a Christian land.

We all have a heart for the prodigal boy,

Who was caught in sin's mad whirl,  
And we welcome him back with songs of joy;

And what of the prodigal girl?

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is responsible for this statement: "I do not know where any speakeasies are, and I don't believe any other decent citizen knows where they are. If they exist, it is not prohibition that causes them, but a violation of prohibition. You might as well say the increase in the number of bank robberies is due to the law against burglary."

## MOVEMENTS TOWARDS PEACE.

At the present time, when there is so much bitterness and want of confidence between the European Governments, one of the most encouraging features of international relations is the number of international conferences called together by the various Peace Societies, and the goodwill and friendliness thereby fostered between the men and women forming the bulk of the population of these nations. This is specially noticeable in the case of French and Germans, who are thus given the opportunity of meeting one another in a friendly spirit, and gaining some understanding of each other's life and character, the general trend of their thought, and their attitude towards those belonging to nations other than their own, between whom relations have been strained, and oftentimes inharmonious. These conferences have almost invariably revealed a desire on both sides to understand each other's point of view, to come together for the free discussion of matters that have been the source of great difficulty and want of harmony, thereby making it possible to work together in friendly co-operation for the removal of causes of dispute, the solution of difficult problems, and the restoration of peaceful relations between nations.

Amongst the most striking of these conferences is the International Democratic Peace Conference held last year, from August 4th to 10th, at Friburg, Baden, close to the Black Forest, where some 600 German Pacifists, mostly connected with the German Youth Movement, 130 French men and women, under the leadership of Marc Sangnier, Catholic deputy for Paris, with representatives from some twenty other countries, met for friendly discussion on the difficult problems which have arisen out of the late war, and which have been so serious an obstacle to the restoration of peace. The following details are taken from the News Sheet of the Fellowship of Reconciliation for November of last year.

"Most of the members were Catholics, but a strong contingent of Protestants and Freethinkers were also present. The difficult questions of Reparations and the Ruhr were discussed with entire frankness, and an honest effort was made on both sides to understand the other's point of view.

Common action for moral and military disarmament was planned, and resolutions were passed urging the admission of Germany to the League, the referring of the Reparations question to the League thus enlarged, and the evacuation of occupied Germany on production of guarantees for the payment of Reparations. Far more important than the passing of resolutions, however, was the fact that here, for the first time, a number of influential French people met the new German "Youth." A very deep impression was made by the offer of German Catholic Youth to go to the North of France and help to rebuild what the war had destroyed, not because they accepted the legal obligation of Reparations, but because they wanted to show in action their will to reconcile. The Conference reached its highest point when a German woman, following on this offer, asked her German sisters to manifest their will to reconciliation by giving there and then what they possessed for the devastated areas of France. Many gave their rings, brooches, and other jewels, and the German paper, "Die Menschheit," is still carrying on the collection. These facts have made a very strong impression in France, where they have been made widely known through articles in the press and extensive propaganda tours by outstanding Pacifists. Of lasting importance also were the contacts made between French and German Youth organisations, now definitely linked up with Youth groups from some fifteen other countries, including England, in the International League of Youth."

A correspondent writes as follows:—"The French delegates were told beforehand by their compatriots that they were mad to go to Germany, would not get a hearing there, and would probably be insulted and driven out. But they knew better. The meetings were spread over a week, and were enthusiastic and harmonious. . . . One point that struck me particularly was the prominence given to religion; all seemed fully to recognise that religion is the only force that will bring about world peace; it is only as the mass of the people grow to realise the horror and the uselessness and evil of war, that it will ever cease. . . . In addition to the meetings, they had excursions into the Black Forest, music, and social gatherings, and at all there was

the utmost cordiality. Naturally, there were differences of opinion on many points, but that in no way interfered with the harmony."

Shortly afterwards another smaller gathering was held at Constance in connection with the Catholic International League, at which some 150 to 200 delegates were present, nearly all of whom were Roman Catholics, and here also French and Germans met daily. This was more definitely a Church gathering, and a resolution was passed recommending that a Peace Communion should be held in both countries on the first Sunday of each month, at which the Germans would pray for the French, and the French for the Germans, "so that out of the union of hearts in Christ there shall dawn a new era of brotherly co-operation between both peoples."

Many personal friendships were also formed between French and Germans at the International Summer School of the Women's International League, and a Reconciliation Week was arranged by the citizens of Utrecht, who invited both French and Germans to stay at their homes and meet to discuss the problems that were dividing the two nations.

All such efforts, of course, only affect a certain number of individuals, it may be only a small number; but, after all, it is through the individual that every high ideal is brought down to action, and every great reform carried out. Continuous effort of this nature cannot fail to be of great value in helping to purify the atmosphere of hatred and misunderstanding, by making the truth known in the different countries, and leading all to recognise that they are in fact brothers, upon whichever side of the frontier they may happen to dwell, and that the only true good for each lies in that spirit of love which strives equally for the welfare of all.

## ANIMALS' WELFARE WEEK.

Our readers will be glad to know that Animals' Welfare Week, organised by the Oamaru Band of Mercy, met with a large measure of support, and for a first effort must be counted very successful. Owing to pressure on our space, fuller details are held over until next month.



## PEACE AND ARBITRATION DEPARTMENT.

The following correspondence was received shortly before Christmas from Dr. Ethel Williams, to whose care the contributions received last year towards the Peace Mission work were forwarded. There can be no doubt as to the usefulness of this work, or of the appreciation of any little help that may be sent for this object. I shall be very glad to forward any similar contributions, however small, that members may feel called upon to make.

International Office,  
Geneva,

Sept. 1, 1923.

Dr. Ethel Williams,

3 Osborne Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Dear Dr Williams,

Will you please tell the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand how thankful we are for their generous contribution of £3 10s, and for their interest in that special line of our work. I have forwarded your letter to Miss Glucklich in Dresden, where the Executive Committee Meeting opens to-day, which will also discuss what particular Peace Mission work our League is to undertake now. Frä. Glucklich will let you know about it on her return. Thanking you for your co-operation.—I am, very sincerely yours,

A. VOßMER,

Asst. Secretary.

Geneva,

10th September, 1923.

Dear Miss Williams,

The gift of the N.Z. Women's Christian Temperance Union came like a gift of Heaven just in the moment when our Executive had decided to establish in the Ruhr District a standing Peace Mission, not for investigation (we know rather too much already about it), but for permanent work of reconciliation. We wanted to start it with English, French, and Swedish members as soon as we can raise the money to start with; the £3 10s you sent, together with part of a gift of the Bocke Trust, and one of the Swedish Section, will enable the Mission to begin the work at once.

Many thanks for your part in sending it, and kindest regards.—From yours, very sincerely,

VILMA GLUCKLICH.

I have also to acknowledge 2/6 from the New Plymouth Union towards the work of the Department.

MARION JUDSON,

Superintendent.

## "NEXT."

(By Herbert J. Bryce.)

Another sunk 'neath the waters of  
shame

Where none can save ~~her~~ she all to  
blame?)

To-morrow we'll think of her name no  
more.

She was only one of a stream who pour  
Over the brink to the rocks below,

Over the brink to their endless woe.

What would you do if you now could  
know

That your girl were the next?

Somebody's girl who was fondly pressed

By arms of love to a mother's breast,

Somebody's girl who was once as pure

As the snow which falls on the lowly  
moor;

Somebody's girl—a polluted dove,

Lured by the snare of perverted love,

Will go to her end—Great God above!

What if my girl were next?

Next! Next! Next! Look! What a death  
they die.

Next! Next! Next Hark! Can't you  
hear their cry

Over and over and over again?

Poor, broken toys of the passions of  
men,

Lost for the lack of parental care,

Lost, through the bait of a city's snare,

Lost! is it none of our own affair

That there's always a next?

## HOW TO LIVE LONG.

An old Scotch lady of 99, asked for her recipe for long life, said: "Just plain living—porridge and kail and brochen—and leave the whisky alone." She also expressed her opinion very emphatically, "I would close every public-house in the country. What good do they do?" A most pertinent question, and one to which it is difficult to find an answer. Every place would be better without them. They do "no" good.

## CREEDS.

(By Dr. Watson).

Among all the creeds of Christendom the only one which has the authority of Christ Himself is the Sermon on the Mount. When one reads the creed which was given by Jesus, and the creeds which have been made by Christians, he cannot fail to detect an immense difference, and it does not matter whether he selects the Nicene Creed or the Westminster Confession. They all have a family likeness to each other, and a family unlikeness to the Sermon on the Mount. They deal with different subjects; they move in a different atmosphere.

