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THE IDEALS AND WORK OF THE PEACE AND ARBITRATION DEPARTMENT.

I have been asked to write something about the Peace and Arbitration Department, for the benefit of the younger members of our Union. First of all, I should like to call attention to the words of Frances Willard, when she sent out her first call to all those bands of women who were working in the Temperance Cause to join together and form one great organisation for the special object of freeing the world from the curse of the liquor traffic. In that first call she put forward three great aims, for the attainment of which this organisation was founded:—(1), the abolition of the liquor traffic; (2), the setting up of International Courts of Arbitration for the settlement of disputes between nations, **for the abolition of war**; and (3), to work for purity in every form;—Prohibition, Peace, Purity. So we see that the Peace and Arbitration Department represents one of the fundamental principles of our Union, as set forth by its founder, and one of our first duties, as members of the W.C.T.U., is therefore to work in any way open to us for the attainment of the ideal set before us—the ideal of a world free from war and all strife, where the nations shall live together in peace and amity, recognising one another as brothers, the children of one Father; realising that the good of one is the good of all, and that no nation can gain any real benefit through the loss or injury of another.

This is the ideal which we have to keep steadily before us and to work for unceasingly; and I lay stress upon this fact of the **ideal** because it is our ideals that are the strongest force and the most important element in our life and work. Our work belongs to the present, but our ideals govern the future—hence their supreme importance; it is what we are always thinking of and looking forward to, what we are striving for, rather than what we are doing, that determines our future life and action; that which we recognise as the highest good to which we can attain is of far greater importance than what we are now actually able to accomplish. The realisation of this truth will be an inspiration to every worker, and those who are young and only now beginning their real life-work, if they keep it ever in mind, will find it a help in every difficulty, and renewed hope in every apparent failure.

Before leaving this thought of the importance of our ideals, there are four points we want to remember in connection with it. (1) That the true ideal is progressive. We do not see the final goal at the beginning of our work, but it may be only the first step. Just as in climbing a mountain, we see first some lower peak and imagine it to be the summit, but when we reach it we see other and higher peaks beyond, so is it with our ideals; what we see now is but a small part of the whole, and as we come nearer to its attainment, we invariably find something far greater and nobler beyond, which spurs us on to greater effort; this we

must be prepared for, and be ever ready to go forward, not clinging to the lower when once the higher has been seen. (2) That every ideal must be worked out in the individual life before it can become a power in the world. It is only through the individual that any reform can be carried out in the nation; It is individual thought that constitutes the thought of the community, and before any idea can become a general belief it must be accepted by individual minds—any virtue that we would like to see realised in social or national life must first be cultivated in the individual life. (3) Every ideal must have a spiritual basis. The spiritual is the reality, therefore permanent, the material is merely a passing manifestation; and only that which is founded upon a sense of the reality and power of the Divine Spirit working in all things has in it the necessary elements of permanence and success. (4) Remember that failure is not defeat. Do not be afraid of failure. The only real defeat is when we give up trying; and the very mistakes we make are the results of our ignorance, and if met in the right spirit will become our best teachers. If we can keep those thoughts always before us we shall not be discouraged, even if it seems sometimes as if we had accomplished nothing, but we shall go forward with joy and hopefulness, knowing that in the end we shall reap if we faint not.

In the light of these thoughts let us see in what ways we can help in the work for peace—how we can translate our ideals into action; for

it is only in this way that we can make any progress, or gain the insight that will show us what our next step should be. There are several lines along which such work may be carried on. (1) If we want to help to bring peace to the world, we must first cultivate it in our own hearts, that so we may radiate it all round us. We should try always to think peace, to speak peace, to live peace; before world peace can come, there must be peace in the community, peace in the home, and as we have already seen, that can only be when we have peace in ourselves. Does this seem to you vague and unreal, or unpractical? Remember that thought is one of the strongest forces in the world. What we think, we become; and more than that, the things we dwell upon in thought are the things that gradually shape themselves into form, and make the surroundings in which we live. If we believe this, we shall realise how supremely important it is that we should learn to think rightly, and we shall be much more careful to allow no evil thought to enter our minds. Add to this the immense power of united thought, the reaction of one mind upon another, and you will come to realise what a force for good lies in our hands, if only we know how to use it. If we could realise this fully and could learn to use this wonderful power which we possess, it would be possible for the women of the world, united in one purpose, to banish war from the earth, and to usher in the dawn of the glorious day of peace. Here is work in which each one of us may take a part; it is only by individual effort of this kind that this great day can come, and the more there are who will give themselves to this work, the sooner will that time arrive.

(2) The next step will be to use every opportunity for the spread of these ideas amongst those around us, trying to influence others, and to win their interest, their sympathy and co-operation in the work for peace. Think for a moment what is the history of every ideal and every reform. It is first seen and recognised by the few whose hearts are open to receive it, and who become the pioneers of the movement. It is often a difficult path they have to tread, a path in which they meet with ridi-

cule and misunderstanding, with opposition and it may be even persecution; but gradually, if they are true and faithful to the truth they see, the light that is in their hearts shines out and is seen and recognised by others, perhaps a small minority at first, but growing ever larger, till the minority has become the majority, and the truth that was at first ridiculed as a dream or condemned as a heresy, is accepted as a universal belief.

This is true of every ideal and every reform which has won its way in the world; for truth must ever win its way against opposition, and it is our attitude towards our ideals and our recognition of their value and power which is one of the main factors in securing its acceptance. We can all do a great deal in this way, by bringing any fresh thought or any interesting fact in connection with the Peace Movement to the notice of others, lending papers or pamphlets to those who perhaps do not know much about the subject; if possible, forming a small group for reading and studying together, thus helping to increase the general interest and to bring the subject into greater prominence.

(3) Another way in which we can help the work is by giving our support to Movements which have for their aim the abolition of war and the establishment of world Peace. There are many such in the world to-day, and it should be our aim to become familiar with them, to understand what they are trying to do, and how it may be possible to give the help that is needed. In many countries now there are organisations whose members refuse to take part in war or support it in any or under any conditions. We may not be able to take that stand, but we can at least study these movements and try to understand the principles they are endeavouring to put into practice, and the methods they are adopting. We shall then be better able to judge as to how far we can go with them. We should always remember that all do not see things in the same way or look at them from the same standpoint; we shall then be less likely to criticise or condemn those who are trying to reach the same goal as ourselves, but by a different road.

There is one special line which is now open to all W.C.T.U. mem-

bers:—work in connection with the League of Nations Union. In accordance with the resolution passed by Convention more than a year ago, the W.C.T.U. has now become affiliated with the League of Nations Union; this should tend to the strengthening of both organisations, and should become a large factor in the furtherance of World Peace, which is one of the principal aims of both bodies. But the mere fact of affiliation will be of no great moment without the personal interest and co-operation of the individual members. The League of Nations is working for the prevention and the final abolition of war, besides giving its aid to many philanthropic and humanitarian reforms; but to gain this object it needs the support and help of public opinion, and the best way of giving such help is by increasing the membership of the League of Nations Union. It is therefore hoped that many individual members of the W.C.T.U. will become also members of the L.N.U., by paying an annual subscription of 1/-; this is sufficient to secure membership, while a 5/- subscription entitles the member to a copy of "Headway," the monthly periodical of the League, which gives a full account of its work. Members should feel it their duty to gain as full information as they can of this work, which they will find most interesting, and then to pass it on to others, trying to arouse their interest and getting them also to join. A little regular study of the literature published by the L.N.U. will well repay those who can give even a short time to it; and I would recommend to all our Y Unions as an introduction to this study a small book entitled "The Fight for Peace," a short notice of which appears in May "White Ribbon." The price is only 2/-, and I shall be glad to supply a copy to any Union who would like to procure one.

(4) There is one other point that I want to put before you, especially those who are teachers, or whose work brings them in any way into touch with children, and there not many women to whom this does not apply. It is the supreme importance of impressing upon the minds of children those principles of peace and love which make for the happiness and welfare of the world, while they are

young and their characters yet in the process of formation. This has been so often dwelt upon that it should be hardly necessary to do more than mention it. But we can never emphasize too strongly the thought that the future of the world rests with the children; and that what they may make it depend mainly upon the principles which are given them for their guidance in early years. Realising this, we see what a responsibility rests upon those who have anything to do with the training of young children. See that their games and amusements of every kind are of a constructive rather than destructive nature, and try to interest them in the arts of peace rather than the excitements of war; children will be found very responsive to peace ideals when placed before them in an attractive way. Surround them with an atmosphere of peace and love, and teach them to think of all others, to whatever nation they belong, as brothers and sisters whom they should love and help in every possible way, just as they would their own every-day companions, and you will be sowing the seeds of a national life which will be free from strife, and from the jealousies and ill-feeling which so often leads to war.

Then there is another way in which we may help to bring about better feelings and more friendly relations between the nations of the world. A great deal of want of friendliness and cordiality amongst them arises from the want of understanding of one another's lives, thoughts and ideals; a great deal has been done during the last few years to bring people of different countries nearer together, by getting them into individual touch with one another, getting them to know each other; but there remains much more to be done, and we should all try to make use of any opportunity we may have of cultivating the acquaintance of those belonging to a different race, and learning to know and appreciate them. It was for this reason that the "Ministry of Friendship" was inaugurated—that where any of our members know of someone whom they might interest in the life and experiences of another country, they might open up a correspondence with them, which would probably lead to a real friendship; every such

friendship would become an added link between two nations and strengthen the bond between them.

In conclusion there is one thing I would like to impress upon all young workers:—never miss an opportunity. Whatever chance may be given to you, take it without fear or hesitation; we never can tell what good work may remain undone because you or I failed to make use of the opportunity that came to us. From time to time suggestions are given in the White Ribbon for work in which all can take a part; when you see such a suggestion, do not pass it by as not concerning you, but try to give what help you can, no matter how little it may be; remember that great things may sometimes be done by the united action of individuals who by themselves might be able to accomplish very little. And finally, do not be afraid to act upon your own initiative, but if any idea comes to you, act upon it; it is the work that grows out of our own set purpose that is the most effective. We may sometimes make mistakes, but if our hearts and lives are consecrated to the service of humanity, which is the service of God, be assured that in His great wisdom and love, even our mistakes will be used in the fulfilment of the Divine purpose, and for our own training, that we may become better instruments for the carrying out of the work He has given us to do.

