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POLICE WOMEN.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

So the poet sang, and generations of bishops, teachers, preachers, statesmen, husbands and fathers have echoed the strain. But during all the time these same gentlemen have taken the greatest of care, that the one right the 'hand that rocks the cradle' should not have, was the right to rule the world or any part of it. Nay more; when earnest women claimed the right to legislate for their children's safety; the right to exercise their talents as doctors, lawyers, etc., to earn a living for these children the right to a share in the guardianship of their own children; the right to follow them out into the world, and as City Councillors, members of School Boards, Jurors, Magistrates M.P's, to still guard them, no one opposed these rights more than the aforesaid gentlemen.

Recognition of these rights is being won, but very slowly won, especially in some departments, notably the Department of Police, Prisons and Justice. Very insistent has been the demand for women police, jurors and magistrates in this Dominion; yet, even in progressive New Zealand, the Act establishing children's courts provides for a male magistrate to preside. Even the children cannot be left to be dealt with by women.

Women police have been appointed in U.S.A., Great Britain and other parts, and everywhere their work has been well and favourably reported upon.

During the war period in England, in September 1914, women police volun-

teers were organised by Miss Nina Boyle, with Miss Damer Dawson as chief officer. The first woman patrol organiser began work in October 1914, and in November two uniformed police volunteers started work, authorised by the Provost Marshall and Chief Constable. In 1915 Miss Damer Dawson started the women police service, and Hull appointed two policewomen.



Two Members of Women Police Force.

In 1916 a provision in the Police, Factories Act enabled the pay of a whole time policewoman in England to be chargeable to police funds. In the two

years which followed, the women police service supplied 985 trained women to police factory areas. These women were paid by the Minister of Munitions, but trained by the Women Police Service, who also provided their uniforms.

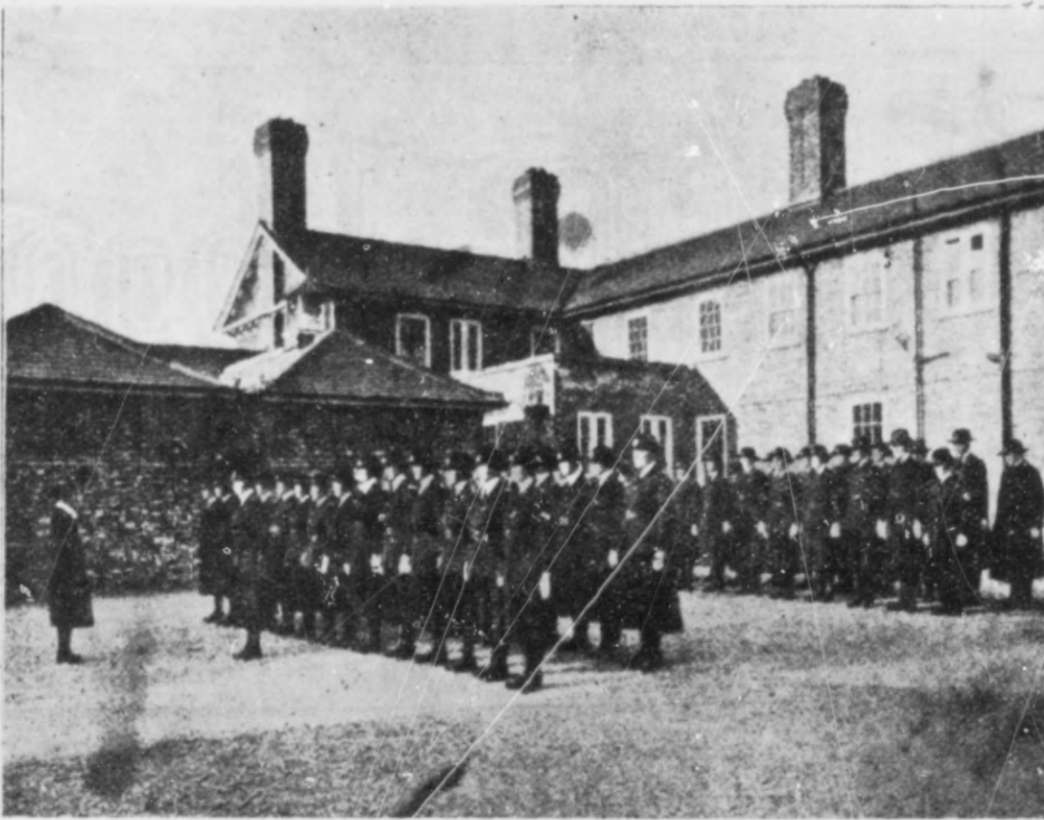
In December, 1918, the Metropolitan policewomen patrols were inaugurated. In 1920 the Home Office appointed a Committee to report upon the employment of women police. The report stated that "in thickly populated areas . . . there is not only scope but urgent need for the employment of women police."

During Zeppelin raids women police were on duty, and remained at their posts when all others were seeking cover.

The work of the official policewoman is largely preventive. Miss Damer Dawson says: "It is in addition. It is work that a male constable has never done. It is not done unless a woman does it." The Metropolitan Policewomen had their cycle corps, who went about over their area. Often would they stop to pick up a lost child and take it to safety.

DUTIES OF WOMEN POLICE.

1. Attempted suicide of women or girls.
2. Taking depositions from women and children in cases of indecent or criminal assault.
3. Charges of loitering, soliciting, etc., brought against prostitutes.
4. Conveying women offenders to and from prison.
5. Cases where women are apprehended by the police and have to take



Squad of Policewomen Drilling outside their offices, Gretna.

long journeys in charge of a constable to be brought before the Courts.

6. Cases where women are charged with drunkenness and other disorderly conduct.

7. Patrolling the streets of the town.

8. Assisting with inquiries concerning women and children.

9. Serving summonses on women.

10. Searching women prisoners.

11. Care of women in cells.

12. Attending women and children in Court.

13. Collecting all evidence from women and children criminally or indecently assaulted, accompanying them to take out warrant for arrest of offender, and giving evidence in Court.