No church since the early centuries has had the courage to formulate an ethical creed, for even those bodies of Christians which have no written theological creeds, yet have implicit affirmations or denials of doctrines as their basis. Imagine a body of Christians who should take their stand on the Sermon of Jesus, and conceive their creed on His lines. Imagine how it would read, "I believe in the Fatherhood of God; I believe in the words of Jesus; I believe in the clean heart; I believe in the service of love; I believe in the unworldly life; I believe in the Beatitudes; I promise to trust God and follow Christ, to forgive my enemies, and to seek after the righteousness of God." Could any form of words be more elevated, more persuasive, more alluring? Do they not thrill the heart and strengthen the conscience? Liberty of thought is allowed; liberty of sin is alone denied. Who would refuse to sign such a creed? They would come from the east and the west, and the north and the south, to its call; and even they who would hesitate to bind themselves to a crusade so arduous would admire it, and long to be worthy. Does one say this is too ideal, too unpractical, too quixotic? That no church could stand and work on such a basis? For three too short years the Church of Christ had none else, and it was by holy living, and not by any metaphysical subtleties, the Primitive Church lived, and suffered, and conquered.

## DRY HUMOR.

At a recent meeting a speaker said the most optimistic person he knew was the Scotsman who was tramping through America with a corkscrew.

## WE WANT TO COME BACK.

"We want to come back," plead Wine and Beer, through their spokesman, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. "We are not to be classed with the 'intoxicating liquors' referred to in the Eighteenth Amendment."

"It is the alcohol in whisky that intoxicates, and that is to be found also in beer and wines," objects Science. "The only difference is in the amount, and beer and wine are usually drunk in larger quantities than is whisky. One individual drinks half a pint of light wine containing about 8 per cent. of alcohol; another takes three tablespoonfuls of whisky of 42 per cent. alcoholic strength; a third two glasses of 4 per cent. beer, and each gets about the same amount of alcohol."

"We want to come back," cry Wine and Beer. "We never cause drunkenness, or any of the other evils that follow in the train of the stronger liquors."

"More than ninety per cent. of the alcoholic liquors consumed in the United States before national prohibition were beer and wine," counters Experience. "The police courts of the big cities were filled with men intoxicated by these liquors. A Boston policeman, after forty-one years' service, has said, 'My experience is that beer drinkers become more gluttonous, more degraded, and often more brutal than any other kind of drunkard.'"

"We want to come back," wail Wine and Beer. "The people are begging for us. Thousands are dying for need of us."

"Prove that statement," retorts hard-headed Common Sense. "The people of Ohio did not seem to be pining away for you when in November, 1923, they voted by nearly 200,000 majority to keep you out. You pleaded that 'the people' wanted you in the dry States of Oregon, Colorado, and Washington in 1916, and in Michigan in 1919, but at the polls 'the people,' by an overwhelming majority, voted to prevent your coming back."

"We want to come back," beg Wine and Beer. "We'll conduct ourselves respectably. We'll not bring with us the saloons,"

"We are compelled to distrust your assertions," responds Close Observation. "The Governor of New York, one of your champions, has remarked that he would do anything that made it possible for him to 'put his foot on the brass rail and blow off the froth.' Others of your advocates talk boldly of a chain of drinking places for the dispensing of wine and beer, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and whether they are given the name of 'saloon' or one with a less objectionable history, they will in reality be centres for the sale of liquid poison."

"We want to come back," insist Wine and Beer. "Until we are permitted to return the law can not be enforced. We will be law-abiding."

"Your past record belies your words," replies History. "Dealers in alcoholic beverages never have obeyed the law, not even those mild restrictions relating to the sale of liquor to minors and habitual drunkards. The history of your lawlessness is to be found in the report of the investigation of brewers' activities by the United States Senate, published in 1919, in the 'Congressional Record.' It tells of the large sums given by the brewers to control the press, and their contributions, in violation of Federal and State laws, to political campaigns. Listen to what ex-President Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, has said about Wine and Beer as first aid to law enforcement: 'I am not in favour of amending the Volstead Law in respect to the amount of permissible alcohol in beverages. I am not in favour of allowing light wines and beer to be sold under the Eighteenth Amendment. I believe it would defeat the purpose of the Amendment. No such distinction as that between wines and beer on the one hand, and spirituous liquors on the other is practicable as a police measure. Any such loop-holes as light wines and beer would make the Amendment a laughing stock.'"

## IMPORTANT.

Will all Unions which have not yet done so, send the result of their vote on the affiliation of the W.C.T.U. with the League of Nations to Mrs Judson, 16 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, Auckland?

## DOCTORS AND DRINK.

The following telling remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Courtenay Weeks, a clergyman of the Church of England, and a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, who during the war had charge of the Military Hospital at Malta, and later acted as surgeon at the Royal Albert Hospital, Woolwich.

Dr. Weeks, who had a good reception, took as the subject of his address, "Alcohol and the Young Life of the Nation." He reminded his audience of the very remarkable change that had come over the views of the medical profession in the last 30 or 40 years as regards the use of alcohol in the curing of disease. Many people believed that alcohol was a most necessary part of medical treatment, but the doctors were in their practice decreasing the use of alcohol every year. This could be verified by a study of the alcohol bills of the great infirmaries. In one of London's most important hospitals the drink bill 40 years ago amounted to £380; last year, with twice as many patients, it had decreased to 8s. Taking a broad view, it could not be disputed that alcohol was a potent factor in the production of what they might call "damaged life"—tuberculosis, venereal disease, feeble-mindedness, etc.

Dr. Weeks added that he was not there that night to interfere with the liberty, likes or dislikes of the people; he was there because he believed that no man or woman could call himself or herself a patriot unless he or she was doing something to stem the tide of alcohol in the national life. (Applause.)

The doctor then proceeded to describe in detail the injurious effects of alcohol on child life, explaining that it was because strong drink is a menace to the young life of the nation that he is devoting his life to Temperance work.

Pray devoutly. Hammer away stoutly.

To work without praying is practical atheism; to pray without working, is idle presumption; to baptise all work with prayer, and follow all prayer with work—that is the ideal Christian life.—Arthur T. Pierson,



**WOMEN'S  
Christian Temperance Union  
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**UNIONS! PLEASE NOTE.**

With this issue we are enclosing a supplement for the Young People. It is detached, and so subscribers have practically an adult paper and a children's paper for the one subscription.

**DOMINION CONVENTION NOTICE.**

Will all members of Convention who require hospitality send word as early as possible to

MRS X. JONES,

247 Gill Street,

New Plymouth.

**1924 CONVENTION.**

Will all Unions please note that Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street, New Plymouth, has been appointed by the New Plymouth Union as Convention Secretary. All communications to the entertaining Union about next Dominion Convention should be addressed to her, and not to the Secretary of New Plymouth Union.

**The White Ribbon.**

For God and Home and Humanity.

WELLINGTON, FEBRUARY 18, 1924.

**THIRTY-NINTH CONVENTION OF  
THE N.Z. W.C.T.U.,**

To be held in New Plymouth, March  
19th to March 27th, 1924.

**AGENDA.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th.**

10 a.m.: Meeting of Executive: N.Z. officers, District Presidents (or failing the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer), and Dominion Superintendents.

2.30 p.m.: Meeting of Executive.

Evening: Public Reception in Baptist Tabernacle.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20th.**

9 a.m.: Convention called to order by President. Crusade Hymn ("Give to the Winds Thy Fears"), Crusade Psalm read responsively:—

1. Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord. I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being.

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

3. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

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

5. Which made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is;

6. Which keepeth truth for ever;

7. Which executeth judgment for the oppressed;

8. Which giveth food to the hungry;

9. The Lord looseth the prisoners; the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind;

10. The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down; the Lord loveth the righteous.

11. The Lord preserveth the strangers; He relieveth the fatherless and widow, but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.

12. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

13. Praise ye the Lord.

Reading. Address. Prayer.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Committees on Courtesies and on Resolutions, of Convention Letter-writer, and of Press-Reporters.

Report of Executive Committee.

Corresponding Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

Treasurer and Organising Treasurer's Report.

Organiser's Report. Departmental Report: Scattered Members (Mrs Lee-Cowie).

Noontide Devotions. Letters of Sympathy. Departmental Reports: Evangelistic and Home and Mothers' Meetings (Mrs Wright). Notable Days (Mrs X. Jones).

12.30: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Departmental Reports: Libraries (Mrs Field), Educational Bureau (Miss Powell), Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance (Mrs Driver).

3 p.m.: President's Address.

Adoption of President's Address.

8 p.m.: Musical Entertainment in Empire Theatre.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21st.**

9.30 a.m. Devotions.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Departmental Reports: Maori Work (Mrs Walker), Prison and Reformatory Work (Adjutant Gordon), Flower Mission and Philanthropic Work (Miss Henderson), Scientific Temperance Instruction (Mrs Evans), Ministry of Friendship (Miss Powell), Medical Temperance (Mrs Neal).