—MARIAN JUDSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following donations have been received since the last report:—

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Fielding, £1 1s.; Masterton, £1

ORGANISING FUND.

Martinborough, £20 10s. (well done, indeed)! Masterton, £1 10s.

MAORI FUND.

North East Valley £3 1s; Epsom, Onehunga, and Stratford £1 each; Blenheim, 15s 6d.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND

Epsom, 10s.

CORRECTION.

The donations of £1 to Organising Fund and 13s. 6d. to Maori Fund, credited to Wanganui Central in last report, were from Wanganui East.

NELLIE BENDELEY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,

10th September, 1924.

FAREWELL SOCIAL TO MRS. VENABLES.

A large gathering of W.C.T.U. members and friends met in Willard Hall, on August 28th, to bid "God speed" to Mrs. Venables on the eve of her departure for a visit to Tasmania. The Hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. In presenting Mrs. Venables with a beautiful silver tea service from the Union, Mrs. Speight spoke in terms of high appreciation of the faithful work done by Mrs. Venables when President for about ten years.

In response Mrs. Venables thanked the members, and exhorted them to attend the meetings, and do their part to keep and encourage the work, also not to forget to wear the White Ribbon. Songs, competition, and recitations,—all present also singing a verse of "All around the World" and after the presentation "For she's a jolly good Fellow" helped to speed away the two hours.

A dainty supper was served to the guests by ready helpers, and brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss Earnshaw has been organising in North Canterbury. The weather at times boisterous, the distances to travel great, have made the work difficult. But our organisers only see difficulties in order to overcome them. Unions have been organised at Sefton and Cheviot and many White Ribbon subscribers gained there and at other parts visited. Miss Earnshaw's address is c/o Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Cashmere, Ch.Ch.

Miss Bradshaw is at present in the Hawkes Bay District. She visited and helped Palmerston North and their President writes:—"I would like to tell you how much we have appreciated Miss Bradshaw's untiring and loving work. We have all learnt to love her." Miss Bradshaw is to be at Hawkes Bay Convention held in Napier and then she goes to Gisborne. Her address is c/o Mrs. Peryman, Foxton. Letters sent to these addresses given for our organisers will always be forwarded.

OUR WANDERERS.

Eastman Georgia,
U.S. America,
July 26th, 1924.

Dear Editor,—

When I last wrote we were in Iowa City enduring, as best we could, the fourth of July Celebrations. On the 5th we left for Chicago and Evanston. Our train reached Chicago late in the evening, and as we stepped out of the carriage intent upon securing a porter and finding a train for Evanston, we were greeted by no less a person than Miss Anna Gordon herself. It had never occurred to either of us that such an honour was possible, but one need not be more than a few minutes in Miss Gordon's company to find out that her life motto is "Service for others." Once she had taken us in hand our anxiety vanished. Luggage was attended to without any bother on our part and in due time we were on our way to Evanston where we were to spend four days as the guests of Miss Gordon. Late though it was when we arrived, we felt that we could not go to bed without paying a visit however brief to "Rest Cottage."

I had, of course, known that Frances Willard's home remained much as she left it when she died, and that the special rooms she used were preserved as the inner shrine of that home. "Things seen are mightier than things heard," and when we visited that home day after day and saw the rooms just as she left them, even the pen which she had used was lying on her desk, just as if ready to be taken up again. The 26 years that have passed since she was called to wider service, rolled away and we felt her very presence was with us. It did not need that we should sit in the very chair she had used and handle the things she had handled, for us to realize that the very spirit of love and services dwelt in the home—a spirit that is made all the more real by the presence there of Anna Gordon and her sister Elizabeth. Miss Anna Gordon proved to be another surprise for me. I had expected to see a tall, bustling person with an air of command, but Miss Gordon is small and very slender and graceful while her manner is gentleness itself, but behind and beneath the gentle manner there is the firmness and decision of the Commander-in-Chief of a great

army. One has only to visit headquarters to get some idea of what a mighty organisation the women's Christian Temperance Union of America is.

The National Headquarters is a splendid two storey brick building at the rear of "Rest Cottage," and some idea of the work done there may be gained from the fact that the staff of National officers and their assistants numbers 29. Every kind of work incidental to the effective working of the W.C.T.U. is carried on in this Building. In one room we found the editor of the Union Signal, in another close by was the editor of the Young Crusader, still other offices were assigned to the manager of the circulation department and her assistants; a large store-room was piled to the roof with literature and the staff was hard to work filing orders; the National Corresponding Secretary, and the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer and others all had their offices. I thought of our White Ribbon editor and wondered if we would ever be able to house her in a comfortable office and provide her with an expert stenographer. A very pleasant incident of our visit was the function arranged by Miss Gordon on the Tuesday afternoon. This was confined to the Headquarters staff and was meant as a welcome to Mrs. Don and myself and a farewell to Mrs. Kemp, National Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Kemp has been obliged through ill-health to resign office and return to her home in California. The most enjoyable feature of the gathering was the singing of the young girl members of the staff, several of whom have exceedingly sweet and tuneful voices. The songs were original, one which had a double function of a welcome to us and a farewell to Mrs. Kemp, was composed by the girls themselves. As a memento of the occasion Mrs. Gordon presented Mrs. Don with a gavel, and me with a jubilee penny paperweight, while to Mrs. Kemp she presented a map of the United States set in a large heart and filled with hearts linked together with gold—each small heart bore the name of a member of Headquarters Staff. At the close of the function ice-cream was served and we were told that in all probability this came from the most famous ice-cream factory, once a large Brewery known as "Hinky

Dinky" Brewery, now an ice-cream factory making "Hinky Dinky" ice-cream.

Before we left Evanston on the 5th, we were motored to Rosehill Cemetery where the Willard family are buried and where Frances Willard's ashes rest. The Cemetery as is usual in all the American cities is most beautifully kept—a veritable garden with its grass, and flowers and splendid trees.

From Evanston we headed south for Georgia and reached Eastman on the 16th of July having spent a few days at Atlanta, the capital of the State. Eastman is where Mrs. Armor makes her home and from the time that she heard we were intending to visit America, she urged us to spend part of July with her, and we had been looking forward to that visit from the day we landed, so here we are. We had left Atlanta for Macon, a city further south, where we were to stay for two days and have a meeting, but when we stepped out of the train at the station, we stepped right into the arms of Mrs. Armor. She had come to take us right on to Eastman. Any of our White Ribboners who met Mrs. Armor when she was in New Zealand can imagine how warm a welcome she gave us, but that warmth and hospitality is characteristic of the Southern States. Everywhere we have been, even if we were only passing through the train, we have been met by White Ribboners and friends who have overwhelmed us with their kindness.

Mrs. Armor looks not a day older than when she left New Zealand, and she says she is perfectly well. She is certainly still able for any amount of work and directly this short holiday is over she will be on the war-path again. It is wonderful how folk can keep on working in this heat. This week the temperature has ranged from 90 deg. to 99 deg., but yesterday a terrific thunderstorm cooled the air somewhat and made life bearable once more. Although we are supposed to be having a rest we have managed to get through several functions. Mrs. Don addressed the Sunday School last Sunday—whole families from the grandparents downwards attend Sunday School in America—and spoke at the Methodist Missionary Circle on Monday, and I addressed the Presbyteriat. Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Mrs. Don is to take the service in

the Methodist Church to-morrow. The day after we arrived the W.C.T.U. entertained us at a delightful lawn party, and on Sunday evening we were given a public welcome when representatives of the town and of every possible organisation made speeches of welcome.

Georgia is the land of peaches and water-melons. Everybody is eating peaches, canning peaches and making peach preserves and even then tons are going to waste or are being fed to the pigs. As for water-melons I never before saw such huge specimens, the best weigh from 40 to 60 lbs—the crop is so plentiful that some of the growers cannot market theirs' the price doesn't pay. Mean-time everyone is having all the water-melon he wants, and all day long one can hear on all sides a sound like ssllpp, ssllppp! which indicates that some small boy is happy.

The time will soon come for us to strike tent once more. We are to travel through Georgia and address meetings, so in my next letter I may be able to note something more like news.

With love to all our members,
Yours sincerely

CHRISTINA HENDERSON.

THE WEARING OF THE BADGE.

When you were last in town, how many of our badges did you see? How many did other people see? People on the other side, or people who "really don't care much about it" (those last are the ones that will come over to us if we concentrate on them, and if we each win one we'll win next election), they notice the badges as much as we do.

There really could be plenty more out on view for them to notice.

Is yours?

It really matters. Once fastened on your dress, it is no more trouble than it is when left on your pin-cushion. It often means the making of pleasant acquaintances, new friends. It always means keeping our flag flying. And it costs very little, either in time, work, thought or money, compared to how much work it does.

Think it over.

KATHERINE MERCER.

SPERINTENDENTS LETTER.

ANTI-GAMBLING DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—

I am intending to send leaflets to each union containing questions to be answered, and am hoping thereby to get a really worth while report of work done, to present to our Annual Convention, especially as I have been asked by our World's Superintendent to send a report of N.Z. work in this department to Headquarters, so please do your best, get to work as soon as possible and so have something to report. This is a copy of the Leaflet:—

- (1) Have you a superintendent of this Department in your Union?
- (2) Has your Union worked to put down Raffles, Guessing, Competitions and Art Unions in your District, and refused to join in any form in any Fete or Bazaar, etc., if any form of gambling is to be used to raise funds?
- (3) What literature have you distributed?
- (4) Are your newspapers supplied with items against gambling?
- (5) Have you taught the evils of Gambling to the children of your Band of Hope, and Loyal Temperance Legion?
- (6) What have the Churches in your District done by addresses, Sermons and Lectures against Betting and Gambling, and Racing during the year?

Keep a record of all work done in this Department and send to me not later than 15th January, 1925.

(Mrs.) W. T. LILL,

Dominion Superintendent.
Willowby, Canterbury.

26th August, 1924.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION DEPARTMENT.

The following paragraph appeared in the Monthly News Sheet of the Women's International League for August.

NO MORE WAR DECORATIONS.

An International Declaration. The following resolution will be ratified by demonstrations covering all sections of the peoples of at least 20 countries, on Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st:—

"This mass meeting of citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout Europe and America, joins with them in declaring its

hatred of war and militarism, and pledges itself to co-operate with them in working for conditions which shall guarantee that there shall be No More War by:—(a) perfecting international organisation for the removal of the curses of war, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the promotion of international co-operation; (b) securing the whole-hearted and organised co-operation of people's working through a perfected and inclusive League of Nations. (c) developing an international sense of solidarity which shall make war impossible."