14. Assisting in supervision of children's street trading licenses.

15. Enforcing observance of licensing laws concerning children.

16. Keeping observation on suspected houses.

17. Assisting at raids on brothels.

18. Finding shelter for women and children who are stranded.

19. Observation work (in plain clothes).

20. Inspecting places of amusement and reporting on the tone of such places.

21. Regular duty at the police station.

22. Reporting bad housing and other abuses to the Chief Constable.

23. Reporting on cases of cruelty to children.

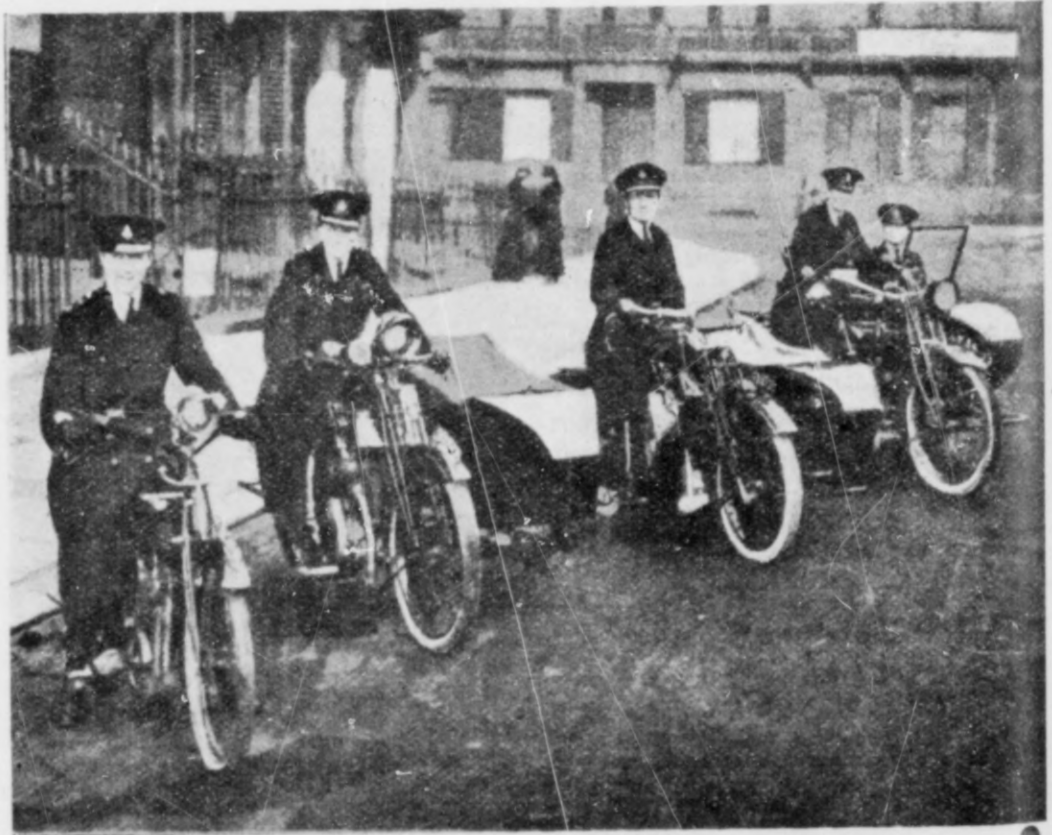
24. Making the intimate inquiries in connection with cases of concealment of birth.

In giving evidence before the Committee, Sir Nevil Macready said: "If I get the power of arrest, I am going to put the whole of the looking after of

prostitutes entirely in the hands of women."

The evidence of Sir Nevil Macready has been given a good deal of publicity, and some confusion has been caused by the published statement that he recommended the power of arrest being given to women police. His actual recommendation was not so fortunate. "My opinion is that women should be sworn in and given the power of arrest, but that by regulation I should limit in the Metropolitan Police Force that power of arrest to cases of people under the age of 16 and females over that age." In a word, he would like the man protected against an importunate woman, but no added safeguard to be given to a respectable girl against being annoyed by immoral men.

The Committee recommended that women police be employed in "prevention of offences by prostitutes." The Official Report of Women Police Organisation makes the following pertinent comment upon this:—"It is regrettable, though perhaps not surprising, that the Committee fall into the old bad habit of referring to women prostitutes as a class—a habit which is largely responsible for the difficulty in getting an immoral woman to go straight. It cannot be emphasised too often that men are never labelled in this way. They are just men—men sowing their wild oats or at the worst immoral men, but



Women Police and Motor Cycling Squad.

W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, WAITARA,
JUNE, 1925

Appeal on Behalf of New Plymouth
Sailors Rest Fund.

We all have come to Waitara
To have a helpful time,
So I'll begin my little speech
With a homely little rhyme.

We hope to do a little good,
To help our noble cause,
We do not ask for worldly fame,
Or clamorous applause.

We only want to do our part
In helping things along,
To clear the way for stumbling feet
And help to right the wrong.

So now, my friends, we'll get to work
And see what we can do,
To make New Zealand better,
Her children strong and true.

We hope to build a Sailors' Rest
To help our seamen brothers,
And would enlist the sympathy
Of all you loving mothers.

We've set the ball a-rolling
By having Snowball teas,
But you can help the cause along
In any way you please.

So sisters! up and get to work,
Strike while the iron's hot,
Put all your heart into the work,
Have courage, and faint not.

There's such a lot of work to do,
And such a few to do it,
So put your shoulder to the wheel,
And you will never rue it.

For we are out to build a Rest
And we're going to build it;
We want your prayers, we want your
help,

And we've come here to win it.

JEANNIE C. CRAY,

Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U.

New Plymouth,
June 9, 1925.

LATEST DONATIONS TOWARDS
CRECHE FUND.

Balclutha, £1; Mayfield, 10s; Wellington South, £1 1s.

E. MACARTNEY,
Treasurer Creche Fund.



Inspector Watson on Duty in a Recreation Ground.

not a different section of society. Many people forget that prostitutes are ordinary women—as long as they are considered sub-human, they will remain so.”

The following cases, taken from hundreds in their report, will show the work done by women police and the great need there is for such work.

At 10.10 a.m., at Edgware Road Station, one of the policewomen saw a young girl attempt to throw herself under a train. She held her back against her will, the girl begging her not to hand her over to the police. On the policewoman telling her she had no such intention, the girl told her that she was in trouble, and that morning had heard that the man who had promised to marry her had been blown up in France. She promised not to make another attempt on her life, and also to communicate with the policewoman if things proved too much for her. Since then she has thanked the policewoman, and told her that the shock had prevented

the trouble she dreaded. She is going into a good family as kitchen maid.

The Matron of a Home asked the Women Police Service for advice about a respectable married woman who was expecting a baby and was homeless, as her husband was living in a men's hostel near his work, and she was quite unable to obtain lodgings. She had been walking about all one night, having spent two or three nights in a common lodging-house. A situation as temporary cook was found for her, and she was told how to obtain a letter for a lying-in hospital. Her mistress found her most satisfactory. After her confinement she came again to Headquarters to say that her husband had apparently deserted her; steps were at once taken to trace him, and to obtain assistance for her. The Women Police Service are still keeping in touch with the woman in case she should need further help.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know: God answers prayer.

I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.

I know it cometh soon or late;
Therefore, we need to pray and wait.

I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought.

I leave my prayer to Him alone
Whose will is wiser than my own.

THE 1926 CONVENTION.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

In last month's issue of the "White Ribbon" I inserted a preliminary notice, in view of the fact that the Convention, in Christchurch this time, is to be held about a fortnight earlier than last year. This month the first draft of the Agenda appears, though necessarily it cannot be completed in all its details till nearer the time.

As usual, an Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 10th March, and to it are summoned, in addition to the Dominion officers, the District Presidents (or failing the President, the District Secretary or Treasurer) and the Dominion Superintendents of Departments.

The number of Unions having considerably increased during the last nine months, the Convention should again be a record one in point of numbers. Each Union of 100 or under is entitled to send one delegate; when the number is over 100, an extra delegate for each additional 100 or fraction of 100, may be appointed, but the members, to be included, must be financial. Any Union that cannot find one of its own members able to attend may, if it so desires, appoint a member of any other Union in its own District, but no delegate may represent more than one Union, or exercise more than one vote. Any Union that cannot send a delegate at all should apply for a proxy, observing the following conditions:—

(1) Instructions as to voting for the Dominion officers, and as to voting for the two Notices of Motion, must be sent to me in a sealed envelope, marked, "Instructions for proxy for — Union."