Noontide Devotions. Reports: Back-blocks and Work Among Railway Men (Mrs Moyes), Hostels, Rest and Refreshment Booths (Mrs Upton).

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Reports on (1) National Headquarters, (2) District Unions, (3) Pledge-signing Campaign. Departmental Report on Social and Moral Hygiene (Mrs Kippenberger). Short educative paper on Social and Moral Hygiene, with special reference to Parliamentary action on same. Reports: Literature (Mrs Mowlem), L.T.L., Cradle Roll, etc. (Mrs Neal).

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd.**

9.30 a.m.: Meeting of Executive. Other Committees as may be advisable or possible.

Afternoon: Visit to Freethy's Public Gardens.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd.**

Church Parade and Convention Service, 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

After Church Rally in evening.

**MONDAY, MARCH 24th.**

9.30 a.m.: Devotions (Favourite Quotations).

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Report of "White Ribbon" Editor. Report of Business Manager. Appointment of "White Ribbon" Editor and Business Manager. Votes of grants in connection with "White Ribbon." Editor's appeal for promises to purchase Convention number.

Noontide Prayer. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Discussion of "Draft Programme for Conference on the Prevention of the Causes of War: A Call to the Women of the World by the International Council of Women"—(1) Short paper or talk on the programme in general (Miss Henderson); (2) short talk on "Rights of Women to Fuller Citizenship"; (3) short talk on International Organisation of Humanitarian Activities and on International Court of Justice; (4) Departmental Report on Peace and Arbitration and resolutions connected with the same and with the foregoing discussion (Mrs Judson).

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25th.**

9.30 a.m.: Devotions.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Departmental Reports: Press (Mrs Densem), Good Citizenship (Mrs Phillippis), Work Among Seamen (Mrs Nimmo), Anti-Gambling (Mrs Lill), Legal and Parliamentary (Miss Henderson).

Noontide Devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Departmental Reports: Y's and Medal Contests (Mrs Young). Short discussion or demonstration on L.T.L. (or Y's work).

Adjournment after Afternoon Tea. Recess.

4 p.m.: Meeting of Executive and any other Committees as advisable or possible.

7.30 p.m.: Evening Session. Address by Rev. J. Dawson on "Political Action of the Alliance." All members of the Alliance and all Temperance workers specially invited to be present.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th.**

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

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Resolutions. Presentation of Banners. Question Box. Notices of Motion. Votes of thanks.

Noontide Devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Discussion on Plans of Work. Resolutions.

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27th.**

9.30 a.m.: Devotions.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Tellers. Election of N.Z. Officers. Appointment of Superintendents. Resolutions. Unfinished Business.

Noontide Devotions and Conclusion.

2.30 p.m.: Meeting of N.Z. Officers.

N.B.—Questions for Question Box to be handed in not later than Tuesday, March 25th.

**CO-GUARDIANSHIP.**

A Bill which was before the British Parliament proposed to give mothers equal rights and responsibilities with fathers. Disputes between parents are to be decided by the Courts according to the welfare of the child. In happy marriages mothers have an equal voice, but the law allows a father to act in direct opposition to the mother's wishes for her child.

The Bill also provides that parents shall support their children according to their means, and renders it possible for the Court to insist on the payment of maintenance orders on behalf of their children when the father and mother are living together. This will allow the mother to get a decent maintenance for her children without breaking up her home.

**CAN YOU SPARE IT?**

You can spare a dollar? It is the dollar you can't spare which bears the hallmark of Calvary and is the minister of redemptive life. It is when our giving, whether of money, of strength, or time, touches the quick that it becomes vital, and existence passes into life, and we share the travail of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Rev. J. H. Jowett.

**N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.**

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:—

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance: Mrs Neal, 2 Maunsell Road, Parnell, Auckland.

Maori: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox Street, Gisborne.

Purity: Mrs Kippenberger, Studholme

**MRS MOWLEM'S STOCK includes:**

Badges, white enamel, 6d each, per dozen to Unions, 5/-; 1/- each, 10/- per dozen; W.R. Hymnals, 3d each, 2/- per dozen; W.R. Hymnals Music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, small 1/-, and large, 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt. of 25; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 per doz.; Constitution, 4d each; Membership Pledge Cards, 6d per dozen; Facts about W.C.T.U., 6d dozen; Treasurer's Slips, 1/- per 100; Membership Transfer Slips, 1/- per 100; Pledge Books, 6d.

These Prices include Postage.

**L.T.L., CRADLE ROLL, AND MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.**

Mrs Neal has in stock:  
**FOR THE L.T.L.:**

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), showing effects of Alcohol and Tobacco on the human body, 7/6 per set; Questions Answered About the L.T.L., 1/6; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It is Written (Bible Stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/-; Recitation Books, 1/-; L.T.L. Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen.

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Confidential Talks with Young Women, 1/9; Youth and Maidenhood, 3/6; Sex and Marriage, 3/6; The Story of Life, 1/6; Life on High Levels, 2/6; A Talk with Girls, 4/-; Letters and Talks to Girls, 3/6; Sex Lore, 9/-; Text Book, Sex Education for Teachers and Parents, 7/6; Knowledge a Young Man Should Have, 4/6; Knowledge a Young Woman Should Have, 4/6.

**CRADLE ROLL:**

Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen. Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz. Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per dozen.

**MEDICAL TEMPERANCE:** Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to sixpence per doz.



## ALCOHOL AND CHILD LIFE.

At a conference of women convened by the W.C.T.U. of Hobart, the following paper was read by Mrs Waterworth, Secretary of the Child Welfare Association:—

In the course of this she said that from her own personal experience she could say without hesitation that she knew alcohol was an evil thing, and she would welcome the day when Prohibition was established, if only on account of the harm she had seen it do to the children. For many years now alcohol had been recognised as a narcotic, and not, as was formerly believed, a stimulant. It would be as reasonable to expect men and women to indulge in the habitual use of opium, morphine, or cocaine without any adverse effects on their children as to think they could drug themselves with alcohol without doing harm of this kind. Quoting the result of scientific investigations, she said that the brunt of the evil heritage caused by alcoholism fell upon the nervous system of the next generation. Owing, first, to the deterioration of the germ cells, and, secondly, to the impoverishment of the system of the mother, children of such parentage frequently possessed an enfeebled nervous organisation at birth. It might be impossible to recognise this immediately, although even during infancy impaired nerve vitality frequently showed itself in convulsions, meningitis, and other debilities. With regard to mental development, many children of alcoholic parents showed signs of stupidity, mental deficiency, moral instability, and a lack of normal control, whilst others exhibited idiocy, epilepsy, and hysteria, together with various unbalanced cravings. The four great classes of mental deterioration in children of alcoholic parents were summed up by the investigating scientists as (1) idiocy and imbecility; (2) epilepsy; (3) feeble-mindedness; (4) mental deficiency, as shown in school work. So much for its effect on the children who survived. But it was also classed as one of the great causes of deaths of infants, by inducing (1) lowered vitality of offspring; (2) deficient lactation on part of mother. With regard to alcohol being a cause of deficient lactation, Professor Bunge, of Basle, set out, as he said, "from purely scientific researches carried out without the least idea of their tendencies, or the

slightest preconceived idea, I have for the last 30 years occupied myself with chemical researches on the composition of milk and the causes of deficient lactation in some women.' After explaining the wonderful chemical composition of human milk, and the impossibility of finding a perfect substitute, he stated that in his investigations he encountered alcoholism as one of the indisputable causes of inability to suckle children. In conclusion, Sir Victor Horsley said: "That alcohol affects disastrously the minds and bodies of innocent, unborn children must be the undoubted opinion of those who weigh the evidence brought forward.' He sounded, emphasised Mrs Waterworth, a serious warning note against the increased drinking of alcoholic liquors amongst women.

## CONSECRATION VOW FOR 1924.

By the love we bear our country, to save it from decay;

By the lives of noble women who have fallen in the fray,

We are fighting for posterity in a true and legal way,

For the freedom of our nation and a bright and better day.

By the lives of ceaseless toilers of the old campaigning day,

By the lives of all who laboured along the broad highway,

By the lives of those who've given all humanity could pay,

For the freedom of our nation and a bright and better day.

By the lives of hopeless mothers whose beloved have gone astray,

By the lives of sons and daughters crushed and broken in dismay,

By the lives of blighted children born to toil instead of play,

We now bring to them liberty and a coming happy day.

By a Royal Act of Parliament, backed by men in strong array,

By all loyal British women who work as well as pray,

Hear our Lord's command, "Go forward," all true patriots must obey,

For the coming of His Kingdom, and the glorious victory day.

