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## A BUSH TRAGEDY.

It was late afternoon in a quiet bush township among the foothills of the main dividing range. The Great South Road meandered up hill and down dale in its journey from Auckland to Wellington. Sometimes it ran a narrow line between the green forest, at other times the bush gave place to small clearings, and upon each one of these was built a small farmhouse surrounded by a garden plot. Upon the crest of a hill in the main township stood the school-house. It was a primitive structure, and around it stretched the playground, shut off from the surrounding bush by the usual post and rail fence. The school faced the road and beyond the road the unbroken bush waved, a dense forest to where the snow-capped Ruahines touched the horizon. The children had been dismissed some time ago and had taken their way home. Then out of the school door stepped Ivy Brown, the young pupil teacher. She picked up her bridle and sent out a ringing call. Immediately in answer to that call, trotted up her horse, Fairy, a lovely dapple grey. A horse with a pedigree, she held her aristocratic head high, but gentle as well as spirited, she submitted to the caresses of her young mistress. Deftly saddling her steed the young teacher started for her five mile ride home. After leaving the township behind, the road ran, a narrow line between the mighty forest giants on either side. Ivy loved this part of the road. It always reminded her of the aisle of a great cathedral, and

after a busy day at school, its quiet and rest were most soothing. Today the road was carpeted with the red berries shed by the lofty rimu trees, and as the sun through the boughs glinted upon them, they recalled to the young girl's mind the text "And I saw a sea of glass with mingled fire."

Suddenly the quiet was broken by rude noises, shouts of men and trampling of hoofs. Glancing around Ivy saw a trap containing two young farmers. Hansen, who was driving, was very drunk and lashed the horse furiously. Ivy's horse became restive, and a fearless horsewoman, she gave it free rein. Her pursuers tried in vain to overtake her, for Fairy could show a clean pair of heels to any horse in that district.

As she crossed the railway line, the sound of racing hoofs brought her father to the door of his office. She pointed to the men behind her as she rode on home.

Mr Brown knew both men well, and had mourned to see the deterioration in them caused by frequent drinking bouts. For nearly two years Mr Brown had appeared every 3 months before the Licensing Bench with a petition against the issue of a license in his riding. But at last one had been forced upon them and this was the result.

He took them into his office, ordered a cup of strong coffee, and later saw them partially sobered, into their trap for the journey home.

Around the tea table that night Ivy told the story of her mad ride.

"Was it safe to let them go home?" asked Mrs Brown of her husband.

"Oh yes!" he replied "quite, I think. Hansen was almost sober, and they both promised me to go straight home. If they let the old horse alone he'll take them home."

"Remember, Alf, there is the hotel right on the roadside. Will they pass it?"

"I believe they'll keep their promise and go straight on."

"Hansen might" she said "but I don't trust Pedersen. It'll surprise me if he goes by a hotel."

And there the matter was allowed to rest. The next morning as Ivy dismounted in the school paddock, the children clustered round her and spoke in awed tones.

"Oh! teacher, Clara Hansen's father is killed."

"What do you mean, children? killed! Who killed him?"

"Strong drink killed him" spoke the schoolmaster from the doorstep. He's the first result of our new hotel." Then he went on to give her more particulars. Contrary to their promise, the two men had visited the hotel upon their way home. Once there, they stayed until closing time, then 11 p.m. When they left, the horse was the most sensible member of the trio. But he was not allowed to have his way and was driven past the home gate. Rounding a sharp curve at a dangerous speed the trap had been overturned and both men flung down the gully. There they lay until discovered in the morning. Hansen had fallen with his head in the fork of a fallen tree, and his neck was broken. Pedersen escaped with a broken leg and severe bruises.

During his convalescence Mr Brown visited Pedersen, and spoke very plainly to him about his drinking habits.

"This is not your first narrow escape" he said "and you might not be so fortunate next time."

"I know that, but when I get drink I always want more."

"Yes! we know that fatal craving is in your blood. You cannot take it, or let it alone. Your only safe plan is to let it alone."

Then Mr Brown spoke of his wife and family and for their sakes urged him to give up the drink. After a long and earnest talk he signed the pledge, "With an earnest resolution to keep it," and they knelt and prayed for strength to be given him.

As time passed on Pederson kept his pledge. He kept away from his old companions and the hotel bar saw him no more. Gradually his will, freed from the control of alcohol, re-asserted its power and the man was gaining a noble self-mastery.

Every fortnight Mr Shaw, the curate, held service in the school-room. An earnest man he was always on the move to visit his wide parish. Many a time had his appearance at service excited the mirth of the younger portion of his congregation. They would glance beneath the table at the preacher's feet and smile at the incongruity of his clay covered boots beneath his snowy surplice. Pedersen had got into the habit of driving his wife to church, and very glad and thankful was she when he consented to stay to communion service with her. But alas! her joy was short lived. No unfermented wine was used then, and as the strong port wine ran down his throat, it roused all the old fiery craving. Not even the influence of that sacred place could make alcohol any other than the "devil in solution." Pedersen went home resolved to fight and conquer. Probably he would have succeeded had not he met an old chum in town next day, who invited him in for a drink. His will, already weakened by the fearful craving, was in no condition to refuse. That night he went home the worse for liquor. Day after day the fight continued, sometimes he conquered, but oftener still he yielded, and weaker and weaker grew his resistance. How he hated himself for

his weakness. Then, when in a drink irritated state, he struck his wife, his cup of anguish seemed full.

Next morning his wife said no harsh word to him, but her blacken-end eye spoke eloquently to the man of the devil he had allowed to dwell within him. A great despair seized him, and he went away by himself to a distant field. There he knelt down, with will weakened, and brain drugged, yet with a spirit clear he breathed this pathetic prayer:—

"Oh God! the parson says you know all about us, that you are our Father. You know I've tried to fight; you know what a slave I am. Forgive me for coming to you before I am called, but I can't stay here and drop down lower and lower. Oh! dear God! if souls do have to come back to this world again, let mine be born into a country where there's no strong drink to be had. I'm coming unasked, but receive me for Jesus' sake." The report of a gun sounded and the soul of the victim went to the tender mercies of his God and there discovered that—

"There's no place where earth's sorrows,

Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There's no place where earth's failings

Have such kindly judgment given.

The Coroner brought in the old familiar verdict "while under the influence of liquor." Yes! alcohol was as truly his murderer as the murderer of his friend Hansen, the second victim to the hotel forced upon an unwilling people, to fill the pockets of the wealthy brewer in the adjacent town. Alcohol—murderer! whose crimes are committed under the protection of the law.

When next he visited the district Mr Shaw called upon Mrs Pedersen to express his sympathy with her. To him she poured out the grief and remorse which ever haunted her.

"Oh! if only I hadn't persuaded him to come to Communion, but I never thought you'd have Port wine."

"Mrs Pedersen, we use wine because we follow the example of our Saviour when He instituted the Lord's Supper."

"Mr Shaw! Did Jesus use fermented wine?"

"Well! we read in the Gospels that he gave wine to His disciples."

"That is true! Should we not consider the circumstances. Jesus and

His disciples were Jews and they were celebrating in that upper room the Jewish feast of the Passover. No strict Jew to-day will drink fermented wine during Passover any more than he will eat leavened bread."

"Are you quite sure of this?"

"I am! my Uncle and his family are very strict Jews and belong to the Synagogue. They are not temperance people at all. They keep wine in the house, drink it, and offer it to their guests. But I noticed that during Passover week wine was banished with leavened bread from their home. I asked the reason of this and Auntie gave me the explanation I have passed on to you. She told me that when they order their supply of Passover bread, unleavened bread of course, they also order unfermented wine. And if the unfermented wine ran short, she made raisin wine."

"Well! Well!" said Mr Shaw "I never thought of this before. I have felt for some time that Jesus could never have used wine containing a racial poison like alcohol. I can see now much clearer and never again will I allow at the most sacred service of my church a devil to tempt weak ones. 'I will drink no wine whereby my brother stumbleth' much more will I not give that wine to my weaker brother."

"I'm glad to hear you say this. Nothing can bring my loved one back, but it will save others from temptation, and remove the stumbling block from the path of our weaker brethren."

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**Not Required.**—At the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature on February 15th, 1924, it was stated that the Budget for the year (under Prohibition), would show a surplus of over one hundred thousand dollars. Who said that liquor money was the only way of balancing a national Budget?

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**Did You Know?**—Do you know that before the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted, out of 2540 counties in the United States, only 305 had not declared themselves dry?—Mabel Walker Willebrandt.

### THE LITTLE WHITE BOW.

The little White Bow will introduce to you a woman, who is out for a Christian life—a life characterised as out to help, to lift, to save. The little White Bow speaks for purity of life, and all that is going to lift us nearer to God—that is going to make better husbands, and fathers, better sons and daughters, hence it takes a stand for temperance and all over the world the wearer of the little white bow is known as a temperance woman.

We are proud of our little badge. It speaks for us and to us, and I won't say that we forget our principles when we forget to don our "bow," but I must own up that many of us are careless about showing our colours, and by this means are losing ground, even amongst ourselves.

It is very like the wedding garment; the great, and influential men and women in our work, could sit or walk by our side, and then say "I never knew you." How much we have missed, and are likely to miss, I do not care to say by neglecting our little friend, and then, too, others are suffering through our neglect. I am not guiltless but am making resolves as I write. I'll tell you why. I have been a temperance woman all my life. I have sojourned in many parts,—by land and sea, by train, trams, by omnibuses and car, and times without number my heart has been cheered by the sight of our chaste little bow. A friend indeed was near me. I had no hesitancy in saying I am glad to meet a fellow-worker.

Last March I was introduced to a lady at the Hawera station. On entering the same carriage I observed that she wore a little knot of white, and I said, by way of opening up a conversation on that long train ride to Wellington, "I'm glad you are a W.C.T.U. woman. I feel we have much in common. "We talked of many things re temperance work, and we talked of Jesus by the way. As we parted she said "it has been very refreshing to talk of things of a religious and spiritual nature, for so few people care to bring to light that which should concern them most." This good lady has since been called up higher where the redeemed of the Lord shall walk with Him in white.

This little story will come very

close home to some of you with whom Mrs Lacey went in and out amongst till the call came. But for the little white bow, this incident would not have been told, nor would the writer hold with reverence the sweet memory of "how our hearts burned within us as we talked by the way"—our departed one had nailed her colours to the mast.

