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HOW WE'VE USED THE FRANCHISE.

The story of "How we won the Franchise" was told in the January issue of the "White Ribbon." "Well begun is half done," says the old proverb; and it was a good beginning when as the result of great and ceaseless effort, the right to vote was conferred upon the women of this Dominion. Manhood Suffrage had been the pride of the young colony, but it lifted itself to a higher plane when, by the Act of 1893, it advanced to Adult Suffrage. Then men and women had the equal right to work and vote for the upbuilding of a righteous nation.

We are thrilled as we read of the fight these pioneer women made to secure their right of citizenship; how they worked and waited, prayed and believed, until at last the day came when the law broke the triple chord of lunatics, criminals, and women—the three classes who had no right to vote—and placed women upon an equal plane of citizenship. Equal, did we say? Not quite, for over a quarter of a century rolled by before to the right to vote was added the further right to be voted for. What we owe to our pioneers! How they endured ridicule and contempt; how cheerfully they tramped the weary miles to secure signatures to their petitions; how patiently they took the many rebuffs they met; how, when almost to the very last the issue hung in the balance, they faced the situation with courage undaunted and faith unflinching. They were well organised, they were magnificently led, but in the final it was nei-

ther leader nor organisation that won the victory; it was the faithful, earnest work of every individual member of the great woman's army. Then, when they had done all they could, when fate hung trembling in the balance, they obeyed the command, "And having done all things, stand." They fought, they stood ready to fight again, they won.

We ask ourselves, are we worthy of such pioneers? Are they satisfied with the use we have made of the prize they won for us at such a cost?

"And should we who are honoured to bear

The standard so nobly upreared,
Prove recreant, wavering less loyal
than they?"

If these pioneers can say of their successors:

"For them the shade of trees that now
we plant,

The safe, smooth journey and the
final goal,

Yea, birthright in the land of coven-
ant—

For us day labour, travel of the soil!"

Yet they can also say with equal
truth:

"And yet the road is ours as never
theirs!

Is not one joy on us alone bestowed?
For us the Master-Joy, O Pioneers—

We shall not travel, but we make the
Road."

And over the road which they have made our feet have travelled. They have lagged, it is true, but taken on the whole, they have moved forward.

To the influence exerted by the women's vote we owe the many humane Acts placed upon our Statute Book.

Conditions of labour have been improved in factory and in workshop; our prison system has been reformed, until now it aims at reformation rather than punishment. Youthful offenders have been given a chance to reform before they are classified as criminals by the Probation Act and by the power allowed to the Magistrate to forbid them being branded by the publication of their names. Those poor, unwanted children born out of wedlock have had some measure of justice meted out to them. The subsequent marriage of their parents can remove the bar sinister from their scutcheon; they are allowed to take their father's name and to share in the estate of a deceased parent. The aged have been provided for by the Old Age Pension, and in the Epidemic Widows' Pension the principle has been acknowledged which, followed out, should give us Mothers' Pensions. The helpless babe has been safeguarded by the Infant Life Protection Act.

All these things mark advances along the road, but in some matters we have advanced slowly. "Festina lente" may be good advice, but it is possible to hasten so slowly that no progress is made.

It took nearly 30 years for the enfranchised women of this Dominion to win the right to be elected as M.P.'s. And to this day, 32 years after we had our first vote, that vote has returned no woman to represent us in Parliament.

In many places, where women have

only lately been enfranchised, they have women police, women magistrates, and women on the juries. Had the women of this Dominion been alert enough, they should, ere this, have removed every sex disqualification. They should have secured by law the right for women to hold any position they are qualified for. These reforms have been asked for, but refused by our male representatives in Parliament. Why? There is a lesson in the old story of the driver who could use his whip to such good effect that he was able to flick a fly off the leaf of a tree. When asked to try his skill upon a nest of hornets by the roadside, he replied, with a grin, "Hornets are organised."

The unorganised fly was fair game, but the well-organised hornet was to be left alone, because nobody likes to bring a hornet's nest about his ears. The women's vote wants organising as a woman's vote. We hear much talk about the Brotherhood of Man, but we ought to organise a Sisterhood of Women. If that sisterhood was a real thing, would doctors and M.P.'s speak of the flapper prostitute as if these children were responsible for all the immorality (aye, even for the Red Plague)? Would they dare to ask for power to deal with these children, and yet say no word about the respectable (?) married men who are debauching not only the girlhood, but the childhood of our land? Not one word of blame is given to them so far as we have read these utterances. If some woman with a large mother heart had been in Parliament, would she not have demanded that these men be **detained** in custody for the safeguarding of our children.

In one particular has the woman's vote failed us as badly as the man's vote. Not yet has it outlawed the drink traffic. The evils of this traffic are glaring; there is no shadow of reason for its existence. Revenue producing, you say! Well, since the U.S.A. outlawed the traffic it has become the wealthiest nation in the world. It produces revenue only for those monopolists who hold a license to make and sell it. And the whole country is taxed to pay revenue to the liquor-seller. It turns its victims over to others, and we cheerfully pay large staffs of police, magistrates, judges, hospitals and gaols to take care of the ruined bodies of its devotees. The law issues prohibition orders, which the trade winks at, and sells drink to a prohibited man and

turns him loose in the city, with his hand on the steering wheel of a motor car. Accidents follow, and the people pay the cost. The law enjoins closing of bars at 6 o'clock, and the trade is always in Court for serving after hours. We try to protect our youth by forbidding sale to young people under 21. But they get it, and occasionally some member of the trade gets fined for selling it to them. Surely women can see that the only logical thing to do is to outlaw a traffic which refuses to be regulated.

But the future lies before us; "the past—let it sleep;
Its lessons alone are the things we should keep."

The vote is not only a privilege, it is a responsibility. It is ours. Whether we wanted it or not, it is ours, and we must use it. It has been put into our hands to use as a weapon against evil. Refuse to vote, and you brand yourself as a shirker.

The vote is a personal one. No other person, be he husband or brother, lover or friend, has a right to dictate how we should vote. Women must think for themselves, and decide which way to cast their vote. The casting of a ballot should be as sacred a thing as the preaching of a sermon or the founding of a mission.

"We need the Cromwell fire 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 untrod,
The power to be alone and vote with
God."

Women are great missionaries. Do they ever realise that it is as necessary by their vote to keep the liquor from the native races as it is to send them the Gospel? As Christians, they send the glad message to heathen and foreign lands; as Christian citizens they fail to use their vote to keep the demon of alcohol away from these same people. The missionary has done noble, self-sacrificing work; the rumseller has followed, and undone much of it.

Mighty is the power of the vote; mightier still will it be when an organised, consecrated womanhood

stands behind it. Write it on your banner, carry it with you in your heart. The organised womanhood of this Dominion can outvote the organised Liquor Trade. But it wants every vote. Vote yourself, and help your less enthusiastic neighbour to the poll.

"Wise men ne'er sit and wail their loss
But cheerily seek how to redress their
harms.
What though the mast be blown over-
board,
The cable broke, the holding anchor
lost,
And half our sailors swallowed in the
flood—
Yet lives our Pilot still."

TO MRS DON,

Dominion President, W.C.T.U.

Dear sister from our Southern Isle,
Mistress of rhetoric and speech,
Whose kindly face is lit with loving
smile,
Whose words of wisdom, cheer, in-
spire and teach.

We hail you as the champion of our
cause,
Which strives to banish the accursed
drink,
To make and cherish good and righteous
laws,
And steer our Nation's course from
Ruin's brink.

You long have laboured for this purpose
true,
And spent your life and strength in
ceaseless flow;
Have ever kept our cherished goal in
view,
And bravely grappled with our trea-
cherous foe.

With much regret we now must say
farewell,
God speed your journeying over land
and sea;
The outcome of the contest God alone
can tell,
But may your heart and ours be glad
with Victory.

—Written by Mr Fulljames.
Auckland, July 28th, 1925.

MRS DON IN WELLINGTON.

REPORT OF AFTER-CHURCH
RALLY ON AUGUST 9th, 1925.

At the after-church rally held at 'Our Theatre' on Sunday evening, Mrs Don spoke most interestingly on her experiences in her world tour last year. Answering the criticism that Prohibition was "put over" in America, she pointed out that when the Eighteenth Amendment was carried, already the W.C.T.U. had been working for 50 years, and 23 States were "dry." Moreover, America had been experimenting in various ways, especially in the railway service, and later in the Navy. All the railway companies demanded the strictest total abstinence from their employees, realising that with the speed and size of the trains, nothing else would ensure the safety of life and property that the public had a right to expect from the Service. If America did not want Prohibition, why at each of the three General Elections held since it was carried was a Congress elected that was "drier" than the one before? Why did the same "dry" Congress push back the Rum Row from 3 to 12 miles limit?

Illustrations were given from three different Congresses, two of women, and one of men, held during her visit, which furnished incontestable proof of the estimate in which Prohibition was held by the people of America. At one, at which 12,000 women attended, three ladies, all of world-wide reputation, who had never worked for Prohibition, after seeing its benefits, declared that henceforth they intended to work for Law Enforcement. At the second, 7000 women marched eight deep to the White House, and voluntarily took the oath of allegiance to the law of their country. At the third, consisting of 750 of the largest employers of labour in the U.S.A., among whom were Rockefeller and Henry Ford, declared that Economics and Industries had no time for liquor, because it made men inefficient; and when the Chairman asserted that he did not know why the Savings Banks deposits had increased so enormously, then standing at 18,000 millions of dollars, all the rest declared that it was absurd to suppose that this could have taken place if the saloons had remained open.

She gave instances of gaols standing practically empty since the Eighteenth

Amendment had been enforced; one in San Francisco, that contained seven corridors, each capable of accommodating 50 or 60 persons, had a few women in the first, and about 30 men in the seventh, while the others were all empty. An Inebriate Home that in the days of License was occupied by never less than 150, and sometimes had in it as many as 250 persons, had now been turned into a State farm. She told how she saw what had been among the lowest saloons in Colorado, Washington, etc., and were now luxurious up-to-date cafeterias. During the eight months she had been in America she had seen some of the largest crowds, 80,000 in the Yale Stadium, at a basketball tournament, a parade at Washington, when the procession of soldiers began at 1 o'clock, and was still passing before President Coolidge at 5 o'clock, an aeroplane display at which the newspapers said the crowds could not be estimated—yet the whole time she had not seen more than four persons under the influence of liquor.

As to the illicit sale of liquor, she was taken to see the stores of what had been seized in two States, Iowa and New York, and instead of the kegs she had supposed she would see, there were two immense apartments, like huge chemists' shops, with their shelves filled with bottles. Those who are buying liquor are those who have the drink habit and can't get rid of it, but more drunkards are not being made. We are reading the very worst that could be said of the bootlegging in America when we read our cablegrams here.

The facts that she had given about the three Congresses had been published all over the States, yet had never been contradicted. Why did we hear nothing of that great Congress of Labour she had told about? Why were we not told that in the last four years there are 25,000 new churches, and that about 3000 members are being added daily to the churches?

The cost of living is high, it is true, but all this money that is now being spent in luxuries was formerly spent in alcohol.

Here in New Zealand there are 5000 children under the care of the State, in addition to those in the various orphanages. It takes £110,000 per annum to support them, yet 80 per cent. of them are not orphans, but are taken charge of by the State, because one or both parents have made themselves incapable

of looking after them by their drunken habits. For the sake of the children, let the people rise up, and by their votes make New Zealand dry.

The chair was taken by L. M. Isitt, M.P., and a short but excellent programme of songs was rendered before the address was given. The Salvation Army Band joyfully played selections from 8 o'clock till 8.15.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

(Extracts from an Address by the Rev. P. J. Cossum, New Plymouth.)

On Monday afternoon a peace meeting was held in the Whiteley Hall by the members of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Griffin, Vice-President of the local branch, presided. After the devotional exercises, the Rev. P. J. Cossum gave a very inspiring address on Peace and Arbitration.

He congratulated the organisation upon dealing with subjects of so great importance, especially to focus on one particular day, when all over the Dominion members of the W.C.T.U. were holding devotional services for No More War. Mr Cossum said he could not believe that any Christian had a desire for war after the lessons we learnt from the last one. The results were disastrous. Another war would be still more horrible. We must seek a better way. He spoke of the League of Nations and the good work that it had already done in trying to prevent war, but until more Christianity was behind the League, its efforts could not be a success. There was a growing sentiment all over the world that peace was a possibility. We want to have more faith in the vision of disarmament.

Mr Cossum pointed out how much the mothers in the homes could do to help, suggesting that instead of fostering the ideals of war in the children's mind, they should be taught to think on war as something horrible and unnecessary, and to teach them more about the brotherhood of man, and in every way to try to kill the militaristic spirit in the young minds. He suggested also that teachers in schools and in colleges could help to foster in their pupils' minds the high ideals of peace and arbitration, and in this way our hopes would be realised, and the glorious day would come when war would be no more. There would be a world-wide People's League of Peace, and at its head the Christ—the Prince of Peace.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The Parsonage,

Foxton, August 6th.