(2) Application should be made as early as possible, as proxies are always appointed in the order in which they have been applied for.

The names, addresses and status of delegates should be sent to me as soon as they have been appointed. It is not sufficient merely to send them to the Hospitality Committee of the entertaining Union, though to this it is highly important they should be sent, and request made for hospitality, as early as possible.

A new feature proposed for this Convention is the special meeting set down for Friday morning, at which matters can be discussed that are of interest to the District officers, or to the Superintendents of Departments. These are all accordingly urged to come prepared with suggestions as to problems or difficulties that they would like to have discussed. One matter that calls for thought is that of District Finance, which it is advisable should be placed on a better footing, or made more uniform than it appears to be at present.

There are two notices of motion that may be briefly dealt with. The first relates to giving Dominion Superintendents a seat on the District Executive of the respective Districts in which they happen to reside. The matter cropped up during the year preceding last Convention and though it was felt that such ought to be the rule, no provision was found to have been made for it. The motion is to supply the omission.

The second notice of motion deals with the monies and possessions (other than land or buildings) belonging to disbanded or lapsed Unions, and proposes to empower District Unions to take them over in the respective Districts; they would thus be available for future use in District organisation.

These matters, if they have not already been submitted to Unions, should be brought up at the February meeting, so that delegates may be instructed how to vote on them.

It is hardly necessary again to state that the English Edition of the White Ribbon Hymnal (as supplied by the Literature Department) is always used during Convention.

Delegates should come duly provided with credentials, showing that they are entitled to be members of Convention. These may run somehow as follows:—

"We hereby certify that — is duly appointed delegate for — Union for the Convention to be held at Christchurch," and should be signed by the President and Secretary of the respective Unions, and should bear the date of the meeting at which the delegate was appointed.

With best wishes to all the Unions for a happy and successful year's

work, and for a helpful and inspiring Convention.—I am,

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,
KATE M. EVANS, Rec. Sec.

N.B.—Present Address: 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South,
January 13th, 1926.

LARGE FORTUNES FROM BREWING.

This was the heading of "The Times" daily list of "Wills and Bequests" on January 11th, and there followed particulars of three estates, valued respectively at £529,580, £152,997, and (this a maltster and distiller) £165,641. The following day another brewer's estate was given as £323,721. It is only in "the Trade" such fortunes are made, and yet, if we believe what they say, the brewers are always groaning under the "unjust taxation" imposed upon them.

THE SNOWDROP.

It was only a bunch of snowdrops,
The gift of a childish hand;
But it pointed my spirit heavenward,
And spoke of the better land,
Of the City of God all glorious,
Of that beautiful home so fair,
That no heart less pure than the snow-
drop
May ever find entrance there.

It was only a childish message,
A message of Home, Sweet Home,
Of the way to the beautiful city
Where nothing unclean may come;
Of the love of the Holy Jesus,
Who cleanses the soul from sin
That into His beautiful city
Poor sinners may entrance win.

Oh! if you are travelling homewards,
Straight upwards to Home, Sweet
Home,
Say will you not pass on the message
To others who cheerless roam?
The way to the city is narrow,
But the heart of the Christ is wide,
And He yearns, Ah! He yearns to wel-
come
Each sinner for whom He died.

 IN MEMORIAM.

MRS FLORENCE WHINCOP, GREY
TOWN. ...

In the closing days of 1925 the death angel visited our midst, and the soul of Mrs Whincop, known to so many White Ribboners up and down the North Island, went home to God.

Coming to Greytown some 14 years ago, and finding no branch of the W.C.T.U., she linked up with the Masterton Union, which entailed much time and expense going backward and forward by train. After a time she made an effort to get a branch in Greytown, and wrote to Miss Powell, offering hospitality for a fortnight or three weeks if she would come and organise a branch here.

This offer was accepted, and the two laboured together, and the local branch opened in due time, with a membership of 22, with Mrs Whincop as its first President, and the late Mrs Banks as Secretary.

From that time on till life's close her love for and interest in the Union has not abated.

Was it not fitting that a beautiful wreath, tied with our white bow, representing the W.C.T.U., should have a place of honour on the coffin ere her body was lowered into its last resting place?

Prior to the last election, although suffering great pain of body, her one hope was that she would be spared to record her vote, and her wish was granted. Our President's car brought her to the booth, and the hand that she, and we all knew would soon be cold in death, struck its last blow at the drink traffic. A few weeks ago the writer asked had she any message for the Union? Her reply was, "Give the members my love, and tell them to keep praying and working till the victory's won."

Perhaps someone may read this message whose love for the cause has grown cold, whose hand has loosened on the sword hilt, whose courage has oozed, and who to-day are sitting back while the faithful few keep the flag of liberty and freedom flying. Will you not, my sister, take a fresh grasp of the sword? Will you once again take your place in the forefront of the battle? and like our dear sister who has passed on,

pray and work till the close of the day, remembering the gift of eternal life is to those who endure to the end.

"So shall it be at last in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with Thee."

 TRAINING THE BOY.

 AN INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT.

 IDEAS AND IDEALS.

(From an address at the Y.M.C.A., Wellington, by Mr Edgar M. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, Boys' Work Section of the Y.M.C.A. World's Committee).

In speaking on the subject of the "International Boy" the speaker said he was frequently asked to speak on the topic of "The International Boy," but he had to admit that most of the boys he met were intensely national, rather than international in their viewpoint, and that the international boy was more a boy of the future than a boy of to-day. He thought that one of the great dangers of New Zealand in this respect would arise from its geographical isolation, and the possible feeling that New Zealand had relatively little responsibility in connection with the affairs of the world. "I can well see how New Zealand people," continued the speaker, "could get into that attitude of mind—of feeling that their sole responsibility is the building up of this beautiful country, and to let the rest of the world take care of itself.

"One of the great problems before the world to-day is the cultivating of that attitude of mind which would enable the nations to live together happily. No amount of arguments would ever ultimately ensure the peace of the world; world-wide peace could only come from an attitude of mind. World peace could only be based on the art of living together, and not on the art of trying to exterminate each other. Von Moltke, the great strategist of Germany, a generation or so ago, said, 'Whatever idea or ideal you wish to dominate a nation, you must first

lay hold of the growing boys;' and Germany deliberately set out to implant in the minds of their boys certain ideals and ideas, so that the nation thought as a community on those points in the generation that followed.

"What ideas and ideals are being implanted in the minds of the boyhood of New Zealand with reference to world peace and happy relations between nations? Are the ideas and ideals intensely national or do they go beyond that point? We were faced to-day with the problem that civilisation could not progress much further unless some plan was effected whereby the nations of the world could live more happily together. Some kind of society of nations, some kind of federation of mankind, is essential. Is it not possible that each nation would gain immediately by such an arrangement? To accomplish that, a certain attitude is necessary on the part of all nations, and that state of mind can only come through the education of youth. . . . It would be possible in the smallest towns of New Zealand, and in the schools of New Zealand cities, to develop boys who might become not only national leaders, but leaders in world-wide affairs."—From the Wellington "Post."