I make this my appeal to every W.C.T.U. member, to make this our badge one of your constant adornments, just for the good it may do, for the encouragement it offers to others, and for the proclamation that we are out and out for the temperance cause.

Two of our women visiting the largest city in New Zealand report their disappointment after going in and out by tramcar and busses, etc., for a whole fortnight, to have met with only two ladies wearing the bow.

The date is not fixed for polling time, but we surmise it will take place the end of this year—Let us get our sign boards out, let us publish abroad our faith in God that He will, in His own good time, bring about this great reform, and I honestly believe that our little bow will aid much in impressing all, that we women are out to win.

Is my appeal strong enough? We are Christian women and I have spoken to you as such. In other words we are the "salt of the earth." Perhaps by a little oversight here or there, the food we are hoping to administer is a bit tasteless. It may be the little bow is missing. Its silent message has not touched with its motherly fingers the wayside traveller, the passer by. Ladies nail your colours to the mast, for the sake of God, for home and humanity, for your boy and my boy, for all womanhood, and in short for the great wide world, that the kingdom of this world may be freed from the horrors of strong drink and all the sin and shame that follow in its dread train, and this will hasten the day when the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

The following little incident comes from Mrs Lill, President of the W.C.T.U., Ashburton, and is only two days old.

While waiting on the Auckland

station for my train I was approached by a woman of years. She looked worried, and in her hand she held a ticket. Glancing at my white bow she said: "You wear the bow, and that means you'll help a body dose'nt it?" "Yes, if I can. "Then look here! I was told to hang on to my ticket. My bag is in the luggage office and the man wants me to give up my ticket—can you help me?" I explained if she wanted to purchase a lb. of tea, she would have to give a coin or something in exchange, and in this case it was her ticket. Light dawned, and the matter was settled.

By M. GREENWOOD,  
Hawera.

### CONVENTION.

Unions will all be pleased to know that Mrs Don is quite expected to reach New Zealand this week, and will therefore be at Convention. She is to speak, we hope, at the Sunday evening rally, and also on Wednesday, the last evening. Miss Henderson has been asked to give her experience on Monday evening; and on both these days the afternoon will be wholly or partially free.

We deeply regret that Mr Dawson is unable to attend, as his medical adviser has recommended rest and change; his place will be taken by the Dominion Alliance Organiser.

Hoping for a most enthusiastic gathering,

I am,  
Yours in W.R. bonds,  
KATE M. EVANS,  
Rec. Sec.

If pride would only tumble to itself it wouldn't go before a fall.

Always do your best. Possibly the best you can do is none too good.

"Every day I am more sure of the mistake made by good people universally in trying to pull fallen people up instead of keeping the safe ones from tumbling after them; and always spending their pains on the worst instead of the best material."—Ruskin.

## FOR WORLD PEACE.

How can we women help to hasten the day when the public opinion of the world will definitely array itself against war, as being a relic of the past which we ought to be leaving behind, and as being therefore, for us morally wrong? There is a way in which we can help, and it is this that I wish to consider.

The source of happiness and its opposite lies in the mind, and the power of the mind is being recognised gradually more and more, and being studied with more and more detail, and more and more comprehension.

One fact which stands out perhaps more prominently than any other in Psychology is that it is possible for thought to pass directly from mind to mind without any intermediary; in other words, that thought can be "transferred" from one mind to another irrespective of any form of outer communication and of the distance between the two.

With the knowledge we now have of the way in which wireless telegraphy works, we can easily understand that there is always going on a certain "broadcasting" of thought, whether we are conscious of it or not. There is a tremendous significance in this; it means that by our thoughts we are constantly awakening similar thoughts in the minds of others, and making it easier for them to do good or evil actions, as the case may be. Through this interplay of thought, the solidarity of humanity becomes a very real and present fact, not something to be sought after, but something which actually is; and we realise to what an extent it is true that each one of us is "our brother's keeper."

Carrying this little thought a little farther, we can see its application to the question of war. While it is quite true that the immediate cause of war is usually some international dispute, yet, as these disputes imply some form of greed or jealousy or ill-will *somewhere*, on one side or another, anything which tends to increase feelings of ill-will must help, in a greater or lesser degree, to lead up to the crisis which ultimately makes the outbreak of war inevitable. It is questionable if the impulse to discord of an international dispute would usually itself have enough force to result in war. But

when reinforced by the cumulative effect of the unkind, angry, revengeful feelings of all humanity—for how many of us can claim to be entirely free from such feelings?—it becomes irresistible, and the war-spirit takes possession of Governments and nations alike, and hurls them into deadly conflict.

If, then, we wish to help in putting an end to war, we can set about it at once, with full confidence that no effort can possibly fail to have its effect; for nothing can stand in the way of thought; it works unseen, but all the more powerfully on that account, and it penetrates everywhere. So the first thing to do is to purify ourselves; to train our minds so that they will allow no thought to find a resting place therein save such as we *will* to think; then persistently to check every thought of disharmony, never to allow ourselves to harbour a feeling of unkindness or jealousy or anger, but to be ever full of good-will towards *all*, both in thought and in actions. This is a double process; on the one hand it has a negative result, in that we add nothing to the forces that work for discord and war; on the other hand, if a large number are doing it all the world over, it will have a powerful positive effect in changing the general direction of the thought of humanity, and so in time changing the direction of its activity, for, as Marc Sangnier says;—"There is no outer revolution, which is not the result of a previous inner revolution; if you wish to reform society, you must first reform yourself." And this change will be spread more widely and rapidly by that spontaneous and automatic "broadcasting" of thought already referred to.

But we can, and should, do something still more positive than this, by definitely thinking every day, and as often in the day as we can, some simple, but strong and earnest peace-thought. We can each of us formulate our own thought, or we might band ourselves together in groups, each group selecting a thought on which all the members will undertake to dwell for a few minutes at some fixed hour in the day. This is the better way, as concerted action of any kind has always a stronger effect than isolated and separate efforts. In a town in India, a handful of lovers of peace have banded

themselves together to repeat every morning some Sanskrit verses, of which the following is a free rendering:—"May the whole universe enjoy the blessing of peace! May the hearts of the wicked be turned away from their wickedness and seek peace! May all beings pour forth active good-will and love to all! May the minds of all dwell on thoughts of good-will and peace! May all of us, being purified from all selfishness, be fully devoted to God."

But the form of words matters little. The essential point is that there may be definite earnest effort, regularly repeated, that may "broadcast" the thought that war is no longer right for civilised nations, and the prayerful wish that the hearts of all may be turned towards peace. As more and more of us do this, we shall be accumulating a force which will ultimately become so strong that it will be impossible for war to break out. I believe that this method is more efficacious, more certain of success than any other that can be adopted.

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## CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

Dear Madam,

I am writing to you to call the attention of your readers to the danger run by those who have to approach bulls. Just a few days ago, in this district, a bull fatally injured a young man, and very seriously injured his father. It is not a very painful operation to a bull to be dehorned, and the slight inconvenience the animal would suffer could scarcely be balanced against the way in which danger from the animal would be minimised. Surely it could be made compulsory that all bulls should be dehorned! Could not somebody with an abler pen than mine take the matter up.

I remain, dear madam,

Yours sincerely,

NINA MOFFIT.

High Street, Motueka,

March 6th, 1925.

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Do not think it wasted time to submit yourself to any influence which may bring upon you any noble feelings.—Ruskin.

**MAORI DEPARTMENT.**

Last month after some preliminary correspondence Sister Dobby, of Hokianga, kindly consented to prepare the way for a visit from Mrs Fulljames with the object of forming a Maori W.C.T.U. there. She had arranged for meetings to be held in 3 Maori settlements, and a European meeting at Rawene. When they duly arrived at Otawa, 5 miles away from Taheke, their disappointment was great when the Secretary of the Women's Committee there, told them that she had just received a letter from Dr. Buck, prohibiting meetings of any description amongst the natives, owing to the outbreak of infantile paralysis. However, these things cannot be helped or foreseen, disappointments and set-backs seem quite the natural order of things. Fortunately our Auckland workers are not easily discouraged and are even now planning and hoping for better times ahead. We are very grateful to Sister Dobby, for the amount of work and organising she has put in for us there, and confident that it will not be wasted. When they found that it was impossible to assemble any Maoris, Sister Dobby invited some European friends to her house, and Mrs Fulljames formed a Branch with Sister Dobby as President, to which we wish every success, and know that they will have at heart the Maori side of our work, and that when the restrictions are lifted our Maori Union may yet be formed there. Through Sister Jessie, I have now got into touch with several Mission centres where they are glad to make use of our leaflets, and in this way we can hope to prepare the ground for our Union Worker when we are successful in obtaining one.

On Mrs Fulljames' return journey she communicated with Mrs Noda and Mrs Wright, President of our Maungaturoto branch with the object of, if possible, getting a meeting there. This was done, Mrs Noda riding in many miles to be present at it. Mrs Fulljames spoke to them on our Maori work, emphasising the great need for keeping in touch with them, and the Maungaturoto Union has promised to visit and encourage the Batley Maori Sisters, so we may hope that when the restrictions as regards meetings is removed, much

good will result from her visit to the North.

N. F. WALKER,  
Maori Department.

Upper Fox Street,  
Gisborne.

**THAT TIRED FEELING.**

**UNFAILING RESOURCES.**

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up as with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

It is safe to say that many a person loves this promise of the prophet Isaiah, without taking it in anything like a literal sense. The words are considered to be so figurative and so highly spiritualised, that they seem scarcely to relate at all to this earthly life, much less to the possibilities of these physical bodies.

Besides the nervous folk who feel themselves so weary that they scarcely have strength to live, there are thousands upon thousands of men and women who are called normal but have lost much of the joy of life because they feel their bodies inadequate to meet the demands of everyday living.