Dear White Ribboners,

By the time this letter is in your hands I shall have finished my twelve weeks' itinerary. Being in the district on my first free night I came with all speed to spend it in the hospitable home of our Editor, where I am now writing. To-morrow I go to Apiti, and thence to Wellington for several meetings; on to Ashburton for their birthday celebrations and more meetings, then home. Since my last report, I have journeyed to Masterton, Martinborough, Pahiatua, Featherston, Carterton, Auckland, Whangarei, Hamilton, Pukekohe, Te Kuiti, Palmerston, Feilding, and Apiti. Most of my time has been spent in meetings or travelling, and have not been able to make any record of my tour, but some of it will be a life memory. The weather has been continually wet, with few sunny days, but in spite of dripping clouds there is a wealth of spring flowers in the North, and the beautiful bouquets the various Unions presented to me made my heart glad. The Auckland Ys made the Concert Chamber and Mrs Cowie's Hall a bower of beauty with banners and flowers, which helped to create a bright atmosphere within, when all was dull without. I wish it were possible to tell you in detail about Mrs Cowie's Hall, of our meeting there, of the comfortable rest room, of the many drunkards that are being converted, of the Sunday night teas provided by Mrs Cowie, of Mrs Helen Barton's arrival, and how I had to leave the day she arrived, and so missed the welcome given to her, but I must leave it and tell you that Devenport Union provided a good example of how a meeting can be worked up. The Congregational School Hall was crowded with women, a sumptuous tea provided, the hall gay with streamers and flowers, and speaking made easy because every detail of the programme had been arranged by the new President, Mrs Finch. At Te Kuiti Mrs Edgar came from a sick bed to the station to meet me. You can imagine how I rejoiced to hear that at my last visit 12 years ago I enrolled her as a member. Then she had never worked in public, now she is a local and District President, a member of the City Council, a member of the School Committee, and a representative of all the societies

in the district. This is the second time I met an officer in the North Island enrolled in meetings addressed by me many years ago. The other lady is Mrs Hughson, Treasurer of the Waitara Union. In last report I told you I had enrolled 100 new members, the number has now reached 162. The rain affected the audiences considerably. Some places will have difficulty to meet expenses but if all who had any balance in hand would send it without delay to Mrs Bendely, we could then know how we stand financially. Hosts and hostesses everywhere were royally kind, and did all in their power for my comfort and pleasure, and I owe it to their care of me, and the prayers, that in spite of a severe cold, I was able to fill every engagement in pulpit, home and platform. As you all know, the time between this and the poll is short, but I wonder if we all realise how little time there is to win votes. Are we all praying as we ought? Are we doing all in our power? Are we everlastingly at it? For, according to our faith and works it shall be done. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon us.

With loving greetings.—Cordially yours,

RACHEL DON,

Dom. Pres. W.C.T.U.

ORGANISER'S REPORT.

Dear White Ribboners,—

It is a very long time since I reported to you through the "White Ribbon." For the last several months I have been working in the North Canterbury district. Several Unions have been formed, and a number of meetings arranged and attended.

The North Canterbury District Executive have held a great number of home meetings, by which the outlying districts have been reached, and it is hoped that the woman's vote will be materially improved.

Weather conditions have hindered out-door work very considerably for some weeks. It is considered that the present winter is one of the most severe in Canterbury for many years.

I hope to visit the North Island very shortly. This visit has been delayed in part owing to weather conditions in the North.

I look eagerly for the reports of all the Unions in the "White Ribbon" each

month, and am rather anxious about some Unions which have not reported for some time. Please would the delinquents make an effort to report each month, if it is only to say that you are there. As I wrote the last sentence it came to my mind that something similar had been said to your Organiser re her own reports, but there, you all know whether the Organiser is in the field or not, even if reports are delayed, and that can't be said of the Unions. Sometimes after months of anxiety over a Union which has not reported for many months, our Dominion officers and myself have mourned as though they were dead, and then at last a report comes to light which shows meetings held and good work done; but, ah me! how much needless anxiety. We look upon every branch as a member of our large family, and like to know that the family circle is still complete.

I hope every Union is keeping our main object steadily before it—to win votes in the polling year, planning the work prayerfully and thoughtfully to this end. It is by means of the ballot box that we are to get victory. When every voter who wants the liquor traffic destroyed has faith enough in God to do right, puts the educated conscience into the ballot box, the liquor traffic will be driven out of this nation. There is no other way.

For the sake of all the suffering ones, may victory soon be ours.—Yours sincerely,

ALICE EARNSHAW, Organiser.

AN EXPLANATION.

Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the writer of our Branch report for May; the following was sent:—

"It was referred to in regrettable terms that the Constitution of the W.C.T.U. should be varied in any way from that of a Christian basis."

It should read somewhat in this way:—

Regret was expressed by the President that Conference did not see fit to pass notice of motion (No. 2) which reads as follows, viz:—

That our Union state definitely our Christian basis, as is already implied in our present Constitution.

WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE ASLEEP!

I see a deputation has waited upon the Prime Minister to ask for Corporate Control to be put on the Ballot paper.

A Liquor Deputation?

No, a deputation from the Licensing Reform Association.

Oh! that's the new name the liquor trade has chosen. It is always altering its name, but it can't alter its nature.

Are you sure the Liquor Trade is running it.

Well! the Dunedin "Evening Star" published a letter from H. S. Adams saying that a brewer of Auckland paid all the advertising of the Corporate Control manifesto prior to 1922 poll. And that in both Dunedin and Auckland, well-known brewers are on the executive of the local branch of the Licensing Reform Association. Doesn't that look as if they were running both issues.

Well, it certainly does. And at the next Poll the votes on both these issues are added together against prohibition are they not? of course they are. There are three issues, (1) Prohibitionists who want to abolish manufacture and sale of alcohol; (2) State Controllers who also want a change but not such a drastic one; (3) Continuance of present system. Now, if you are going to add two classes together, isn't it logical to add the two kinds who desire a change against the one that things stay as they are.

Mt. Albert Borough seems to have got a clean thinking Mayor.

Why that's!

Well, his Council made it a condition of giving a donation to a Fire Brigade Concert that no liquor should be consumed at the function. The Mayor said that many young fellows got their first taste of intoxicants at a smoke concert.

Good man that! It's very easy to blame the young people for drinking, but it's not often that a public man has the courage to help the young to let liquor alone.

The usual crop of motor accidents, with drink as the cause of most of them. Yes, the Government will fine motorist who is drunk, will imprison him, will cancel his license, in fact, it will go to any length to avert these

accidents, short of stopping the sale of the drink.

They are trying their best to make motorists careful.

Best! well bad is the best. Why they prohibit a man from getting drink, yet he gets it and is had up for driving a car while intoxicated. Why don't they stop the sale and stop the accidents, and why don't they find out and punish the person who sold him the liquor.

EMPTY LAMPS.

At a Church meeting I attended lately, the subject was the virgins with well-filled lamps, and those whose lamps went out early. If I had properly trained powers of concentration, my mind would have attended to the speaker, and not gone off suddenly to wonder how many of us are keeping our lamps well filled, ready for the elections. Our lamps of personal interest and understanding in what is being done I mean. And of personal work. For to succeed in this election there is more needed than our prayers, or faith, or constant giving, and that is our work in the sense of effort. We may not appear to have much material to work on. You may live where everyone's vote is safe, but that is no reason why you should be wasted. Are you keeping your lamp burning ready to help the neutral, or perhaps the outsider, or the other-sider, who is sure to turn up any day now.

Even if he or she asks only what is your Union doing, can you tell them enough to make them feel that that Union is a jolly good thing, and want to join such a go-ahead business. If not, why not? You can shift the cause, can't you? If he or she wants to know what we expect No License will do in New Zealand, have you a vivid picture? Some good it will do in your own neighbourhood. If not, why not? If yours is the only district where drink does no harm, how eager you must be to share your luck. But you know, you cannot help knowing, even if you are not in personal contact with them, homes where harm has been done, or still is doing. Tell him the W.C.T.U., your **Branch of it**, is trying to safeguard the country, and our boys and girls from more harm like these cases.

If he wants to know how Prohibition has worked in the U.S.A., are you sure

of your facts? Sure of some you can give that he or she can't gain-say?

Anyway, you can be sure drink works in New Zealand.

But are you? Are we all? If drink does not touch us in our own households, are we keeping our lamps well filled? There is plenty of oil, solid facts and living enthusiasm, for us to draw on, and if our lower lights are to keep burning we need to draw freely, and use constantly.

For working purposes there is no oil more valuable than elbow-grease. The more we work the more we'll have to draw on. The question is, are our lower lights keeping ourselves burning, attending to our stores of oil? If not, why not?

WHY HE VOTED "DRY."

The story is told of an old village "tooper" who went to the poll one polling day declaring that he was going to vote for Prohibition. The bystanders scoffed and sneered at him when he cast a temperance vote.

"A pretty temperance voter you are," said one. "Why, if there was a bottle of whisky at the top of that pole, and if you could have the whisky by climbing the pole at the risk of your life, you know you'd climb."

The drunkard straightened himself up as best he could, and said; "Know it! Oh, yes, I know it! And I know another thing, gentlemen: If the whisky wasn't there I wouldn't climb."

My business and yours is to see that the liquor isn't there.—"Grit."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Will Unions kindly note that Mrs Judson, Superintendent for Peace and Arbitration Department, has changed her address. It is now Mrs Judson, 63 Williamson Street, Epsom, Auckland. Please make alteration in your list of Superintendents of Departments.

DR. GRENFELL'S BOOKS.

Labrador Days and Northern Neighbours; 3/-. Postage 4d.

The Whispering Bush, true tales of West Africa (by Arthur Southon, Missionary); 3/-. Postage 4d.

Moffatt's Translated Old Testament 2 vols; 10/6 each.

H. R. FRENCH,

Bookseller, Hastings.

CORRESPONDENCE. —

(The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed in this column).

(To the Editor).

Madam,—At our meeting to-day, which was largely attended, several ladies spoke on Dr. Wilson's report on "Nurses' Duties," reported in the "Dominion of June 20th.

I wish to ask our paper to take up this subject, and let the nurses know that they have our W.C.T.U. behind them in this matter, as Dr. Wilson says the "Ideal Nurse is one who entered the profession because she has had a call to restore the broken mind and body to health." He then adds, "there are many things in a hospital which young girls of refinement should not be asked to perform, and for that reason one or two experienced male orderlies should be employed on the staff of every hospital."

Our Union is sending a resolution to the Minister of Health re this matter.

I think all mothers will agree with us that we ought to do something to protect our nurses and shield them from the revolting work of attending to V.D. and D.T. male cases.

Trusting that you will find space in your valuable paper for this.—I am etc
MARY LEASK.

Napier,

July 1st, 1925.

(To the Editor).

Madam,—I did not see anything in the "White Ribbon" last month, though I sent my report on the 1st of August after our meeting.

I sent resolution re "Nurses' Duties," passed at our meeting August 1st, 1925, to Minister of Health, and to Mothers' Union Council.

Mrs Sedgwick, the Bishop's wife, President of Waipu M.U., wrote: "We are entirely in accord with your resolution, and look to have it endorsed at M. U. Council meeting next week."

The District Secretary of M.U., Waipu, wrote: "Your resolution was placed before M.U. Council meeting, and was sympathetically endorsed. It was thought that in order to bring about stronger co-operation, the Secretary of each Diocesan Council should be written to asking them to put same resolution before their members and so give them a chance of co-ordination." The District Secretary has written to

other M.U. Councils and the Minister of Health.

At meeting yesterday I read answer of Minister of Health, in which he says: "In the majority of our hospitals such cases (V.D.) are put under male attendants, and I do not think nurses in training are called upon to attend patients suffering from venereal diseases."

"In D.T. cases, which are quite often women, it is necessary that nurses should be in charge of their treatment, though it is usual, in the case of male patients, for male orderlies to be at hand in case of necessity."

At the meeting yesterday it was decided that Mrs Speight (President) and Mrs Leask (Vice-President) form a deputation to wait upon the Chairman of the Napier Hospital Board, the Medical Superintendent, and Matron, to ascertain their attitude in this matter. Also to send the resolution to all societies of women, such as Guilds, prayer meetings, and women's clubs.—Yours sincerely, in W.C.T.U. work,

MARY LEASK,

V.P. Napier W.C.T.U.

(A report sent on August 1st could not appear in July issue.—Ed. W.R.)

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Dear Sisters,—I wish to remind you that September 15th is Franchise Day. In this our election year I cannot think that the day could be more fittingly kept than by some effort to impress upon women the importance of using the vote, which was given to them as the result of long effort by men and women of earlier days, upon the day we now commemorate.