—H.B.

## OUR ENEMIES THEMSELVES, BEING JUDGES.

Mr O'Donnell is frankly and pronouncedly wet in his personal sentiment; and desires. Here is what he says:—"The great Mid-West is joining hands with the Far West and the South in the movement to make America bone-dry. The Eighteenth Amendment is an accepted fact everywhere west of the Alleghany Mountains, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, and other States that I visited in the last months are dry—the sentiment is dry, and there is a growing respect for the Volstead Act. None of these States is bone-dry as yet, but they are on their way. I was loath to admit it even to myself, but there is abundance of evidence that a great 'dry wave' is rolling eastward, slowly but surely grinding down opposition to Prohibition. And riding the crest of the waves are the clean, substantial citizens of the nation—the John Smiths and the Tom Browns—and always their wives and sisters and mothers are riding at their sides. Some day we wets are going to awaken to find that an overwhelming majority of the people of the United States are weary of the bootleggers and dry law violators. Some day, and that day is not far distant, the people are going to rid the country of the bootlegger and rum-runner just as the vigilantes of the 'fifties rid California mining camps of undesirable gamblers, gunmen, and prostitutes."

## TO KEEP A TRUE LENT.

Is this a fast, to keep the larder clean and lean

From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it, to fast an hour, or ragged to go,  
Or show a down-cast look and sour?

Is it to quit the dish of flesh, yet still  
To fill the platter high with fish?

No, 'tis a fast, to dole thy sheaf of wheat,  
And meat, unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife, from old debate  
And hate; to circumsise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent; to starve  
Thy sin,

Not bin, and that's to keep thy Lent.

—Robert Herrick (1591-1634).

## LETTER FROM MISS ANNA GORDON, WORLD PRESIDENT OF THE W.C.T.U.

At last we have the personal details about our Japanese comrades, for which so eagerly we have been waiting. In spite of the terrible loss of all National W.C.T.U. property, books, public school posters just off the press, and all personal effects, these wonderful women, after appealing to us for warm clothing for the suffering poor about them, have entered upon a nation-wide campaign, through petition and public meetings, to persuade the Government not to rebuild the vice section in Tokyo, and to do away with the regulation system. Madam Yajima was carried to safety by four soldiers detailed by the First Regiment, and through four miles of burning streets and fleeing refugees in the heart of the night she took this journey. Her heroism and holy vision inspire us to greater deeds and more unselfish devotion. I trust many Christmas gifts will reach our friends in Japan.

Through Miss Agnes Slack's Bulletin you are kept informed of the comings and goings of our world's W.C.T.U. general officers and our busy world organisers. You know of the splendid accession to our ranks of one thousand comrades of the new National W.C.T.U. of Lithuania, thanks to Miss Slack's invitation and convincing appeal. We also welcome a newly-organised W.C.T.U. in Korea, and a Foreign Auxiliary Union there, as a result of Miss Christine Tinling's devoted work the past few months.

From dear comrades in many lands are coming letters of deep and affectionate sympathy for the earthly loss of our beloved Deborah Knox Livingston. The letters are written with love for her, and eloquently testifying to the world-wide appreciation of Mrs Livingston's exceptional personal charm and her rare power as a leader in our great reform. I quote our Japanese friend, Mrs Kubushiro, of Tokyo, who attended our Philadelphia Conventions, and went with us to Toronto. Her letter in other than her native language beautifully expresses the tender human note in all our hearts:—

"We do heartily mourn for that great, beautiful soul of Mrs Deborah Knox Livingston. She is the first foreign woman for whom I have ever shed the tears of sad devotion. We

cannot call it a death, but the transportation of the field of work. Such a charming, fire-like woman! O, how I loved her! Do remember me to Dr. Livingston—that I, the woman of the Eastern hemisphere, do share the sadness of this great loss. But I hope our dear comrade will be nearer to us than before."

The tie that binds together the hearts of our women in forty or more lands is a very close one. At the Christmas-tide may we covenant anew to love and serve God and one another. Let us help make true the prophecy of the beloved founder of the World's W.C.T.U., Frances E. Willard, who said: "One of the choicest fruits of Christianity will be the growth of a bond of brotherhood and sisterhood so close among all nations, races and peoples, that we shall become truly kindred one to the other."

Yours, for world-wide peace, purity, and prohibition,

ANNA A. GORDON.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs Lee-Cowie left our shores by the Makura, sailing on February 12th. She is going to Glasgow as a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention. Mrs Cowie intends visiting U.S.A., India, and Australia. She writes of her deep regret at missing our next Convention, and prays that we may have an inspiring Convention. Mrs Cowie hopes to return in time for the next poll.

We deeply regret to hear of the serious illness of Mrs Nimmo, our much-loved Superintendent of "Work Among Seamen." While at work collecting for Radium Fund she was stricken down and had to go to hospital. We are very glad to know that she is improving. Our sympathy and our prayers are with her in her hour of weakness and suffering. May she speedily be raised up again.

## WOMAN'S SPHERE.

They talk about a woman's sphere,

As though it had a limit,  
There's not a place in earth or heaven,  
There's not a task to mortals given,  
There's not a blessing or a woe,  
There's not a whispered yes or no,  
There's not a life, or death, or birth,  
That has a feather's weight of worth

Without a woman in it.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### COLOURED LABOUR IN SAMOA.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—In your issue for September you kindly allowed me space in which I warned your readers against a too hasty eulogy of the new conditions regarding coloured labour in Samoa as outlined by the Administrator in his report to the New Zealand Government. You will remember that he said then the indenture system would be replaced by "Free" labour, and the danger I foresaw was that the suggested change might easily be one of name only. I am sorry to say that my fears seem too well grounded if we are to accept as correct the widespread report of the Administrator's remarks on Christmas Eve, when addressing business men in Apia. "The three years' engagement system will be adhered to," he declared, "as although free labour has been substituted for the old indentured system, it is not intended to keep Chinese labour longer than three years in Samoa in future." The position is, briefly, that "recruiting" will be carried on as hitherto, the three years' contract system will continue, and as before, the wages, conditions regarding pay, housing and transport, remain unchanged; and lastly, as previously, the labourers enter Samoa "free" men. The two items of difference between the old system and the new are an alteration in the rate of pay in view of the labourers "finding" themselves, and the concession that the labourers can choose their employers. But in what sense, may I ask, are these recruits "freer" than they were before? The inherent badness of the indenture system lies in the "contract," by which the labourers are bound,—we can scarcely say, in truth, that they bind themselves,—to a fellow mortal for a term of years without the possibility of freeing themselves, irrespective of every consideration apart from the purely commercial value of their labour. This system remains as before. That the labourers are free to choose their employers from an extremely limited number of planters, all occupied in practically the same pursuits, scarcely constitutes "freedom" in the general acceptance of that term as applied in New Zealand. The fact is the whole thing is a carefully prepared camouflage adopted for the obvious pur-



pose of quieting the troubled consciences of the Permanent Mandates Commission on the one hand, and the New Zealanders on the other! Our work cannot cease until this blot on our escutcheon has been completely removed.—Yours, etc.,

C. R. N. MACKIE.

Christchurch.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of capitulation fees, have been received since the date of last report (December 8th):—

#### New Zealand Fund.

North-East Valley, £4; Ashburton, Bluff, Hawera, Nelson Y, New Brighton, Oamaru, Stratford, Sumner, each £1; Invercargill Y, 5s.

#### N.Z. Memorial Headquarters Fund.

Levin, £2 2s; Invercargill Y and Milton, £1 each.

#### Organising Fund.

Invercargill Y, £25 5s (Bravo, Y's, splendid); North-East Valley, £10 19s; Palmerston North, £8 10s; Oamaru, £8 6d; Stratford, £7 14s 6d; Napier, £7 6d; New Brighton, £6; Feilding, £5 6d; Gore, £5 0s 6d; Hawera, Takahuna, and Wanganui, £5 each; Hamilton, £3 3s; Dannevirke and Gisborne, £2 14s each; Eden, £2 12s 6d; Fairlie, £2 10s; Te Kuiti, £2 11s; Inglewood, £2 8s; Ashburton, £2 3s 1d; Birkenhead and Sumner, £2 2s each; Waverley, £1 1s 6d; Upper Aramoho, £1 16s; Warkworth, £1 14s 6d; Hastings, £1 13s; Milton, £1 10s; Tauranga, £1 9s; Mayfield, £1 6s; Bluff and Pahiatua, £1 4s 6d each; Mosom and Turakina, £1 4s each; Eltham, £1 1s 6d; Edendale, £1 1s; Nelson T.L., Otautau, and Rakaia, £1 each; Tahuhu, 16s; Woodville, 14s 6d; Gaere, 13s 6d; Maungaturoto, 13s; Nelson Band of Hope, 10s; Waihi, 9s; Wanganui L.T.L., 5s.