To such men and women the Biblical promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be," comes now as the message of modern science. Nature is not stingy. She has not given the human race a meagre inheritance. She did not blunder when she made the human body, nor did she allow the spirit of man to develop a civilisation to whose demands his body is not equal. After its long process of development through the survival of the fittest, the human body, unless definitely diseased, is a perfectly adequate instrument, as abundantly able to cope with the complex demands of modern society as with the simpler but more strenuous life of the stone age. The body has stored within its cells enough energy in the shape of protein, carbohydrate, and fat to meet, and more than meet, any drains that are likely to be made upon it, either through the monotony of the daily grind, or the excitement of sudden emergency. Nature never runs on a narrow margin. Her motto

seems everywhere to be, provide for the emergency, enough and to spare, good measure, pressed down, running over. She does not start her engines out with insufficient steam to complete the journey. On the contrary she has in most instances reserve boilers which are almost never touched. As a rule the trouble is not so much lack of steam as the ignorance of the engineer who is unacquainted with the engine and afraid to "let her cut."

Extract from "Outwitting Our Nerves," one of the new books recently added to the Dominion Library. Postage 4½d; from Mrs Field, "The Rocks," Nelson.

**THANKS.**

242 College Street,  
Palmerston North.  
March 4th, 1925.

Dear Mrs Perryman,

Will you kindly permit me to thank all the W.C.T.U. Branches through your columns, for parcels of clothing and money donations received for the Willard Home. I am afraid some of the Unions who sent parcels of clothing, have not received personal acknowledgments owing to Xmas holiday, and our Superintendent of clothing department being away, therefore I take this opportunity of thanking all, as I feel sure it will be the means of reaching those who may have been overlooked.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
Yours faithfully,  
E. BIRDSALL,  
Hon. Sec.—Treas.  
Willard Home Board.

What do we need to keep the nation whole—  
To guide the pillars of the State? We need  
The fine audacity of honest deed;  
The homely old integrities of soul,  
We need the Cromwell fires to make us feel  
The common burden and the public trust  
To be a thing as sacred and august  
As the white vigil where the angels kneel.  
We need the faith to go a path untried.  
The power to be alone and VOTE with God.

—Ed. Markham.

### A MARVELLOUS DOG.

Perhaps an account of a very clever dog and one or two of his feats may interest some of our young readers. The dog, "Scotty" by name, has remarkable intelligence. On one occasion his master had been looking around his three hundred acre farra, and when he arrived home he found his stock-whip gone, having fallen from a strap fastened to the side of his saddle. The dog's master said, "Scotty, I have lost my whip," and he made believe to crack it. "Away back, Scotty, and find my whip." The dog hunted all over the farm, and came back after one hour and twenty minutes' absence with the stock-whip in his mouth. The second feat was during the shooting season. This youth's father was working out sawing up a few scattered kauri trees, and had erected a small mill. Two of the boys were out with Scotty pheasant shooting, and the first thing one of them killed was a rabbit. Most of the family not liking rabbits, they thought they would leave it behind. One of the boys, however, said, "What about sending Scotty down with it to Dad at the mill." The distance was about half a mile. So one of the brothers said: "Scotty, take the rabbit down to the mill." He did so, and came back wagging his tail, and started at once hunting for pheasants. One more and this the most remarkable, came under my observation. I was visiting Maungaturoto, having a son and daughter there, and two sisters. This dog is owned by my sister's son, Ivor Cullen. I had stayed overnight, and went up to the milking shed on the following morning. One son said, "Scotty, if you want any milk, take the billy lid to Dad; he may give you some." Scotty ran to the side of the entrance, got the lid, and went to the boy's father for milk. He said, "Oh, Scotty I think Buss would give you more than I; try him." Away went the dog, and found the four boys milking. He went straight up to Buss, or Harry, to be correct, and he said, "Bring your billy lid a bit nearer." The dog did so, and after receiving and drinking the milk, he left the lid where he drank, and was walking away. Buss said, "Come here; take the old lid away out of my road." Scotty did so, and took it back where he first picked it up. These facts are exactly as they

occurred, and can be vouched for by Mr F. Cullen, Chairman of the Maungaturoto Butter Factory.—From the "Eden Gazette" for October 16th, 1924.

### "FORGIVEN—EVEN UNTIL NOW."

(Num. 14:19.)

#### FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Thou hast forgiven—even until now.

We bless Thee, Lord, for this,  
And take Thy great forgiveness as we  
bow

In depth of sorrowing bliss;  
While over all the long regretful past  
This veil of wondrous grace Thy  
sovereign hand doth cast.

"Forgiven until now!" For Jesus died  
To take our sins away;

His blood was shed, and still the in-  
finite tide

Flows full and deep to-day.  
He paid the debt; we own it and go  
free!

The cancelled bond is cast in Love's un-  
fathomed sea.

"Forgiven until now!" For God is true;  
Faithful and just is He!

Forgiving, cleansing, making all things  
new.

"Who is a God like Thee?"  
O precious blood of Christ that saves  
and heals,

While all its cleansing might the Holy  
Ghost reveals.

Yes, "even until now!" And so we  
stand,

Forgiven, loved, and blessed,  
And, covered in the shadow of God's  
hand.

Believing are at rest.  
The one great load is lifted from the  
soul,

That henceforth on the Lord all bur-  
dens we may roll.

Yes, "even until now!" Then let us  
press,

With free and willing feet,  
Along the King's highway of holiness.  
Until we gain the street

Of golden crystal, praising purely when  
We see our pardoning Lord, forgiven  
until then!

—F. R. Havergal.

### CHASTITY.

There is much nonsense and there are many fallacies pertaining to chastity and celibacy. The author of "Staying the Plague," Dr. N. Bishop Harman, M.A., F.R.C.S., tells us the truth about chastity in the following plain language:—

"Chastity is not injurious; and chastity of long duration in no way impairs the sexual powers. Whether there be sexual activity or quiescence, the glands are always doing their proper work both in the preparation of the internal secretion and of the special sex cells. . . . There is no risk in chastity. The risk lies all with the contrary practice. Those who persuade themselves that immoral practice is justified in physiology believe a lie; whilst those who shelter their evil practices behind some 'doctor's orders' of apocryphal origin merely expose the grossness of their deceit."

### THE HINDERED CHRIST.

The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one  
day

To speak a message of cheer  
To a heart that was weary and worn  
and sad,

And weighed with a mighty fear.  
He asked me for mine, but I was busy  
quite  
With my own affairs from morn till  
night.

The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day  
To do a loving deed;  
He wanted two feet, on an errand for  
Him,

To run with gladsome speed;  
But I had need of my own that day;  
To His gentle beseeching I answered  
"Nay."

So all that day I used my tongue,  
My hand and my feet as I chose;  
I said some hasty, bitter words,  
That hurt one heart, God knows.  
I busied my hands with worthless play.  
And my wilful feet went a crooked way.

And the dear Lord Christ—was His  
work undone

For lack of a willing heart?  
'Only through men does He speak to  
men;

Dumb must He be apart.  
I do not know, but I wish to-day  
I had let the Lord Christ have His way.

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**ALCOHOL—A MEDICINE?**

There are quite a number of people who have given up the use of alcohol as a beverage, who are yet convinced that it is of value as a medicine.

But whatever the lay mind may think the professional mind is quite of the opinion that alcohol is useless as a medicine. The Liquor Control Committee in England (pronounced by Dr. Saleeby as the most authora-

tative scientific committee ever appointed for the purpose) unanimously reported against alcohol as either a tonic or a stimulant.

America's leading physicians signed a protest against the ruling of the Attorney General that beer might be sold for medicinal purposes. In it occur these sentences "Malt liquors have never been listed in the U.S.A. pharmacopoeia as official medicinal remedies. They serve no medical purpose, which cannot be satisfactorily met in other ways, and that without the danger of cultivating the beverage use of an alcoholic liquor."

The Harrisbury Academy of medicine unanimously adopted a resolution that beer is not a medicine now, and never was. We give below weighty testimony from both British and American professionals of high standing:

"Let there be no mistake about the voice of medical practitioners or authorities on this matter. It is on the side of temperance of extreme temperance;—anything else is risky."—The Lancet.

"If by any miracle England was made sober, the average life of the people would be increased one-third."

—Sir B. W. Richardson, M.D.

"I am speaking solemnly and carefully when I tell you that I am considerably within the mark when I say that, in going the rounds of my hospital wards to-day, 7 out of every 10 cases there owed their ill health to alcohol"—Sir Andrew Clark.

Reports of Lunacy Commission for England and Wales for 23 years preceding the war, show that there were over 76,000 admissions to asylums of drink-caused insanity; an average of over 3300 per annum.

"It is certain that for every man (or woman), in whom excessive drinking causes absolute insanity, there are 20 in whom it injures the brain, blunts the moral sense, and lessens the capacity for work in lesser degrees."—Sir Thomas Clouston, Lunacy Expert.

"Alcohol as a tonic, a stimulant, or a food, has no scientific basis, and its use as a therapeutic agent should be discouraged."—American Med. Assn.

"Alcohol is a depressant first, last, all the time; that is, not even a primary stimulant. There are better tonics than alcohol; why use some-

thing about which there is so much doubt?"—N. S. Ferris, Washington, D.C.

**U.S.A. DR'S. OPINIONS.**

"Alcohol produces fatty degeneration of the heart, hence cannot be a food to the heart-muscle."

"Alcohol has no place in the treatment of the sick."

"Alcoholic liquors are rarely used as medicine except by foreigners and some of the Drs. in high service."

"Non-alcoholic treatment of pneumonia saves lives."

"Alcohol is passing as a popular remedy."

"Alcohol is rapidly going out of use as a medicine."

"As a medicine alcohol has been a failure."

"I have seen a patient killed by whisky given to him by a friend in a case of Bright's disease. I seldom hear of liquor being ordered by physicians nowadays."—Pres. County Med. Assn., New Jersey.

"If alcohol users nearly all die when attacked by pneumonia, as is the case, why use alcohol in trying to cure this disease."

"Increased vitality is necessary to resist infection. Alcohol lowers vitality. You cannot free the system of disease by clogging it as alcohol will."

"In pneumonia the use of alcohol adds a poison to a system already poisoned by the disease."

"Alcohol is useless and harmful in pneumonia. I have not used alcohol in typhoid or pneumonia for 25 years."

"The world would be infinitely better off if there were no alcoholic liquor in it."

"I believe that alcohol has no important uses in medicine, and I should rejoice to see prohibition come."—Prof. of Med., Havard.

**An Abomination.**—"All these medicated wines which are being foisted on the public are an abomination, and do an enormous amount of harm. The only people who derive any benefit are the individuals who foist them upon the public."—Sir Jas. Barr, M.D., F.R.C.P.