The lack of interest shown by good women in this matter is a great factor in our failure to carry Prohibition in this country, and I suggest that Franchise Day this year should be kept by planning how to ensure a better use of our privileges, rather than by recalling the past history of how they were obtained.—Yours sincerely,

ALICE F. WEBB,

Superintendent.

17 Elder Street, Dunedin,

August 3, 1925.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

Mrs Elliott, from Te Kuiti, reported some time ago that though there is no Union there, good social work is car-

ried on. They are endeavouring to keep drink under control in the King Country, and protest repeatedly against the attempts to get licenses there. Owing to the most of this report being Methodist Church work only, this encouraging little bit of our own Union work at Te Kuiti was overlooked when our annual report was drawn up.

The Taheke Secretary reports: "That in spite of rain and mud, and swollen creeks, a Union meeting was held there on May 25th. Seven Maori ladies present joined, and expressed themselves decidedly against drink, also their keen appreciation of the work of the W.C.T.U. They have no vote, but know well the evils of the trade, and welcome any means of fighting against it. The initiation service was read by Sister Eleanor, and most reverently listened to by all. Membership now stands at eleven, and they are hopeful that more will join later."

For the Maori Department,

N. F. WALKER,

Superintendent.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Otago District Convention will be held in Balclutha, September 8th.

On September 7th, at 8 p.m., Mrs Leech will give a public address in the interests of peace. Collection for district funds.

An interesting programme is being arranged, and delegates are assured of having a very profitable time.

Nominations for officers received to date are:—Dist. Pres., Mrs Hiatt (Dunedin); Dist. Sec., Mrs David Leslie (Dunedin); Dist. Treas., Mrs Macartney (Dunedin).

Yours in the work,

JEANIE C. SMYTH,

Otago District Sec.

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MY AIN COUNTRIE.

Much is being said about the success or failure of Prohibition in the U.S.A., but let us look at home for a while.

We have no Prohibition areas in New Zealand, but we have No-License areas, and they are partially dry. We give here an account of No-License in Invercargill, which was published as a leading article in the "Southland Times" of July 2, 1925:—

AFTER NINETEEN YEARS.

Members of the Prohibition Party may be excused for their desire to exult over the results of No-License in Invercargill since it was first adopted in the days when a three-fifths majority was

necessary to achieve victory, because their opponents were at one in declaring that even this measure of reform would mean the utter ruin of the town commercially and morally. To-day, after 19 years, there are facts enough to prove how false were those prophets, and how groundless were their fears. It must always be remembered—and the point is overlooked with remarkable consistency—that Invercargill is not under Prohibition, but No-License, and has a wet area on its borders from which strong drink may flow to the so-called "dry" district. No-License is a restricting measure, not a prohibiting one, and, from the viewpoint of a Prohibitionist, the results, about which any man may be enthusiastic, have been achieved in spite of adverse conditions, and not because of them. Commercially the position of Invercargill is a complete answer to the dismal people who forecasted that grass would grow in the streets and ruin would spread around if the hotels were closed, because among commercial people it is generally recognised that Invercargill to-day and during many years has been one of the solidest business places in New Zealand for all classes of goods. These testimonials are given by men who do not live here, but who come here in the course of their business travels, and in many instances they come from men who do not believe in Prohibition, and who will argue that No-License has not been the cause of this prosperity. That last point need not be argued, because it is enough—though business men in the town will insist No-License is the cause—to accept the admission that No-License has not brought ruin. The system, with all its imperfections, has had a lengthy trial here, and the material results do not leave the opponents of Prohibition a leg to stand on. Last night the statements of the speakers on this point were strong, but the evidence of all is the volume of business being done and the commercial strength of the place, which is generally accepted by business men throughout the Dominion. The other woeful promise that has remained unfulfilled is that No-License would mean the moral degradation of the community. Nineteen years should be long enough to ensure that the effects of the degrading influences shall be known, but all the statistics available go to show that there has been an improvement, not a falling off. Although

the speakers last night quite properly carried their deductions much further, it seems to us that for their purposes it is not necessary to show that Invercargill is morally better, because the prophecy was that it would get very much worse. Proof on this point may be difficult where the margin between the old and the new conditions is small, but in spite of an occasional product of the establishments within easy reach of the borders of the No-License area, the position of Invercargill, in comparison with the Invercargill of the pre-No-License days, is that crime and poverty have been lessened markedly. We do not press these matters to greater length, because we do not wish to be accused of parochial enthusiasm, but the evidence is so clear, so emphatic, that the advocates of Prohibition have in Invercargill an excellent example of what can be done to refute the dismal prophets and to make definite propaganda for the reform, based on the achievements under the admittedly less effective process of No-License.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Zealand Fund.

Masterton and Timaru, £2 each; Ormondville, 10s; Mrs Robertson (Ashburton), 10s.

Net proceeds Mrs Don's meetings: Wanganui District, £4; Masterton, £1 16s; New Plymouth, 14s; Napier, 10s; Foxton, 3s 6d.

Organising Fund.

Masterton, Stratford, and Timaru, each £5; Riverton, £3; Mrs Findlay (Miranda), £1 11s; Russell 19s 6d; Ashburton, 14s.

Maori Fund.

Christchurch, £1 13s 6d; Dunedin, £1 12s; Timaru, £1 10s; Greytown, £1 7s; Ashburton, £1 0s 6d; Masterton, Mosgiel and Stratford, £1 each; Whangarei, 19s; Turakina, 17s; Rama Rama, 10s 6d; Oxford, 8s 8d; Wanganui East, 8s 3d; Kalapoi, 6s 9d; Roxburgh, 6s.

World's Missionary Fund.

Christchurch, £1 9s 9d; Normanby, £1.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,

10th August, 1925.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The 10th Annual Wellington District Convention was held at Feilding, August 4th to 6th.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Mayor of Feilding, who welcomed Mrs Don, the speaker for the evening, and the delegates. The Rev. Miller also spoke words of welcome on behalf of the Ministers' Association. Mrs Don gave a most inspiring address, and made a most impassioned appeal for votes for Prohibition, and workers to win votes at the next poll. Bouquets from the Feilding Union were presented to Mrs Don, Mrs Peryman, and Mrs Evans.

In the most regrettable absence of Miss Kirk, President of the Wellington District Union, Mrs Peryman was asked to preside over the meeting, and as she had to leave on Thursday, Mrs Evans presided that day.

There was a fine gathering of delegates, 25, besides visitors, on Wednesday morning. Mrs Packe welcomed delegates, and presented a bouquet to Mrs Johnston Wright.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Johnston Wright, Mrs Peryman, and Mrs Dewe.

Mrs Williams asked for from September 1st to 19th for backblocks work.

Committees: — Courtesies, Mrs Tremaine; letter-writer, Mrs Downs; newspaper reporters (local) Mr P. Pepperell, (Wellington) Mrs Evans; correspondence, Miss Kirk, Miss Henderson, Miss Oates.

Reports of Unions read, every Union in the District having reported various kinds of work. Wellington Central window displays mentioned as calculated to do much good.

Telegrams were sent to Minister of Education urging support of Mr Isitt's Bible in Schools Bill, also to Mr Isitt, wishing him success.

Miss Henderson's letter advising us of alterations in Child's Welfare Bill (Sir James Parr), approved, and resolution drafted.

Mrs Peryman's paper on the health regulations listened to with interest, and much indignation expressed at the absence of punishment for the male offender. Resolution to be sent to Minister of Health.

Mrs Evans' paper on "Peace and Arbitration" was listened to with close attention and interest. Resolution drawn up and passed.

Remits discussed from Wellington South and Wellington Central, re picture film advertising censorship. Resolution passed, moved by Mrs Johnston Wright, seconded by Mrs Moore: "That these be more strictly censored."

Remit from Feilding re Maori vote caused much discussion. Decided that it was not wise to move in this matter until after the elections.

From Masterton, re increase of drinking among young people, and what can be done to lesson this? Mrs Peryman advised the most effective work was to get into personal touch with young people.

Evening meeting, a most interesting social, presided over by Mrs McIntyre, included songs, recitations, and competitions, not forgetting a most sumptuous supper.

Thursday, Mrs Johnston Wright read a paper written by Mrs Taylor (Christchurch) on "Work in the Back Blocks." This gave details of the best ways to reach far-back settlers, by drawing-room meetings, literature, and specially correspondence.

Miss Heaton, a visitor from Dannevirke, spoke of the work which was done in the Hawke's Bay district by correspondence.

Resolution: "That each Union represented earnestly recommend their various Unions to attempt to reach the outlying districts by home meetings, literature, or correspondence."

Mrs Johnston Wright moved, Mrs Watson seconded, and it was carried: "That a recommendation be sent to Annual Dominion Convention that District Presidents only hold office for one year unless under extreme need."

Officers appointed:—Pres., Mrs Evans (acting); Sec., Miss Avison; Treas., Mrs Anderson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Johnston Wright.

Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Whincop, Mrs Every, Mrs Emmer-son.

No invitation received for next Convention; this matter left to Executive.

Votes of thanks to Feilding Union, and to all who helped to make the Convention a success.

Closed at 12.30 in usual way.

A MUSICAL GENIUS.

"Is your brother a musician?"
"Is he? Why, at the age of three he played on the linoleum."

AUCKLAND NOTES.

Intensely interesting events have taken place here lately. Madame Galle-Curci gave a fine interview to our newspapers. Mrs Lee-Cowie personally presented the great singer with a magnificent bouquet of roses and sweet peas, the gift of the Auckland District Executive, as a tribute of gratitude for Madame's brave support of Prohibition. A satin ribbon, lettered in gold, spanned the bouquet with the words: "The W.C.T.U. thanks you. Auckland, N.Z." Madame was enraptured with the presentation, and shaking hands enthusiastically with Mrs Cowie, waved her bouquet, and said: "This is the Prohibition bouquet. I would sing from the top of my lungs for Prohibition." The effect was tremendous on the audience of 3300, and they applauded to the echo.

A great moral victory has been gained for our city by a deputation to the City Council protesting against the shameful pictures on hoardings. A fine body of W.C.T.U. representatives presented the case for purity and high citizenship, and the results surpassed all expectations. Every indecent picture was ordered to be removed, and picture proprietors were told if any further objectionable displays were made their licenses would be cancelled. Could not our Branches use this as a precedent in their own towns?

A protest was also made to the manager of a shop exhibiting an indecent figure. The police were appealed to, and the figure was removed. If good women would use the great powers they possess, the land would soon be clean. It is because we shrink from doing our duty that evil stalks triumphantly through the land.

Y Column.

PRIZE ESSAY.

The following essay won the first prize offered to the Dunedin Y's for an essay on "Christian Giving." The judge was a lady well known in literary circles, and her remarks are appended.

Christian Giving.

"Don't be afraid of giving.
If your life ain't nuthin' to other folks,
Why, what's the good of living."

Giving may be termed the chief of the secular duties of the professed Christian. He, having received the blessings which follow his acceptance of the eternal plan, is bound by the very nature of that acceptance to spread the glad tidings to others.

There are three methods of assistance which naturally appeal to every follower, when the question of work for the Master is involved, viz., spiritual personal and material.

It is not given to every one, no matter how overflowing with joy at his own conversion, nor how filled with zeal for the furtherance of the Kingdom, to go forth as a teacher or a preacher; but to everyone is given the opportunity of helping forward the cause.

The personal service may from a variety of causes be extremely limited, and lack of ability and scarceness of opportunity may to a great degree circumscribe service along these lines.

But there is not one who cannot in some manner help forward the work of the Church by the exercise of that supreme blessing, the act of giving.

Just how much should a man give to the Lord? It sounds a banal question when we remember how we sing:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small."

But a stern reality compels one to state that the question most commonly put by members of the Church is, not how much should I give, but how little.

The ancient Hebrews were instructed by the law laid down by Moses that a tenth of their increase in flocks, herds, and harvests was to be devoted to the Lord's service, and the upkeep of His Tabernacle.

From that Mosaic rule has sprung the tithes which are collected in the Old Country for the maintenance of the Established Church, but this takes the form of a tax, not a freewill offering, and saint and sinner alike have to pay.

But the ideal gift, the giving which ensures the blessing, is where the donor sinks his identity in the cause he supports, and from sheer love of the work which he is forwarding, takes of the goods with which the Lord has blessed him, and hands them freely and fully for the furtherance of the Kingdom on earth.

We have the teaching of the Saviour Himself to guide us in this important matter, for He rebuked the wealthy

Pharisee who cast his gold into the treasury, but praised and commended the poor widow who gave her all.

Therefore, in my opinion, this act of giving is one between the creature and the Creator, and no one should dare to lay down a rule for his neighbour's guidance.

Let each look to himself in this act of worship, and let his own heart and his own conscience be the tribunal before which he shall stand.

The essence of Christian giving is sacrifice and self-denial, and the practice of these supreme virtues will ennoble the heart and mind, keep the follower of the Master more nearly in His footsteps, and so prepare his soul for all the blessings which flow, even in this life, to the disciple.