This resolution has been agreed upon by national representatives of the League of Nations Union, National Free Church Council, Society of Friends, Women's International League, "No-More-War" Movement, Church of England Peace League, Co-operative Union, etc., etc., and it is thought to be phrased with sufficient moderation to unite all sections of peace-loving opinion for the common purpose of demonstrating against war. It is expected that a London Conference consisting of representatives of a great number of Societies will decide to hold a procession on Saturday afternoon, September 20th.

It is hoped that similar demonstrations may be held, and the same, or a similar resolution passed in the various New Zealand centres, but I have received no details at present. I would however, ask every Branch Union to endorse this resolution at their next meeting, more especially as it is approved by the League of Nations Union; that our W.C.T.U. may thereby show its loyalty to the League of Nations, and that we may at the same time express our determination to work faithfully for the high ideals for which the League stands, and give our support to the world-wide Movement for the attainment of a Universal and Permanent Peace. I shall be glad if every Union passing this resolution will report it to me as soon as convenient.

MARION JUDSON,

Dominion Superintendent.
September 8th, 1924.

"Beer is a spoiled, devitalised, devitalised food. Experiments with beer show it contains not a trace of vitamins."—Dr. C. W. Saleeby, F.R.S., England.

WORLD'S WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mrs. Peryman, my dear friend:—

While in the South recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Anna Gordon. Miss Gordon had just completed 15,000 miles in her tours in connection with the United States Jubilee Year celebrations and conventions. She has been having remarkable success in all her efforts.

It was a great delight to see Miss Gordon looking so well. Mrs. Boole too has been conducting these Jubilee gatherings also in the Western States. Our United States sisters are really accomplishing wonderful things. They have held their fifty Jubilee demonstrations.

Our Cause is winning its golden way in the United States. There is much insidious propaganda emanating from the Trade: speaking derogatory of the effectiveness of Prohibition. Much is absolutely false and sent forth for the deliberate purpose to deceive.

While there is drinking, of course, owing to the tremendous difficulty in enforcing the Law; the results of four years under prohibitory law are simply amazing. Children are better cared for, conditions among the poor materially improved, a great decrease in inmates of prisons, and much I have not space to mention. Mr. Lloyd George says:—

"America is the Country which got the most out of the great war,—not gold, but Prohibition. I saw a little of Prohibition. I went to America with the usual European prejudice against it, hearing that it was demoralizing America and that there was more liquor there than ever. That is not true, not in the least. There are some men who get it, but I believe it is mostly very bad liquor. Some have already been poisoned and others are getting frightened for fear that their turn will be next. That generation will disappear."

In Canada, the cause of Prohibition is a live issue. Some of our provinces have retrograded. But already the provinces that voted for Government Control are finding it most unsatisfactory, and we are looking to the day, we hope not far distant, when all this will be repealed. We feel sure the present situation is only a temporary condition.

In Ontario, my home province, we are thoroughly organised for any conflict that may come upon us. We have a splendid men's organisation. And recently a Women's Committee was brought into being. It is an affiliation of nearly all Women's Societies and Clubs, including Missionary Societies. These splendid women, brought together by Ontario White Ribboners are banded together to contest every inch of the attempted advance of the Drink Trade.

These are crisis days in Canada. British Columbia has just defeated a strenuous attempt to re-establish the selling of beer in glasses.

"But Canada needs the prayers of our overseas sisters, as we unite in supplication to our Father for other lands; that they may be freed from the thralldom of strong drink.

Difficulties arise to be surmounted, and in the name of our Lord, our White Ribbon Sisterhood will, we are confident, keep faith in the righteousness of our Cause, and in the Lord whose heart is tender towards the drink's victims, and will sit in judgment against those who cause the wreck and ruin by strong drink.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
With warmest good wishes,

Yours lovingly,

BLANCHE READ JOHNSTON.

"A BRIDGE ACROSS THE ABYSS."

Many of our readers probably noticed with interest the cable sent from London, telling how, at one of the No More War Demonstrations, held in Hyde Park on July 29th, the French delegate, Mlle. Laurist, at the conclusion of her speech, approached Fraulein Steinitz, the German representative, and embraced her and kissed her. It is just this expression of personal love and understanding amongst the people of the different nations, which can do more than anything else to remove bitterness and ill-will, and to foster that better spirit of friendliness and loving-kindness which would make it impossible for those nations to go to war with each other again, and the more we can all bring that spirit into our lives the more shall we be helping to bring nearer the dawn of Universal Peace.

SPECIAL.

TIMARU SAILOR'S REST.

Tuesday, August 26th, was a Red Letter Day for the Timaru W.C.T.U. The new Sailors' rest which is to be officially opened later on was first used for the monthly meeting. Crowds of members gathered together and a number of sailors from the S.S. "Port Curtis" asked if they might stay for the meeting. Those who came early went over the building first, the remainder did so before leaving. All were unanimous in the verdict that it is a beautiful home. Mrs. Norrie, in a few words deep with feeling, expressed the gratitude the Union felt in the accomplishment of its long hoped for object, and said that from the beginning of the canvas for funds every-thing had worked out so providentially. The workers could not help feeling strongly that God was guiding their efforts. She said that the building was for the men and she hoped that it would be a real home for them. After the singing of the Doxology, two or three members joined in prayers of thanksgiving and the building was dedicated to God for the purpose for which it was built. After a dainty afternoon tea members settled down to business.

INFLUENCE.

She couldn't speak, she couldn't sing
But was always in her place
She didn't wear the latest thing,
But she wore a smiling face.

She never forgot when subs were due
(In fact she laid them by),
"Twas the least she thought that she
could do
But still her aim was high.

She never forgot on her walks
abroad,
To don the little white bow,
And when a fellow-member called
How her happy face would glow!

To all that made for good in life
She gladly gave assent;
To banish sin, and pain, and strife
Were women surely sent.

Some day, her master he will say
"Servant of God, well done!
Thou hast been faithful in thy day
Enter! thy rest is won!"

—E.L.P.

WOMEN'S Christian Temperance Union OF NEW ZEALAND.

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"For God and Home and Humanity."

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NOTES FROM EDITOR'S DESK.

WANDERING OFFICERS.

Mrs. Don and Miss Henderson have been spending a restful time with Dr. Armor. Georgia Bulletin just to hand gives them a warm welcome and speak with loving appreciation of them both. They were to spend some time in that State travelling round and addressing the different Unions.

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

In a discussion in the House in regard to Women teachers getting the same rate of pay as men, the

Minister of Education waxed eloquent upon the evils of giving single women the same rate of pay as men who have family responsibilities. But alas for his eloquent arguments! all male teachers do not have family responsibilities and many women teachers do. If the Minister intends to pay salaries not for efficiency, but for family responsibilities, we respectfully suggest that all women with family responsibilities get the same rate of pay as the men with like responsibilities, and that single male teachers be reduced to the same rate of pay as the single women teachers. The Minister while deprecating large salaries to single women had no word to say of bachelors who draw large salaries in his own and in other branches of the Public Service. Large salaries are quite as great an evil for unattached males as for females.

ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK.

This year Animal Welfare week is to be held from 25th to 31st of October, and October 26th is to be Humane Sunday. This work is growing, all the Education Boards in the Dominion are co-operating, and the Organiser, Mr. Forbes, has received an encouraging letter from Mr. Parr, Minister of Education, giving "Animal Day in Schools" his hearty commendation.

We commend this effort to all our Unions. Many of them cannot do much for the Band of Mercy Dept. but here is work strictly upon our own lines. Get your Ministers to preach on Animal Welfare on October 26th; get little pars about it in your local papers, and if you wish to help with expenses of the work send a small donation to Mr. Forbes, New-Street, Oamaru, who will supply literature and all particulars.

This work aims to make the life of our dumb friends easier, but it also aims to form character in our children. "He prayeth best who loveth best, all things both great and small." For every beast of the field is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

GOVERNMENT (DEFRAUDED?)

A case of a widow with 4 children receiving a pension of £78 a year was brought before the Court. The widow got work at 9/- a day and

failed to report it. The Magistrate said the woman appeared to be of good character otherwise, and she was admitted to probation on condition she repaid the £78 at the rate of 5/- weekly. Evidently the widow out of her 9/- a day is to keep herself and 4 children and return 5/- a week to the Government. If she fails to pay up we presume she will have to go to goal and leave her four children.

If a widow is expected to keep herself and 4 children on £78 a year and to be penalised if she earns any more, then we think it is not the Government defrauded but defrauding the widow and the fatherless.

ARTISTS' BALL IN SYDNEY.

A police inspector's report upon the Artist's Ball in Sydney forms very disquieting reading. As usual drink was at the root of the trouble. About 1,000 were present and over half showed unmistakeable signs of having drunk too much. "The conduct of the young men and women in the basement and precincts and on the balconies and main floor was the most abandoned, dissolute, and wanton ever witnessed in my experience." Strong words to come from a Police Inspector whose calling brings him into touch with the seamy side of life. The Fire Brigade's chief also reported upon the great risk of fire when drunken men and women were smoking and throwing matches about amongst the extensive flimsy decorations. In our own Dominion the Police and Magistrates are commenting upon the increase of drinking among women and (most disquieting of all) especially among young women.

What are White Ribboners doing to promote sobriety among women? Our own Society demands total abstinence as a condition of membership. The only other total abstinence societies are I.O.R., I.O.G.T. and Sons and Daughters of Temperance. Is there not urgent need to promote a pledge signing campaign? Young men and women who like their glass of wine or beer are not likely to make prohibition voters. Again we say to every member of our wide organisation, that the best work you can do for prohibition, is to increase the membership of your own Union.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

(The editor is not responsible for any opinions expressed in this column).

(To the Editor).