## PROGRESS.

(A paper read at the meeting of the Warkworth W.C.T.U.)

Mrs Morrison spoke of the past sixty years and held that a thoroughly sound education was most essential that progress should be maintained.

This world is teeming with opportunities for our advancement and wealth, if we only have sufficient knowledge to grasp and grapple with them. Knowledge gives the power to dip deep into the things that are of use to ourselves and the world generally.

Experience also counts much, and is but knowledge gained in the best of schools, i.e.,—life.

The speaker expressed her pleasure that England was at last sincerely trying to do away with the slum areas. Quoting largely from the Herald leader of January 24th, in regard to a discussion between Britain's Minister for Health, Mr Neville Chamberlain and a deputation from the London Municipal Society. Many things were discussed between these men, about "these sordid circumstances which were enough to turn sober-minded men and women into flaming crusaders on behalf of beleaguered humanity. In 1874, a committee was appointed to make an inspection—room by room—of a selected region of St. Giles, London. A hundred families, totalling 463 persons, were found to possess in all, 90 beds. Many rooms were found to be inhabited by as many as 22 persons."

"Between 1890 and 1900, Charles Booth recorded similar conditions and sadly confessed that action in regard to the slums was difficult, and reform slow."

'The abolition of this evil in the heart of Britain and other countries, remains the great task lying beneath the hand of creative statemanship to-day.'

Mrs Morrison spoke of women in regard to progress. Of their work in the home and outside of the home; of the important part they are playing in all branches of work, as teachers, lawyers, doctors, designers, etc.; of their work as police in our big cities, in helping to save women and children; of the part they were

taking in Parliament and all affairs for the betterment of humanity.

Speaking too, of the very serious decline of the birthrate in N.Z. and its disgrace to the Nation; "for it is to be feared that a selfish love of ease and narrowness of vision have something to do with it—that the cause of a falling birthrate lies deep," Placing against it the large families of the pioneers, who were brought up under great hardships and difficulties. Yet they grew into manhood to be a credit to their parent's upbringing, and to their country in almost every instance. Do you think the way made smooth is progressive? asked, the speaker. No such thing! we must set the good example that we can overcome obstacles that stand in our way—that women must try to make the world a better place for her children to inherit.

A discussion took place on several points of especial interest and Mrs Morrison was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for her address.

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## SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

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The Southland Executive met at the Bluff on Friday, 13th February. Delegates from all the Invercargill Unions, and from Otautau were present. Mrs Garrett, gave a helpful paper on "Child Welfare," and it was decided to have the paper added to the list for loan to branches.

The Secretary reported that the Invercargill Borough Council were considering the plans for a rest room for women and children, and stated that all the Southland Unions would be asked to help in getting this much needed requirement established.

The Treasurer, was instructed to purchase a silver spoon for the 1000th baby born in St. Helen's, and a letter of congratulation to be sent to the Matron.

Miss Earnshaw's work in Southland was reported on, and all agreed that it had been most successfully carried out, and that she had indeed given of her best to the work. Various remits to the conference were passed. A message of sympathy with Mrs Donaldson, the Bluff President, was passed.

## NOTES FROM MRS DON.

I sailed through heavy seas, high winds and snowstorms every day on our way to London, and never knew until I arrived there, just how bad the weather was. Several ships had been wrecked and many lives lost, while all over England the rain descended, the winds blew, and the floods came, followed by fogs said to be the worst in years. The only Sunday service arranged for me had to be cried off, for all traffic was suspended in London, you could scarcely see your hand before you. In spite of bad weather, I had tea twice at our Headquarters, once with the English Executive officers, and once with a group of friends new and old that met to hear Mr Courtenay Week's lecture on the disastrous effects of alcohol upon the unborn child. The Headquarters is a memorial to the life's work of Lady Carlisle, and makes me long more than ever for a similar building in New Zealand. There is a combined shop and office on the ground floor, with commodious office at the back, and up-to-date lavatories and toilet accommodation. Below are huge cellars for storage, and on the top flat a good sized Assembly Hall, with very nicely furnished parlours divided by folding doors. An up-to-date kitchenette with every facility for making tea for one or one hundred. Knowing by experience what a boon these Headquarters mean to our work, I wonder how in all the world we manage so well without one. I purchased goods at Evanston, including two dozen "Torch Bearers," written by Miss Elizabeth Gordon, some more serviettes, some novel promise boxes, also cardboard collecting boxes that fold like an envelope, most suitable for putting on table at meetings, and other dainty novelties.

I tranship to the "China" at Aden for Bombay. From there I go to Mukti, and know not yet whether to journey on to Ceylon by boat or train, but I have secured a reservation on the "Kyber" which is timed to reach Sydney sometime about the 6th or 9th of March; surely I ought to reach Dunedin in time for the Convention on the 25th.

Mr Wayne Wheeler, in sending out his New Year's greetings says, Uncle Sam gives in Charity 25 million dol-



lars at home, and four million dollars in gifts to wet Europe, pays three million dollars off the public debt each working day. He stores 15,053,077 automobiles, seven eighths of the world's total, daily spends over one million on the movies, another million on the radio, another million on outdoor sports. He has cut off half-a-million from the yearly arrests for drunkenness, decreased alcoholic insanity by two thirds, and lowered his almhouse rates from 91 per 100,000 to 71, the smallest in their history. His industrial accidents are 250,000 fewer per year than when beer made men clumsy. He erected homes for 205,193 families during the first 6 months of the past year. Few of his children are poor. Instead of beer he buys bonds until one in five are security holders. Uncle Sam has 14,346,701 telephones. He saves 74 million dollars per year once spent to relieve drink-caused poverty, and is at heart determined to stand by the 18th Amendment.

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**MOTHERS OF MEN.**

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O mothers of men and men to be,  
Have you the vision of grace to see  
The wonderful task that is yours to-  
day—

To train new lives in God's own way?

Co-workers with God! can you grasp  
the fact

You have entered into a sacred pact  
To work with Him in His infinite plan—  
To save His world with the help of  
man?

Men who are strong, courageous and  
brave,

For whom His priceless life He gave,  
That they in return should strive to do  
His work on earth and carry it  
through.

O mothers of men and men to be,  
God grant your eyes and your hearts  
may see

The wonderful part it is yours to play  
In moulding young lives in His perfect  
way.

—"Union Signal."

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Truth is Truth to the end of the  
reckoning.—Shakespeare.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The following payments (exclusive of capitation fees) have been received since the date of last report, (January):—

**NEW ZEALAND FUND.**

North East Valley, £4; Manaia, £1 1s; Carterton, Mayfield, Onehunga, Riccarton and Wakefield, £1 each; Christchurch, 10s. 6d.

**FRANCHISE DAY FUND.**

Gisborne, £1.

**ORGANISING FUND.**

Invercargill "Y," £21 10s. 6d; Dunedin, £19 5s. 6d; North East Valley, £10 17s. 6d; Invercargill Central, £10 10s; Carterton, £5 14s; Riccarton, £5 3s. 6d; Mosgiel and Wanganui East, £5 each; Wanganui, £4 11s. 6d; South Dunedin, £3 16s. 10d; Blenheim, £3 13s. 11d; Pleasant Point and Timaru "Y," £3 13s. 6d. each; Gore, £3 7s. 6d; Manaia, £3 4s. 6d; Opawa-Woolston, £3 1s. 6d; Sumner, £2 12s. 7d; Gisborne, £2-11s; TeKuiti, £2 6s. 6d; Inglewood and Wakefield, £2 5s. each; Tauranga, £2 3s. 6d; Mayfield, Onehunga and Woodville, £2 each; Henderson, £1 19s; Otautau and Sawyer's Bay, £1 14s. 6d each; Hastings, £1 13s. 6d; Birkenhead, £1 13s; Lincoln, £1 10s; Eltham, £1 8s. 6d; Bluff and Waverley, £1 4s. each; Waipukurau and Warkworth, £1 2s. 6d. each; Ponsonby, £1 2s. 3d; Picton and Miss M. Olsen, (Norsewood), £1 each; Matakana and Maungaturoto, 18s each; Eketahuna, 15s; Wanganui East L.T.L., 10s. 9d; Foxton (Addl.), 9s. 6d; per Miss Earnshaw, 7s. 6d; Templeton, 5s.

**MAORI FUND.**

Auckland "Y," £1.

**WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.**

New Plymouth, £1 10s; Ponsonby, £1 6s; New Brighton, £1 2s. 6d; Christchurch, 17s; Feilding, £1; Napier, 15s 6d; Rangiora, 15s. 3d; Hawera, 15s; Riccarton, 13s. 6d; Lower Hutt, 13s; Mayfield, 10s 6d; Gisborne, 5s.

E. P. R. BENDELY,  
N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,  
10th March, 1925.

**THE UNION.**

Is your Union making the most of its strength? for it is only in Union that it can.

We are all members—if one member suffer, all the body suffers. Is there any member suffering whom any one of us can help? Is there anyone who might be a member if she felt our help, our friendship? Is there anyone kept out of the Union, or out of its working strength, because she is not on friendly terms with one of us?

She may be the one who is needed to carry us on. Oh, make friends with her quickly. She will make friends if you ask her, pray for it, and you will feel immeasurably stronger with all-round friendship to strengthen you, as well as to strengthen your Union, instead of some little grudge, not worth remembering, eating your strength away.

You may think little disagreements unnoticed by outsiders, who know nothing of their details. These outsiders know all that matters about them. They know, they **can't help seeing**, what good working order the Union is in. They see what work it does. And if it doesn't do work they all see that. And just that one member whom **you** can bring into the working strength, is the one who is needed if your Union is slacking. For if one member suffers, from disagreement, from discouragement, from loneliness, from lack of consideration, from anything that **you** can help her through, your whole body suffers.

Like a mighty army—we are not divided all one body we—Well, are we? Is your Union?

KATHERINE MERCER.

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**WANTED!**

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All Unions please take notice! This is our Campaign year—get busy—Read carefully the General Literature advert. Add to its list the wondrous book "Women Torch-bearers," (price 8/6). Then make out the list of goods required and come to Convention with a big order determined to help in your small corner, the big fight ahead of us.

Yours in service,  
A. L. MOWLEM.

## A FAITHFUL DOG AND HIS NOBLE MASTER.

A most heroic story comes from the snow-clad slopes of distant Alaska, and the hero of the story is one of the much expected messengers of Father Christmas.