"If you would truly, nobly live,
Give ever give."

Subject matter and thought, 75; neatness and composition, 18. Total, 93 per cent. Very well thought-out essay; subject matter arranged in good sequence; the whole a nicely-balanced effort, pleasing to read, and containing a wide and comprehensive view of the subject on hand.

AUCKLAND.

A special meeting was held at East Street Temperance Hall, on Monday, 27th July, when Mrs Don, New Zealand President of the W.C.T.U. addressed the Y's. In the absence of the President (Miss Richards) who is at present in hospital, Mrs Lee-Cowie presided and opened the meeting with prayer. A vote of sympathy was passed to the President in her illness, and Mrs Lee-Cowie then introduced Mrs Don. A pleasing feature at the introduction was the presentation to Mrs Don of a beautiful bouquet of Iceland poppies, and jonquills with long streamers of white ribbon. Simultaneously a bouquet of pale pink and white wax flowers was presented to Mrs Lee-Cowie as a token of love and esteem from the Y's for mothering them. Mrs Don, after gracefully acknowledging the bouquet, passed some pleasing remarks on the decorations of the hall which had been tastefully arranged as a drawing room with a wealth of floral decorations. She mentioned the fact that Auckland audiences knew how to tastefully decorate their halls, and said that the atmosphere thus created made it much easier for the speaker to give her message. Mrs Don gave a most instructive and inspiring address on a text taken from the Book of Ezekiel, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none." The speaker said that to her there was no more pathetic picture than God looking for a man to serve him, and not finding him, and very aptly applied the words of her text to present day conditions, making a stirring appeal, especially to the younger members, to train as leaders in the great army of women who were trying to fight the terrible evil of the Liquor Traffic. The speaker's remarks about the Y Branches being good training grounds for future leadership were most encouraging. Thereafter a Temperance Dialogue entitled "Mrs Hops and John Barleycorn" was ably rendered by Mrs Kasper, Miss Grange and Mr Scott, with a small choir of children. Supper was also served. Eight new members were initiated. The singing of the

Doxology and the Benediction brought a most interesting and profitable evening to a close.

AUCKLAND.

August 6th. Monthly meeting at East Street Temperance Hall. Mrs Kasper presided over a large attendance of members and friends, close on 100 being present. T. E. Taylor Day; Miss Pyle read a short account of his life and work. Mrs Lee-Cowie also spoke on his work, and read a short poem by Miss G. M. Pees, of Auckland, being an inspiration from Tom Taylor's death. Thereafter, Mrs Helen Barton, the noted Scottish Temperance Leader, gave an instructive and inspiring address, taking her subject from the book of Ruth. She is an able speaker, and, in the course of her remarks, gave a graphic account of a Pageant produced in Scotland by the British Women's Temperance Association entitled "Empire Builders." Mrs Barton interspersed her remarks with many honourous incidents and stories of the recent campaign in Scotland. Following on a stirring appeal for more recruits, 16 new members joined. A good musical programme had been arranged and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

NEW BRIGHTON.

July 10th. The President, Mrs F. Mitchell, presided, attendance good. Misses Buxton and Patten were nominated as delegates to the Provincial Convention in September. The sum of 5s. was donated to the fund to organise a creche at the Dunedin Exhibition. The Superintendent, Mrs Good, was appointed to interview Mr D. S. Sullivan, M.P., re the Bible in Schools Bill. Mrs Richards, Avonside, gave a very fine address on "Youth and Character Building," and this was much appreciated by the members. Three new members were initiated.

OXFORD.

A most enjoyable social evening at the President's home. Games, competitions, and musical items were indulged in. After supper an initiation service was held, at which 11 new members were added to the roll, making a total of 36 members.

WAIMATE.

A strong Y. branch has been formed in Waimate. Mrs T. E. Taylor, addressed a large meeting of the W.C.T.U. after Convention. 10 new members joined, of whom 7 were girls. These formed the nucleus of a "Y." Union, the membership of which is now 27. The work has been taken up keenly. Two of our members attended an all day Temperance Convention held recently at Timaru and are to give a report of it. The meetings have been well attended. At the first social there were over 70 young people present. The officers elected by ballot are:—Superintendent, Mrs Kippenberger; President, Miss Stewart; Secretary, Miss Dohrmann; Treasurer, Miss Murray.

INVERCARGILL.

July 27th. President, Miss Dawson presiding. Reported that a successful social evening had been held in St. Paul's Hall, on the 8th. The Rev. McBean gave a short and interesting talk on Temperance, which was appreciated. Also on the 24th, Gladstone Home had been visited and presented with the Inscription Plate for the organ (the plate was a donation from Mr and Mrs Young). Members provided supper and friends brought gifts for the boys. Our W.R. Agent, asked for subs. to be paid. An apology for absence was received from Miss Cameron. T. E. Taylor Day was celebrated by Miss Birss, giving a most helpful and inspiring talk on "My life among the Blue-jackets" by Miss Weston. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Birss. All repeated the pledge.

HASTINGS.

July 21st. The Y. members spent a very happy evening at the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The evening began with a debate between the Y.M.C.A. members and the Y's., subject being "Should the man propose," the Y.M.C.A., taking the negative side of the debate, gained highest points. After the debate, all joined in various games, etc., after which a very dainty supper, provided by the Y.M.C.A. members was dispensed. The evening concluded with "Auld Lang Syne."

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.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

August 6th. Devotions led by Mrs Emmett, 20 present. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Hussey and Miss Vine. Letter of thanks from Mrs McCarthy for money sent for creche. Decided to have a street sale for local Union fund in October. Balance sheet read of Mrs Don's meetings. £4 sent to campaign fund. Mrs Irwin read a paper on the "Life of T. E. Taylor." Decided that our next meeting should take the form of a social afternoon, a collection to be taken up for District Union Fund.

EDEN.

July 15th. The President (Miss Wilson) presided over a fair attendance. Feeling reference was made to the death of Miss Caley, one of this Union's oldest members. Correspondence concerning Mr Isitt's "Bible in Schools Bill" again came before the Union, the accompanying requests having been duly compiled with. Mr Greenwood, an organiser for the Prohibition League, attended and explained plans for the forthcoming campaign. Several members gave in their names, promising to canvass a street. Arrangements were put in hand for August meeting to take the form of a pay-up social. Decided to hold a meeting at the Edendale Baptist Church on Wednesday, 5th, of August, for the convenience of those who belong to us in that district, also with a hope of gaining more members for the purpose of starting a Union there. One member from another Union welcomed, and one new one was initiated.

RIVERTON.

July 6th. Fair attendance of members. Mrs Gray presided. The Treasurer reported the sum of £14 had been taken at the Paddy's Market held last month. Decided £3 be sent to the organising fund. £1 voted for creche at the Exhibition. A resolution in favour of Bible reading in schools was passed, letters to be sent to the Prime Minister, Hon. J. G. Coates, and to our member, Mr J. C. Thomson, urging them to support Mr Isitt's Bill. The President read a pamphlet on "The White Robed Vestals of To-day." Decided to order 100 for distribution, also 100 copies of "How we won the franchise." Vanguards distributed to members.

August 3rd. Good attendance of members. Correspondence received from Hon. J. G. Coates and Mr Thomson, promising careful consideration to request re Bible in Schools Bill. Decided to send telegram to Sir J. Parr, Minister of Education, on same subject. Letter of thanks read from Mrs Bendely. The town was divided into divisions, and several members promised to distribute literature. The President urged on all the importance of praying daily for the work this year, especially in our own and neighbouring districts. Mrs Cassels read some cuttings from the paper showing the enormous amount spent on drink; also an article entitled "Gaul Builders." One of the greatest "gaol builders" the world has ever seen is the liquor traffic, so the call comes to us to-day to be "gaol breakers."

PLEASANT POINT.

July 20th. A most enjoyable social. Mr S. B. H. Low gave an address on League of Nations. Rev. Mr Falconer occupied the chair, and after several songs and recitations by members of the Union he introduced the speaker, who was listened to most attentively for over an hour. A good number of day-scholars were present, and all the

L.T.L. members. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Low for her very able address, after which supper was served, and a happy social time was spent.

August 5th. A very lively meeting was held with a good attendance. Arrangements were made for delegates the coming District Convention, also for sending a representative to the Y' branch's meetings at Totara Valley. Decided to hold an afternoon meeting at Tycho, Mrs Morrison kindly promising to arrange a drawing-room afternoon. Miss Neilson and Mrs Crombie to hold White Ribbon Campaign at Waitohi. Mrs Best and Mrs Falconer to supervise L.T.L. for this month. Mr Israel, for the Alliance, paid a visit to the meeting, and was allowed 10 minutes to explain what the Alliance would like members to do at polling time. Literature left to be distributed. A large poster is being prepared, and will be put upon the good's shed as soon as possible. Miss Halstead and Miss Walker to look after soldiers' plot. Afternoon tea was served, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

KAIAPOI.

July 29th. T. E. Taylor Day. Mrs Barnard (Vice-Pres.) in the chair. Very good attendance. The Secretary explained the 40-15-2 Prohibition campaign, and all the cards to hand were distributed. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mr G. Turpin, and Mrs Cowley. Miss Henderson, B.A., gave an address. She spoke of Mr T. E. Taylor's work in the cause of Prohibition, also Mr Frank Isitt, Miss Roberts, and Mrs Atkinson. All of these workers had seen visions. Miss Henderson also gave an interesting account of her 4½ months tour of America, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her address. Social Committee for next meeting. Mesdames Neill, Slade and Chapman; delegate to Provincial Convention, Mrs Renaldi.

RICCARTON.

July 16th. Good meetings being held; keener interest being shown by members. Mrs C. Barrell appointed delegate to Provincial Convention. Report of Executive meeting read. Over £6 was reported at this meeting as Riccarton's quota for organising campaign fund. President and Treasurer have been collecting subscriptions, with fairly satisfactory results. Members are working hard for local Band of Hope, which is held monthly. Arrangements made for holding jumble sale in the near future. Mrs Herbert, Chairwoman of Charitable Aid Committee, gave an address, stressing the increase of drinking among young boys and girls, citing some appalling incidents of laxity.

July 28th. Drawing-room meeting held at residence of Mrs D. Swanston, where, as usual, outsiders were specially invited. Over thirty present. Mrs T. E. Taylor addressed the meeting. Three new members. Collection for organizing fund, £1 16s.

WARKWORTH.

June 25th. Very wet—no meeting.

July 30th. A fair attendance, including visitors. Decided to take collection at next meeting for donation to W.C.T.U. creche at Exhibition. Meetings in future, unless otherwise stated, to be held in Methodist Church. Mrs Thompson read an interesting essay on "The Early Victorians." She referred particularly to the life and work of Queen Victoria, and also of Charles Kingsley. Continuing, she gave a brief extempore outline of Thomas Carlyle and Lord Tennyson's works. Mrs Thompson was given a very hearty vote of thanks for her instructive essay and talk. Mrs Morrison then spoke on the "Maoris," and "Liquor Traffic in the King Country."

OPOTIKI.

July 9th. Good attendance. Mrs Thompson presided. Mrs Sinclair and Miss Thompson provided afternoon tea. Band of Hope meetings are being held, children performing well to large congregations. After two little girls had sung sweetly, "Where is my Wandering Boy to-night?" a drunken man rose and walked to the front of the hall, and said "I am one," and after the meeting he professed conversion. Great interest is shown, and much enthusiasm prevails. Community singing great attraction.

STRATFORD.

July. Mrs McAllister, President, gave an interesting and inspiring talk to the members present on incidents in the life of T. E. Taylor, whom we were especially remembering, it being T. E. Taylor Day. Our Secretary, on behalf of the Salvation Army, thanked the members who provided a table at their Anniversary tea. Decided to forward 10s towards the W.C.T.U. Creche at the Dunedin Exhibition. The Stratford Union ladies provided afternoon tea at the Area Council, which was much appreciated. At our June meeting, it being our "White Ribbon" Day, our usual collection of £1 was given to the Maori Fund, and £5 was sent to the Organising Fund. The two Band of Hope meetings, so far held, have been a great success, in spite of bad weather. Sixty children and adults were present at the first meeting, and 45 at the second.

RICHMOND (NELSON).

May 19. Resolved to continue subscription to "Headway." Clippings from newspapers were read. Our L.T.L. and Young Peoples' Work was discussed. Resolved to ask the co-operation of the various Sunday Schools and Bible Class teachers in the work. Monday, 18th, prayer meeting and address on "Peace," and extracts on the Protocol. Prayers for peace, for League of Nations, for sick members, and for the Temperance Cause were offered.

June 16. Letter read on Bible in schools. Letter sent to Prime Minister, Hon. J. G. Coates, and to Mr Atmore, member for Nelson, urging them to support Mr Isitt's Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. Paper on Maori Work was read by Miss Dyson. Photos of Native School and children proved interesting.