 EXPERIMENTIA DOCET.

Thomas Edison, the great inventor, says: "I believe in Prohibition. Sober America in the future will be a most dangerous competitor in commerce with all nations. In the future it is either sobriety or commercial decadence of other nations. The boys and the girls of the next generation will not have any taste for the stuff."

 THE DRUNKARD'S WILL.

This will was found on a chair in a wretched room after its inmate, a drunkard, had committed suicide:—

"I leave the world a wasted character and a ruinous example; I leave to my parents as great a sorrow as in their weakness they could possibly bear; I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and dishonour as I could have brought them; I leave to my wife a broken heart and a life full of shame; I leave to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a bad character, and the memory of their father lying in a drunkard's grave.

THE WHITE RIBBON IN NEW ZEALAND.

CHAPTER II.

Early in 1885, Mary Clement Leavitt, pioneer, missionary, organiser, speaker, saint, landed in this Dominion. The time of her coming was most opportune. The way had been prepared by Richard Booth, and then there came a "Woman sent from God called Mary." From North Cape to the Bluff the islands had been stirred by the preaching of that Prince among Temperance orators--Richard Booth. Everywhere numbers had flocked to his meetings, signed the temperance pledge, and donned the "bit of blue." Into this prepared ground the little lady from America came to drop the seeds of world-wide organisation of women for the abolition of strong drink. Richard Booth was very sympathetic with the work of this woman's organisation, and there also was help for the movement. Women had been roused to a realisation of the danger lurking in the wine cup, and had resolved to abstain from it, and now comes Mary Leavitt with the ideal of a world-wide movement to link up women from every class, from every land, to fight in defence of their homes. Both in Auckland and in Dunedin many women who had signed the pledge at Mr Booth's meetings became members and leaders in the new movement.

Landing in Auckland, Mrs Leavitt brought letters of introduction to leading temperance workers. Several ladies called upon her at the boarding-house where she was staying. Mrs Dewar took her from there to be a guest at her own home.

On February 4th the Auckland Union was organised in the Old City Hall, in Queen Street, with a membership of 70. Many years ago the old hall was demolished, but the little one born that day in it has become a mighty army. Starting with one small branch, it has grown until within the suburban area there are now 11 branches of the W.C.T.U., all doing fine work. The first officers were: President, Mrs Brame; Secretary, Mrs Holloway; and Treasurer, Mrs Dewar. Most of these foundation members have entered into their reward, but Mrs Dewar is still with us, and it is an inspiration to hear her tell of these old days of small beginnings. From Treasurer she graduated to Presi-

dent, and served the Union for many years in that capacity. Now, at the advanced age of 91, she still takes an interest in the work, though physically too frail to take any active part in it, and her daughter, Miss Nellie Dewar, is still the Secretary of the Union her mother so long and so ably led. How much we owe to the wisdom, energy and forethought of these early workers, who so wisely directed the policy of our organisation. Mrs Snackenber, one of these early members, was first their Local President, and afterwards was National President. Mrs Daldy, another of the foundation members saw very clearly the need of the vote for the women if they were to effectively deal with the enemies of the home. She therefore threw herself wholeheartedly into the Franchise movement, and became the local Superintendent for that work. Her love for her old Union still lingered after she was too frail to do active work, and her will directed a substantial legacy to be paid to the old Union.

Auckland White Ribboners early took up the financial burden for the work, and raised £20 for Mrs Leavitt to continue on her way. Wellington was visited, and the writer retains a vivid recollection of an after church meeting in the old Arcade in Manners Street. Very few were present, but memory still holds the picture of that seemingly frail woman, who was yet so vividly alive. Plainly dressed in black, with a jabot of creamy lace at her throat, and her white bow on her breast, she spoke and we listened, thrilled by her earnestness and by the magic of her wondrous story. She went on her way saddened because she was not able to organise a branch in the Empire City. But the leaven she had placed in the hearts of many earnest women continued to work, and in a few months' time all was ready, and a branch was organised by Mrs Dudley Ward, then National President.

Towards the South she made her way. At Invercargill a small Temperance Union had been started, and Mrs Brown, its President, was anxious that Mrs Leavitt should come and organise it as a branch of the world-wide organisation. Thither she went, and in May organised Invercargill Union with officers: President, Mrs Hinton; Secretary, Mrs Horder; Treasurer, Mrs Lennie.

Dunedin and Port Chalmers were organised on May 5. In the afternoon

the Port was visited, a few women gathered, and the work organised, with Mrs Johnston as President, Miss Thompson as Secretary, and Mrs Adams as Treasurer.

At Dunedin Mrs Leavitt was the guest of Mrs Boot, who invited a number of ladies to meet her. That gathering resolved that a branch of the W.C.T.U. be formed. Here also Mr Booth's work had prepared the way. During his mission over 3000 had signed the pledge, and many of these ladies linked up with the infant Union. Its officers were: President, Mrs Fulton; Secretary, Mrs E. R. Dick; Treasurer, Mrs Boot. Many of Dunedin's early workers are still with us, still taking their part in the fight. Among this number are Mrs Don our Dominion President. Mrs Gain, for more years than one cares to say, leader of young people's work; Miss Nicol, formerly Franchise Superintendent, and now White Ribbon Agent for Dunedin Union. Some have passed from our sight, like Mrs Fulton and Mrs Broad, a quiet, earnest worker, who always willingly entertained at her beautiful home any visitor who came to help the work on.

From Dunedin Mrs Leavitt went to Christchurch. She held a three weeks' mission there, and got into touch with the clergy of various denominations. Of Mrs Leavitt's gift as a speaker, Mr T. E. Taylor spoke highly; she was the finest woman speaker he had heard. He also paid this striking testimony to her influence: "No person I have heard no book I have read, has so influenced my life as Mrs Leavitt has done." Mr Taylor's interest in our work was keen, and his help always readily given. Once, when campaigning at New Plymouth after addressing a meeting of women, he organised a branch of the W.C.T.U.

Christchurch Union was organised on May 15, with President, Mrs Packe; Secretaries, Mrs Newton and Miss Aldred; Treasurers, Mrs Wroughton and Mrs Toneycliff.

On May 28 Rangiora was visited, and a branch organised, of which Mrs Rouse was President.

Two more Unions were organised by Mrs Leavitt. Napier on June 11th., Mrs Paterson was elected President, and Mrs Troy Secretary. Mrs Troy was also the first Recording Secretary for our Dominion Union.

Oamaru was started on June 16th, with Mrs Todd as President.

These eight Unions were organised by Mrs Leavitt. When she left to carry the White Ribbon further round the globe, Mrs Dudley Ward, at her earnest request, agreed to carry on the work of organisation. Before the first Annual Convention met in Wellington in February, 1886 Mrs Ward had added seven more Unions to the eight organised by Mrs Leavitt, viz., Wellington, New Plymouth, Hawera, Patea, Wanganui, Nelson, and Ashburton. These 15 Unions formed the full official list presented at this first Convention.

(To be Continued.)