#### Maori Fund.

Palmerston North, £2; South Invercargill, £1 16s 6d; Milton, £1 5s; Invercargill Y, £1 10s; Eden, Fairlie, Moraville, and Waipukurau, 10s each; Oamaru, £1.

#### World's Missionary Fund.

Invercargill Y, 7s.

NEILLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 9th February, 1924.

### VICTORIA W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

The Convention of the Victorian W.C.T.U., as seen through the eyes of the local press reporter:—

The organisation of the W.C.T.U. in Victoria now has a membership in the vicinity of 4000 women, and at the Convention last week there were present 200 delegates, representing 84 branches throughout the State. Such a body of women cannot be ignored. Their influence will extend far beyond their actual membership. Several of the prominent leaders have travelled to America, the British Isles, and other parts of the world to attend Conventions. They have rubbed shoulders with some of the keenest intellects in the movement, and their outlook and the outlook of the Union in Victoria has been broadened. They do not decry pleasures, as in former years. They have learnt that a certain amount of fun, and even frivolity, is as necessary to a human being as is eating or sleeping. They discuss questions which were previously, as they will admit, shrouded in mock modesty. They are taking an active part in the general welfare of the community, and are represented on such public bodies as the National Council of Women, Travellers' Aid Society, the New Settlers' League, Free Kindergarten Union of Victoria, the association to combat venereal disease and baby welfare. During the past year they contributed £100 to the Australasian relief for stricken Europe, and completed their kindergarten building at Richmond, in addition to conducting numerous other activities connected with the W.C.T.U., such as Carlisle House, where the takings for the year were £4149, and the wages and salaries amounted to £1283, and the housekeeping to £1937. Their activities cover a large field, and although many of their departments may be so much wasted energy, they supply a definite channel of interest to women whose lives are otherwise fairly uninteresting; while, on the other hand, actual results are achieved in some of the departments. The prison work, for instance, provides a very definite relief to the women inmates at Pentridge. For over eighteen months members of the W.C.T.U. have visited the prison every third Saturday to teach the women fancy work, as many as 62 inmates having been taught

and supplied with material to last until the next visit. No religious service is held, but an effort is made to brighten the afternoon with community singing. There are, too, the women who give their services in temperance booths at country shows or regularly every week during the football season. In Maryborough during the past season a temperance booth was held at each match, the whole of the profits, £20, together with a further £20 collected from friends, being handed over to the Football Association.

### A GREAT MAN HAS FALLEN.

The passing of ex-President Wilson will stir tender memories in the heart of every woman. He will long be honoured as the statesman who realised that the achievement of World Peace was within the region of practical politics, that it was not a chimera, but an ideal, the means for whose transformation into an actual was to be discussed by statesmen and leaders. The League of Nations, Mr Wilson's own scheme, is not perfect, but so far it is the only scheme put forward that gives any promise of progress in the direction of World Peace. The brave man who laboured for this ideal at such a cost to himself has passed on, but his works remain with us.

He passes on before the race—  
And sings out of a silent place;  
Like faint notes of a forest bird  
On heights afar the voice is heard,  
And the dim path he breaks to-day—  
Will some time be the trodden way.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,  
There are souls that are pure and true;  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.  
Give love, and love to your heart will flow,  
A strength in your utmost need;  
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show  
Their faith in your word and deed.  
For life is the mirror of king and slave,  
'Tis just what you are and do;  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.

# News of the Unions.

## PLEASE NOTE!

1. Every Union should report.
2. Reports must be short.
3. Must be in by 8th of month.
4. Don't report what you are going to do.
5. Don't send newspaper reports of your meetings.

## NEW PLYMOUTH.

Jan. 30. Opening meeting of the session. Mrs Griffin presided. Votes of sympathy were passed to Miss Webb on the loss of her mother, also to several local members, and parents of Cradle Roll members. A letter was read from Wellington re nurses' fortnightly holiday. Decided to write Hospital Board expressing sympathy with same. Deputation appointed to wait upon Mayor and Borough Council to arrange permanent rest room. Frances Willard Day to be held February 13th. Cradle Roll picnic February 16th. Committees appointed for Convention arrangements.

## PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 1. Fair attendance. A vote of regret and heartfelt sympathy passed with our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Collins, in her recent sad bereavement through death by drowning of one of her sons. Names of members suggested as delegates to Annual Convention.

## KAIAPOI.

Jan. 30. Mrs Jackson in the chair. Fair attendance. The Secretary's report showed good work for the year; 31 new members. We have bought a section in High Street, and hope soon to have a building on it. The Treasurer's report showed a balance. The Band of Hope Treasurer's report showed a balance, and good work in that department. Our Building Fund is in a good way. Decided that we send a letter of appreciation to Miss Earnshaw. Mrs E. Roberts was appointed Treasurer.

## OXFORD.

Jan. 16. First meeting for the year. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs Stubbs, senr., and family in their bereavement. The President read several extracts from the "White Ribbon," emphasising the need for increased activity on the part of each individual member. She urged members to an effort to attend the monthly meetings regularly, and endeavour to bring others with them. The syllabus for 1924 to be drawn up at next meeting. It was desired to make the meetings both helpful and interesting, and all members were invited to bring forward suggestions to that end.

## LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

Jan. 10. During the session, lasting from February till November, eight meetings were held, six in Lincoln and two in Springston. On two occasions it was too wet. Thanks to our worthy President's most interesting talks and readings, these meetings were well attended, and most pleasant and instructive. Our earnest thanks are also due to those members who so kindly convey other members to the place of meeting. Our session opens again in February, when we hope to welcome new members, and carry on our meetings with renewed hope and vigour.

## GREYTOWN.

Jan. 29. Mrs Morison presided over small but enthusiastic meeting. Resolved to let Dominion Convention deal with letter received from the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, London. Mrs Whincop was appointed visitor to sick for following month, flowers to be left with Mrs Leigh or Mrs Whincop. Mrs D. McKenzie was elected delegate to Convention. Decided to hold first L.T.L. meeting at 3.30 on Tuesday, February 26th, after usual monthly meeting of Union.

## MAUNGATUROTO.

Jan. 24. Poor attendance. Mrs Wright in chair. Decided to advertise place of meeting and officers. Balance-sheet read and accepted as correct. Credit balance of £2 6s 6d. Afternoon tea dispensed.

## PETONE.

Feb. 5. Mrs Jones resigned as President, owing to removal to Feilding. Her resignation accepted with very great regret, many members expressing appreciation of the work done for the Union during her term of office. A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs Jones, who had lost her daughter, and had to go to Feilding to take care of her motherless grandson. A vote of condolence was passed to Pastor Neild, whose wife had passed away. Votes of sympathy were passed to Mrs Nimmo and Mrs Wiseman, who are both in hospital. Special prayers were offered on behalf of the bereaved and sick members. Mrs Murgatroyd was elected President, and Mrs Hope as delegate to New Plymouth Convention. Next drawing-room meeting to be held at the home of Mrs McEwan, given by Mrs McEwan and Mrs Doneghu, this to be a farewell to Mrs Blair.

## CARTERTON.

Jan. 16. Mrs Every presided, 15 being present. Weather inclement. President read an article from the "White Ribbon" on the growth of the gambling habit in the Dominion, showing it to be much greater than in the Old Land. Decided to send a delegate to Convention, and to hold a meeting in Carrington Park on February 6th, to celebrate Frances Willard Day. Mesdames

Peryman and Anderson provided afternoon tea.

Feb. 6. Meeting in the Park a success, mothers with children preferring the outdoor meetings. Ordinary business of the monthly meeting was executed, Mrs Every presiding. Decided to change the day of meeting to first Wednesday in the month, instead of third Wednesday, as previously. Mrs T. Rathbone was elected Superintendent of Y Branch. Mrs Tyler appointed delegate to Convention in New Plymouth. An article was read on the work of our Union in China, where the membership totals 6300. Mrs Peryman gave a very interesting address on the life of Frances Willard. Four new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

## ASHBURTON.

Feb. 5. A very large attendance, Sister Mildred presiding. The Secretary reported on the meeting of Executive held to consider the resignations of President and Treasurer, when Mrs W. T. Lill and Mrs D. F. Keir were nominated to fill the above-mentioned offices respectively. No other nominations being forthcoming, Mrs Lill was duly elected President of the Union, and briefly acknowledged the honour again conferred upon her. A vote of sympathy was passed with Rev. W. J. and Mrs Williams, in the loss of their youngest son; also with members in sickness. Mrs D. F. Keir was elected delegate to Convention, also Treasurer. The meeting took the form of a social gathering, in which the No-License Council took part, to bid farewell to Rev. G. and Mrs Miller, who are removing to Dunedin. A brief but enjoyable programme was submitted, the items being interspersed with eulogistic references to the splendid work and influence for good of the guests of the afternoon. On behalf of the members, Mrs Lill presented to Mrs Miller a solid leather suit-case, suitably inscribed, a "sunshine" purse, and a box of stationery. The recipient, in a very helpful speech, thanked those present for their useful gifts. Mr Miller also responded. A social time was very pleasantly spent.