July 21. President in chair. Letter received from Minister that our request re Bible in schools would receive attention. No reply as yet from Nelson's Member of Parliament. Mrs T. A. H. Field and Miss Cook attended re District Convention. Resolved, if Convention cannot be held in Blenheim, Richmond to invite. Miss Cook read correspondence from Mrs Smith. Mrs Field reported on the Dominion Library. An interesting account of books was given, and both visitors were warmly thanked for their visit.

N.E. VALLEY.

President in chair. Good attendance. Miss Kearney spoke on disastrous effects of alcohol on the Maoris. £5 voted for Mrs Miller, Auckland; £10 for Alliance Fighting Fund. Some absentee members welcomed back. A vote of sympathy to our Treasurer, Mrs Sanders, in her recent bereavement. A letter from the Prime Minister, in reply to one sent by our Secretary, promising to give the Bible-in-Schools Bill careful consideration, was read. No reply yet from our M.P.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

The South Wellington W.C.T.U. held a "Bring and Buy" social recently in the Constable Street Rooms, when there was a very fair attendance considering that heavy rain came on again just when most would be leaving their homes. After the usual preliminary exercises, the President, Mrs Johnston Wright, made a very happy introductory speech, explaining the purpose of the effort, and recalling the valuable work and helpful influence of the late Mrs Boxall in the early days of the Girls' Association held in that room years ago. She had had a touching example of this that very day in the witness of one who had come under that influence, and who in her closing hours attributed to it all that had been good in her life. Mrs Wright also referred to the pleasure felt by all the older members at seeing the daughters of the early pioneers coming forward to take their places in the ranks of Temperance workers, instancing one who had volunteered to fill a responsible position in the South Wellington No License District, when on one of the sterner sex could be found with enough leisure to undertake it. Members were reminded of the After Church Rally to be held in Our Theatre on Sunday evening of the 9th August, when Mr L. M. Isitt, M.P., would occupy the chair, and Mrs Don would be the speaker. A short, but excellent, programme of vocal items was rendered as follows: "My Prayer," Miss Perry; "The Promise of Life," Mrs McLellan; "I Hear a Thrush at Eve," Miss Shand;

"When You Come Back at Eventide," Mrs Smith; "Down Here," Miss Roberts. Each of the performers kindly responded to an encore, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them at the close of the meeting. The rest of the time was pleasantly occupied with the special business of the evening, and a large number of articles, useful and ornamental, were disposed of, the proceeds amounting to about £5. The thanks of the Union are due to all who so liberally responded to the request for goods to fill the stall and raise the funds needed.

MEETINGS.

July 23. Mrs Fawcett (Vice-President) in the chair. Good attendance. New members who were present were welcomed. Fourteen were initiated at Mrs Dons' meeting. Mrs Boshier reported interview with the Mayor re establishment of district nurse. A pleasing feature of the afternoon's meeting was the receipt of a gift of a handsome banner, the work and gift of Mesdames Paul and Banks. It was in blue silk and white satin, with a spray of pansies painted in pale mauve, and suitably inscribed. Mrs Wilson thanked the donors on behalf of the Union, which was carried with applause. Decided to hold a flower sale to raise funds on August 7th. The Secretary acted as hostess for the afternoon tea.

NEW BRIGHTON.

July 16. Mrs Hall presided over an excellent attendance of member and friends. Social afternoon to welcome the many new members (24) who have recently joined our Union. Mrs Hall, Mrs Bellamy, and Miss B. Harband spoke in welcome to the members. A donation of £1 1s was made to the fund for organising a creche at the Dunedin Exhibition. Mrs Moses and Miss B. Harband were appointed to interview Mr D. G. Sullivan, M.P., re Mr Isitt's Bible-in-Schools Bill. Solos were contributed by Mrs Dean and Miss T. Buxton, and afternoon tea was served. One new member was initiated. Two home meetings have been held recently. One was at Mrs C. Dixon's residence, North Beach, when Mrs T. E. Taylor addressed a fine gathering, which resulted in nine members joining. The other was held in the South Brighton Hall, and Mrs T. E. Taylor was again the speaker. This time four members were added to our numbers.

TURAKINA.

April 9. Mrs Wilson presided over an attendance of 12. During the afternoon members spoke of the helpfulness of Mrs Don's address here. Miss Bensfield spoke upon the Maori work, and a collection of 17s was taken up. We are all very sorry that our President, Mrs Wilson, is removing from this district, and during the afternoon Mrs R. J. Glasgow, on behalf of the Union presented her with a small present as a token of our love for her. Mrs Wilson very feelingly replied. Miss Bensfield was elected pres., and Mrs Gabites Cradle Roll Superintendent. Two new members were welcomed to our Union. Miss Knox kindly supplied afternoon tea, and was warmly thanked.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

June. After many disappointments, we had with us Mrs H. H. Driver, who gave us a very helpful talk on the Pocket Testament League. Unfortunately, the class for whom the League is intended, were conspicuous by their absence, but the members took testimonials to pass on to others. Mrs Hinton occupied the chair.

July 9. Miss Powell presided, and gave an address on "Grow in Grace." Our Secretary, being handicapped by frequent absences from home, desired an assistant, and Mrs Williamson was appointed, the same lady also undertaking to act as Organist. Members were urged to attend a special meeting of the city Union, called in connection with Mr Isitt's Bible-in-Schools Bill. A report of the proposed creche at the Exhibition, up to date, was given by the President. Mrs Crow was elected delegate to the District Convention.

ASHBURTON.

July 7th. Mrs W. H. Robinson, Vice-Pres., presided over a good attendance at our annual "Pay-up Social." Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs A. J. Jameson and family, and Mr Hood, in their recent bereavements.

Also, with members in sickness. Mrs J. Moore was appointed Delegate to North Canterbury Area Conference. Inspector of Police, Christchurch, wrote acknowledging expression of appreciation of Senior Sergeant Jackson's services during his stay in Ashburton. A brief, but enjoyable, programme was then given, followed by a cup of tea, and an opportunity afforded those present to pay their dues.

July 14. Executive meeting. Fair attendance. Decided to donate £1 1s to A. & P. Association's prize fund. It was reported that Mrs Don would visit Ashburton from August 18th to 26th, and a plan of work was drawn up for approval. Arrangements were made for 21st Birthday celebrations on August 18th, at 2.30 p.m., and public meeting in Theatre Royal at 8 p.m., addressed by Mrs W. R. Don. It was decided that invitations be sent to the first Officers and subsequent Presidents, and that souvenirs of the occasion be procured and distributed at the afternoon meeting. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Trustees in Miss Butterick's estate, acknowledging gratefully a legacy of £25 left by her to the funds of the Union.

July 23. A very successful drawing-room gathering in honour of T. E. Taylor Day was held on July 23rd, Mrs Robinson presiding. Musical and elocutionary items were contributed, and an interesting address given on "Social Work" by Commandant Schroeder, Salvation Army. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded speaker and performers. A dainty afternoon tea was served. Collection in aid of Organising Fund amounted to £48 6d. Owing to the absence of the Secretary through indisposition, a number of members arranged to visit Miss Trevurza after the meeting, and Mrs W. G. Gallagher presented her on behalf of the Union with a case of stainless knives. The recipient briefly responded.

Aug. 4. A large and enthusiastic gathering met on "Seamen's Day" in the Schoolroom, Sister Mildred, V.P., in the chair. Fifteen minutes was spent in prayer, many taking part. Musical items were contributed and interesting addresses on the work of the Lyttelton Sailors Institute were given by Captain Hatchwell, Secretary, and Mr J. T. Norton, Vice-President. Mrs Norton also spoke on the individual sailor, whose heart readily responded to kindness and sympathy. Mrs C. S. Matthews, Supt. of Seamen's Day moved a very hearty vote of thanks to speakers and performers, which was carried. A collection was taken up in aid of the new Sailor's Rest at New Plymouth, amounting to £3 8s. A cup of tea was handed round, and the gathering dispersed.

OXFORD.

July 22. Meeting of Executive, President in the chair. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mrs L. Ansell and Mrs E. McGrath in their bereavement, and also with the relatives of the late Mrs J. Carson. Replies from the Prime Minister and the Huruwai and Kaipoi M.P.'s with regard to the Bible-in-Schools Bill. The Treasurer reported on the financial results of the recent afternoon tea. Miss Gainsford, Evangelistic Superintendent, was asked to make arrangements for meetings for prayer for success at the poll.

July 25. A public meeting was held in the Coronation Hall, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., the occasion being T. E. Taylor Day. The President (Mrs G. Ryde) presided. Mr L. Watson gave a very interesting address. Miss Cooper sang "My Task," and "O Rest in the Lord."

AUCKLAND.

July 14. Mrs Cook presided. Replies were received from the Prime Minister, Hon. J. G. Coates, and Mr Parry, M.P., in reference to Mr Isitt's Religious Exercises Bill. Mrs Judson spoke on the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and made an appeal for volunteers to write to women of other countries. Mrs Hutchinson, Superintendent of Social Hygiene, brought before the members the new Regulations for social diseases, and referred to the article in the "White Ribbon" on Government by Regulation. The meeting affirmed the protest made by the Editor in her letter to the Minister of Health against the compulsory measures in the treatment of V.D. being adopted by regulation. Reference was made to the account in the

"Herald" of the stand which Mrs McCombs had taken on the Christchurch Hospital Board in connection with the report of Dr. Fox. A vote of hearty congratulation was passed to Mrs McCombs. The meetings in connection with Mrs Don's visit were announced, and arrangements made. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs W. J. McDermott and Mrs E. B. Miller in their illness.

July 28. Special meeting. Very large gathering. Mrs Cook presided. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Mayor of Auckland in his sad bereavement in the death of the Mayoress, Mrs Baildon. A wreath was sent by the Union. Mrs Cook spoke of the fine work which the Mayoress had done during the short term of her office. A letter of thanks was received from Mr Rhodes, Mayor of Mt. Albert, in reply to a letter sent by the Union congratulating him on the stand he took at the Council meeting, refusing to donate money for liquor at a smoke concert in connection with the Fire Brigade. Mrs Don was presented with a beautiful bouquet of violets and yellow daffodils and narcissi. Mrs Cook spoke of the high esteem in which Mrs Don was held with the American women during her visit to their country. Mrs Don gave a most impressive address, saying the women could if they would banish drink from the land, basing her remarks on the story of the poor, wise woman in II. Sam. 20th chapter. Ten new members were enrolled.

DUNEDIN.

July 7. Moderate attendance. One new member initiated. The resignation of Mrs Plaister, Recording Secretary, accepted with regret. The report and recommendations of the sub-committee for creche were adopted, and a strong Creche Committee was appointed. Decided to hold a special meeting, to which all women interested should be invited, on Tuesday, July 14, to consider a communication from the Bible-in-Schools Propaganda Committee.

July 14th. Special meeting; well attended. Mrs Driver gave a brief address on the urgent need for the provision of Bible teaching in our schools, pointing out the many evils resulting from the secular system at present in use. Miss Powel spoke in support of these views, and moved a resolution, copies of which are to be sent to the Dunedin M.P.'s, the Minister of Education, the Prime Minister and Mr L. M. Isitt. The motion was carried unanimously, and was as follows: Resolved—"That this meeting, having carefully considered the overwhelming testimony from different parts of the world as to the beneficial effects of Scripture teaching in schools upon the morals of the community, resulting in a decrease in juvenile crime and the development of a higher ideal of citizenship, hereby calls upon its representatives in Parliament to use their utmost endeavours to secure the passing into law of Mr Isitt's Bill for Religious Teaching in Schools."

CHEVIOT.

July 4. Meeting small owing to weather conditions. Mrs Ferguson presided. Principal topic, Mrs W. J. Williams recent visit to this district, when she addressed six different meetings on "Matters of Interest to Women," and on "Questions of Interest to Voters," according to the nature of her audiences, and was listened to with great interest and appreciation. President read a pamphlet on the question of Bible reading in schools.

BLENHEIM.

June 15th. "White Ribbon Day" was celebrated, there being a large number of members and friends present. Mrs Grigg gave an interesting address on "Women's Influence." Songs were rendered by Mesdames Mills and Wilson, and afternoon tea dispensed. Collection for the Maori mission fund, £1 1s.

July 7th. A good attendance. After the devotional service, the usual routine of business was put through. Mrs Grigg read a lengthy paper on the Bible in Schools Bill.

August 4th. Mrs Grigg presided over a good attendance. Arrangements were discussed for the District Convention, which is to be held in Blenheim on September 9th. Mrs Ryburn read a very helpful and interesting paper on the three "P's," privi-

leges, politics and prayer. Letters have been sent to the Prime Minister and Mr W. J. Girling, member for the district, urging them to support Mr Isitt's Bible in Schools Bill.

OTAHUHU.

August 6th. There was a fair attendance. Mrs Judson from Auckland came and gave us a talk on "Ministry of Friendship," which the members thought was a good thing. Three members kindly offered to correspond to the other countries.