PLEDGE SIGNING COMPETITION.

It will be remembered that a pledge-signing competition was inaugurated at the Invercargill Convention in 1923.

CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITION.

- (1) A Banner will be given for Union gaining greatest number of Pledges in next 3 years.
- (2) Pledges must not be taken from persons already pledged to total abstinence, or from those under 14 years of age.
- (3) All Pledges must be taken on these forms, and when filled the butts must be handed to W.C.T.U. Secretary, and by her sent on to Miss Henderson, Clifton, Sumner, Christchurch.

The butts of the pledge books should be sent to Miss Henderson as soon as possible, as the competition is closed, and result must be announced at the forthcoming Convention.

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TAKE NOTICE.

All correspondents please note that Mrs Peryman's address is now FOXTON.

N.Z. NOMINATIONS.

N.E. Valley, Invercargill Y's, and Napier nominate Dominion officers:— Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor Christchurch; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson, B.A., Sumner; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. A. Evans, M.A., Wellington South; Treas., Mrs Bendely, Epsom.

Cheviot and Spreydon nominate: Dom. Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Christchurch.

The White Ribbon.

For God and Home and Humanity.

WELLINGTON, JANUARY 18, 1926.

**FORTY-FIRST CONVENTION,
N.Z. W.C.T.U.,**

To be held in Christchurch, March 10th
to 18th, 1926.

AGENDA.

Wednesday, March 10th.

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

2.30 p.m.: Meeting of Executive.

Evening: Public Reception.

Thursday, March 11th.

9 a.m.: Convention called to order by President. Crusade Hymn. Crusade Psalm (see White Ribbon Hymnal, p. 106, small edition). Reading. Address. Prayer.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Committees (Courtesies and Resolutions), of Convention Letter-writer, and of Press Reporters. Report of Executive Committee. Corresponding Secretary's Report and Correspondence. Treasurer and Organising Treasurer's Reports. Appeal for donations to N.Z. Fund. Organisers' Reports—(a) Miss Earnshaw's (b) Miss Bradshaw's.

Noontide Devotions. Greetings. Letters of sympathy. Notice of Motion.

12.30: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Minutes. Superintendents Reports: Evangelistic and Home and Mothers' Meetings (Mrs J. Wright), Flower Mission and Philanthropic (Mrs Griffin), Notable Days (Miss A. Webb), Educational Bureau (papers for circulation) (Miss Powell), Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance (Mrs Driver).

3 p.m.: President's Address. Adoption of Address.

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

Friday, March 12th.

9.30 a.m.: Devotions.

9.45 a.m. Minutes. Miss Henderson's Notice of Motion.

10 a.m.: (a) Special meeting of District Officers to discuss plans of work for Districts, including White Ribbon work, District Finance, etc.

Purpose: To enable Districts to compare notes as to varied procedure, learn each other's methods, receive suggestions, etc.

(b) Special meeting of Dominion Superintendents of Departments, for suggestions as to improvement in working the Departments and for discussion of common problems.

Noontide Devotions.

Superintendent's Report of Literature. Superintendent to speak on her literature and advertise it.

Luncheon adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Reports of Committees of District Officers and of Dominion Superintendents. Plans of work.

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

SATURDAY.

3 p.m.: Garden Party.

SUNDAY.

Convention Service, St. John's Church, Latimer Square, 11 a.m.

MONDAY.

9.30 a.m.: Devotions.

9.45 a.m.: Minutes. Report of "White Ribbon" Editor. Report of Business Manager. Appointment of "White Ribbon" Editor and Business Manager. Appointment of Associate Editor. Votes of grants in connection with "White Ribbon."

Noontide devotions. Superintendent's report of Libraries. Superintendent to speak of books in Library.

2 p.m.: Devotions. "In Memoriam" to fallen comrades.

3 p.m.: Superintendents' reports: Maori (Mrs Walker); Good Citizenship (Mrs Phillips); Social and Moral Hygiene (Mrs Wilson); Medical Temperance (Mrs Neal). Statement of position in Social and Moral Hygiene.

8 p.m.: Public lecture, "Medical Temperance, etc.," Dr. O'Brien.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16th.

9.30 a.m.: Devotions (favourite quotations).

9.45 a.m.: Minutes. Superintendent's reports: Cradle Roll and Band of Mercy (Miss Patterson); L.T.L. (Mrs Bathgate); Y's and Medal Contests (Mrs Young); Round Table Talk on Work for the Young—L.T.L., Bands of Hope, Y.P. Societies, and discussion re suitable literature and music for these departments.

Noontide devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Superintendents' reports: Peace and Arbitration—Ministry of Friendship (Mrs Judson). Short paper or talk on Locarno Pact. Superintendents' reports: Back Blocks and Work Among Railwaymen (Mrs Moyes); Work Among Seamen (Mrs Norrie); Prison and Reformatory Work (Mrs Petrie); Hostels, Rest and Refreshment Booths (Mr. Upton); Press (Miss Birss); Legal and Parliamentary (Miss Henderson); Anti-Gambling (Mrs Lill).

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th.

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

9.45 a.m.: Minutes. Greetings. Appointment of Tellars. Election of Dominion Officers. Resolutions.

Noontide devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Minutes. Presentation of banners. Superintendent's report: Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools. Discussion on Plans of Work. Question Box. Resolutions.

8 p.m.: Public lecture on "Pacific Relations," by Professor Condliffe.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18th.

9.30 a.m.: Devotions. Minutes. Handing in of Notices of Motion. Resolutions. Appointment of Superintendents. Arrangements for next Convention. Votes of thanks. Unfinished business.

Close of Convention.

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY.

Will all delegates who require homes during Convention send in their names at an early date to—

MRS W. ROWNTREE

341 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch.

1925-26.

**Message from Guy Hayler, President,
World Prohibition Federation.**

To Fellow-Workers in All Lands,—

At this time of the year we very properly take a backward glance to see the ground we have covered, and pause a moment to see what progress we have made towards the realisation of those aims and objects with which we began the year.

Whatever hopes and fears may have been ours, one thought is growing predominant—the unprecedented activity in the camps of Liquordom. Our work for Prohibition has, without question, been effective and well-directed. It is a fact beyond dispute that never before in all its long and sordid history, has the Liquor Traffic spent more money, engaged more agitators, given more attention to publicity, fought more political battles, striven more strenuously, and put up a bigger fight against the Prohibition forces arrayed against it.

Some people still blandly pretend that there is no such evil as Alcoholism; that it is an exaggeration of the moralists, but the national crime statistics and public health records; the lawlessness of rum-runners and bootleggers; the grave issues involved in the international violation of the considered judgments and deliberate acts of free peoples, are in themselves amply sufficient to sweep away any such pretence.

Behind the Liquor Traffic there is that which mocks at the majesty of law, a spirit of anarchy that is blatant and openly destructive. Never before have these things been seen in so true a light.

The consciences of people are slowly but surely being stirred to a sense of responsibility. The world organises against this duplicity, these tyrannies, for it is being more and more understood that the sole business of this "Trade" is to preserve its power, and thus maintain the "right" to a place in the ranks of legitimate commerce.