Away in the interior of that bleak land, at a place that has the comforting name of Hot Springs, is an orphanage, where fatherless children from far around are brought up in happiness. Naturally, kind folks felt in their hearts the Christmas needs of those youngsters, living where few of the joys of Christmas would reach them, for the only method of approach was a seventy-mile sledge journey with a dog team. Who would brave the blast through that dreary seventy miles and appear as Father Christmas in their midst?

The volunteer for this trying journey was Father Ruppert, a devoted Roman Catholic priest. With a stout heart, the good father set out gaily, carrying joy with him in many a mysterious packet, for the orphanage party was fifty strong.

But Father Ruppert did not arrive at the orphanage. His team of dogs was strong and fresh enough to face the dangers of the way; but there is a hidden danger in any team of fresh dogs rejoicing in their strength and freedom. They need strong and firm management. Especially they need strong and firm control when they come within sight or scent of big game, which they delight to hunt. Exactly what happened with Father Ruppert's team no one knows. One can only guess. That something had gone sadly wrong was felt when the dogs arrived singly at a lonely settlement. At last the story was completed by the arrival at Father Ruppert's starting-point of an Eskimo who had made his way there to bring the sad news. The coming in of the stray dogs, one by one, caused a search party to set out. The search was not long, for only four miles away from the storm-bound orphanage the overturned sledge was discovered, and by it lay the dead body of the gallant messenger. He was not alone, for by him, faithful to the end and beyond, was the leading dog-master of the team. Mink knew his duty. Standing guard over his dead human friend, he threatened the strangers. A sad story truly, but what a

tale of heroism and noble sense of duty in a man and dog, the oldest friendship on earth! Sorrow and pride mingle equally in so great a story. Perhaps if such things did not happen, we should not know how great a human life can be.—From "The Children's Newspaper."

## SCISSORS AND PASTE.

**A Little Lower.**—"Good laws do not always make good people, but good people always ought to make good laws. The man who upholds the liquor shop must be a little lower than the liquor shop, or he could not do it."—The late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

**Birkenhead's Lament.**—Lord Birkenhead, recently travelling in the United States, is reported to have stated to an interviewer at Worcester (Mass.): "It's awful travelling about the country for weeks at a time, and seeing nothing but a ghastly glass of water on the table." Does Prohibition prohibit?

"Mother, why are all the men going out?"

"Oh, just to see if Prohibition is over."—"Life."

"McPherson is a joiner. If he sees two men having a drink he always joins them."—Jock Mills.

**How Does This Strike You?**—Britain's National Drink Bill, £307,500,000; Britain's National Debt interest (1923-24), £307,309,000. Only £93,000,000 spent on milk, but £193,000,000 in beer.

America must be wondering why we are sending so many lecturers to the United States. The country is dry enough already.—"Punch."

"With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed. Consequently, he who moulds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible to be executed."—Abraham Lincoln.

"Yesterday is dead—forget it. Tomorrow does not exist—don't worry. Today is here—use it."

**U.S.A. Amazing Record.**—But when we stopped the legal sale of beer the

death, poverty and crime ratios declined. We had in four dry years 873,000 fewer deaths, 2,000,000 fewer arrests for drunkenness, and a 74 per cent. decrease in poverty due to intemperance.—Cable, 12/5/24.

**Cuts Arrests in Two.**—In the city of San Francisco in wet 1907 there were 17,470 arrests for intoxication. In the same city in 1922, dry, the number of arrests on this charge was 7262. The number of arrests for drunkenness in Los Angeles in wet 1917 was 16,415, and in dry 1922 it was 9910.

**Scotch Labourites' Majority.**—The Scottish Independent Labour Party, at its Annual Conference in Edinburgh on January 5th, 1924, passed a resolution in favour of Total Prohibition by 71 votes to 38 votes.

Bung makes the anti-Prohibition bullets, and the daily press fires them. Their trademark is "Published by Arrangement."

Every day in every way the press is getting wetter and wetter—the result of liquor suggestion.

## PEACE.

Women, you have it in your hands  
Whether the storm that battered down  
the world,  
Man against man in futile passion  
hurled,  
Whether the flood that covered all the  
lands  
And spewed its mighty wreckage on the  
sands,  
Shall come again to drown the earth  
some day—  
O women, you shall say!  
Women, you have it in your soul  
The super-skill, the courage that shall  
send  
The tides of hatred to another end;  
The strength to stay the deluge from  
its goal,  
The patience of the mother to control,  
The power which is love, to men un-  
taught—  
By this shall all your miracles be  
wrought.

—Exchange.

# 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.

### ONEHUNGA.

Feb. 12th. Our first meeting for year was fairly well attended. Mrs Stacey, (President), in the chair; Suggested syllabus for year (drawn up by Executive) submitted for members approval. Decided that £2 was the most we could spare from funds at present for Dominion Fund. Plans for raising money so as to send more this year discussed. A splendid paper on The Life of Frances Willard was read by Mrs Mushet. Afternoon tea handed round.

### TAKAPUNA.

Mar. 6th. The first meeting of the year. Mrs Penning presided, and Mrs Haynes of Auckland was appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Garraway gave a most interesting account of her travels with Mrs Lee-Cowie through dry America and the W.C.T.U. World's Conference in London. A presentation of a fountain pen was made to Miss Piper, W.R. Reporter and Organist, who is leaving before next meeting, on an extended visit to her relations in England. The President, in a nice little speech wished her bon voyage and a safe return. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

### BLENHEIM.

Feb. 17th. Held a Frances Willard afternoon. A good attendance. A splendid paper on the Life of Frances Willard was read by Mrs J Stewart. An enjoyable social half-hour was spent, musical items, and afternoon tea. A collection for Missionary Fund.

Mar 3rd. Mrs W. Grigg presided over a good attendance. A syllabus for the coming year's work was drawn up. Decided that Mrs Grigg would be our delegate at the Convention. An interesting article was read from the American Issue.

### GORE.

Feb 26th. A good attendance of members. The minutes of the annual meeting proved that something was being accomplished, and the final balance sheet was read and passed. Decided to invite the District Union to hold its next quarterly meeting in Gore. Mrs W. D. Stewart was appointed delegate to the Annual Convention. Mrs W. Stephenson was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent, and Mrs J. Stevenson, Librarian. Miss Earnshaw was present with us, and gave a very interesting and instructive address on Womens' Work. We were glad to have her with us for a week, creating interest in the Union and adding considerably to our membership.

### MATAURA.

Feb. 26th. First meeting for the year. Mrs Mackie, occupied the chair. Twenty members present, two former members re-initiated. Apologies for absence. Letter of congratulation on re-organisation from Southland district Executive. Collection taken up for Frances Willard Day. Mrs Newlands sang, and Mrs Rose recited. Rev. R. Mackie gave most interesting and instructive address. The meeting was a very happy one, and augurs well for the future cause. Members joined in the hearty singing of "All round the world the Ribbon White"

### SOUTH WELLINGTON.

Feb. 19th. "Frances Willard" Day celebrated by an evening meeting in the Rooms, Constable Street. There was a good attendance and most instructive and interesting reading was given by the President, on the early beginnings of the W.C.T.U., with in-

cidents in the life of Mrs Thompson, leader of the devoted band of women who went forth to "pray out" the saloons, and who met with such remarkable success. This formed a fitting introduction to the story of Frances Willard's life as read by Miss K. Bexall, who dwelt on the main events in this wonderful woman's life story. A bright and pleasing programme of music and recitation was provided by friends or members of the Union, Mesdames Booth, Duncan, Pilkington, McLellan, Miss Peek and little Betty McLellan. A silent vote of sympathy was passed for the relatives of Mrs Copithorne, an old member, who had just passed to higher service. It was stated that Mrs Henderson was a candidate for election to the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, and an appeal was made to members to support her candidature in every practical way. A collection was taken up for the World's Missionary Fund. Light refreshments provided by Mesdames Quin and Catchpole, were handed round.

Mar. 5th. The monthly meeting of the South Wellington Union was held in the Constable street rooms. Appointment of Mesdames Catchpole and Gibson as delegates for the Annual Convention; substitutes, Mesdames Moller and Chisholm. Appeal made to help in effort suggested by United Women's Societies of Dunedin, for ensuring comfort and welfare of women and girls attending the Dunedin Exhibition. The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Williams, who gave a most inspiring address on the coming campaign work. Matters dealt with were the means of building up an Organising fund, the holding of Drawing-room meetings, and Home meetings, especially in the country districts, and in the latter connection she offered to give any assistance she could in the Wellington District. She brought her stirring address to a close by appealing for every possible effort to be made to carry Prohibition for the sake of the child.en.

### MASTERTON

Mar. 5th. Mrs Cocker presided over a good attendance; 21 being present. Final arrangements were made in regard to the visit of the Wellington district Executive. Also for an after church rally in Methodist Church, on Sunday evening. Members and friends were invited to meet the visiting delegates for a social gathering before the business meeting on Saturday. The President expressed the good wishes of the Union to Mrs Robert Russell, who is leaving shortly on a visit to England and America. Pleasure was expressed at the improvement in health of our Secretary, Miss Wingate. Decided to ask for proxy at the coming Convention. Much interest was displayed, and hopes ran high for a good and profitable time with the visiting members of the district Unions.

### RYAL BUSH.

Mar. 3rd At Mr Marshall's residence; six members only being present. Owing to ill health Mrs Buxton gave in her resignation as President, which was accepted with regret, she having been President for almost four years. Mrs Fowler was elected President, while Mrs Gaitt took over the Treasurer's work, and Mrs Gillilan carries on as Secretary. A report of the last year's work was read, and also some circulars.

### RICCARTON.

Feb. 20th. Frances Willard Day; Mrs Richards spoke on the life and work of our great Founder. Motions of sympathy passed to Mrs McLean and Miss Lowden in their recent bereavements. Mesdames Barrell, Donaldson and Brighting, were appointed to attend Area Council Meeting. Mrs Barrell appointed delegate to Convention. An interesting syllabus of speakers is drawn up for the year. Reported that at last Executive meeting, Rangiora was leading in special Prohibition Campaign Fund, with Riccarton second. A good sum was handed in towards this fund at the meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed, and special collection taken up for Frances Willard Fund.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

Feb. 11th. Mrs Taylor presiding; Attendance good. Mesdames Richards, Pedlar and Napier, appointed Representatives to Alliance District Council. Decided to accede to the request the Fire Brigade Assn., and provide afternoon tea at their competitions. Reported that much success had followed appeal

for funds for District Union. Letter of sympathy to be sent to friends of the late Mrs Clare.