Dear Madam,—Does it not seem strange that a country endowed with so many natural advantages as N.Z. is—(advantages which should make for the production of a wholesome and virile race), should find itself in the unenviable position it appears to be in to-day, with regard to matters of vital national importance? For some months past the Press of the country has been giving us some rather disquieting information as to the number of sexual degenerates and mental defectives we produce each year, to say nothing of our notoriety for maternal mortality. With regard to the latter it certainly is appalling that over 700 women should be lost in five years in N.Z. where the male population is already many thousands in excess of the female. It does not seem to be generally known that this has almost always been the case in N.Z. There was one short period I believe when the female population exceeded the male by a few hundred and that was when the last lot of men were sent to the front during the late war, but these were soon outnumbered again by the first batch of returned men. We have been so accustomed to hearing (especially since the war) about the surplus women of this or that country, that we lose sight of the fact that there are countries where the reverse is the case, and that N.Z. is one of them. The position of N.Z. to-day in matters of such grave import as those mentioned above, seems to point to the conclusion, that a certain preponderance in the numbers of its women, makes for a nation's well-being. The reverse of this seems to be the prevailing idea—whenever the subject of surplus women is treated other than as a joke. The chief wail of many writers on the subject seems to be that so many women have to go childless, but has not England produced out of her surplus, bands of noble women, who, though living celibate lives, have been mothers in the highest sense to hordes of unfortunates born of irresponsible parents. So long as the fertility of the unfit goes unchecked there is plenty to do and what N.Z. seems to stand in need of to-day is the work and influence of a goodly host of "Surplus" women. Perhaps then we would not pass on and rest content after reading a police report, headed "A successful year" which gives the number of indecent and sexual offences as 500, and which no doubt includes the case where a child was done to death at Gisborne, and to which you made reference in your February issue. Only a few days ago comes a report of a similar case in Wellington where the child, though still living was badly hacked. As your paper

always seems devoted to the higher interests of women and children which ultimately means the interests of all mankind I venture to trespass thus far on your valuable space.—I am, etc.,

Yours faithfully
"RACE CULTURE."

"THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY."

(To the Editor).

Madam,—

In face of the evidence before the Supreme Court, in which two young married men are charged with indecent assault, is it not time for the women of New Zealand, nay of the whole of the so-called civilised world, to rise up in revolt at the existing disregard of the holiness of marriage.

We send Missionaries to convert the heathen! Would it not be a good thing to look a little nearer home for them? We hold up our hands in horror at the Indian marriages and the Turkish harems, but what about our own homes?

When pure girls tell you they cannot stay in some offices because of the suggestions of married men, and wives are being continually insulted by seeing their husband's making love to girls who come to stay in their homes, is it not time that we got back to Christ's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount?

Until parents teach their sons to restrain their passions, and look upon married life as sacred there will be women who live in hell.

I know of young attractive married women who cannot have a decent-looking lady-help in the house because of their husbands, and yet to the world the husband seems quite all right. What can a woman do in such a case? For the sake of the children she has to hide her agony (for such it is) and live with him and rear his children.

One sees here and there the ideal home, where real love and companionship reign supreme, and it is that ideal that makes one long to tear aside the covering that hides these lives of sham and beastiality.

I am not dealing here with the girls who disgrace the name of womanhood, but for the loyal wives and mothers.—I am, etc.,

Yours etc.,
"LOYALTY."

DRINK AND THE OLYMPIC
SPORTS.

(To the Editor).

Madam,—

Every night by wireless the general public has been informed that Prohibition America and Prohibition Finland have carried off the chief prizes at the great Olympic Sports in Paris.

To-day the press gives the National Placing as follows:—America 255; Finland 166; Great Britain 85½; and France 26½. It has been declared by competitors of the first two nations that the drinking of alcoholic liquors is fatal to athletes.

In my boyhood days I often heard about Managers of Prize Fights, for instance, who refused to permit any kind of alcoholic liquors to the competitors during the period of their training.

Later in life I came to discover that champions in walking, running, rowing, shooting, cricket and other sports were either total abstainers or refused to drink intoxicating liquors while in training.

If the arduous task of winning the world's championships can be done on a diet which excludes alcoholic liquors then surely the simpler work of the everyday world would be more easily and better performed if carried out on the same principal.—I am, etc.,

GUY HAYLER,
President; World's Prohibition
Federation.

July 15th, 1924,
Southnorwood Park,
London, S.E.

WHAT HAVE YOU SAID TO-DAY?

Have you seen anyone interested in prohibition, anyone not interested, anyone against us, anyone whose interests you don't know?

If so, have you said anything about the branch of the work you both have in hand, anything to rouse enthusiasm, anything to help win someone over to our side?

Are you making it a rule to say something about the work daily, if you don't see another human being, then urgently in your prayers, and write a line to someone? If you can't think of anything else to write, are your subscriptions paid up to date? Sending those in may be just the encouragement your Union officers need today.

Have you seen any children who don't care personally, or don't really know much yet, about the work they will have to carry on? If so, have you said anything to help or to interest them in it?

It is the personal word that counts, **what you say.**

It is the form your thoughts and prayers take, visible to others, that will not only win this election, but help to make sure the law is carried out, if **you** care enough.

—KATHERINE MERCER

WHITE RIBBON DRIVE.

The results of this month show that while a few Unions are at work many are doing little; some nothing.

Auckland District: 21 new subs., 18 defaulters; Ponsonby, 14.

Waikato District: 6 new subs., 3 defaulters; Cambridge 3.

Taranaki District: 26 new subs., 8 defaulters; Hawera, 9.

Hawkes Bay: 7 new subs., 6 defaulters; Ormondville, 7.

Wellington District: 12 new subs., 9 defaulters; Fielding, 3.

Nelson District: 8 new subs., 3 defaulters; Nelson, 6.

North Canterbury: 54 new subs., 9 defaulters; Christchurch 14; Miss Earnshaw, 23.

S. Canterbury: 2 new subs., 9 defaulters; Ashburton, 2.

Otago: 11 new subs., 5 defaulters; Oamaru, 8.

Southland: 1 new sub., 9 defaulters; Invercargill N., 1.

Is this a record for districts to be proud of?

Will not our Unions make an earnest effort to reach a circulation of 5,000 by the end of the year. We are well over 4,000 now. An earnest effort by each Branch could easily accomplish this. During last month 79 Unions got no new subs, can they not make an effort for this month? This is work that every member can take part in; it is work that will pay both by increasing our membership and our prohibition vote. Try it earnestly.

DOMINION LIBRARY.

Just received from Mrs. Don "The History of the Georgia W.C.T.U. 1883-1907." Presented by Mrs. Lelia A. Dillard, State President of Georgia, to Mrs. Rachel Don, for the New Zealand Library of the W.C.T.U. Atlanta, July 12th, 1924. Postage 6d.

Also from Mrs. Banks of Hastings, "The life of Florence Nightingale." Postage 3½d.

(Mrs.) JESSIE FIELD,
Librarian.

The Rocks,
Nelson.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR MOTHERS.

(By President Warren G. Harding.)

Whether we account it wise or otherwise, we must recognise that the tendency is to take the modern mother more and more away from the control, the training, the intellectual guidance and spiritual direction of her children. The day nursery, and after that the kindergarten begins to care for her children in their earliest years; after that come the public school, the high school, the college and university, taking over from her more and more of the responsibility and influence over the children. We may entertain the old-fashioned prejudices against this development; but we are compelled to recognise that under modern conditions a large and increasing proportion of women are bound to be at the same time mothers in the home and industrial producers or professional workers outside the home or else they must be denied the service and responsibility of motherhood.

Frankly, I am one of those old-fashioned people who would be very glad if the way could be found to maintain the traditional relations of father, mother, children, and home. But very plainly these relations are in process of a great modification. The most we can do, to the utmost possible extent, is to readapt our conditions of industry and of living so as to enable the mothers to make the utmost of their lessened opportunity for shaping the lives and minds of their children.

We must hope, and we must make it possible, that mothers will not assume, when their babies of yesterday become the schoolboys and school girls of to-day, that the responsibility of the mother is ended, and that the teacher, the school authorities, the college, the State, will henceforth assume it. Rather, we must recognise that no other influence can possibly be substituted for that of motherhood; and we must make it possible for mothers to co-operate with these social institutions of the new order, to give the children as far as possible, the privileges of a home atmosphere which will supplement the advantages of mere education and training. It must be made possible for the mothers to

familiarise themselves with the problems of the people, the school superintendents, the college authorities, the health and sanitation officials. In short, the mothers must be placed in such a position that despite their obligations outside the home they shall not have to surrender their domestic responsibility. Rather, means must be found to enable them, through the varied instrumentalities which society affords, to equip themselves for the better discharge of their responsibilities towards the children of the land. —From "Better Living."

REVIEWS.

Moffatt's New Testament —6/-; advertised in this issue by Mr. French is a specially beautiful translation of the New Testament. It gives the meaning in clear, plain, dignified English, the English spoken every day by ordinary educated people. It is not colloquial English, nor is there any approach to slang or vulgarity. It makes clear many passages before obscure, yet maintains the beauty and stateliness of the authorised version.

"The Attic Guest"—2/6; a charming story of a young Scottish clergyman, who goes to the Southern States of U.S.A. and there finds a bride. The negro problem figures in the earlier pages. They go to a Canadian Church and the home and Church life of the minister and his family are beautifully portrayed. Its characters are well drawn and we can recommend it to any mother who wishes a gift book for her own young people or for a friend. Both books are obtainable at Mr. French's, Hastings, and we hope our readers will deal with our advertisers.

CORRECTION.

We regret that an error inadvertently crept into the report of our Riverton correspondent. It was not the Southland District Convention which met there but the quarterly meeting of the District Executive. No delegates were present but only visiting members from Invercargill and Gore.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

A most instructive address on this subject was given to the Auckland Union by Dr. Mildred Staley. Her lecture was illustrated by a chart which classified the feeble-minded into 6 classes. She quoted prominent Professors who had proved by experiments on the lower animals that alcoholism was at the root of a large percentage of mental deficiency and epilepsy. She pointed out the menace the feeble-minded were to the community; she suggested that a survey be taken of the Schools to pick out the feeble-minded children to classify them and segregate them on self supporting farm colonies where they can work with their hands in the open air.

These colonies have proved very successful in the Homeland. She stressed the need of women on School Boards, Hospital Boards, in Parliament, Women Police and Magistrates and women Censors of cinemas.

In connection with the urgency for educating the young on the evils of alcohol, she paid a warm tribute to the women of America.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Staley for her illuminating address.

—N. DEWAR.

OLD FASHIONED TEXTS.

Have you ever looked up the fighting texts in the Bible? Are they the ones you think of as you go about your work? For it is they, and the fighting hymns, the good rousing ones, that are the easy-come-by means to keep our enthusiasm, our fighting strength, well up.