WHANGAREI.

July 22nd. Red Letter Day in Whangarei. Mrs Don visited Whangarei; addressed a meeting in Town Hall. Fair attendance. Platform decorated with lovely arum lilies. Mayor presided. Members of Presbyterian Methodist, and Baptist choirs assisted. Nancy Hughes presented lovely bouquet to Mrs Don. Mrs Don expressed her appreciation to all who had assisted. Colonel Mackasey voiced his appreciation of Mrs Don's lecture, having once lived in the parts of America mentioned, he was able to confirm all lecturer said. Mrs Don urged everyone to "think." All agreed that Prohibition in America was worth while. Salvation Army Band helped greatly by playing suitable music outside of Town Hall. Taylor Day, held at the residence of Mrs Bennie, First Avenue, 22 ladies present. Mrs Goodall, President, gave an account of Mr Taylor's life and death. Solo, afternoon tea, collection for White Ribbon funds. Meeting 2nd. Tuesday in Methodist school room. Fair attendance. Mention made of children's heritage (Bible in school). Decided to place W.C.T.U. literature in waiting room at railway station. Collection in aid of women's creche, at Dunedin Exhibition.

TAKAPUNA.

August 6th. Had a splendid meeting. Mrs Penning presided and Mrs Lee Cowie gave a splendid address dealing with Prohibition since its start in New Zealand, when its foremost workers were the Revs. Frank and Leonard Isitt, Mr P. Munroe and Mr T. E. Taylor (of whom only one remains), when the leaders practically carried their lives in their hands in fighting vested interests, ancient customs, and the hostility and tricks of the trade. The Prohibitionist party had to prove their existence, and how the liquor party must show their existence. It was a most interesting meeting, and at its close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Cowie, and "All round the World" was sung. Two new members were made.

TEMPLETON.

July 7th. Several ladies of the Templeton Union, accompanied by Miss Henderson, journeyed to Weedon's and held a very profitable meeting. Miss Henderson gave a splendid address on the evil of strong drink on child life, and at the close was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. The Weedon's ladies handed round a dainty afternoon tea. 13 new members for Templeton were initiated by Miss Henderson.

July 14th. Special meeting to elect a delegate for Timaru Convention; Mrs Musgrove elected. Decided to send a letter to Mr Witty (M.P. for Riccarton) asking him to support the Bible in Schools Bill.

July 28th. Annual pay up meeting. Mrs Simpson presided. Very good attendance, and all members paid their annual subscription. Mrs Clark presented the Union with a kettle. 4 new members were initiated. Mrs Simpson, President; Mrs McMillan, Vice-President; Mrs Williams, Secretary; and Mrs Musgrove, Treasurer; then retired from office, and a ballot was taken for new members and resulted in all four ladies being asked to fill the same places, which they graciously did. Afternoon tea was served, and a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by the benediction.

August 4th. A drawing room meeting at the residence of the President, Mrs Simpson. The day was beautifully fine, and 26 ladies, also Rev. and Mrs Parker and Rev. and Mrs Rawle, accepted the invitation to be present to enjoy a splendid address on the work of the W.C.T.U. and the evil of alcohol by Mrs T. E. Taylor. The finest part of the afternoon was taken up with music and singing and afternoon tea, after which Mrs Taylor spoke for 1½ hours, and was loudly applauded when she resumed her seat. The Rev. Parker, also Rev. Rawle,

thanked the speaker and hoped to hear more of her good work being done in the country districts.

HAWERA.

July 30th. Mrs Reed presiding, twenty being present. Mrs Hill was appointed Evangelistic Superintendent. All members enjoyed her talk on "Impressions of the Convention held at Waitara." Miss Kelly gave a very good report of the Convention. Decided to donate a prize for a violin solo at the musical competition this month. The prize to take the form of a medal, if possible.

WANGANUI EAST.

July. Good attendance. Mrs Duxfield occupied the chair. A letter of thanks was received from Mrs Redpath. "T. E. Taylor" Day be celebrated at next meeting; and Rev. J. Patterson to give an address, the proceeds to be devoted to the W.C.T.U. creche at the Dunedin Exhibition. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Hon. J. G. Coates and Mr W. Glenn, M.P., urging them to support the Bible in Schools Bill." Miss Siddells reported great progress, and increased interest in the Loyal Temperance Legion. Mrs Duxfield, District President, reported organizing a large L.T.L. at Marton. Great enthusiasm was shown by adults and children. The Marton W.C.T.U. was also re-organised, and a request received to form a branch of the Legion at Marton Junction. A strong branch has also been formed at Mathieson Street Church of Christ, with Mr Tom Cave as Superintendent. Mrs Dowsett (delegate) gave a fine report of the Waitara Convention held in June, all meetings being inspiring and helpful. Mrs McLeod handed in the names of three new members, making 25 new members won by her. The President had much pleasure in decorating Mrs McLeod with a "Badge of Honour."

GERALDINE.

July 7th. A very wet day; 25 members attended. We were honoured by Mrs Norrie's visit (District President). Mrs Neutze (Local President) presided. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and arranged to have tea at future meetings. Mrs Norrie spoke on the great work of W.C.T.U. with seamen, and of the work being done in Sailor's Rest in Timaru. The rest worked for and built by W.C.T.U. will be a great blessing to sailors on leave for many years. Mrs Neutze thanked Mrs Norrie for her interesting address. The singing of Crusade Hymn and prayer concluded the meeting.

BALCLUTHA.

Aug. 3. Good attendance of members. Mrs Grigor sent an apology for non-attendance, having sprained her foot. Miss Smith (Otago District Secretary) sent word re special campaign month. Resolved that no part be taken in connection with the Exhibition Creche Fund. Re Bible in schools, a message sent to the Hon. Sir James Parr. Paper also sent to School Committee on the subject, also Church Committee. Message of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Lothian on death of her mother, also to Mr and Mrs Geggie on the late Mr Ironside, Oamaru. Arrangements to be made in connection with day meeting of the Conference to be held in Presbyterian Church Hall, and night meeting to be held in S.A. Barracks. Accommodation to be found for 25 delegates with members and friends. Social Committee comprises 9 members. Meeting again to make final arrangements. During last week of August, Mrs Geggie being away, Mrs McLean agreed to take all correspondence during her absence re Conference. Arrangements to be made for hot dinner on Conference day for delegates.

GORE.

A combined observance of "Mother's Day" and "White Ribbon Day." With regard to the former, the President, Mrs E. C. Smith, read an instructive paper on "The building up of Character and Health." Many tributes were paid to the organ of the W.C.T.U., the "White Ribbon," whose editor, Mrs Peryman, was greatly praised for the excellency of her work. The evening was interspersed with short readings and musical items. Five new members were enrolled, and a dainty supper brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

PETONE.

July 7th. President in chair. 16 members present. A committee was set up to deal with Mrs Don's coming visit to Petone. Arrangements were also made in connection with Miss Burl's visit to Petone. Miss Avison remarked on the fact that all the lady helpers at the recent meeting of Prohibition workers were "White Ribboners." The Corresponding Secretary was asked to write to Mr T. M. Wilford, M.P., asking for his support to the Bible in Schools Bill. A letter of sympathy is to be sent to Mr and Mrs Piper. Mrs Barrow was appointed delegate to the District Convention. Decided that from now until after the Poll, the first half-hour of each business meeting should take the form of a spiritual meeting.

July 15th. Social afternoon given by Mrs Silberry and Mrs Woolford. Mrs Murtgatroyd presided; 21 members and friends present. Mrs Glover gave a most interesting address, dealing principally with her work as Prohibition Officer, and stated that a great number of the prison inmates were there as a direct result of the drink traffic, in the case of young girls excessive love of dress was often the cause of their downfall. The need of good home influence was emphasized. Mrs Glover also stressed the necessity for unity amongst women, so that they could meet together and discuss how they could best deal with the various social evils. Mrs Holroyd gave a beautiful recitation, while Mrs Wiseman gave two solos, which were very sweetly sung. Afternoon tea was served. Mrs McEwen expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mrs Glover for her address, while Miss Avison thanked the hostesses for their pleasant afternoon.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

May 19th. The "Bring and Buy" meeting at the residence of Mrs M. Palmer, resulted in raising £3 3s. for Convention expenses. Five new members were initiated. Afternoon tea provided.

June 2nd. President in chair. Twelve members present. 12s. 6d. was collected and sent to the Y.W.C.A. Council for Organising Secretary for Dunedin Exhibition. Decided to affiliate with National Council of Women. Miss Baughan gave instructive address on prison reform. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

June. A drawing room meeting was held during the month at the residence of Mrs G. Scott, Miss Henderson being the speaker. A fair number of visitors present. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Scott.

July 7th. President in chair. 16 members present. Vote of sympathy for Mrs Palmer (our Secretary) in hospital. Rev. L. C. H. Barhom gave an interesting talk on the Maoris and the national liquor question. A hearty vote of thanks accorded. Afternoon tea was served.

August 4th. President in chair. 12 members present. Collection taken to support W.C.T.U. creche at Exhibition. Resolution taken in favour of Bible in schools. Great regret expressed at the death of our well loved Secretary, Mrs M. Palmer. A vote of sympathy for the bereaved ones. Delegate for Convention discussed. Afternoon tea was served.

TIMARU.

July 28th. Good attendance. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Woodward in the death of her mother. The Treasurer announced that as a result of the "Bring and Buy Social" £7 would be sent to the Dunedin Union for a creche at the Exhibition. Two new members were initiated, and Mrs Low was appointed Peace and Arbitration Superintendent. Sailors' Rest arrangements were made for annual street day, September 11th. It was estimated that Provincial Convention would be held the 3rd. week in September. Mr Woodward reported eight vessels having visited Timaru during June and July. Two Sunday teas, four services, and several social evenings had been held. In commemorating Memorial Day, Mrs Norrie referred to Sister Annie Tocker's report at Christchurch meeting, and it was decided that it be printed in the local papers.

MAUNGATUROTO.

July. Poor meeting as far as numbers were concerned, but we hope the business done will bear fruit—Mrs Pasley took the chair. It was a great disappointment to us all that Mrs Don was unable to visit us after all, on account of the inclemency of the weather. The Secretary was asked to

write for further particulars re the creche at the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition. If our literature is to be distributed at the creche, then we shall be glad to do our little bit towards helping to establish the creche. Also asked to write to the Prime Minister and to our own member earnestly urging them to support Mr Isitt's Bill. The matter of liquor on the bowling green was again discussed at length, with the result that we are going to petition the members of the bowling club to abolish liquor altogether, and we do ask the prayers of all our Unions on our behalf in this matter. Mrs Wallace gave us a paper on "Loyalty," and she handled her subject in a manner that won the admiration and thanks of all. Meeting closed, and afternoon tea partaken of.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

August 4th. The President expressed the gratitude of the Union to Mrs Alexander, acting Recording Secretary, and Mrs Douglas was appointed to this position. Mrs Hiett welcomed Mrs Johnson, formerly of the N. also Union, but now resident in Dunedin. It was reported that the financial aid to a pioneer member of the Union (Mrs Miller) had met with a generous response, £54 19s 6d. having been collected, which sum is to be sent to the Rev. Fraser Barton in trust for Mrs Miller, to be issued for her benefit now that infirmity has overtaken her in her old age. Mesdames Hiett, D. Leslie, and Macartney were nominated as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the District Union. Delegates to the District Convention were appointed as follows:—Mesdames Alexander, Downing, Hutton, Leslie, Wright, and Miss Nichol. Mrs Peter Dick reported having made arrangements for a Young Peoples' Bible Class Rally to be held on the last Sunday in August, when Mrs Don will be present and will give a Gospel Temperance address. The Union having been invited to assist in the entertaining of the men during the visit of the American fleet, has undertaken two days, Saturday and Sunday, and a committee to arrange for entertaining items, games, etc., and special plans for Sunday afternoon and evening, was appointed. These entertainments are to be held in a shed on the wharf adjacent to the ships, and members of the Y.M.C.A. are to be in constant attendance throughout the stay of the fleet.

MOSGIEL.

July 21st. There was a splendid gathering of members. After the general business was gone through, Mrs Bedford read a paper on "Chivalry," which was most interesting and helpful. Special collection taken up for the Maoris. One initiation, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

GREYMOUTH.

July 28th. Small attendance, owing to inclement weather, Mrs Martin presiding. Letter read from M.P. for Westland regretting his inability to take any active stand regarding Bible in schools, owing to party policy.

August 5th. Mrs W. J. Williams has come. At her special request, drawing room afternoons and evenings are being held with great success, several ladies of Union acting as hostesses. Mrs Williams is travelling far, while on the Coast, and her sweet personality and strong appeals should do much to arouse interest and enthusiasm in the present fight against the liquor traffic, and we hope will result in many new votes for the right being won.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

June 24th. Mrs Jones in the chair. Good attendance. The Snow Ball Tea's now in progress for the Sailors' Rest are getting on slowly, and money coming in fairly well. The arrangements for a mart are well in hand for the same cause, and will be held on August 25th. The rest room in Devon Street is doing good work, and last month was visited by 560 ladies, 142 children, and 26 babies. Mrs Hugh read her report of the Waitara District Convention, which was listened to with much interest.