This is our day. In the morning of it let us feel that our strength is strong, our faith is secure, and our courage—Columbus-like—is going to keep the good ship Prohibition laden with blessings headed to the goal.

Life moves on. We must move with it; in step with all the great ones who have hallowed the work they did by their untiring, unselfish service, always so unstintingly given in the movement. To-day's workers are of the finest minds in the world, they are some of its choicest souls. This teeming age does not lack in high-minded men and women who looking "through Eastern windows," see that all the land is light.

We, too, would keep the vision of a drink-free world ever before us, and with the opening year bend our efforts afresh to the task of making our dream an actuality.

With every good wish for 1926.--
Yours sincerely,

GUY HAYLER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of gratification fees, have been received since the date of last report:

New Zealand Fund.

North East Valley £5; Hawera and Riccarton £1 10s each; Sawyer's Bay £1 1s; Aramoho, Carterton, Epsom, Nelson "Y," Nelson L.T.L., and New Plymouth £1 each, Sawyer's Bay "Y" 10s.

Organising Fund.

North East Valley £11 8s; New Plymouth £10 4s; New Brighton £7 19s; South Invercargill £7 4s; Carterton £7; Petone £5; Riccarton £4 13s; Stratford £4 6s; Rakaia £3 6s; Hawera £3; Gisborne £2 15s 6d; Mayfield £2 12s 6d; Devonport £2 11s; Martinborough £2 8s; Johnsonville and Otahuhu £1 17s 6d each; Aramoho £1 16s; Richmond £1 14s; Sawyer's Bay and Sefton £1 10s each; Wakapuaka £1 8s 6d; Eden £1; Waihi 16s 6d; Cheviot (additional) 3s 6d.

World's Missionary Fund.

Waipawa 6s 11d Gisborne 5s.

Franchise Day Fund.

Gisborne £1; Waipawa 6s 11d.

Maori Fund.

Waipawa 6s 11d.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,

9th January, 1926.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The W.C.T.U. of Cape Province held its 36th Annual Convention at Cape Town, September 26th-October 2nd, under the Presidency of Mrs Geard, Port Elizabeth. Sixty-seven delegates were in attendance, representing an adult membership of 2,785. The business sessions were held in the University Hall of the South African College. The total income of the local Unions was £2,476, with an expenditure of £2 041 0s 9d.

Three Red Letter Days are observed during the year, viz., Willard Day in February, when a collection is taken for Provincial Organisation; Mackenzie Red Letter Day, which is observed on or near the birthday of Mrs Mackenzie, the first President of the South African W.C.T.U. when the collection is devoted to the National Organisation Fund, and "June" Red Letter Day, when special efforts are made to increase the membership, and also the number of subscribers to "The White Ribbon," the official organ of the W.C.T.U. in the country. This paper is published monthly in Port Elizabeth, with a circulation of 2055. The Headquarters Office and Literature Depot is also in Port Elizabeth, under the charge of Mrs Beresford, 67 Havelock Street, who reported that about 700 visitors had called during the past year. Several hundred adult and junior members, scattered throughout the country where no Unions exist, are also kept in touch with by correspondence and literature. Life and Memorial Membership is obtained by the payment of £10 towards the Organisation Fund. The "Mackay" Fund is a sum of £100, which is invested, and the interest used to provide prizes in the Scientific Essay Competition in which there were 85 competitors this year. In connection with the Local Option Fund, there is a fixed deposit of £500 in the bank, to be drawn upon when the time arrives for a special campaign in favour of this measure, which has been defeated in Parliament by only a small majority for several years. The Women's Enfranchisement Bill has also made steady progress year after year, but at present a deadlock prevails, owing to the new Government's decided objection to give the vote to native women on the same terms as men, and the failure of the Labour

party to keep their election promises in this respect.

Work in 22 departments was reported on. As South Africa is a wine-producing country, every effort is being made to increase the use and sale of raisins and grape juice, so that the wine farmers may have other avenues for the disposal of their productions. This work has been attended with great success, and promises to grow rapidly. Press work is very generally undertaken, and a banner presented to the individual or Union with the best record. This year Miss Stapleton headed the list with 34,599 words, followed closely by a Y Union, with only 330 words less. The W.C.T.U. native Unions have hitherto been directly affiliated with the World's W.C.T.U., holding separate Conventions. They have recently suffered an irreparable loss by the death of their President, Mrs Stuart, and the advisability of the Provincial W.C.T.U. assuming the responsibility of this work was introduced at Convention.

One of the visitors to Convention was Sister Bessie McFarlane, of New Zealand, who was warmly welcomed. Sister Bessie thanked the Cape Town White Ribboners for the kindness she had received from them during her enforced stay in their midst, owing to the strike among the crew of the Ballarat.

During Convention, Miss Solomon, the President of the South African W.C.T.U., and recently elected Vice-President of the World's Union, returned from the Edinburgh Convention, and received a loving welcome from her fellow-workers. At a well-attended public meeting she gave an outline of the proceedings at Edinburgh, and also at Geneva, where she had attended an International Temperance Conference as the representative of the South African Temperance Alliance.

During the Convention a luncheon was provided for the delegates in an adjoining hall. The morning teas were served by the Unions of the Cape Peninsula, and the afternoon teas by various Women's Associations in and around the city.

Among the social functions was a Mayoral Reception in the Town Hall, and an "At Home" to the delegates by the Peninsula Unions. On Saturday afternoon the delegates were conveyed round the Mountain Drive by a fleet of privately owned motor cars. On their

return they were entertained to tea by the Peninsula Y's. This was followed by a Y Conference and prayer meeting. The Annual Bible Service was held on Sunday afternoon in the Dutch Lutheran Church, many of the local Sunday Schools having been previously addressed by the visiting delegates.

Beautiful bouquets were constantly being presented to the officers, making the platform a veritable beauty spot. Banners decorated the walls. A well-supplied literature table catered for all departments of W.C.T.U. work, £27 worth being sold during the meetings. A Question Box was placed in a prominent part of the hall, and answers given daily. Timekeepers were appointed, who rang a bell when speakers had occupied the time allotted, speakers to resolutions and reports being allowed five minutes, other speakers three. When necessary, this time was extended by consent of the Convention.

The election of officers resulted in no change.

E. MOODY,

Supt. of Press Work, Cape Province
W.C.T.U.

FACTS ABOUT PROHIBITION.

1. Two years of National Prohibition has reduced the number of drinkers of alcoholic beverages from 20,000,000 to 2,500,000, a decrease of 17,500,000.

2. Only 15 per cent. of former drinkers are drinking now, and these are drinking but 5 per cent. the quantity of liquor that was formerly consumed.

3. The entire drink bill has decreased £416,666,600 a year. This money formerly spent for drink has gone into Savings Banks, or spent in necessary commodities.—Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

WHAT THEY SAY WHO KNOW.

Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in reply to a deputation of brewers: "Gentlemen, I cannot permit a question of mere revenue to be considered along of morals; but give me a sober population, not wasting their earnings in strong drink, and I will know where to get my revenue."

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P.: "If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England, we should see our taxation reduced by millions sterling a year."

SPECIALS.

FAREWELL EVENING.