Feb. 26th. Mrs Taylor presided over a good attendance, and welcomed back from the Old Homeland Mrs Whetter and Miss Harband, who had been away for a year. Frances Willard's memorial day, an excellent paper was read by Mrs Napier; Mrs Taylor spoke on the great underlying principles of our organisation and the need there was of teaching, and spreading them in every way possible. Delegates were appointed for the National Convention, and afternoon tea was dispensed by the social committee. Letters of sympathy in illness and bereavement to Mrs Hayes and Mrs J. Hayes.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 19th. First meeting of 1925. Our President, Mrs Hall, in the chair; attendance very good. A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs Baker. Mesdames F. H. Good and H. Hall, were elected Delegates to the N.Z. Alliance Council, and Miss Palmer to the Dominion Convention. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, and showed a credit balance. Collection for World's Missionary Fund, £1 2s. An excellent paper on the life and work of Frances Willard was read. Items were given by Mesdames C. Smith, Weavers and Campbell, and Miss Weavers and Master R. Campbell. On behalf of the members, Mrs Hall presented a Doulton bowl to Mrs Whitely, our retiring "White Ribbon" agent, and spoke of the service she had rendered the Union during her four years in office.

### PUKEKOHE.

Mar. 2nd. The first meeting for 1925. Poor attendance. As White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Home was appointed. The Secretary read two pieces from White Ribbon. "A record Convention" and our Acting Dominion President's letter. We cannot send a Delegate to Convention.

### NAPIER.

Feb. 17th. Frances Willard Day, a number of members spent a pleasant afternoon together in the Botanical Gardens. Mrs Macalister, one of our Vice-Presidents, read a most interesting paper on the life of Frances Willard. An offering was received towards the World's Missionary Fund.

Mar. 4th. President in the chair; twenty-two members present. Invitations were received to an "At Home," from the Hastings Union, on March 12th, also from Mr Wain, to attend the annual Area Convention at Willard Hall, Napier, on March 17th. A protest against Sunday trains between Napier and Hastings to be sent through our member; also a deputation to wait on him in regard to National Prohibition. Mrs Moody—late of Wellington Central Union, gave a fine encouraging address, exhorting members to "trust in God" and "launch out into the deep." Meeting closed with prayer.

### GREYTOWN.

Feb. 24th. Miss Oats presiding; small attendance. Miss Oats and Mrs W. M. Allan, were appointed Delegates to go to Convention. Decided to hold an afternoon tea, asking the parents of Cradle Roll at next L.T.L. meeting. It was also decided to ask permission to place a copy of White Ribbon on table at Public Library. Meeting closed with Prayer.

### KAIAPOI—"WILLARD DAY."

Feb. 25th. Mrs Jackson in the chair. Fair attendance. Mrs Jackson thanked the Union for re-electing her President, and asked all members to be as enthusiastic and as regular in attendance as possible. The Cradle Roll and Band of Hope meetings were postponed until the epidemic restrictions are removed. Street stall for the sale of cakes, etc., to be held in April. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Keetley, were appointed Delegates to Convention. The present Dominion officers were nominated for re-election. Mrs Jackson read a paper on the Life and Work of Frances Willard, and Mrs A. Morland read a paper on the constant struggle between good and evil; both ladies were accorded a vote of thanks. Collection for Missionary Fund 7s. 3d. A letter of sympathy to be sent to Mr Chapel and family. Social Committee for next meeting; Mesdames Phillips and Stewart.

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

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:—

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.  
L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance: Mrs Neal, 3 Maunsell Road, Parnell, Auckland.  
Maori: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox Street, Gisborne.  
Purity: Mrs Wilson, Box 273, Hastings.

## MRS MOWLEM'S STOCK includes:

Badges, white enamel Brooches, 6d each, 5/- per doz.; Badges, white enamel Pins 6d each, 5/- per doz.; Badges, white enamel, Star of Honour (presentation), 2/- each; Hymnals 3d each, 2/- doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, small, 1/- and large 1/9; Envelopes, 6d, pkt. of 25; Constitutions 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet 4d each; 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards, 6d doz.; Facts About W.C.T.U., 6d doz.; Treas. Slips and Transfer Slips, 1/- per 100; Pledge Books, 6d; "Do Everything (Frances Willard), 2/-; Special Song Books for Young Peoples or L.T.L. Work; Gilded Monogram W.C.T.U. Serviettes 9d per doz; 5/- per 100; "Comfort Powders" (Bible Promises), 1/9 box; Drinking Cups (folding) 2 for 3d; Stickers "Time to Stop," 25 for 6d; W.C.T.U. Seals, 20 for 6d; "Y" Work Suggestions, etc.

These Prices include Postage. \*

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

Mrs Neal has in stock:

### FOR THE L.T.L.:

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

## MRS WILSON

has on sale:—

Men, Women and God—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian Standpoint, paper cover 3/6, cloth 4/6; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Towards Racial Health, 4/6; Way Book for Youth, 2/-; How I was born, 9d; Confidential Talks with Husband and Wife 4/6. Also on order The Cradle Ship.

## CRADLE ROLL.

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

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE—Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to 6p per doz.

## PONSONBY.

Feb. 19th. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a very fine gathering. A large quantity of new books presented to our library by our President, who urged our members to take advantage of them, and make wise use of the books among their friends. Mrs Andrews, Cradle Roll Superintendent, reported 133 babies. Visits among the mothers who are encouraged to join our Union. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an account of a meeting in India, where she addressed a large number of Brahmins who pleaded with her to do all she could to prevent the British Government importing wines and beer into India. Our President was asked to write to Lady Astor and Secretary of State on behalf of our branch and protest against the state of affairs as they exist under British rule, in India. Mrs Lee-Cowie promised to do so. At this meeting, we observed "Frances Willard" day. Our President, gave a most interesting account of her life and work, and her experiences in her home, "Rest Cottage" while in America last year. A collection was taken up for World's W.C.T.U., amounting to £1 6s. 1½d. The Rev Henry Braddock, then spoke very earnestly on behalf of the Bible in Schools, urging our co-operations and prayers on behalf of his often difficult work, urging the members to interview our own ministers, on the subject.

## WANGANUI EAST.

Feb. Annual meeting; Mrs Duxfield presided. Half an hour devotional exercises were led by Mrs Dowsett, who gave a very helpful and inspiring talk. The Balance Sheet showing a credit balance of £4 11s 8d. was read and adopted. The Dominion Officers and Superintendents of departments were elected:—President, Mrs A. Duxfield; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs W. J. Andrews; Treasurer, Mrs F. Brown; Recording Secretary, Mrs E. Frethy; W.R. Secretary, Mrs C. Melvin; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; Notable Days, Mrs F. Brown; Press, Mrs Andrew; L.T.L., Miss Siddels; Narcotics, Mrs Duxfield; White Ribbon Reporter, Mrs A. Williams; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Andrews; Evangelical, Mrs Dowsett. "Frances Willard Day," will be celebrated at the March meeting, when a collection will be taken up for the "World's Mission."

## LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

Mar. 2nd, 1925. Our meetings are held regularly every month, at Lincoln and Springston alternately. The interest is keen and sustained throughout. Mrs T. E. Taylor came out to Lincoln on the 17th February, and spoke to us on the necessity of making every possible effort, during this Campaign Year. We have also had addresses by the Rev. Robertson of Lincoln, which we find both helpful and encouraging. Our numbers keep up well.

## WAIMATE.

Feb. 11th. Mrs Kippenberger presided. Fair attendance. Letters from Mesdames Taylor and Norrie re Miss Earnshaw's visit. Decided to ask Miss Earnshaw to postpone her visit until after Convention. The meeting supported the nomination of Mrs Don, Miss Henderson, Mrs Evans, and Mrs Bendeley. Mrs Kippenberger, was appointed Delegate to Convention. Mrs Roy read a paper on the life and work of Miss Willard, and a collection for World's Mission was taken up. The President urged members to endeavour to gain new members and look up absentees.

## GREYMOUTH.

Feb. 4th. First meeting of 1925. Poor attendance. Mrs Martin presided. Mr Osborn, Organizer gave an outline of Executive's plans for Campaign work. He also spoke a few words of encouragement and paid a high tribute to the Leaders of the W.C.T.U. Mr Osborn was cordially thanked for his address. Arrangements were made for meeting Envoy P. Swartz, and the meeting closed.

Mar. 2nd. An "afternoon" was given by the Union, S.A. ladies co-operating, in honour of our much esteemed visitor, Envoy Pauline Swartz, an invitation having been extended to all ladies interested, to attend. The large number present listened to a feast of information regarding the Prohibition movement in U.S.A., the loyalty of several leading wealthy citizens of that country. Incidents in the lives of early reformers were recalled, notably that of Frances Willard.

Miss Swartz related experiences in Japan, concluding with a short talk on the Spiritual aspect, reciting several beautiful passages of Scripture. A few words of appreciation from Mrs Martin on behalf of all present. The ladies of the Army Corp. took up a collection for our funds, and served afternoon tea. At a special meeting, Mesdames Martin and Mason were appointed Delegates to Convention.

## NEW PLYMOUTH.

Jan. 25th. Good attendance; Mrs Jones presiding. Social afternoon arranged to celebrate Frances Willard Day. Mrs Oliver appointed Delegate to Convention. A paper on "Woman's Influence," by Mrs Craig.

Feb. 18th. Frances Willard Day; good attendance. Mrs Jones spoke of the beautiful life and noble work of our departed leader. Extracts from White Ribbon read. Songs by Mrs Ambury, Misses Loveridge and Cartwright. One new member; Collection £1 10s.

Feb. 25th. 29 members present; Mrs Jones presiding. Work for Sailor's Rest well in hand. Rest Room reported to be doing good work. Fine paper on "Character" by Mrs Hughes.

## FOXTON.

Feb. 18th. Mrs Peryman, presiding. Decided to purchase White Ribbon Hymnals; also literature for distribution. Plans of work discussed, and social evening arranged for.