July 29th. Good attendance. A telegram was sent to Mr Smith, M.P. for New Plymouth, re the Bible in Schools Bill. Mrs Valentine moved that all members attending meetings not wearing the White Ribbon bow to be fined 1d. A box of literature was received from Mrs Scott (Hawera) for the Sailors' Rest.

MASTERTON.

July 11th. and 12th. A most enjoyable "At Home" was given by Mrs Cocker to welcome Mrs Don, when Mrs Don gave a stimulating address on the noble work accomplished by the W.C.T.U. since its inauguration. Three new members enrolled. An After Church Rally held in Opera House, presided over by the Mayor. Community singing enjoyed. Mrs Don gave a splendid address to a good audience—on what she had seen and heard in America.

July 30th. Mrs Cocker presided over good attendance. Arranged to send President as delegate to Feilding Convention. £5 was voted to organising Fund; £2 to New Zealand Fund; £1 to Dunedin Union towards providing creche during Exhibition. Word received from Mr Sykes, M.P. for Masterton, re Bible in Schools Bill, to which his support was promised. Mrs M. Jackson and Mrs D. Donald to give an "At Home" on August 20th, when report of Feilding Convention will be given. Paper on "Vote Winning" read by Mrs Cocker; also extract read from "White Ribbon" re women drinkers in Christchurch.

NAPIER.

July. Five successful meetings held in different parts of Napier, and interesting addresses given. Miss Burl's evening was well attended and enjoyed. An enthusiastic audience greeted Mrs Don on July 9th, when she gave a splendid address. A deputation waited on Mr McIlvride in regard to Mr Isitt's "Religious Exercises in Schools" Bill; also a letter sent to the Prime Minister regarding the same. T. E. Taylor Day observed on July 28th. at Wesley Hall. Four members joined the Union during July.

August 5th. Reports and correspondence received. Donation to be sent to help W.C.T.U. creche at Dunedin Exhibition. Mrs Leask appointed Drawing Room Superintendent. The resolution re hospital nurses to be forwarded to other Unions. Meeting ended with initiatory service.

TE KUITI.

July 14th. Mrs Edgar in the chair. Good attendance. Decided to collect small amount from each silent member towards rent of Rest Room. Miss Sutherland to order 3 dozen Prohibition badges. Mrs Don was met by several ladies and entertained at afternoon tea, and also at supper after her meeting in the Municipal Hall, where she gave a splendid address on her "Impressions in America."

WAIPIKURAU.

Special meeting was held on Peace day, and although our numbers were not large, owing to the wet, we had a very helpful time, prayers for universal Peace were offered and a short paper on "Peace and Arbitration" was read by one of our members. Our July meeting was marked by the visit of our beloved President. Afternoon tea was served immediately on the arrival of Mrs Don by Mrs Duckworth, and later a public meeting was held in the Municipal Theatre, but oh! the weather, it was "wet," consequently the attendance was only about 160, whereas, had it been fine we expected 700; but the few were delighted with the address given us. The usual meeting was held on August 6th, and a good deal of routine work done and arrangements were made to hold the Provincial Convention here on September 2nd. and 3rd. A resolution had been sent to the Minister of Education, and the member for the district asking for their support to the Bible in Schools Bill, and both answered saying they would vote in favour of it. Mrs Major reported having visited the Ormondville branch to give them an account of the work of Dominion Convention which was much enjoyed. A letter from Dunedin asking for help in connection with the creche in the Exhibition, was left over until after the District Convention. The Band of Hope is being held regularly every fortnight, and some splendid addresses have been given by various gentlemen of the district.

ONEHUNGA.

July 23rd. Evening meeting for Mrs Don. Unfortunately, very wet, and big counter attraction in concert for the Blind, so Methodist schoolroom was only half full. 2 solos were sung, and a recitation given. Mrs Stacey, Onehunga President, introduced Mrs Don, Dominion President, who though suffering from a heavy cold, had come to

speak to us. Mrs Don took as her subject "Two Goshens," likening New Zealand to the Goshen of old, in that we have to drive out our giant enemy for the sake of our young people. All present listened with great interest, and Mrs Stacey expressed our thanks to Mrs Don for her interesting and instructive address. One new member gained.

PENROSE.

Meetings held May 27th. Miss Barnett appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent in place of Miss Alexander who had removed from district. Five members present. Mrs Benfell, District President gave a short address.

June 24th. A very wet day. Seven ladies present to hear Mrs Fulljames give an account of her work among the Maoris. Afternoon tea.

July 22nd. Eight ladies present. Mrs Neal gave a talk on Medical Temperance; at the close, one new member initiated. Two members removed to Parnell, will keep their names on Penrose roll; we are very glad of this, as we are only a small Union at present.

PONSONBY.

July 16th. Large attendance. Annual Pay Up Social. Mrs Lee-Cowie (President) in chair. Our President welcomed several members who have been laid aside through illness. Mrs Helen Barton, from Scotland, will begin her Temperance Mission in St. John's Methodist Church, Ponsonby, July 30th, starting a week's mission in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Hall, East Street, and from 2nd. to 11th. August. A letter from Town Clerk advising us that representations have been made to honourable Minister of Internal Affairs for a strict censorship on all pictures and hoardings, also in addition the licensees of Picture Theatres have been advised that in the event of an improper or objectionable display on hoardings, the license may be cancelled forthwith. A letter received by Mrs Lee-Cowie to that effect. Several new members joined. Meeting closed with afternoon tea and benediction.

August 6th. Mrs C. H. Taylor presided. Very large attendance of visitors and members who had come together to hear Mrs Helen Barton, from Scotland, who during her address, spoke of her own branch in Scotland, where about 300 gathered at each meeting, and told us about the success of Prohibition in America. Mrs Barton urged the members to always wear the White Bow, also to have a good cradle roll with every branch; also L.T.L. and Y. Branches so that the young people should be early trained. Afternoon tea was served, thus ending a most enjoyable meeting.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A public meeting was held on July 8th. in Jellicoe Hall. About three hundred invitations had been sent out, and a good attendance resulted. The Mayor presided, and Miss Henderson gave a most interesting address on her impressions of America and the great success of Prohibition, giving some most convincing facts and figures. Four new members were initiated, and afternoon tea dispensed. A meeting was held on July 29th. There was a large attendance. The following resolution was carried:—"That this Union reaffirms its support to Mr L. M. Isitt's Bill for Bible Reading in Schools—Arrangements were made for entertaining the sailors of the American fleet on August 19th. It being the annual Memorial Day, an address was given by Mrs J. McCombs on "Democratic Ideals." Mrs McCombs said that she wished to refer to four of the foremost pioneers of Prohibition in Christchurch who had passed on, viz., Jane Roberts, Fanny Cole, Frank Isitt, and T. E. Taylor, all of whom had left their mark on the community. All had been people with a vision, inspired by unswerving faith in the highest principles of democracy, their chief thought how to bring about the realization of their highest ideals. T. E. Taylor, statesman and orator, devoted his great gifts to the uplift of the people. We in this new land had no bad past, but mistakes had been made, the greatest of all being the establishment of the liquor traffic. Fine buildings, streets, and parks although desirable, did not make a city great; health happiness, and above all character were required. Those that we were honouring to-day, had realized that fact, and had done all in their

power to bring it about. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served by the Social Committee.

TAURANGA.

Good attendance. President in chair. Several booklets were presented to our Union by Mr Sheffield, a most kind and helpful thought, for which we thank him. Our Treasurer was desired to forward our capitation fee of 2nd. Refreshments were dispensed, and Mrs Black closed the meeting with prayer. The Band of Hope held its first meeting for this session on July 3rd. There was a good attendance, and every promise of a great deal of good being done.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

July 14th. Good attendance of members and executive. The President (Mrs Fairbairn) took the chair. President told the meeting of the District Executive's visit to Otautau recently, and the enrolling there of five new members. The meeting also was very grateful to the Town Council for forwarding to the Hon. J. G. Coates (Minister of Railways) their objection to the advertisement over the main entrance to the railway station. Decided to hold a jumble sale on Aug. 19th. Two new members initiated. The two delegates who attended the Convention of the Southland Area of the N.Z. Alliance gave traceable and definite reports of the session. Towards the close of the meeting, Pastor Brooke spoke exquisitely, and with applicable significance, on 'Paul the Apostle.' A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the delegates for their reports, also Pastor Brooke for his earnest address.

CARTERTON.

August. The coming of Mrs Don to Carterton had been looked forward to with keen interest by the Union, and also the public meeting. July 15th, Mrs Don arrived, and in the afternoon a most enjoyable afternoon and intercourse was held at Mrs Every's residence, for the Executive, to meet Mrs Don. Her experiences in America and New Zealand were very interesting to hear. Two solos were rendered, and afternoon tea was served, which brought the afternoon to a close. Then the public meeting at night was fairly well attended, the Rev. Howes in the chair. Mrs Don's address on how America has prospered since Prohibition, and the effect it has had on the people generally, I am sure, will bring more votes for New Zealand. The part about her visit to the different schools, and where the slums once were, and how the children have had benefit in every way appealed to the people. Then figures were dealt with, and comparison, till the end of her address, kept the public held with interest. The decorations were a novelty, as a large white bow had been made and placed in prominence, and looked very effective, and the platform was a mass of flowers. Two solos by Mrs Trask and Miss Masson were rendered. The speaker was accorded a vote of thanks by the Chairman, and the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

OAMARU.

July 13th. Mrs J. J. Clark (President) occupied the chair. Mrs Scott gave an address. Mr Russ, New Zealand Alliance Organiser, in a few appreciative words introduced Mrs Pasly, of Invercargill, and also apologised for Mrs Grocott's absence. Mrs Pasly expressed her pleasure in meeting the women of the W.C.T.U. They were engaged in great work that would benefit humanity and glorify God. We must not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Pasly for her very inspiring address. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

HENDERSON.

July 29th. Mrs Platt presided. Good attendance. Secretary read letter asking for support at drawing room meeting to meet Mrs Don on the 24th. inst. Several members promised to go and take cakes, etc., to help with afternoon tea. Afternoon was then spent in reading articles from W.R., several members taking part, and a good discussion followed. One lady brought a copy of W.R. June, 1922, and reminded members of a prayer in that number, for those who write, saying we need to specially pray for those who write for our daily papers this year as

much as in 1922, that they may use their powers in the cause of truth and righteousness. Our President again stressed the need to support our paper, and get it into as many homes as possible. Three new subscribers were obtained, and a very interesting afternoon closed with Benediction.

SUMNER.

July 7th. Entirely a business meeting, mainly finishing arrangements for the Young People's Social on July 9th. A quantity of correspondence was dealt with, and Mesdames Peek and Martin appointed delegates to Prohibition Area Conference.

August 4th. T. E. Taylor Day. Routine business was dealt with. Mrs McCombs reported that the Young People's Social had been an emphatic success, about 200 attending, and Rev. Coursey gave a most earnest address. Miss Henderson gave a brief account of the Area Conference. It was resolved to send at least one delegate to Timaru Convention. A unanimous resolution was carried in favour of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. Decided to invite Mr Piggott, the Canterbury Area Organiser for the Prohibition Campaign, to address our meeting on September 1st. Mrs McCombs then gave a very fine outline of the work of the "Past leaders of the Prohibition movement," with special reference to T. E. Taylor, and made an earnest appeal to us to carry their work on to a successful issue. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs McCombs was carried.

MOTUEKA.

Owing to heavy rains, we were unable to hold our meeting for June.

July 29th. Attendance of eleven. Miss Cresswell in the chair. We were privileged in having Mrs Field and Miss Cooke (two Nelson members) visit us on this occasion. Their object was to discuss the advisability or otherwise of holding Convention in Blenheim this year, also ways and means of sending delegates. One new member was initiated.

WAIMATE.

21st. Anniversary of W.C.T.U. The July meeting took the form of a large birthday party, over 70 members being present. Miss Smart gave a summary of the formation and progress of the Temperance movement in Waimate since 1904, recalling memories of many old friends and workers. It was our privilege to have present with us three ex-Presidents, Mrs Grahame, Mrs Stewart, and Mrs Nash. Mrs Roy presented each of these ladies with a ribbon badge, with date of office printed in gold letters, attached to a small bouquet of flowers, our President, Mrs Kippenberger, being likewise honoured, at the same time making a few well chosen remarks upon past workers and members. Tea was served, at which a large cake was cut and handed round to the members. After which a musical programme was enjoyed for an hour. One new member was initiated.

MANAIA.