A very pleasing and yet regretful function took place in the Presbyterian Hall on Monday, January 4th, in connection with the W.C.T.U., the occasion being the departure of Mrs August Anderson, who has been the Treasurer for the Carterton branch for five years, Mrs Anderson having resigned the position on account of leaving the district.

A programme had been arranged, and was very kindly contributed to by the following:—Pianoforte solo, Mr Haste; songs (2), Miss B. Keall; violin solos (2), Misses McLeod; song Mrs Hird; recitation, Miss T. Tyler; songs (2), Mr Haste; recitation, Miss K. Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to those who contributed to the entertainment.

Before the presentation was made, Mrs R. H. Every voiced for the Union the appreciation for all the active part Mrs Anderson has taken, and briefly outlined all that lies behind the position which she has just relinquished, and all the good work she has done so accurately and so well.

The members' grateful thanks for all her services.

A few words of appreciation on behalf of the Union was also spoken by Mrs R. A. Pepperell.

Miss Kiori Tyler spoke for the Misses Anderson on behalf of the Y Branch, and gave acknowledgment of their help in different ways, and the positions they had filled.

Mrs Every then handed to Mrs Anderson a leather suit case and attache case, and asked her to accept them as a tangible token of esteem from the Union.

Mrs Anderson suitably replied.

The hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung by all. Social intercourse then followed, and supper was served by the members, which brought the pleasant gathering to a close.

5 Minto Road, Remuera

December 13, 1925.

Dear Mrs Peryman,—

Once again I have been privileged to go out and do a little more work among our dark sisters, and felt I had better

let you know about it. At the urgent request of Sister Nicholls, one of the Methodist Maori missionaries, I went to Frankton on Tuesday, December 1st. She was very keen on having the work begun before the close of the year, and I can assure you we had a very interesting meeting. Only 14 Maoris were present, but 13 of them signed the pledge and paid their fees. I had previously written to the Secretary of Hamilton Union asking her to try and interest some of their members to go along to encourage the Maoris. However, only the President, besides herself, were there, but they both said they would not have missed it for anything. Mrs Jones had never been to a Maori meeting before, and was charmed with the enthusiasm of our dark sisters. The meeting commenced with the hymn "Come to the Saviour" and after singing three verses, the first was repeated in Maori, and didn't those women sing. After reading and prayer, I was introduced to the gathering. When I explained, as plainly as possible, what our aims were, and why we wanted to help them, told them what our Union stood for, and the advantage to themselves if they became sisters with us, then the meeting was thrown open, and their opinions asked for. I wish I could give you a resume of all that was said. One old woman waxed very enthusiastic, and quoted Scripture quite fluently. Then she proposed that a branch be formed, and said if it was done there would no longer be two peoples—Pakeha and Maori—for we would be sisters, and the Book said all who loved the Lord Jesus were one in Him. I thought it was a beautiful expression of hers. One other spoke at length, and then afternoon tea was served. Then more talk, and a Branch was formed, fees paid, and badges bought. Then a photograph was taken, with your humble servant in the centre, partly enshrouded in a Maori mat. It really was the most enthusiastic Maori meeting I have attended, though a small one, but I pray the small one may become a thousand. After the Benediction had been pronounced, one crippled old soul got up and asked if she might speak. Given permission, she said she would like to send greetings to the Union who had sent me to start such good work amongst the Maoris. She felt they could do much by wearing the white bow, just to show they belonged. One woman said it was no good for

them, because we had the vote and the / hadn't, and wearing the badge wouldn't prevent their husbands from getting drunk. This was the only one present who refused to sign, but Sister Nicholl; hopes to get her later. Wishing you all happiness in the coming festive year. —Believe me, yours for service,

N. FULLJAMES.

That with the view of bringing the I.C.W. into close touch with the different activities of the League of Nations, the Quinquennial Council Meeting shall consider the desirability of appointing liason officers to the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation at Paris and at Rome, and to any other institution where collaboration would be suitable.

in the proportion adequate for bodily requirements."

Dr. W. H. Hay, of Buffalo, N.Y., issued a warning against iodine poisoning, November 26th, 1923. He said it crippled the function of the thyroid gland. The only iodine acceptable to the body can be taken as food sufficiently in the form of a cabbage a week.

It has long been recognised that it is better to let sufferers from anaemia eat vegetables with a large proportion of iron, such as carrots, beet, etc., than to give it in mineral form. The same is evidently true of iodine. The one is iron prepared in the great laboratory of Nature; the other prepared by the inorganic chemist who, like all humans, is liable to err.

PEACE COMMITTEE.

The following resolutions were the outcome of the Peace Committee of the International Council of Women at their quinquennial meeting. All are recorded in the three official languages:—

The International Labour Organisation.

The International Council of Women recommends that National Council give their earnest attention to the work of the International Labour Bureau, and to place it upon the programme of studies for the coming year.

European Reconstruction.

The International Council of Women welcome the reconstruction schemes that are being put into effect by the League of Nations, and urges that similar schemes be put into force in other countries needing such help.

The Court of International Justice.

The I.C.W. requests members of the National Councils to urge their respective Governments to accept, if they have not already done so, the optional clause in the statute for the Court of International Justice, declaring that they are prepared to accept the jurisdiction of the Court in all disputes that may come within the scope of the juridical decision.

The League of Nations.

The International Council of Women hears with satisfaction of the efforts that many of the National Councils are making to ensure the success of the League of Nations. The I.C.W. urges its constituent members to make every effort to promote the highest ideals of the League and to use all their influence to procure the speedy inclusion of all nations.

IODINE FOR GOITRE.

We have been reading a great deal lately in regard to the treatment of goitre by iodine. One enthusiast in our Parliament went so far as to ask that it should be made illegal to sell table salt unless iodine was put with it.

It is just as well that mothers should be on the alert and know a little about this drug which it is proposed to force upon our children.

Goitre is very prevalent in Switzerland, but as long ago as November, 1822, the following appeared in Magendie's "Formulaire":—

"At the present day the Genevese and Swiss physicians are much less enthusiastic with regard to the advantages which they first imagined to have accrued from the preparations of iodine. They now say that serious accidents have followed their employment, such as chronic inflammation of the stomach, and considerable inflammation of the whole body, particularly of the mammac."

We do not profess expert knowledge ourselves, but give the following opinions for mothers to study:—

Dr. Andrew Crotti, medical expert on goitre, before the American Association for the study of goitre, said that iodine is not entirely a harmless agent, and while it may benefit some, it is very liable to convert a simple, non-poisonable goitre in some other children into severe poisonous ones.

The "Pharmaceutical Advance," a recognised drug magazine says: "Iodine in excessive quantities, when introduced into the human system, is as fatal, or more so, than the much abused venozate of soda. The human body contains so little iodine that it is almost immeasurable, but nevertheless Nature has provided the essential elements in foods

WHAT WOMEN ARE THINKING.

(From 'A Pageant of Great Women.')

"I have no quarrel with you, but I stand

For the clear right to hold my life my own:

The clear, clean right. To mould it as I will,—

Not as you will, with or apart from you
To make of it a thing of brain and blood,

Of tangible substance and of turbulent thought—

No thin, gray shadow of the life of man!
Your love, perchance, may set a crown on it;

But I may crown myself in other ways
(As you have done, who are in one flesh with me).