There are plenty of them, ready and waiting, good old well-tested and abundantly proved fighting companions.

Have you had anything to do with any lately, been out walking with any to-day, if so did you meet anyone who seemed to lack an introduction to it?

Of course they are getting to be old-fashioned. I don't know how long ago, for instance, it is since Isaiah sang of God "Thou meetest him that rejoiceth." (There are times when to rejoice needs a good fighting spirit. We all know that don't

we)? But however old it is, however often we experience its truth, it never grows stale or weakens us, nor do any of the fighting texts, for what have we to do with luxury, or with peace? Surely our Leader told us. 'I come not to bring peace, but a sword.'

Do we keep ourselves armed to follow Him?

What then is the sword we use?

The fighting texts, and hymns, will help to keep it bright, for everyday use.

—KATHERINE MERCER.

TO "WIN THEM ONE BY ONE."

Ask your neighbour to join the W.C.T.U.

Devise means for interesting her in its work.

Voice your conviction of the continued need for "organised mother love."

Expend thought and prayer on the effort to enroll her in the ranks.

Report to her the accomplishments and aims of the W.C.T.U.

Tell her the reason for the membership campaign.

Insure her attendance at your meetings.

Secure her signature to our pledge.

Engage her co-operation at once in definite department work.

—"N.D. White Ribbon Bulletin."

REST IN THE LORD.

The Lord is looking after me,

And I am safer there—

In His dear hands—than I could be

In any other's care.

I am not worrying, for I know

His way for me is best;

The Lord is looking after me,

And I am quite at rest.

—M.R.S.

TYPED REPORT OF CONVENTION.

The following Unions have sent in money for the Typed Report of Convention since I last acknowledged receipt: Devonport, Kaiapoi, Martinborough.

KATE M. EVANS.

Rec. Sec.

Address: Mrs Evans, 205 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington.

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.

GREYTOWN.

July. No meeting held, on account of sickness.

Aug. Mrs Morrison presided over good attendance of members. Silent prayer was engaged in for voters to be guided aright at next election. Correspondence received from District President, District Secretary, Hon. D. Stewart, Mrs Judson, and N.Z. Alliance. Report for Convention read and approved. Several members expressed their willingness to canvass for new subscribers to "White Ribbon" and Union members. Suggested that pamphlets for young women, being prepared by Alliance, be distributed by canvassers. The President (Mrs Morrison) will represent Union at District Convention, Petone.

AMARU.

Aug. Mrs J. J. Clark in the chair. Delegates were elected for the District Convention. Miss McCann sang a solo, and was heartily thanked. Mrs Hiett, District President, was heartily welcomed, and expressed her pleasure at being with us. Mrs Hiett then gave a stirring temperance address, which was listened to with great interest, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded her. Miss Smyth's recitation was much appreciated. Super was served.

NORMANBY.

Aug. President in the chair; fair attendance. Re Peace and Arbitration, Secretary to write Mrs Judson for leaflets, also for a wall copy, which will be hung in the school. One new member initiated. President read an article on motor menace and drink. Afternoon tea was kindly provided by Mrs Scott.

WOOLSTON-OPAWA.

Sept. 2. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided over an attendance of 17. The annual report and balance-sheet was read and confirmed. The membership has been increased by 11 during the year, and is now 41, and we have 19 subscribers to the "White Ribbon." The President, Mrs A. D. Jenkins, and Mrs T. W. West, Treasurer, were re-elected, and Mrs Morley-Palmer was elected Secretary. Mrs Taylor gave a talk on temperance work, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Afternoon tea was enjoyed.

KAIAPOI.

Aug. 27. A very good attendance. Mrs Jackson presided. A letter was read from Miss Henderson, B.A. A deep vote of sympathy was passed (members standing) with Mrs G. Blackwell, senr., and family, on the death of her son, Mr G. Blackwell. A presentation of fountain pen and silver White Ribbon brooch was made on behalf of the Union to Mrs Merrin by the President, who spoke in eulogy of the work done by Mrs Merrin for the Union. Other members also spoke. Mrs Merrin suitably replied, expressing her intention to remain a member of the Kaiapoi Union. Mrs J. McCombs gave an address on "Social Hygiene," explaining the attitude of the W.C.T.U. towards compulsory notification. It was agreed that Mrs Barnard's suggestion: 'That a petition from the Dominion Union on compulsory notification be signed by members of the Union, and presented to

Parliament," be a recommendation to Convention. Mesdames Stewart, Keetley, and Chapman were appointed delegates to the Prohibition Convention. It was agreed that we hold a social at an early date to organise the Prohibition Committee. Social Committee for September: Mesdames Barrett, Keetley, and Morland.

DUNEDIN.

Aug. 23. An enjoyable concert to raise funds for next year's Dominion Convention.

Aug. 16. Union gave a concert to the inmates of the Benevolent Institution. Sweets were passed round during the evening.

Sept. 2. Pay-up social. Songs were rendered by Mesdames J. Scurr and Marrelli; duet, Mesdames Plaster and Dreaver; recitation, Miss P. Hutton. Attention was drawn to the case which came before the Police Court last week, where a girl of 19 years admitted that her step-father was the father of her two illegitimate children. The Union felt that it showed the need of raising the age of consent to twenty-one years. The Union stressed the need for segregation of the sexual degenerate.

EPSOM.

Aug. 14. Mrs Neal presided. Letters were received from Remuera School Committee and headmaster of Cornwall Park School, accepting framed peace message, to hang in the school. Decided to observe August 28th as T. E. Taylor Day. We were very grieved to hear that Mrs Muncaster, our visitor from Nelson Union, had passed away. A silent vote of sympathy was passed. Papers from Mrs Lee-Cowie on Temperance Work were read.

Aug. 28. Mrs Neal presided. District Convention to be held at Onehunga. Mrs Garratt and Mrs Stewart appointed delegates. A silent vote of sympathy was passed on the passing away of Miss Katterfield's father. Mrs Miller, from Ponsonby Union, was welcomed. Our President read a paper on T. E. Taylor. Two new members were initiated.

CARTERTON.

Aug. A good attendance. Mrs Every presided. A letter was read from the Willard Home, Palmerston North. Decided to send a parcel of clothing. A most interesting speech on the evils of moderate drinking given by the Rev. Courtney C. Weeks at the annual meeting of the National British Women's Temperance Association, was read by Mrs Every. Mr Weeks said the whole trend of scientific knowledge went to show that an individual could have a larger, more creative life without alcohol than with it. There was nothing that threatened the home life as alcoholic indulgence was doing. As he looked out into the State he saw alcoholism constituted one of the greatest national scourges. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Udy and Smith.

N.E. VALLEY.

Aug. 30. Very successful "Bring and Buy" social. Proceedings opened in the afternoon by Rev. George Miller, and afternoon tea provided. Stalls displayed good assortment of useful articles, which had been donated, and good business was done. Evening again saw good attendance, and fine programme given. Supper provided at a small cost, and practically everything for sale disposed of. Committee with very satisfactory balance in hand of £21 12s. Proceeds to go toward the expenses of Dunedin Convention, to be held in 1925.

RIVERTON.

Sept. 1. Mrs Gray presided. Twelve present. Letters read from Hon. W. E. Massey and Sir Francis Bell, promising full consideration to protest re gambling facilities, etc. Telegram also read from our Member, Mr J. C. Thomson. Decided that we advertise our meetings in the "White

Ribbon." The annual report of Willard Home read and discussed. Owing to other efforts being arranged for the present, left with individual members to do what they can. Decided to hold Band of Hope social on September 26, "Y" members to be invited. The Band of Hope continues to flourish, the public meeting being well attended last week. Two prizes were given, one for the best story by the senior members, and one for the best recitation by the juniors.

RANGIORA.

Aug. 29. Mrs Thwaites presided over a good attendance. President announced that the essays on Temperance had been written by Standards V. and VI. in the local school, and were being judged. Mrs J. McCombs, of Christchurch, gave a short account of the trip taken by Mrs Don and Miss Henderson to America. She afterwards addressed the meeting on the medical aspect of Prohibition, basing her remarks on the contents of a pamphlet issued by the Government. The address, which was listened to with marked attention, was a telling indictment of the effects of alcohol on the human system. The economic aspect of the liquor question was also touched on, and the great need of Temperance teaching in the schools was emphasised. The speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Aug. 12. Meeting opened by our President, Mrs Lillierap; good attendance. Decided to hold District Convention on 24th September. Mrs Walker read letter stating that Mrs Ross, an esteemed member and friend, who passed away, had left a legacy of £500 to the Central Union. Mr Featherstone gave a very interesting address on the work of the White Cross League. Two very interesting letters were read by our President from Mrs Don and Miss Henderson, and we were pleased to hear they were having such a lovely time in America. A wreath was sent to our dear friend and member, Mrs Ross. One new member joined.

ONEHUNGA.

Aug. 14. A wet day, but a very good attendance for our Pay-up Social. A programme of music and recitations. Rev. Cook gave a cheering address. A hearty vote of thanks to our Treasurer (Mrs Mushet), who arranged programme and to those who gave the various items. Letter from District Secretary read accepting our invitation to hold the Auckland District Convention in Onehunga this year on September 11th. Committee to meet to make all arrangements for same. Mesdames Jamieson and Ashby appointed delegates to Convention. Resolved to provide the luncheon and a sit-down tea for the convenience of those attending the Convention. Collection be taken at luncheon to defray expenses. Mrs Jamieson is Convenor for Hospitality. One new member gained by President since former meeting and one by the Cor. Secretary.

WAITARA.

August 15. Mrs Andrews presided; 10 members. Report of District Convention was read. Letter re the "Peace Message" was discussed. Members were urged to support Bible reading in schools. Mrs Andrews was warmly welcomed back as President for duration of present year. Wired Legislative Council urging support for women Justices of the Peace. Decided that the Rev. Goswell be asked to address September meeting.

BIRKENHEAD.

Aug. 21. Good attendance. Mrs Le Roy (President) in the chair. Discussion on rest rooms for mothers, and peace papers in schools. Mrs Morrin and Miss Carter were appointed delegates to attend the District Union Convention on September 11th at Onehunga.

LOWER HUTT.