July 21st. Miss Patterson in the chair. Ten present, weather very wet. Discussed Mr Isitt's Bill, and any help the Union could give. Accounts were passed for payment of the expenses of Mrs Don's visit, which resulted in a gain of four honorary members. One new members name was given in at this meeting. A letter of thanks from the Willard Home had been received. Decided to send a donation towards the creche at the Dunedin Exhibition. It was reported subjects had been chosen for the essay and the five minutes speech prizes which the Union is giving the Young People's Club; "Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body" for the first, "N.Z. Drink Bill" for the second. Arrangements were made for giving supper at the next week's meeting for the Club. This has been held since, and of ten entrants for the speech, Mr Harold Willis again won the first prize. A report of Waitara Convention was given, and afternoon tea handed round.

BLUFF.

July 22nd. A most successful social afternoon to celebrate the clearing of the debt on the new piano. The hall looked very pretty with a fine display of autumn flowers. Solos were tastefully rendered by Mesdames Richards and Adair. Two competitions arranged by Miss Mitchell added much to the brightness of the afternoon. A dainty after-

noon tea was served, after which Mrs Jas. Walker was presented with an autograph book in appreciation of her special services to the piano fund.

RANGIORA.

July 31st. Good attendance. Correspondence re Mr Isitt's Bible in Schools Bill was read. Decided to write to Mr Budds and the Prime Minister urging them to support the Bill. Mrs H. Taylor and Mrs McKechnie were appointed delegates to the District Convention in September. One new member was initiated, and the President welcomed Mrs Carson, who has joined our ranks from the Cheviot branch. As July 27th is recognised by the Union as the T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, interesting extracts relative to his life and work were read by various members.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

The North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. met on August 5th, Mrs T. E. Taylor presiding over representatives from Christchurch, New Brighton, Sumner, Sydenham, Opawa, Spreydon, Papanui, Riccarton, Belfast, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Oxford, Sefton, Cheviot, Tempelton, Springston, and Greymouth. A number of encouraging reports were read of active work, and a large number of home and young people's meetings held in town and country districts. Mrs Taylor reported on her meetings held at Akaroa and Little River in July, and Miss Henderson that a Union had been formed at Westport by Mrs W. J. Williams, who is holding meetings and organising on the West Coast. Miss Henderson also reported a meeting at Weedon's, when twelve women had joined up with the Templeton Union.

Mr J. I. Royds, President of Alliance, spoke during the morning on the work and objective of the Alliance, and asked for the help and co-operation of the several Unions whenever possible. A large number of the silent vote cards were taken by the members of the Executive.

The following resolution was passed:—"The Executive of the North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. express their indignation that no action has been taken in the direction of prosecuting the licensee of the Occidental Hotel, who supplied liquor to two young girls, who were subsequently charged at the Police Court.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the family of the late Mrs Morley Palmer, one of the most active workers in the Opawa Union, and for many years a subscriber to the "White Ribbon" paper, and member of the Christchurch Union. Regret was also expressed on the passing of the Rev. Huffadine, and a vote of sympathy passed with the family.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Mears, 90 Dominion Road.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st. Thursday, each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss Ruby Richards, 2 Turner Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Miss A. Pudney, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 11 Haydn Avenue, Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Miss A. McLay, Alma Street, Northcote; Treas., Miss Kate McLay, Alma Street, Northcote; Supt., Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street, Auckland.

ARAMOHO, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Hallam, 5 Brunswick Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hall, 250 Somme Parade; Treas., Miss I. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 20 Cumbrae Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Mrs A. Amos; Treas., Mrs Keir, Cameron Street E.; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street W.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd. Thursday, at 2 p.m., Methodist Classroom. Pres., Mrs Jory; Rec. Sec., Miss Little, Hinemoa Street; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Hauraki Road.

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

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

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Every; Cor. Sec., Mrs Cotter, High Street; Treas., Mrs August Anderson, High Street; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Pepperell; W.R. Agent, Miss Watterson.

CAMBRIDGE, 2nd Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Moore, Victoria Street; Treas., Mrs E. J. Easter, Princes Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Whitehouse.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, opposite His Majesty's Theatre, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 91 Edward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey Street; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans.

DANNEVIRKE, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hutchinson, Edward Street; Vice-Pres., Miss Heaton; Sec., Miss Heaton, Cadman Road; Treas., Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, 227 High Street.

SOUTH DUNEDIN, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs Gilmour, Atkinson Street; Sec., Mrs E. L. Johnson, 36 Baker Street, Caversham; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson Street, South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine Street, Caversham.

DEVONPORT, 2nd. Thursday, Congregation Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Finch, 14 Dominion Road, Devonport; Sec., Mrs Trevurza, 2 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Miss C. Davies, 58 Albert Road, Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 510 George St.; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd., St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Plaister, 207 George St., Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maier St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Mrs Twose; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton; Press, Miss Alice Webb, 17 Elder Street.

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs H. Stanners, King Edward Street; Sec., Mrs Birkett, Mountain Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, Conway Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Streeter, London Street.

EKETAHUNA, meets 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Terry; Vice-Pres., Mrs Smith, Newman Road; Sec., Mrs Norman, Parkville; Treas., Mrs Smith, Newman Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Baillie, Macara Street.

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

EPSOM, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs Neal, Maunsell Road, Parnell; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hayr, Mrs Campbell; Rec. Sec., Miss Katterfeldt; Cor. Sec., Mrs McLeod, 16 Wapiti Avenue; Treas., Mrs Pirrett, Panama Street, Archill; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood, Kipling Avenue; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs McLeod; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Tucker.

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Rd., Mt. Eden; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Chappell, Gaulton, Ramsay, Auld, and Miss Caley; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnson, 85 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs A. M. Gaulton, 2 Elizabeth St., Mt. Eden; W.R. Agent, Mrs C. A. Cartwright, 315 Dominion Rd., Mt. Eden; Vice-President, Mrs M. Chappell, 73 Grange Road, Mt. Eden.

FAIRLIE, 2nd Tuesday Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Wilcox, Manse, Fairlie; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Talbot, Cook, McLean, Trotter and Howden. Treas., Mrs Hammond, Fairlie, Sec., Mrs Holland, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie, W.R. Agent, Miss Burt, Fairlie.

FIELDING, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Pack, Sandilands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell, West Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mai; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tremain.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th. Tuesday, 3 p.m., Pres., Mrs E. C. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donald, Rhodes, Stewart; Sec., Mrs J. Harper; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Mirams; Treas., Mrs McAskill; Cradle Roll, Mrs Stephenson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Stevenson.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Miss Oates; Vice-Pres., Mrs Whincop and Mrs Anker; Sec., Mrs H. Morrison, Morrison's Bush; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road.

HAWERA, last Thursday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs T. H. Reed, 25 Princes St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Haywood, Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs Burge, 18 Furlong Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hulbert, Camberwell Road.

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

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

HAMILTON, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Mathew, Gilmour, and Fow; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London St; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Alexander, River Road; Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury.

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

INVERCARGILL Y's meet second and fourth Monday in the month in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Dawson, 251 North Rd; Rec. Sec., Miss C. Sherriffs, 165 Bowmont St; Cor. Sec., Miss Swale; Treas., Miss A. Matheson, Rugby St., W.R. Agent, Miss T. Dawson, 257 North Rd., Invercargill.

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

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

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday alternately at Presbyterian and Baptist churches, North Invercargill. Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Sec., Miss Dewar, 10 Newcastle Street; Treas., Miss Hardie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Kent.

KAIAPOI, meets in the Presbyterian S.S. last Wednesday every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jackson, Fuller Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs F. Stewart, Hilton Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Morison, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs A. Heald, Cridland Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Stanton, North Road.

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

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

MASTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Mrs Wakeham, Te Ore Ore Rd.; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Weston.

MAYFIELD, 3rd. Thursday, alternately at Ruapuna and Mayfield. Pres., Mrs Williams, Anama; Sec., Mrs J. D. Murdock, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs W. Millar, Mayfield; W.R. Agent, Mrs Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

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

MOSGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taieri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inells Street; A.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Fort's Street.

MOTUEKA, last Wednesday in month, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Miss P. Cresswell, Lower Moutere; Rec. Sec., Miss V. Glover, High Street, Motueka; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Moffatt, High Street, South Motueka; Treas., Mrs Quayle, Atkins Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs F. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.

NAPIER, first Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Speight, Port Ahuriri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Leask McAllister and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs Freeman, Latham Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chancer Rd Nth. Treas. Mrs Wilkinson Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent.

NELSON Union, 2nd. Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs Moyes, Grove Street; Y's., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Doris Wilkinson, Examiner Street.

NORMANBY 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall. Pres., Mrs. Dr. E. Scott, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Beaven and Mrs Clement; Sec., Miss Anthony, Normanby; Treas., Mrs Meuli, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; W.R., Mrs Gane.

NEW BRIGHTON, 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, Wainui Street, Bexley; Sec., Mrs Moses, Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs Campbell, Estuary Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Read, Parsonage; W.R. Agent, Mrs H. McIlroy, Home Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Good.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Road; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Agnes Gray, 17 Grey Street.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.30 p.m., Whitely Hall. Pres., Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill St., Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham St., Rec. Sec., Mrs T. Dickson, Hillcrest, Vogelstown; Treas., Mrs S. Whiteman, 50 Gilbert St., W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Vogelstown; Cradle Roll, Mrs Oliver.

ORMONDVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Newling; Treas., Miss Thomasen; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

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

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs West; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs D. Muir, Nizer Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Panmure Road.

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

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

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

FAHIATUA, First Thursday in month, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson (Mayoress); Treas., Mrs H. Paterson, Dawson St; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie, Riccarton Road; Sec., Miss M. Edmed, D.H. School.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Martin; Cor. Sec., Mrs Collins, Amesbury Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan Street; Treas., Mrs Watson, 13 Carrol Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Burrell, 28 Bourke Street.

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

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Vice-Pres., Miss Harris and Mrs Jackson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Tobell; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wilkes; Treas., Mrs Fowler; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; Y. Supt., Mrs Burroughs; L.T.L. and W.R., Mrs E. Wells.

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point; Sec., Mrs Miller, Pleasant Point; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro, Pleasant Point; W.R. Agents, Miss A. Neilson, Pleasant Point, and Miss Seaton, Totara Valley.

PONSONBY BRANCH, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Classroom, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a Hamilton Road; Sec., Miss E. Adams, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Pyle, 7a Hamilton Road; Treas., Mrs H. Kasper, Turner Street; Evan., Miss E. Burnard, 70 John Street; Anti-Gambling, Miss M. Pyle; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyle, 7a Hamilton Road.

PORT CHALMERS, 3rd. Thursday, 3 p.m., Currie St. Hall. Pres., Mrs Johnson, Currie St; Sec., Miss Gunn; Treas., Mrs Smillie; W.R. Agent, Miss Paton, Daly St.

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

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

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

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

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

SYDENHAM, first Thursday, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo St. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Smith; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Clay.

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

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

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bayes and Mills; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Dodson Avenue; Treas., Miss Mills, Earnoch Avenue; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

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

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Minife, 11 Roslyn Terrace; Treas., Miss Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 118 North Street; W.R.

Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street; Science Temperance, Mrs Odell, Arthur Street.

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. L. Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carr Terr; Treas., Miss Turner.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Kippenberger, Studholme; Sec., Mrs J. Elder, Waitangi Treas., Mrs Roy, Waituna; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes Street, Waituna.

WAITARA, Knox Church, 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Andrews Brixton Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

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

WAIPIKURAU, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Small; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Major Taylor; Sec., Mrs Reid; Treas., Mrs Binson; W.R. Agent, Mrs McLean.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey 26 College St., Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 165 Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko Rd., Treas., Mrs Wick Great North Rd., St. John's H. Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth St.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 91 Jellicoe Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. Prethey, Durie Hill; Treas., Mrs Francis Brown, No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Mrs Siddells; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T. Rest Room, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. Barrow; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. W. Wall; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Ellis; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Johnstone.

WELLINGTON SOUTH, 1st Thursday, 2 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Wright, 127 Constable Street; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Box 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Moiler, Burwah Street. Y Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirik, 60 Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cr Treas., Mrs Helyer, 148 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Miss Hamilton, 60 Pirie Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Anderson.

WHANGAREI, 1st. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Samps Adj. Vyle, and Curtis; Sec., Miss Rows Maunu; Asst. Treas., Miss Hilford; Treas., Mrs Hughes; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs C. R. Lovatt; Asst. Mrs Gibson; Maori Work Supt., Mrs Dreadon; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

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

WINTON, Meets 3rd. Tuesday, 3 p.m., Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs T. McWilliam, Winton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, McWilliam, McKillo Anderson; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; Treas., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; W.R. Agent, Mrs F. Cole, Park St; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Anderson.

WOOLSTON-OPAWA UNION, meets Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs Morley Palmer, 8 Ensors Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, 26 Opawa Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

WYNDHAM, 3rd Thursday, at 2.15 p.m., Presbyterian Church Hall. Pres., Mrs L. dell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmer; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McK.