## SUMNER.

Feb. 6. Members met again for year's work in good numbers, Mrs McCombs presiding. Members stood in silence and carried votes of sympathy with Mrs W. J. Williams in the loss of her son, and with Mrs T. E. Taylor in the loss of her daughter. An address by Mrs McCombs on her recent tour in Queensland as a representative from New Zealand to work for Prohibition, was followed with keen interest by all present. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs McCombs for her address was carried by acclamation. The matter of augmenting Union funds was referred to Executive to devise means and make recommendations.



## WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Feb. 7. The President (Mrs Goody) gave a very interesting address. The following officers were elected:—Cradle Roll, Miss Rose; Peace and Arbitration Department, Mrs Davies; Devotional, Mrs Upton; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Siddells; Legal and Parliamentary and Press Reporter, Mrs Emmett. Mrs Reed was appointed delegate for Convention. Failing Mrs Reed, Mrs Siddells to go.

## PLEASANT POINT.

Feb. 6. Small attendance. Decided to vote £1 towards Sailors' Rest in Timaru. Balance-sheet for year showed credit balance for £4 17s. Secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy to Mr T. D. Burnett, M.P., who met with an accident, and also to one of our members who is ill in hospital. Secretary also instructed to write to another member who is leaving the district, conveying our appreciation of her services. Afternoon tea served.

## DANNEVIRKE.

Feb. 7. Reopening meeting. Attendance was disappointingly small, only six present. Next meeting—first Thursday now always—the Secretary will speak on "Personal Impressions from the Recent Spiritual Healing Mission." Collection as per Frances Willard Day. Either the President (Mrs Hutchinson) or Secretary (Miss Heaton) will represent this Branch at the forthcoming Convention.

## INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Feb. Decided to give our Hospital Visitor a donation quarterly. Mrs McKenzie (District President) and Mrs Lillicrap (President) were appointed to represent our Union at the coming Convention. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Kilburn on the passing of her husband. Mrs Baird got two of the Temperance essays published in one of the local papers. Some of our members helped in the tea and rest tents at the Summer Show, also at the Hickson Mission. Decided to hold our meetings on the second Tuesday in the month. Commandant Shroeder gave us a most interesting address. Two new members were welcomed.

## PONSONBY.

Jan. A Librarian has been appointed to take charge of some 20 purity books, purchased from Nurse Chappell by our President for discreet circulation. Mrs Andrews continues to do fine work for the Cradle Roll Department. Our President, Mrs Lee-Cowie, notified her projected tour to Honolulu, America, Canada, Britain, India, Ceylon, and Australia. Members expressed deep regret at losing our President, but recognised that as World's Mis-

sionary she must traverse the wider field occasionally. Mrs C. H. Taylor was appointed acting-President, Mrs Haines Librarian, Miss Adams Rec. Sec., Miss Pyle Cor. Sec. Prayer was asked for our President while on her travels. She leaves by "Makura" on February 12th, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Garroway, of Takapuna, and hopes to return in good time for the 1925 poll.

Feb. 7. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided. A very large gathering, to give a loving farewell and to wish God-speed to our dear President, Mrs Lee-Cowie, who is sailing on Tuesday, February 12th, on the s.s. "Makura," spending 10 days in Honolulu on mission work, and thence to America to see for herself the working of Prohibition in U.S.A. Then on to Glasgow, Scotland for the World Sunday School Convention; then to London for the great Temperance meetings and for Temperance work. The Union gave Mrs Cowie a very handsome silk shawl. Mrs Lee-Cowie responded in an inspiring and charming speech, urging everyone to double their efforts in the coming year. A very good programme and afternoon tea added to the pleasure, and was much enjoyed. Four new members.

## Y's Column.

My Dear Y's.—

A Very Happy New Year to each and all of you, and best thanks to the officers, members and Unions who sent me such hearty Christmas and New Year greetings; such acts of kindly remembrance cement and strengthen the bond of friendship already between us.

I am sure you are all making many good resolutions for 1924. Let me ask you each to include one for your Y Branch or Y Circle. We all want our Circle or Branch to accomplish great things, don't we, so let us each make a compact with ourselves of our best—our time, energy, prayers and money to help our own Branch or Circle, and so benefit our Cause as a whole. Let us each be a live member, whether we can attend meetings or not, we can always gain new members (a star of honour is given to the member who gains 12 new paid up 1/- members, outside of any meetings) wear our white bow, and keep ourselves up-to-date by reading our "White Ribbon" paper, and studying the effect of alcohol on the human body, by early in the year paying your subscription.

Now just what do you mean to do this year for your Branch?

IS IT—

1. To improve the singing and arrange for chorus nights? These are most attractive, and a great many can take part.
2. To increase the membership? If you do, be sure you give a hearty welcome to the new-comers. I am confident you have friends who would join if they were asked. Have you asked them?
3. To increase your Welcome Committee? This is a very important piece of work, and its success makes for the success of the Branch.
4. To increase the circulation of our "White Ribbon" paper? If, so, know your own copy before introducing it to others.
5. To Start a "Threepenny Bit Bottle?" This will provide funds for teas for Old Folks' and Children's Homes, Sick Members' Remembrance Fund. This enables Branches to send flowers and fruit to invalid members.
6. To work for Jumble Sales, Sales of Work or entertainments of other kinds? Proceeds to pay our dues to Organising Fund.
7. To form a Snowdrop Band, with Brown planting night and White bloom night?
8. To form a Study Circle, which would afford demonstrations at meetings?
9. To prepare a Pageant to be given at W.C.T.U. Public or Y meetings?
10. To arrange for Y excursions or picnics?

Young people, the country needs you with your great wealth of youth, strength, and hope. The world needs Hope, that glorious quality, without which every cause must perish. We agree with the writer who said: "The coarse side of us worships success, but the deeper side of us, the nobler side of the Anglo-Saxon race, bases its optimism on a convinced belief that right will triumph in the end." We believe we are on the side of right, when we ourselves abstain from alcohol as a beverage, and induce others to do the same.

That you may make your Branch or Circle a successful one, and be true to your motto, "For God, for Home, for Every Land," is the sincere wish of

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### A JOYFUL ECHO.

The following letter was written by Miss Anna Gordon to the President of the Indian National President of the W.C.T.U., when she heard of the Proclamation of Prohibition for the State of Bhopal by H.H. the Begum of Bhopal:—

"We had a most exciting time yesterday, when your letter came announcing the queenly act of Her Highness the Begum of Bhopal in proclaiming Prohibition for her people. I have a dear little old bell that in the early years of our life at Rest Cottage, in Miss Willard's home, used to be rung for breakfast, dinner, and supper. It has a white ribbon on the handle, and I have used it as State by State fell into line for Prohibition or ratified the Prohibition Amendment, or when our States went over the top with the apportionment for our Jubilee Fund. The bell has become quite historic, and when your letter came announcing this splendid Prohibition proclamation I felt that I must ring the bell for India, for the National W.C.T.U., and for this far-sighted Queen, so I brought it over to our National Headquarters building and rang it merrily. You should have seen our workers come out of their various offices to learn what had happened. Each and every one was thrilled by the good news your letter has brought. We all send congratulations to National Headquarters that you are honoured with a beautiful picture of this leader of the people. Can we not have a photograph of the painting to use in the 'Union Signal'? Miss Deane, our Editor, will give a display news note of the great event, which we hope will be one that will spread throughout India."

Thus is forged another link in the chain of fellowship and goodwill, binding together the women who strive to make this a better world.—From the "Indian Temperance News."

### IF YOU WILL.

If you want a thing bad enough  
To go out and fight for it,  
Work day and night for it,  
Give up your time and your peace  
And your sleep for it—  
If gladly you'll sweat for it,  
Fret for it, plan for it:  
If you'll simply go out after that thing  
That you want, with all your capacity,  
If, dogged and grim, you besiege and  
best it,  
You'll get it!

### DR. FRANK CRANE GIVES A MAN IN SHANGHAI THE FACTS.

A man from Shanghai writes me, in substance, that, noting I have recently visited his city, and believing that I am in a position to know American conditions pretty well, that I am not a fanatic or a propagandist, and that I am honest enough to tell the truth as I see it, he would like to get from me my views on Prohibition in the United States.