## RANGIORA.

Feb. 27th. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. Decided to send letters of sympathy to several members in cases of bereavement or illness. Mrs Thwaites was appointed Delegate to Convention. A paper making suggestions with regard to increasing our membership, from the District centre, was read by the President and discussed. As the February meeting is held in commemoration of Frances Willard, an interesting paper on the life and work of this great founder of the Union, was read by Mrs Logan, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

## HASTINGS.

Feb. 26th. Good start, 1925. President Mrs Harper in chair; 18 members present, one new member. Mrs Boshier elected Delegate to attend Convention. Decided hold function to provide travelling expenses. Committee elected to carry out same. Frances Willard Day, was brought to mind by the Secretary in a few words telling of the life of devotion our noble founder had lived. Congratulation and birthday greetings extended to Mrs Wilson. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

## MOTUEKA.

Feb. 25th. The first meeting in the year; a small attendance, due to the busy fruit season. Resolved to ask for a proxy at Convention. Resolved to send a letter to Mr Hudson, member for Motueka presenting the Union's views on the Licensing Amendment clauses. The secretary read an interesting paper on the "Life of Frances Willard."

## TAURANGA.

Feb. 20th. First meeting of the New Year. Mrs Carlton Smith in the chair, and a good attendance of members. Discussion held, relating to a piece of property over which a knotty problem has risen. Decided that we devote our meeting in March to Frances Willard Day, and that a collection be taken up. Decided that one dozen badges be procured. After partaking of refreshments, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

## CHEVIOT.

Feb. 7th. A fair attendance. Mrs Ferguson presided. Officers regret being unable to attend District Executive. A vote of sympathy extended to Mrs Wainmley, who was absent owing to illness. The sum of £2; was voted to Organising Fund. The meeting closed with the Benediction, after which afternoon tea was served.

## RAKAI.

Feb. 12th. Mrs Boag presiding; attendances not so large as usual. The Treasurer reported, that there was a small debit balance. Mrs Boag reported having sent

letters of condolence to Mrs Lill, Ashburton, in the death of her son, and to Miss Trevarza, Ashburton, in the death of her mother. A letter was received from the W.C.T.U. Executive, urging the branch to endeavour to increase its membership, and to extend the circulation of the "White Ribbon." In response to an appeal from the Willard Orphanage, Palmerston North, for clothing and material, it was resolved to hold a gift afternoon at the March meeting for this object. Mrs Boag read an interesting letter from Mrs Don, describing a visit paid by her and Miss Henderson to the home of Frances Willard. Mrs Hopwood was appointed Delegate to Convention. The following officers were appointed for 1925:—President, Mrs Boag; Vice-president, Mrs A. S. Morrison; Secretary, Mrs H. Hopwood; Treasurer, Mrs A. Lee; White Ribbon Agents, Mrs England and Miss Amy Oakley; Literature Superintendent, Mrs Hunt; Reporters to White Ribbon, Miss G. Boag and E. Lee; Cradle Roll Superintendents, Miss G. Boag and E. Lee. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

GORE.

Feb. 2nd. Nearly thirty ladies met at Milne's Tea Rooms, to farewell Mrs Eccersall, who has acted as Secretary for the Gere W.C.T.U. for sometime. After a pleasant reunion round the teacups, and some music by Miss K. Johnson, Mrs E. C. Smith spoke of the regret they all felt in parting with such a capable co-worker. Mrs Eccersall, had been most efficient and enthusiastic, she was interested, heart and soul in her work, in fact her labours for the Church, the Union, and the Band of Hope were her recreation. In token of appreciation, Mrs Eccersall was presented with a gold bangle and a dainty alarm clock. Several ladies spoke in appreciation of Mrs Eccersall who replied that she had enjoyed the work and would always be interested in what Gore might be doing, though away in Wanganui.

MAUNGATUROTO.

Feb. 19th. Poor attendance. After some discussion it was agreed to compile a syllabus for 6 months. Miss Butler rendered a solo which was much appreciated. Mrs Wallace read a most instructive paper written by Mrs Crabbe, entitled, "The W.C.T.U., its Aims and its Objects," which was kindly lent to us by the Henderson Union. Our one regret was, that there were so few present to appreciate it. Afternoon tea was served.

BATLEY. (Maori).

Feb., 1925. Meeting held in Mrs C. Paikaea's house—only a few attended. Mrs N. Paikaea read the last minutes and report. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Karena; Vice-President, Mrs C. Paikaea; Treasurer, Mrs Tikitiki Edwards; Secretary, Mrs K. Noda. Message to the Union.—Please send a worker amongst us.

DUNEDIN.

Feb. 3rd. The first meeting in 1925; Mrs Hiatt presided, and briefly welcomed Mrs Napier a former member of Dunedin who had just arrived from Edinburgh. She also welcomed Miss Alice Webb from Ormondville, H.B. Mrs Plaister was cordially welcomed to her new post as Recording Secretary. Mrs Twose reported that 8 new babies and 4 new members were gained at the December 11th Cradle Roll Rally. Miss M. S. Powell was made a Vice-President, her place as Press Superintendent and White Ribbon Correspondent to be filled by Miss A. Webb. The Executive's nominations of the following Superintendents of departments were confirmed:—Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Cradle Roll, Mrs Twose; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Downing; Home Meetings, Mrs Hutton; Maori, Mrs Romerill; Seaman's Rest, Mrs Anderson. Mesdames Pearson and Hutton were appointed delegates to the United Temperance Reform Council. The Treasurer, Mrs Macartney, presented her Annual Report and Balance Sheet showing a credit balance of £71 12s. 6d. A number of sub-committees in connection with the forthcoming Convention were appointed. Resolved to hold a special meeting on Saturday afternoon, to give members the opportunity of meeting Envoy Swartz of the Salvation Army in America.

Feb. 7th. The Union met at 3 p.m., when Mrs Hiatt introduced Envoy Swartz from New York, and Ensign Shierston, now in charge of work among young people in

Dunedin. After a few remarks upon the power that women have, in the homes of the people where the young are trained, with reference to the life of Frances Willard to prove how, by the grace of God, a very timid woman can take a great part in public life, Miss Swartz passed on to the necessity of putting God first in all our undertakings, and how easy it was to keep in close touch with Him by the radio and wireless connection always accessible to His children. The members listened with earnest attention to an inspiring and helpful talk.

Mar. 3rd. Meeting well attended, Mrs Hiatt presiding. Delegates for Convention:—Mrs Alexander, Mrs Mathewson, and Miss W. Powell. Miss M. S. Powell gave the gist of a number of recommendations re-maternal welfare by the National Council of women, which the Union was asked to adopt.—It was decided to refer this business to the Dominion Convention as the matter is not local. Mrs Hiatt informed the Union that in response to a request from Roxburgh she was going there in March 10th, to form a New Union in the Dunedin district if possible (applause). It was resolved that this Union accord their hearty support to the trained Nurses' Association and the National Council to provide a rest room in the city for women and children—the room to be in the Octagon if possible. The attention of members was called to the fact that the Municipal Elections will be held next month, and it is now time to see that their names are on the Municipal, as well as Electoral Roll.

OXFORD.

Jan. 7th. First meeting in the New Year, an Evangelical meeting. Mrs Ryde in the chair. Miss Caverhill was appointed Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent. Miss Gainsford then took charge of the subjects, having chain prayer. Miss Gainsford gave a very instructive address on the importance of Prayer for the individual, and for the uplifting of mankind, and was warmly thanked for the address.

Feb. 18th 1925. The President presided. Decided that the subject for the meeting be decided month by month, and that we invite Mrs Williams of Sumner for our next meeting, and also arrange a cottage meeting if possible. The meeting then made arrangement for the afternoon tea, to be held on February 26th. Decided that a letter be sent to Mrs Johnson, and also to Miss Caverhill. Also that a letter be sent to Mr L. Watson, thanking him for the Balance Sheet and also for the recommendations.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 6th. Attendance small. Miss Astbury gave out the Secretarial duties in the unavoidable absence of our Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs Hodder and Mrs Collins. Mrs Crabb, in referring to the recent death of Mrs Clausen, who some years ago filled the position of Treasurer, spoke of the faithful and devoted services she had rendered to our Union, which will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Mar. 6th. An exceptionally large attendance. Mrs Pacey, one of our Vice-Presidents, acted as Recording Secretary in the absence of Mrs Hodder. Letter received from Alliance thanking W.C.T.U. members for providing refreshments at the Campaign Rally. We were honoured by having with us Madam Gasnovsky, who gave a most earnest and inspiring address on the "Power of Prayer," speaking of some of her own personal experiences of the manifestations of this great power in times of great trouble and difficulty in Russia, (her native land).

PONSONBY.

Mar. 5th. Mrs C. H. Taylor, presided. Fair attendance. The Bible in Schools question was again discussed, and several ladies intend approaching their ministers to ask their help in the matter. A letter from the Town Clerk, regarding the letters of protest concerning indecent bathing costumes, was read and stated that the letter was ordered to be received. An interesting account of missionary work among the Aborigines of Australia was read. A letter from Nurse Chappell from India, was read, saying how distressed she was to see so much whisky advertised in a country that is teetotal by religion. Afternoon tea was served.

EDEN.

Feb. 18. Miss Wilson presided over a good attendance. The early portion of meet-

ing devoted to prayer and praise. Decided to affiliate with National Council of Women. Miss Wilson appointed this Union's delegate on the Council. Members promised to work for Sale, to be held shortly, in aid of the Roskill Prohibition League. Several members volunteered to be responsible for an interesting talk at the regular meetings throughout the year, each one taking the month allotted to her. Mrs Auld was appointed delegate to Convention. Miss Wilson asked the three retiring officers Mesdames Scanlon, Hudson and Auld, each to accept, on behalf of members, a small memento as a token of loving appreciation of faithful service rendered by them to the Union.

OTARUHU.

Mar. 5th. First meeting of the year 1925. It took the form of a social afternoon; musical items were rendered, and Mrs Lee Cowie gave a very interesting address of her trip to England, she also had a very pleasant duty of initiating two new members. Afternoon tea was handed round.

HAWERA.