Aug. 27. Fair attendance for wet day. President in chair. Secretary reported sending telegrams re women justices. Decided to hold Sale of Work early in October, and to have a stall to receive clothing for Willard Home. Greetings sent to Mrs Dunstall for her Golden Wedding. Delegates to Petone Convention were arranged. Mrs Crawford read an excellent paper: "The W.C.T.U.—Its Aims and Objects." Afternoon tea. One new subscriber to "White Ribbon." Secretary reported Miss Bradshaw visited 46 homes, 6 joined and paid subscription, 3 promised to join, 8 promised to attend. We are indebted to Miss Bradshaw for the days of hard work. Inquiries to be made re Temperance Charts on school walls.

WARKWORTH.

August. Mrs Thornley in the chair. A motion of sympathy with Mrs Carran in her recent bereavement. Decided to procure a copy of the "Peace Message," and to have it framed for presentation to the school, with the expressed wish that the Headmaster would read and explain it to the children, so that they may have ever before them the great ideal of a world peace. Mrs Green sang a solo, which was much appreciated. Mrs Phillips read a paper on "Liberty—Remembering How Much It Enters into our Daily Life." She took first liberty in our spiritual life. In speaking of the abolition of slavery, the Rev. Hammond had remarked in the Sydney Town Hall that "as England was 100 years ahead of the U.S.A. on the question of slavery, now the U.S.A. is 100 years ahead of England on the drink question." Mrs Phillips spoke of Liberty in regard to national life, and also in reference to Prohibition. The address was listened to with much interest, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs Phillips for her very interesting paper. Mrs Ruprecht and Mrs Thornley each promised a short paper for next meeting.

OTAHUHU.

August 7. Canon Mason was to speak, but just about half an hour before the meeting he was called away to a very sick person, so he could not come. We just read the report and dealt with the correspondence, and the President pronounced the Benediction. We hope at our next meeting in September to have the honour of hearing Mrs Smeaton.

TAURANGA.

August. President in chair. Pay Up Social fairly well attended. A most animated discussion was held on various matters of interest. Two numbers of "The International Woman Suffrage News" to hand. Decided to procure 100 circulars from Alliance. Refreshments dispensed. "All Round the World" sung, and meeting closed with prayer and the Benediction.

FEATHERSTON.

Aug. 11. At the residence of Mrs Arch Clark. Fair attendance. Mrs Clark presided. Meeting opened and closed with prayer. Mrs Holdcroft and Mrs Sadleir were appointed delegates to attend Convention at Petone in September.

HENDERSON.

Aug. 20. Mrs Platt presided over a very fair attendance. Miss Duncan appointed delegate to District Convention on September 11th. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs W. Wright on the loss of her dear, aged mother. Treasurer to send subscription of 2d per member to District Fund. Essays of school children and Young Citizens were read, every one agreeing that they were very good indeed. Mrs Platt and Miss Duncan to present prizes to the winning boy and girl at school. Mrs Hart read an interesting extract from one of Gough's essays. Decided to ask Mrs W. Wright to conduct Bible Study next month. Mrs Stuart also to read a paper.

MAUNGATUROTO.

August. Mrs Wright presided. Ten members and two visitors present. An interesting and instructive paper was given

by Mrs Flower on "Our Duties and Responsibilities." Decided to write and thank Mrs Auld for her kind thought in suggesting to Mrs Benfell a visit to our Branch. Mrs Pasley to represent us at the Convention in September. Decided to send for "Band of Hope Helper," and to have a wall copy of the "Peace Message" framed and presented to the Maungaturoto Day School, also to consider having another framed to place in the Public Hall. Sept. 6th was chosen for our next Children's Band of Hope. Mrs Grice and Mrs Pasley were appointed Vice-Presidents. Afternoon tea was served, and a pleasant social half-hour spent.

WAVIRLEY.

Aug. 14. Mrs Morrison, Vice-President, took chair. Eight members present. Decided to send for leaflets of "Peace Message" to distribute in State Schools, also to send telegram to Legislative Council re Bill for Women Justices of the Peace. A leaflet on Anti-Gambling was read by Mrs Barrow, and one by Mrs Wail, dealing with statistics and facts on Prohibition in U.S.A., written by Gov. Analyst. A big discussion took place as to desirability of continuing with Rest Room (our late room having been burned down, and everything lost). Decided to secure a room in Municipal Buildings, if possible, and to carry on. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

MARTINBOROUGH.

Sept. 3. A good number of ladies present. Correspondence read from Marion Judson re "Peace and Arbitration." Secretary was instructed to write headmaster local school asking if copy could be hung in the school. Secretary was appointed delegate for District Convention on September 17th and 18th, but is unable to go through illness. On 21st August a sale of cakes, sweets, flowers, produce, and afternoon tea was held, at which £21 17s was raised for the Organising Fund.

BALCLUTHA.

July. Mrs Clark (acting-President) in the chair. Letters of sympathy be sent to Mrs Robt. Hutton in her illness, and hope for a speedy recovery; Mrs Geggie in the death of a nephew; to the Rev. Dr. Currie on the death of Mrs Currie, one of our first Vice-Presidents. Mrs Clarke said: "Before going on with the business, I would like to say a few words about our departed sister. Mrs Currie was a member of our Union since its inception, seven years ago, and during that period was a very regular member in her attendance at meetings. Mrs Currie was ever a friend of the Temperance movement, and a firm supporter of all W.C.T.U. stood for, was ready to help with the service of praise and prayer, and very often officiated at the organ. Our sister's departure has made one more blank amongst the Christian women and workers of Balclutha. She has finished her labours, and gone to her rest, to be with Christ, her Saviour and Lord. Our prayers go out to the sorrowing ones at the manse, and we commit them all to the love and care of our Father above, and may He strengthen and comfort them according to their need." Carried by members standing in silence.

July 25. Special meeting, to hear inspiring address by Mrs J. Hiett, District President. Special emphasis was laid on the winning of converts to the aims and endeavours of the Union, e.g. World Purity, World Prohibition, World Peace, and also to the great importance of getting the "White Ribbon," the official magazine of the Union, in the homes of the people. Prior to the address, a resolution was passed that the following telegram be forwarded from the local Union to Hon. A. S. Malcolm, Wellington:—"Women's Christian Temperance Union of Balclutha urge members of Legislative Council pass Bill enabling women as Justices of the Peace." Similar resolutions have been forwarded from every Union throughout the Dominion. A cup of tea and social chat contributed to a very pleasant and informal gathering.

Aug. Decided to invite the Convention here for 1925 Convention.

Sept. 2. Annual meeting. Balance-sheet as read be adopted. Band of Hope report: Attendance 95. New season in March; a picnic in February, very successful gathering, many new faces being present. Each evening an address on Temperance lines, Rev. Dr. Currie, Mr Robt. Hutton, Captain of Army, Rev. Mr Gatman, Mrs Hiett (Dunedin). About £3 in hand, after paying expenses. A letter of hearty appreciation be forwarded to juniors. Mrs McIntyre be appointed to aid Mrs Clark in preparing children for the Young People's Blue Ribbon Band, Miss Christie, an excellent helper, having left for Christchurch. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Cations; Vice-Pres., Mrs Grigor, Mrs Clark, Mrs Sloan, and Mrs Gatman; Treas., Miss Fosh (re-elected); Cor. Sec., Mrs Geggie; Rec. Sec., Mrs Grigor; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs J. Stevens. Next meeting to be held in Wesleyan Church Vestry, first Tuesday of October.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Sept. 4. Attendance good. Mrs Goody presided. A letter was received from the Palmerston North Willard Home asking for cast-off clothing or money. Letter from the Metropolitan Rugby Union dealing with military training; no action taken. Mrs Goody read a portion of Miss Henderson's letter from the "White Ribbon."

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Aug. 1. Attendance good. Mrs Fergusson and Mrs Cobb, junr., were appointed delegates to District Convention. Members enjoyed a social cup of tea, and were delighted by a visit from Mrs Peryman, who gave a message full of cheer and encouragement, which was very helpful, and much appreciated.

Sept. 5. A fair attendance. Ordinary business transacted, deep regret being expressed at the removal from Palmerston of Mrs Cobb, senr., who has acted in the capacity of Evangelistic Supt., our Secretary being asked to send her a letter expressing our warm appreciation of her devoted and untiring labour in the work of the Union. Miss Bradshaw was with us, and gave an earnest and inspiring address, which was listened to with great attention.

MOSGIEL.

Aug. 19. A large gathering to bid goodbye to Mrs Weston. In appreciation of the great services she has rendered to our Union, our President presented her with beautiful hand-bag and sum of money. Mrs Weston made a most eloquent speech. Some of the ladies eulogised Mrs Weston's abilities, and spoke of the high esteem in which she was held by one and all. Miss McLeod sang a beautiful and appropriate solo. Afternoon tea was handed round, and all joined in social intercourse.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

Sept. 4. Mrs Johnson Wright presided. Mrs Evans, M.A., gave an address on the League of Nations Union, and urged all to study the causes of war, and work for their removal, giving full support to movements having for their aim the prevention of war and the establishment of universal peace. The resolutions passed at Convention were read and confirmed. Unions were recommended to form classes for the study of international relations, and mention was made of the insertion in the New Zealand Educational Gazette of a detailed account of the principles and work of the League of Nations, for the guidance of teachers who may desire to explain the same to their classes. The leaflet signed by the Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth of Nations was read, and Unions were urged to send one to each headmaster in their district. The affiliation of the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand to the League of Nations Union as a corporate member was mentioned, and their support was pledged.

INVERCARGILL NORTH.

Aug. 19. Well-attended meeting. Short prayer meeting, led by Mrs Day. Miss Hardie delegate to District Convention. A question arose as to the expense of sending the District President to the Annual Convention. Miss Hardie proposed that each Union give according to its membership; this was seconded by Mrs Holmes, and carried unanimously. A Rally was held in the Baptist Church, with the ultimate object of forming a Band of Hope. This proved a great success. Notwithstanding inclement weather, the young folks turned out well. Mr Galloway gave a brief, interesting address. Mrs Lillierap, Mrs Hopkirk, and Miss Finlayson also spoke briefly on the Temperance cause. Their words must have carried weight, for at the close 15 young people came forward eagerly to sign the pledge.

SYDENHAM.

Aug. 7. Attendance small, owing to wet weather. Mrs Hiett presided. Rev. P. Paris addressed the meeting, subject "Character-training of School Children in America." Afternoon tea was served.