From the newspapers he gets the most diverse opinions. Is Prohibition a farce? Is it being violated everywhere? Will it be repealed? Or modified?

My answer is simple. Prohibition is in the United States to stay. The saloon is gone forever. The law may possibly be modified, but not probably in our lifetime; but the gist of it will remain.

This drug has been placed for all time along with opium, cocaine, and other habit-forming drugs, to be sold only under the supervision of the medical profession.

Prohibition rests upon a constitutional amendment. This is the hardest kind of law in the world to pass.

First, an amendment must receive an overwhelming majority in both the National Senate and House. After that it must be ratified by three-fourths of the State Legislatures. All this takes much time, and the utmost publicity.

The richest lobby in the world fought this amendment at every step.

Almost every agency of public opinion was against it. It was opposed by the greater part of the newspapers, by the labour organisations, by the leaders of society, by the intellectuals, and by the enormous momentum of tradition and habit.

Nobody was left except the plain main street folks, and there were so many of them, and they were so solidified in conviction, that they swept the amendment through by a decisive vote, and with few exceptions every body of legislators that has been elected since has been even more strongly in favour of it.

There isn't a chance in the world of Prohibition's being repealed; at least not until woman's suffrage and negro emancipation are repealed. You will see the saloon come back about the time you see the auction block once more set

up and slaves sold in the market place.

Personally, I am not a teetotaler. But even that does not make me blind or cross-eyed to facts. And the fact is that no human being ever needed alcohol except as administered by a physician in a crisis. The further fact is that the open sale of alcohol is undeniably prejudicial to public welfare, provocative of crime and disorder, and a recognised enemy of efficiency.

Prohibition was not put over by fanatics, but by hard-headed business men and sober-minded common-sense folks.

It was the greatest moral gesture ever made by a free people in history.

In carrying it out there will be mistakes, extravagances and foolish things done, of course, for we are human.

But in nine-tenths of the United States the law is well observed. Millions of boys and girls are growing up and never see a drunken man.

Savings have increased, thousands of homes are happier, labour is more efficient, and property and life are more secure.—"Chicago Daily News."

### THE ONE WHO "JUST BELONGS."

The ones who "just belong" sit back  
And think how much they aid  
To keep the Union on the track,  
Because their dues are paid.  
Well! that's a virtue, I admit,—  
A mighty virtue too,—  
But if they want to make a hit,  
There's something else to do:

To pay your part, is first of all,  
But not the "first and last";  
A dozen other duties call,  
When that is done and past.  
To pay your money cheerfully,  
Is not of one, the test;  
For one may pay, and still may be  
Delinquent in the rest.

Don't be the one who "just belongs,"  
Who just gets on and rides;  
Who joins the members in their songs,  
And nothing else besides.  
For they must work as well as play—  
Must give, as well as take,—  
You have to work as well as pay,  
A Union good to make.

—Selected.



## TRUTH IS MIGHTY, AND MUST PREVAIL.

The experience of California was quoted by Assemblyman Wright, father of the Wright Enforcement Law, as below:—

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**AUCKLAND Y'S**, 2nd Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m., Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers. Pres., Mr E. Francis Mills, 46 Kensington Avenue, Mt. Eden; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 6 Lawrence Street, Ponsonby; Assist. Sec., Mr H. Bowls; Vice-Pres., Miss Pyle, Mrs Hugh Kasper; Treas., Mrs Rawlinson; Supt., Miss J. Morton, Woodley Avenue, Remuera.

**ARAMOHO**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs D. Hallam, 252 Somme Parade; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dudley; Rec. Sec., Mrs Sharpe, Roberts Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Gilmour, Paterson Street; Treas., Miss Gilmour, Paterson Street; W.R. Agent, Miss N. Gilmour, Paterson Street.

**AVONDALE**, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Cook; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. T. Blight; Cor. Sec., Mrs Beath; Treas., Mrs Avery; W.R. Agent, Mrs Avery.

**ASHBURTON**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs G. Miller, Havelock Street W.; Joint Secs., Mrs J. Thompson, Wakanui Road, and Miss Treverza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs D. F. Keir, Cameron Street E.; W.R. Agent, Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

**BIRKENHEAD**, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m., in Zion Hill, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Le Roy, Hauraki Rd; Sec., Mrs Todd, Crescent Road; Rec. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Hauraki Road.

**BLENHEIM**, first Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. W. Rowntree, York Terrace; Sec., Mrs Smith, Brook Street, Springlands; Treas., Mrs T. Pike; Literature, Mrs Wass; Rest and Refreshment, Mrs A. W. Jackson; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Pike; Cradle Roll, Mrs A. Mills.

**BLUFF**, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Donaldson, Barrow Street; Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. H. Johnston, Foyle Street; Treas., Mrs W. Barber, Foyle Street.

**CARTERTON**, 3rd Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Every; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Knutson, Victoria Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Braithwaite, Clifton Avenue; Treas., Mrs August Anderson, High Street; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Moore; W.R. Agent, Miss Watterson.

**CAMBRIDGE**, 2nd Thursday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Treas., Mrs E. J. Easter, Princes Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Whitehouse.

**CHRISTCHURCH**, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, opposite His Majesty's Theatre, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey Street; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans.

**DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hutchinson, Edward Street; Vice-Pres., Miss Heaton; Sec., Miss Heaton, Cadman Road; Treas., Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, 227 High Street.

**SOUTH DUNEDIN**, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Miss Powell, Cliffs Road, St. Clair; Sec., Mrs E. L. Johnston, 36 Baker Street, Caversham; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson Street, South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 67 Main South Road, Caversham.

**DUNEDIN**, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Hanover Street Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs Hiett, 264 George Street; Cor. Sec., Miss M. S. Powell, 120 Cliffs Road, St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Alexander, Dundas St.; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori Work, Mrs Romerill; Evangelistic, Mrs Bennett; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Driver; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Work Among Seamen, Miss Nicol; Cradle Roll, Mrs Marcella; Home Meetings and Press, Mrs Hutton.

**DEVONPORT**, 2nd Thursday, Congregational Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Burnett, Jubilee Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs Elliott and Mrs Armitage; Sec., Mrs Trevurza, Cra-croft Street; Treas., Mrs Hay, Tainui Road; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnson, Albert Road; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Sheppard.

**EKETAHUNA**, meets 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Green; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hansen and Mrs Edmonds; Treas. and Act. Sec., Mrs Norman; W.R. Agent, Mrs Baillie.

**EDENDALE** (Southland), 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs G. Bridgman, Methodist Manse; Sec., Miss H. Hall; Treas., Miss Cranstoun; W.R. Agent, Mrs Horace Niven.

**EDEN**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Road, Mt. Eden, Cor. Sec., Mrs Scanlan, 2 Mars Avenue, Edendale N.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Aul, 14 Tenterden Avenue, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs Cartwright, Huia Villa, Dominion Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hudson, Richmond Road, Mt. Eden.

**FEILDING**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Pack, Sandilands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, P.O. Box 11; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell, West Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mai; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tremain.

**GORE**, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs E. C. Smith; Sec., Mrs T. Dunlop; Treas., Mrs McAskill; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rhodes and Stewart; Cradle Roll, Mrs McAskill; W.R. Agent, Mrs T. Stevenson.

**GREYMOUTH**, Business only last Tuesday. Prayer Meeting, second Tuesday in Sailors' Rest Hall. Pres., —; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaskin and Parkinson; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Wilson, Cowper Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Reynolds, Karora.

**GREYTOWN**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs Morrison; Vice-Pres., Mrs R. Anker; Sec., Miss Oates, Wood Street; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

**GISBORNE**, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Road; Sec., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road.

**HAWERA**, last Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Tait; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Boucher, Manawapou Rd; Treas., Mrs Burge, 18 Burlong St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

**HAMILTON EAST**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs E. Watkins, 131 Grey Street; Sec., Mrs Mears; Treas., Mrs G. Jack, McFarlane Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs R. Mears, 176 Grey Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dey, Albert Street.

**HASTINGS**, 4th Thursday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Harper, Duchess Crescent; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fawcett, Paul, and Hughes; Sec., Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs Pullar, 715 Heretaunga Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Paul, P.O. Box 276.

**HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Platt, North Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs Wright and Miss Duncan; Treas., Mrs Williams; Rec. Sec., Mrs McKay, Great North Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Williams; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Fenney, Waahi Hamlet.

**HAMILTON**, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Paul, Mathew, and Gilmour; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Boneham.

**INGLEWOOD**, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. B. Simpson, P.O. Plakau; Sec., Miss Johnston, Kingsdowne; Treas., Mrs J. Burgess, P.O., Te Tawa.