Temperance rally and social; large attendance. Mrs Reed, presided. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, after which Mrs Reed, on behalf of the local branch of the W.C.T.U., extended a cordial welcome to Mrs Duxfield, Mr Grinstead and other visitors. Apologies for absence were received from several of those interested in the movement, and expressing the hope that success would attend the proceedings. Mrs Duxfield gave an interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U. in the cause of prohibition, and urged those present to take an early opportunity of enrolling on the electoral roll. She stated that the W.C.T.U. was one of the most powerful organisations in the Temperance Movement in the world, and urged those present not to relax their efforts. Mr Grinstead paid a tribute to the efforts of the W.C.T.U. generally, and the Hawera branch in particular, and urged the necessity for a strong united effort in the cause of temperance. During the evening several vocal items were rendered. Solos were given by Miss Tate and Miss Mills, whilst a piece by the Methodist choir was also much appreciated. Miss Simpson submitted a recitation which was well received.

At the residence of Mrs Corry, Glover Road, Mrs Reed presiding. Friends from Home, also from Normanby, were welcomed by Mrs Reed. Letters of sympathy to Mesdames Foreman, Grindrod and Velvin in their family sickness. Mrs Greenwood, read a paper, "The White Bow and its message." Purity, peace, temperance and friendship, she said, are among its principles. Her concluding sentence was: "Nail your colours to the mast, for the sake of your boy and mine." A paper on the life of Frances Willard, read by Mrs Young, was much appreciated. Two new members were initiated, and a collection for the missionary fund was taken up.

WINTON.

During February, Miss Earnshaw spent 12 days in Winton, and formed a branch of W.C.T.U. with 30 members. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs T. A. McWilliam; Vice President, Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, J. P. McWilliams, H. Anderson, McKillop; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs F. Cole; Treasurer, Mrs J. A. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs McNeur.

FIELDING.

Feb. 5th. Small attendance; President in chair. Resolved that £1 be sent to Missions Fund, in commemoration of Frances Willard Day. Meeting closed with prayer.

Mar. 5th. Meeting presided over by Mrs Pack; eleven members present. A welcome was extended to Mrs Martin, late of Wanganui, who has recently come to live in Fielding. The work of nominating representatives of our Union to sit on the School committees of this town was left in the hands of Mesdames Darragh and McIntyre. A letter was read from Secretary, of Y.W.C.A., asking financial help towards the salary of a lady to take charge of women's work at Dunedin Exhibition.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Feb. Mrs Goodey presided; a splendid attendance. Decided to form a Y. Branch; Mrs Piper to be leader; to be opened with

a Garden Party to be held in Mrs Chapman's grounds as soon as epidemic restrictions are removed. Mrs Goodey, Delegate to Convention. The Treasurer reported the Hostel Fund to be £317 11s. 5d; and the year's balance £6. A Press Reporter and Hospital visitors were appointed. A social afternoon followed with an inspiring address on the life and work of Frances Willard, given by Adj. Hughson, S. A. Many personal touches were applied to our own day and work; the speaker was heartily thanked for the address, and Mrs Atkinson for her beautiful song. A good collection for the "World's" Mission was taken up; afternoon tea was served.

#### JOHNSONVILLE.

Feb. 25th. Miss Kirk, District President, in the chair. Mrs Halliday President for next 3 months. Miss Mildenhall elected delegate to Convention. Two resolutions were passed to be sent to the International Council of Women, Washington. "That our Union wishes to urge that the International Council of Women, will support its contention that the ultra publicity given to the names and cases of delinquent girls and women is unnecessary, and most harmful." "That this Union strongly urges that in cases of Infanticide or suspected Infanticide it shall be compulsory for the father of the child to take his place beside the mother in the dock, especially in the case of an illegitimate child." Mrs Harry of Wellington, gave a most interesting talk on Prohibition work in Western Australia. Two new members were received and welcomed.

#### ASHBURTON.

Mar. 3rd. Mrs W. Robinson presided; good attendance. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Scott, and Mrs J. B. Kirk, in family sickness. Mesdames H. Hight and J. Thompson were appointed Delegates to Convention. Decided to devote the first fifteen minutes to intercession for Divine help and guidance, in connection with the work of the coming campaign. A paper written by Miss A. C. Watson, on "The life of Miss F. R. Havergall," was then read by Mrs C. S. Matthews, and much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded reader and writer; the Secretary to write, expressing the warm appreciation of those present, to Miss Watson, for her interesting and inspiring paper. A collection of 12s; was taken up, for the World's Missionary Funds, and a cup of tea partaken of.

#### OPAWA—WOOLSTON.

Mar. 3rd. Mrs A. D. Jenkins presided over an attendance of 11, and praise, prayer, and Bible reading opened the meeting. Five apologies for absence were received; to two members on the sick list, votes of sympathy were passed. Mrs H. F. Herbert, a member of the Christchurch Hospital Board, gave a most comprehensive and interesting survey of her work there, and showed what it cost the ratepayers to attend to the victims of alcohol, in hospitals, Homes for the aged, and unfortunates. Mrs Herbert stressed the need for women in public life. As regards the drug habit, according to medical testimony, Aspros and Aspirins are the thin edge of the wedge. The regulations want tightening up to prevent such quantities of morphia being sold as are required by its victims.

#### STRATFORD

Feb. A good attendance marked our first meeting of this New Year. The Secretary reported that the donations of cakes, fruit and flowers that were sent to the public hospital on Xmas Eve were very much appreciated. Mrs Cook was elected delegate to the coming Convention.

#### NAME NOT GIVEN (Probably Petone).

16 members present. Mrs Young was welcomed, and greetings from Invercargill Central and other branches, also from the Y's were received. A meeting of the District Executive is to be held at Masterton, at which Miss Avison will represent this branch. Miss Avison, delegate to Convention. A member reported that a powerful and well-organised effort is to be made by Americans to bring the truth about National Prohibition to the people through the newspapers. An explanation of the motive of compulsory enrolment was given. Mrs Young gave a little talk about Invercargill, saying that there was no comparison between a License

and a No-License town, and speaking of the benefits to her town of No-License.

Feb. 18th. At Mrs Franklin's, a welcome social to Captain Inwood. Large attendance, 34 members and friends being present. In his reply to the President's address the Captain made plain the fact that the aims of both organisations are the same. Mrs Ensign Goffin, gave a very inspiring address on the need of the Home Influence and the necessity of protecting our girls from influences which are undermining their lives. Mrs Lill, explained the aims and objects of our Union, and also spoke of the benefits of living in a No-License town. Afternoon tea was served, followed by a recitation from Mrs Goffin, a solo by Mrs Triplow; 4 new members.

#### TIMARU.

Feb. 3rd. Mrs Norrie, presided. Correspondence from Mrs T. E. Taylor, and the N.Z. Alliance dealt with. Mesdames Cave, Brooker, Gordon and Hogue, appointed delegates to Convention. Decided to observe Frances Willard Day, by 'Pay Up' social—a suitable programme of hymns to be prepared. Votes of thanks were passed to Trinity Busy Bees, for 40 comfort bags, and to Mrs Moorhouse, a lady of 85, for about a dozen large scarves for the seamen—also for several annual donations.

Feb. 24th. Afternoon meeting—social postponed because of the epidemic. Miss Cumming's resignation as President of Y's, received with deep regret. Miss Ford appointed in her place. Circular letter from Mrs Evans, re-League of Nations Union—left to Executive to make inquiries. Timaru Prohibition League asked for representatives. Mesdames Irvine and Butcher re-appointed. Mrs Butcher appointed delegate to Convention in place of Mrs Brooker. Caretaker reported busy month at Rest. Four Sunday services had been held—two teas—Donation of £5 5s. from S.S. Corinthic toward fund for billiard-table. Mrs Norrie introduced Mrs Napier who gave an interesting account of work of "Y" girls in Canada. Mrs Butcher sang solo,—words by Frances Willard. Suitable references made to her great work. Three new members.

#### PLEASANT POINT.

Feb. 4th. Good attendance. Miss Bishop presided. The Treasurer read the financial report. Our membership has fallen from 64 to 49. It was agreed to look up members with a view of interesting them again in the work. £3 13s. 6d. was sent to Organising Fund. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported 32 members on Roll. The garden round soldiers monument has flourished, and has been attended to by members in turn. Mrs Falconer was proposed as delegate for Convention. Mrs Taylor's letter was read, and meeting closed with a hymn and benediction.

Mar 4th. Small attendance. Mrs Bishop presided. Literature has been distributed round the township, and the Secretary was instructed to ask for "Gifts;" pamphlet also. Decided to again nominate two lady members for School Committee. Arrangements were made for Delegate for Convention.

## Y Column.

#### HASTINGS.

Feb. 26th. An Executive meeting; good attendance. Decided to hold a Magazine Social, admission is a book or reading matter, to be forwarded to the Sanatorium at Waipukurau, for the patients to read; also agreed that articles are to be made by the members and friends, and will be sent on to the children's home at the end of year. Meeting closed with prayer.

#### AUCKLAND.

Feb. 11th. Mr Polson presided; Good attendance. Mr Polson in a short helpful address urged the importance of each member feeling the great responsibility resting upon them for greater service this coming year. We are anxious that each young woman and each young man, should endeavour to secure the pledge of young people

who will be coming of age this year, to cast their vote on the right side. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a most inspiring and helpful address, the subject being an account of her latest trip to America—England, India, and Ceylon. One humorous point was where she went to a fancy dress parade on board ship, dressed to represent Prohibition, and actually won the 1st prize—£1—for the most original costume. Her illustration from the petrified forest of Arizona, impressed the young folk with the imperishable nature of all work for God, and such is every effort for Prohibition. New Members joined, and a fruit supper concluded a very enjoyable evening.

#### NEW BRIGHTON "Y's."

Feb. 18th. A concert was given by the Linwood Corp of the Salvation Army, to raise funds for the "Y" Branch. The attendance was good, and the programme much appreciated. Owing to the Infantile Paralysis Epidemic, the usual monthly meetings cannot be held.

## THREE SHILLINGS AND HALF-A-CROWN.

If any of you are hard-up, as I am, you know what a relief it is to feel a thing is paid for, and the account won't be coming in again.

Why not save ourselves the bother or remembering, often at inconvenient times, about our subscriptions, by paying them at next meeting?

If they were big ones we would make a point of paying them promptly. As it is, such little things get forgotten, and keep coming up in our minds, over and over again, giving much more bother than they would if we just paid them and had done with it.

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