Sept. 4. Mrs Hiett presided over a fair attendance, and asked members to try and attend meetings of Convention, which would be very helpful. Mrs Williams, of Sumner, spoke on "Peace." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Afternoon tea was served.

PONSONBY.

Aug. 21. Mrs C. H. Taylor presided over a good attendance of members and friends. A letter read re District Convention. Our President urged all members to attend the Convention; it is one way of learning more of our World-wide Union, and our great work. Miss Caley and Mrs Hodgkinson appointed delegates. Mrs Andrews, Cradle Supt., said all arrangements were well in hand for the Mothers' Social, to be held September 4th. Reported 102 on roll. The "White Ribbon" Drive was again brought before our members. Members roll call, when each one replied with a text of Scripture. Miss Burnard sang a solo, "Pass It On," which was very helpful.

Aug. 7. Mrs C. H. Taylor presided over a very large attendance of members and friends. Two letters from our beloved President, Mrs Lee Cowie, were read, telling of her experiences in England and Scotland. At the Sunday School Convention 4000 delegates were present of all sorts and sizes, languages and colours. The "White Ribbon" Drive was again brought before our members, also Mrs Judson spoke on a leaflet she is anxious to have sent to State Schoolmasters on "Peace." A member spoke strongly on the failure of the Bill on Bible in State Schools. The member who spoke as a nurse who had been nursing a girl of 6 years, who knew nothing of Jesus and the Bible and prayer, and that dear girl passed away, and has never had the comfort of a Christian father or mother, or the Bible in the day school.

STRATFORD.

Aug. Owing to the absence of our President and Secretary, the usual monthly business meeting could not be held. As six members were present, we held a meeting of prayer and praise.

AUCKLAND.

Aug. 12. Mrs Cook in the chair. Telegrams of congratulation were sent to the Premier and Hon. C. J. Parr on the stand they took on the Bible in Schools' Bill, and also to Mr Wilford on the passing of the Women J.P. Bill. Congratulations were also sent to Mrs Peryman on the arrival of her first grandson, and also to Mr and Mrs McDermott on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. A post-card was received from Miss Henderson, with a picture of Rest Cottage, where Mrs Don and Miss Henderson had partaken of tea from Frances Willard's tea things. Miss Statham, of the Girl Guides' Movement, appealed to the Union to link up with them. Decided to send a recommendation to the District Convention that they ask Miss Statham to bring

the matter before Convention. Dr. Mildred Staley gave a most instructive and interesting address reported elsewhere, and was warmly thanked.

HAMILTON.

August. Mrs J. J. Jones presided. The President gave an interesting talk on several of our Leaders in the great cause of Temperance, and the noble work they had accomplished. Mrs Craig (Secretary) read an account of life and work of the late T. E. Taylor, a man whom to know was to love; he gave his life for the cause he loved, and had hoped to see Prohibition carried in this fair land of ours.

RAKAIA.

Aug. 14. Attendance excellent. President read extracts from N.Z. Alliance Bulletin. Decided to send for twenty leaflets for young women. Mrs Boag and Mrs Hopwood appointed delegates to Convention. Mrs Boag announced that at the first Y meeting, held on Sunday, 9th August, there was an attendance of sixteen; six joined the Y ranks. Resolved to hold next meeting the 2nd Friday in September. Farewell letter forwarded to Mrs Dutch, an old member who has left the district. Sympathy was extended to Mrs Smith on her prolonged illness. Mrs Robinson, of Ashburton, then read a very interesting and instructive paper on "The Power and Influence of Women." A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker. Afternoon tea was served.

ASHBURTON.

August. A good attendance. Mrs W. T. Lill occupying the chair. Letters of sympathy sent to the relatives of the late Mrs C. S. Howard, of Christchurch, also to a number of members in sickness. Replies were received to resolutions forwarded, protesting against any increase in totalisator permits. Mrs A. Hight and Mrs M. A. Glassey were elected delegates to Convention, and the annual levy passed for payment. A communication was received from Mrs Judson, P. and A. Supt., and it was resolved to follow suggestions made. Decided to donate £1 1s to the A. & P. Prize Fund for boys and girls in the Technical School classes. A paper on "Anti-Gambling," by Mrs Lill, was read by Mrs Hight, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the writer. One new member was enrolled.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Aug. 21. Taylor Day. Good attendance. Mrs H. Hall being the chair. Vote of sympathy with Mrs C. Dixon and Miss Croskill. An interesting letter was read from Miss Henderson. As a result of "White Ribbon" Drive, 14 new subscribers were enrolled. A most inspiring address on the life and great work done by the late T. E. Taylor was given by Mrs A. Richards.

RICHMOND.

August. President in chair. A letter was received from Paris from Madame Gene Vieve Favre, Treasurer of the French W.C.T.U., dated May 24, 1924, in connection with the Ministry of Fellowship and the prevention of war. This was read, and proved most interesting. Mrs Crabtree Secretary, gave a short excellent address on Social Hygiene, dealing with how mother can help instruct and gain the confidence of her children, especially recommending clean pictures only, and good books. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

SAWYER'S BAY.

July 22. Attendance small; weather very rough. Mrs Hudson presided. Mrs Hudson and Mrs Aburn were appointed delegates to the District Convention. A copy of the Peace Wall Sheet was secured, which the Headmaster will place on the school wall. A series of give and take afternoons was then arranged for.

Aug. 26. At Mrs Wallis's house; eleven present. Mrs Pratley read a paper on the life of T. E. Taylor. Mrs Aburn provided afternoon tea, and then proceeded to sell the articles the members had brought, £1 10s 6d was raised. We have made £3 8s 6d on two afternoons. One new member was enrolled.

HAWERA.

Aug. 22. A most successful and largely attended social evening. The hall had been tastefully decorated with spring blossoms and foliage. A verse of the National Anthem sung, and Chairman engaged in prayer. He also congratulated those present who were members of the Union in the noble work they were doing. Mr Bone, the Mayor, in a short impressive address, encouraged the workers, emphasising the fact that it was a world-wide movement, embracing all countries of the world. An excellent programme was much enjoyed. Recitations by Mrs Robb and Miss Hill; duets by Mr and Mrs Cate and Misses Grinrod; solo, Mrs Cate, Mrs Grinrod, Miss Velvin and Mrs Bigham. The Methodist Choir rendered an anthem. As accompanist, special thanks are due to Mrs Bigham and Mrs Taylor. An apology was received from Mr Dixon expressing regret at not being able to be present. A collection was taken up on behalf of Union funds. A novel and interesting competition was won by Mrs Bourke.

August. President in the chair; fair attendance. Letters received from the Editor of the "White Ribbon," also the Willard Home. A paper explaining the evils and temptations of gambling prepared by the Dominion Supt., Mrs Lill, was read by a member. President read the article from the "White Ribbon" on Social Hygiene. The Secretary instructed to write for literature on that subject. Mrs Reed was appointed Evangelistic Supt., also Press Reporter. The President expressed delight at the social evening proving such a success. One new member was initiated.

PONSONBY.

Sept. 4. Mrs C. H. Taylor presided over a very large number of members and friends. Cradle Roll mothers' social. About 100 gathered. We sang the children's hymn, "When Mothers of Salem." A very happy time with babies and dear girls and boys. Tea and cakes were served to mothers, milk and sponge cakes to the little ones, and each one received a small gift as a wee memento. Mrs Andrews (Supt. of Cradle Roll Department) gave a short talk on her work, and Mrs Neal (Dominion Supt. of Cradle Roll Work) gave a fine helpful address to the mothers. A splendid programme included a mandolin trio selection, solos by Miss Burnard, Miss Heffron, Miss Davy, recitations by Miss Albion Jones and Miss Lila Jones, Mrs Collins and Mrs Kasper. One lady joined our Union, and a happy meeting closed with our Temperance Doxology.

FEILDING.

Aug. 7. Fourteen present. President in chair. Resolved that Mrs Tremain represent us at Convention at Petone. Mrs Lill has very generously presented us with 100 copies of her very excellent paper on Anti-Gambling, which have been distributed among members and at Band of Hope.

Sept. 4. Mrs Pack presided over good meeting. An appeal from Willard Home Secretary was read. Decided to have a gift afternoon next month in aid of Home. A deputation from N.Z. Alliance waited on us to enlist help of Union in their membership campaign. A number of ladies volunteered to help canvass town. An invitation to hold Convention in Feilding next year will be given to the coming meeting at Petone.

TAKAPUNA.

Aug. 7. Mrs Penning in chair. Decided to send message of farewell to Mrs Winston, our Cradle Roll Supt., who is leaving for Sydney on holiday. Miss Rushbrook, our Secretary, read account of town meeting to form a mothers' rest room. The idea has been well received, and would be included in Civic Square scheme. Informal discussion took place.

Sept. 4. Mrs Penning presided. Mrs Mills led devotional meeting, speaking on "The fellowship of His sufferings." Miss Mills sang a solo. Miss Rushbrook read a letter in relation to Willard Home, soliciting help for same. Also one asking for delegates to forthcoming Convention at Onehunga. Mrs Penning spoke on the wine

drinking among young girls in the city, and urged that something be done in the matter.

SEFTON.

Aug. 28. Mrs Thorne presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave an interesting discourse on the meaning of the constitution, rules, and the aims of the Women's Christian Temperance Movement. Five new members were initiated, Mrs Taylor taking charge of that service. Afternoon tea was served, and brought to a close an interesting and instructive meeting.

CHEVIOT.

Aug. 29. First meeting of Executive of the newly-established Branch. Mrs Ferguson presided. Meeting opened with prayer, and was devoted mainly to the business of getting the Union under way and officers initiated into their duties. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

RICCARTON.

Aug. 21. Good attendance. Motion of sympathy passed to Mrs Calder on the death of her father, Mr Croskill. By consent of the headmaster of Wharenui School, it was resolved to have a framed copy of leaflet on the Prime Minister's Peace Message hung on the school wall. Miss Baugham gave an interesting address on "Prison Reform," stressing the necessity of a better system of classification. Some of our members correspond with prisoners in our goals. Resolved to send parcel of books, magazines, etc., to one of the prison camps. Afternoon tea provided.

OTAHUHU.