**INVERCARGILL Y's** meet 1st Monday, in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss R. Finlayson, 66 Oteramika Road; Rec. Sec., Miss J. E. Seed, Box 13; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Swale, 7 Grace Street; Treas., Miss W. Cunningham, Nith Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Rita Finlayson.

**INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH**, 2nd Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Lillierap, 57 Earn Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, McKenzie, Boyes, Young, and Carlisle; Sec., Mrs Walker, 232 Canon Street; Treas., Mrs Matheson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnston.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH**, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs McGregor; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Pasley, Smart, Fairbairn, Garrett, and Aitken; Rec. Sec., Mrs Parkin; Cor. Sec., Mrs Crozier, 44 Pomona Road; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pasley.

**INVERCARGILL NORTH.** Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Sec., Miss Dewar, 10 Newcastle Street; Treas., Miss Hardie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Kent.

**KAIAPOL.** W.C.T.U. Assembly Rooms. Union meets last Wednesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs S. Jackson, Fuller Street; Sec., Mrs Stewart, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs E. Roberts, Meadow Road; W.R. Supt., Mrs Stanton, North Road.

**LOWER HUTT.** 4th Wednesday Church of Christ, Queen Street, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Road; Sec., Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick Street; Treas., Mrs Baigent, King's Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mussen, Pretoria Street.

**MANAIA.** 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gilbert and Smith; Sec., Mrs C. Hansen; Treas., Miss D. Patterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Sandford, Manaia Road.

**MAUNGATUROTO.** 4th Thursday, at Foresters' Hall. Pres., Mrs Wright, The Manse; Sec., Mrs L. E. Cullen; Treas., Mrs W. Wallace; W.R. Agent, Miss Healey.

**MASTERTON.** 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Miss Wingate, Casel Street; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road; W.R. Agent (vacant).

**MORRINSVILLE.** meets 2nd Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Richards. The Manse, Allen St.; Sec., Mrs Cooper, Allen Street; Treas., Mrs Willis, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

**MONGIEL.** third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taiari; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inglis Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Forth Street.

**MOTUEKA.** last Wednesday in month, 3 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Richards, The Manse, Riwaka; Vice-Pres., Captain Hammond, Greenwood Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Glover, King Edward Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Bradshaw, c/o Hau Post Office; Treas., Mrs Quayle, Atkins Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hulbert, Poole Street.

**NGARUAWAHIA.** 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs A. Walkinson; Sec., Mrs J. S. Colhoun; Treas., Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. W.R., Miss B. Walkinson.

**NAPIER.** first Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashburton Rd; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Leask, and McAllister; Rec. Sec., Mrs Field, Hastings Street Extension; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chaucer Road; Treas., Mrs Greenaway, 46 Macdonald Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Lodd; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens.

**NELSON District.** 2nd Tuesday, Methodist School Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Watson, Field, and Hunter; Rec. Sec., Mrs Brown, Weka Street; Treas., Miss Cooke, Examiner Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs C. Wilkinson, Grove Street; L.T.L., Mrs Moyes, Grove Street.

**NORMANBY.** 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall. Pres., Mrs Scott, Normanby, Rural Delivery; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Miss Anthony, Normanby; Treas., Mrs Linn, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs Clement; W.R., Mrs Gane.

**NEW BRIGHTON.** 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, Wainui Street, Bexley; Sec., Mrs Moses, Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs Campbell, Estuary Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Read, Parsonage; W.R. Agent, Mrs Whitley, Waverley Street, N.B.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Goon.

**NORTH-EAST VALLEY.** 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Road; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frame Street; W.R. Supt. Miss M. Prattley, 131 Main Road.

**NEW PLYMOUTH** last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Whitely Hall. Pres., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Scott, Mt. Edgecumbe Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chapman, 496 Devon Street; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Miss Taunt, Carrington Road.

**ORMONVILLE.** 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Alice Webb; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Wilson; Treas., Miss Thomason; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

**OPOTIKI.** 2nd Friday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas. Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs M. Downey; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hambly; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Chambers.

**TAHURU.** meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Currie, Avenue Road; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs R. Muir, Niger Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs West, Panmure Road.

**TAUTAU.** meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church, at 3.30. Pres., Mrs J. N. Brown; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington.

**OXFORD.** first Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Main Street; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Rol; Evan, Miss N. Gainsford; Flower Mission, Mrs Jamieson; Home Meetings, Mrs T. Gainsford; Notable Pairs, Mrs Cooper.

**OAMARU.** 2nd Monday, at Church of Christ Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, Tamer Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Steenson and Hutchinson, Misses Milligan, Wilson, and Stephenson; Sec., Mrs M. E. Blair, Wansbeck Street; Treas., Miss Day, Tees Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, Eden Street.

**TAHIATUA.** First Thursday in month, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson (Mayoress); Treas., Mrs O. Johnson, Victoria Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie, Riccarton Road; Sec., Miss M. Edmed, D.H. School.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.** 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., —; Cor. Sec., Mrs Collins, Amesbury Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan Street; Treas., Miss Hodder, Allan Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Burrell, 28 Bourke Street.

**PETONE.** 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd, Nelson Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rowse, Collins, McEwan, Corner, and Murgatroyd; Sec., Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street; Treas., Mrs Donoghue, 41 Vivian Street, Wellington; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street.

**PICTON.** second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Vice-Pres., Miss Harris and Mrs Jackson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Tobell; Rec. Sec., Mrs Millen; Treas., Mrs Jardine; Cradle Roll, Miss Mary Gullery; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. Wells.

**PLEASANT POINT.** meets 1st Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop, Box 18; Sec., Mrs J. T. Cunn, Bridge Road; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro; W.R. Agents, Miss Seaton, Totara Valley, and Miss Amy Neilson, Pleasant Point.

**KAKAIA.** meets on the 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Boag; Treas., Mrs Judkins; Sec., Mrs Field.

**RICHMOND (Nelson).** 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cropp, Fittall, and Oliver Sutton; Sec., Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs L. Sutton; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Aithorpe."

**STRATFORD.** 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs J. McAllister, Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lilley and Phillips; Sec., Mrs Abraham; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. Clarke, Orlando Street.

**SAWYER'S BAY.** 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs L. Cleghorn; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wallis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hudson; Treas., Mrs Findlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supts. Cradle Roll, Mrs Cook and Miss Andrews.

**SYDENHAM.** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, in Elgin Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street; Treas., Mrs Gillard, W.R. Agent, Mrs Teague.

**TAURANGA.** meets every 3rd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith, "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

**TAKAPUNA.** 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning, East Coast Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs Laidlaw, Milford, Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Road; Treas., Miss Mills; Cradle Roll, Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

**TE KUITI.** meets 2nd Tuesday, in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Vestry. Pres., Mrs Edgar, Waitete Road; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott; Treas., Mrs J. Nicholls, Matai Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

**TEMUKA.** meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Sims, Alinutt Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

**TIMARU.** last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, 12 Roslyn Terrace; Treas., Miss Pearson, Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs King, Bank Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street.

**WAIMATE.** 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock. Pres., Mrs Kippenberger, Studholme; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hurst, Naylor Street, Waimate; Cor. Sec., Mrs Harold Hayman, Willowbridge; Treas., Mrs Roy, Waituna; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes Street.

**WAITARA.** Knox Church, 3rd Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Avery; Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Domett Street.

**WAIPIAWA.** 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

**WANGANUI CENTRAL.** 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey, 26 College Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 165 Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Reed, Nelson Street; Treas., Mrs Warwick, St. John's Hill; W.R. Supt., Mrs H. Smith.

**WANGANUI EAST.** meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Chapel. Pres., Mrs Duxfield, "Okola," Wanganui E.; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. McLeod; Cor. Sec. and Treas., Sec., Mrs E. Frethey, Nile Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis, Helmore Street.

**WHANGAREI.** 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Galpin; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lovatt, Lochore, Goodall, and Curtis; Sec., Miss Rowsell; Asst. Sec., Miss Hilford; Treas., Mrs R. Gibson; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs C. R. Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dredon; Press Reporter, Mrs Lovatt; L.T.L., Mrs W. Goodall.

**WINCHMORE.** 2nd Wednesday, alternately at Greenstreet and Winchmore. Pres., Mrs Robinson; Sec., Mrs W. Bennett, "Daylesford," Winchmore; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Bennett, Winchmore.

**WELLINGTON SOUTH.** 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Wright, 127 Constable Street; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Moller, 6 Burwah Street. Y Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL.** 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hughes, Caughley, McDonald, Harry, Dawson and Holland; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. C. Webb, Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 148 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Mrs Caughley.

**WAIPIKURAU.** 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gore; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding and Major; Sec., Mrs Reid; Treas., Mrs Robinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Smale.

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