Aug. 6. Mrs Bailey kindly came and gave us a very interesting talk on the 6th chapter of St. Mark, the 48th verse, "And He saw them tolling." It was well appreciated by the members. One new member received.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Aug. 27. Position of Cradle Roll Supt. discussed. Letter from Mrs Judson re Premier's Peace message. Motion carried: "That this Union noted with regret that Mr S. G. Smith, M.P., voted against the Bill for Bible in Schools." Mr Edmonds, Dominion Organiser, spoke on "Winning Votes," and Mr Thompson, Area Organiser gave a short address.

Sept. 2. Pay-up social, about 35 present. Article from "Vanguard" read by Mrs X. Jones. Several songs rendered. Afternoon tea dispensed.

WAVERLEY.

Sept. 4. Mrs Barrow presided. Letter and report from Willard Home read and discussed. Decided to have a gift afternoon for same at an early date. Pamphlet on Franchise Day read, also letters from Mrs Don and Miss Henderson from San Francisco. Business re rest room was then dealt with. A conveniently situated room has been taken temporarily at the small rental of 5/- weekly, from 2nd September, and a public meeting is to be held in the Town Board Room to solicit further support.

Y's Column.

AUCKLAND.

Aug. 10. Fair attendance. Mr T. E. Mills (President) presiding. A letter was read from Mrs Young urging the "Y's" to take an active interest in the overseas. Correspondence: Miss Pudney, Secretary of Inter-Bible Class Union, urged all present to attend a course of training for Bible Class leaders and workers. The Secretary's resignation was received with regret. Mr E. Polson was duly appointed Recording Secretary, and Miss Barry Corresponding Secretary. Mr Polson, in an address, put very clearly before the young people

their responsibility as a Branch, and we hope his message of encouragement and inspiration may help us to go forward with greater zeal, so that the Alliance may look to us for support in the great forward campaign. Miss Dulcie Leet recited. The President followed up Mr Polson with a few remarks and a talk on "I Wonder Why."

NELSON.

Aug. 4. Was a sing, say or threepence pay night. We had a fair attendance, and had supper at the close of the meeting.

Aug. 30. The Church of Christ Club Girls combined with the Y. members, journeyed out to Richmond, and gave a concert to the inmates of the Special School for Girls. We took fruit and sweets and we played games with the children. The afternoon's entertainment was greatly appreciated by them all. The Matron and staff provided afternoon tea, and the children presented us all with bunches of spring flowers, with the request to come again soon.

Sept. 1. The meeting took the form of sewing and humorous readings

TIMARU.

Sept. 4. We have had two meetings, both well attended. The Look-out Committee reported four new members for the month. Social Committee reported the social at the Old Sailors' Rest a great success. Hospital Visitors reported having visited the Hospital twice during August, and taken fruit for the children. Two delegates were appointed to attend the District Convention at Sumner.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Aug. 15. Attendance good. President, Mrs G. J. Patten, in the chair. Decided to invite Senior Branch to next month's meeting, being social night. Mrs T. E. Taylor wrote asking for girls to distribute literature in workrooms, etc. All girls working in same promised to do so. The Rev. J. S. Young gave a most interesting address, which was very much appreciated. Supper was served.

CARTERTON.

Aug. 28. A Daffodil Social. Those present each took a bunch of spring flowers, which were sold to-day, in aid of the Willard Home for Children. About twenty-five shillings has been raised by the energetic Y Girls. Mr. Laurenson, the Area Organiser for the N.Z. Alliance, addressed the meeting in an earnest manner, thereby arousing the interest of the young people. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Every gave a brief talk on the Willard Home, and then read their annual report. Miss Kiora Tyler was elected delegate to the Petone Convention. Games and songs made the evening pass merrily and quickly. Supper was dispensed as usual.

OTAUTAU.

Aug. 23. W.C.T.U. gave a social evening for Mrs Brown, President, who gave a very stirring and interesting speech on Temperance, and concluded with three "B's": "Be energetic, doing all you can to help the cause;" "Be loyal to your Union—it is God's work and we are there to do that work;" "Be present at your meetings, if your seat is empty your fellow-workers will miss you, the work will miss you, and the Maker will miss you." Mrs Young, Y. Supt., gave an inspiring address, and briefly outlined the duties of officers, etc., for the Y. Union. The following are the officers appointed: Supt., Mrs Macdonald; Pres., Miss Winnie Arthur; Vice-Pres., Misses Harrington, Donnan, Kirkpatrick and J. Burns; Treas., Miss Margaret McBride; Rec. Sec., Miss Dorothy Mills; Cor. Sec., Miss Mina Macdonald; Look-out Committee, Misses Harrington, Kirkpatrick and Donnan; Badge Agent, Miss M. Batt; White Ribbon Agent, Miss Ada Hope. Mrs Brown presented of-

ficers with badges, which were gratefully accepted. The Invercargill Y Union donated to our Union all the books required. Several new members joined last night. Supper provided by Senior Union. Decided to hold the meetings monthly, and on the second Monday of each month. Songs were rendered.

SPEECH.

Talk happiness. The world is sad enough

Without our woes. No path is wholly rough;
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,

And talk of them, to rest the weary ear
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain

Of human discontent, and grief, and pain.

Talk faith. The world is better off without

Your uttered ignorance, and morbid doubt
If you have faith in God, or man, or self,

Say so—if not, push back upon the shelf
Of silence, all your thoughts, till faith shall come,

No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

Talk health. The dreary never-ending tale

Of mortal maladies, is worn, and stale,
You cannot charm, or interest, or please,

By harping on that minor chord,—disease.
Say you are well,—or all is well with you,

And God shall hear your words, and make them true.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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AVONDALE, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Cook; 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 W. T. Lill, Willowby; Joint Secs., Mrs J. Thompson, Wakanui Road, and Miss Trekelr, Cameron Street E.; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street W.

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BLenheim, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. Grigg, The Parsonage; 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, Harrow Street; Sec., Miss Mitchel, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. H. Johnston, Foyle Street; Treas., Mrs W. Barber, Foyle Street.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Every; Sec., Mrs Welch, Pembroke Street; 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, 1st Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.45 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., Mrs Gilmour, Atkinson Street; Sec., Mrs E. L. Johnson, 36 Baker Street, Caversham; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson Street, South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine Street, Caversham.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. President, Mrs Hiett, 264 George St.; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd., St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Miss M. S. Powell; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Mrs Twose; Home Meetings, Library 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, Cracroft Street; Treas., Mrs Hay, Tainui Road; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnson, Albert Road; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Sheppard.

EKETAHUNA, meets 3rd Thursday, in Me-Pres., Mrs Terry; Vice-Pres., Mrs Smith, Newman Road; Sec., Mrs Norman, Parkville; Treas., Mrs Smith, Newman Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Baillie, Macara Street.

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.

EPSOM, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs Neal, Maunsell Road, Parnell; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hayr, Kipling Avenue; Rec. Sec., Miss Gabites, Kipling Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs McLeod, Wapiti Avenue; Treas., Mrs Pirrett, Panama Street, Arch Hill; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs McLeod, Wapiti Avenue; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tucker, Aratonga Avenue, One Tree Hill.

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 Auld, 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, 17 Grey Street; 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 McAskil; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rhodes and Stewart; Cradle Roll, Mrs McAskil; 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; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road.

HAWERA, last Thursday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Tait, Waihi Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Haywood, Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs Burge, 18 Furlong Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hulbert, Camberwell Road.

HAMILTON EAST, 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs E. Watkins, 131 Grey Street; Sec., Mrs R. Mears, 176 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs G. Jack, McFarlane Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Day, 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 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 Lilliecap, 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.

KAIAPOI, 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 Balgent, 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, 3rd 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, Casei Street; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wakeham, Te Ore, Ore Road, Lansdowne.

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

MOSGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taieri; 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., Miss Cresswell, Lower Moutere; Rec. Sec., Miss Teece, Lower Moutere; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Moffatt, High Street, South Moutere; Treas., Mrs Quayle, Atkins Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs F. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.

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

NAPIER, first Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Speight, Port Ahuriri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dadds, Leask, and McAlister; Rec. Sec., Mrs Field, Hastings Street Extension; Cor. Sec., Mrs Bull, Chaucer Road; Treas., Mrs Greenaway, 46 Macdonald Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Ladds; 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 Good.

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., Whitley Hall. Pres., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, "Craig-neuk," Powderham St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chapman, 496 Devon Street; Treas., Miss Taunt; W.R. Supt., Mrs Dickson, Vogeltown.

ORMONDSVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Newling; Treas., Miss Thomasen; 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. Dewney; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hambly; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Chambers.

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs McDonald, Albert St., Otahuhu; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Rd.; Treas., Mrs R. Muir, Niger Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs West, Panmure Road.

OTAUTAU, 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 Days, Mrs Cooper; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Gainsford and Mrs Robertson.

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.

IAHIATUA, 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., Mrs Young, Fitzherbert W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Collins, Amesbury Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs 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, 13 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 Powick; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; Y. Supt., Mrs Burroughs; L.T.L. and W.R., Mrs E. Wells.

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

RAKAI, 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, "Althorpe."

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room, More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Sec., Miss J. M. McGregor; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Green.

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 Hudson; 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, first Thursday, in Elgin Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Gillard; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Clay.

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.

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., meets at Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning, East Coast Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bayes and Lewins; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Dodson Avenue; Treas., Miss Mills, Earnock Avenue; Cradle Roll, Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

TEMUKA, meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Sims, Allnutt 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 Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, 11 Roslyn Terrace; Treas., Miss Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 118 North Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Odell, Arthur Street.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Kippenberger, Studholme; Rec. Sec., Mrs Scott, Junction Road; 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 Andrews Brixton; Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

WAIPAWA, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs Morley-Palmer, Ensor's Road, Opawa; Miss Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

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 Smales.

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. Agent, Mrs J. Grant, 53 Plymouth Street.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okola, Wanganui; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 91 Jellicoe Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. Frethey, Nile Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Beady, Brown and McLeod; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Ellis, Helmore Street.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Adlam; Sec., Mrs Wall; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone, Gloag Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Grantham; Rest Room Sec., Miss Muir; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Barrow.

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, 5 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 Caughley, McDonald, Harry, Dawson and Holland; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 148 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Mrs Caughley.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Galpin, Lochore, Sampson, and Curtis; Sec., Mrs Furness, Manse Street; 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 Dreadon; Press Reporter, Mrs Curtis; L.T.L., Mrs W. Goodall.

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

WOOLSTON-OPAWA UNION, meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs W. O. Brown, 28 Ford Road, Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, 26 Opawa Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.