I have no quarrel with you; but, henceforth

This you must know: The world is mine as yours—

The pulsing strength and passion and hurt of it:

The work I set my hand to, woman's work,

Because I set my hand to it."

—Cicely Hamilton.

A little boy when told not to mention a guest's amputated foot, said, "No, and when I get to heaven, I won't say anything to John the Baptist about his head."

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

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

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Nov. 25th. The President, Mrs X. Jones, occupied the chair. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs X. Jones; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin; Cor Sec., Mrs Craig; Recording Sec., Mrs W. Hughes; Treasurer, Mrs Whitham. The Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, presented a full and interesting report upon the year's work, prompting words of high commendation from an ex-President of the Union, regarding the work being carried on at present by the W.C.T.U. A report was read from the Superintendent of each department. The favourable progress of the 'Sailors' Rest' fund was commented upon, due greatly to the hearty response of our townspeople to the call of the worthy object. A donation of £3 7s. was gratefully received for the fund from the Ashburton, and £1 10s. from the Waitara Unions. Reference was made to the remarks of appreciation passed by visitors to the Rest room in Devon Street Central, over 7000 women and children having taken advantage of the rooms during the year. One new member initiated.

WAIMATE.

Dec. 9th. Mrs Roy presided; good attendance. Two members volunteered to visit the sick in Hospitals for the coming month, Mesdames O' Brien and Reid. A short talk re the "Rest Room" proposed followed. A donation of £3 to District Union Funds. A very successful Garden Party was held last month to raise funds for our Union, and realised a clear balance of £15. Letters of sympathy to two sick members. Afternoon tea.

CHEVIOT.

Dec. 5th. Annual meeting; attendance fair. Motion of sympathy with Miss Hayes in her bereavement. Annual report read and confirmed; Treasurer's report found satisfactory. Election of officers, all of whom resumed office with the exception of the treasurer. Decided not to commence our meetings till March. Afternoon tea served.

TAURANGA.

Dec. 18th. Very fair attendance; Mrs Carlton Smith in chair. Letters from Miss Earnshaw and Miss Henderson read. A mass of circulars calling for attention, our President kindly said she would deal with them. Decided we re-open again in March. Decided that the post of President and Cor Sec. be held open until our next meeting, the holders of other positions to remain as before. Afternoon tea was partaken of.

MARTINBOROUGH.

The President spoke feelingly of the departure of Mrs McGregor from our Union. Mrs McGregor suitably replied, and hoped she would be of use to the work at Stratford, and that she would always remember the opening of our local branch.

Dec. 16th. Annual meeting. The old officers were re-elected namely, Mrs Martin, President; W.R. Agent and Treasurer, Mrs Tyler; Secretary, M. Tyler. The meeting again expressed regret at losing our Vice-President, Mrs McGregor. It was mentioned "Band of Hope" was going on very nicely. Closing social was held on December 4th, with Tea, and evening was devoted to Songs, Recitations, and Dialogues; all parents being present.

RAWENE-HOKIANGA.

Dec. 16th. Closing meeting of Session at the residence of Mrs Johnson. Interest has been well maintained throughout the year. Our Membership has been doubled, and others have promised to join. Resolved that Mrs Johnson be appointed Library Superintendent, also suggested that the same lady give us a Lecture on Frances Willard at our opening meeting in February, to which she kindly consented. Resolved that we endeavour to form a Young People's meeting for Temperance training, to meet alternately with "Happy Hour" times. In doing this, our training ground will be more fully equipped, for growing our own W.C.T.U. members, and voters for future elections.

OPOTIKI.

Dec. 15th. Annual meeting; Mrs Thompson presided. The Secretary presented the report of the year's work. Treasurer showed a credit balance of £31, notwithstanding a year of heavy expenses. White Ribbon Superintendent gave her report, and showed good work done, and fully paid up 30 subscribers. Cradle Roll Superintendent read an excellent report and accounted for 70 members. All the officers were re-elected. One new member enrolled; afternoon tea served by officers. A lady member welcomed to the Union from South Africa. Union donated £3 to "Willard" Home.

RAKAIA.

Nov. 20th. President in chair; Good attendance. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Boag; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Mrs Evison; Cradle Roll, Mrs R. Boag and Miss G. Boag; Literature, Mrs Hunt; W. R. Reporter, Mrs R. Boag and Miss G. Boag; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Oakley. Mr Mackesy gave a brief address. The following resolution passed and forwarded to Mr Tucker, owner of Town Hall: "This Union desires to place on record a resolution of appreciation of Mr Caleb Tucker, for the way in which he has kept his hall such a safe place for the young people of the district to attend amusements, by the forbidding of liquor to be taken in or about the hall, and we tender him our grateful thanks." Signed by 37 members.

Nov. 27th. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at Mrs Boag's residence, 'Hatfield,' it being the occasion of the annual Cradle Roll Garden Party. About 150 Mothers and children assembled, and the time passed pleasantly with tennis, bowls, swings, and other games for the smaller ones. Each child received a present from the Christmas tree. A dainty afternoon tea was served by the members. Before dispersing, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Boag, for the use of their grounds, and all who had helped to make the function a success.

Dec. 11th. The final meeting for the year was presided over by Mrs Boag; attendance very fair. President and Secretary reported a visit to Mayfield W.C.T.U. Cradle Roll Garden Party. Retrospect of year's work. Treasurer reported credit balance in hand, 3s. 1d. Two new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

MASTERTON.

Dec. 3rd. Pay Up Social; good attendance. Mrs Cocker presided, and welcomed all old friends and new, expressing sympathy with those who had recently suffered bereavement; also expressed the hope of developing the work of the Union in coming year, along new lines with the co-operation of the younger members. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports showed substantial increase in membership and finances and good work accomplished. W.R. Agent reported 46 subscribers. Cradle Roll Superintendent recently appointed, reported 15 members. Superintendent of Home meetings and Back Block Literature departments reported good work done. Addresses were given by Rev. E. W. Weymouth and W. Beckett, which were much appreciated. Musical items rendered by Mrs Garwitch and Mrs S. J. Smith. Votes of thanks were passed to the managers of Knox Hall, for use of buildings through the year, to the Press, the Auditor of accounts, and to all who had assisted in any way. Two new members joined up. Afternoon tea served.

RIVERTON.

Dec. 7th. Annual meeting, President in chair. Mrs Gray gave a brief address on an Alliance meeting she attended in Invercargill. Although once more defeated, there is reason for encouragement for the future. The need for a two-issue ballot paper was also stressed. Miss McGregor presented a full report of the year's work, which showed that interest had been taken in different branches of the work. Membership of Union 37; subscribers to the White Ribbon, 20. The Balance sheet presented by the Treasurer was very satisfactory, showing a creditable balance. Votes of thanks were passed to all office-bearers. The Band of Hope report, presented by Mrs Cassels, showed interest amongst the children had been maintained. Election of officers:—President, Mrs Gray, re-elected; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Secretary, Mrs Bolland; Treasurer, Mrs Cassels, re-elected; W.R. Agents, Miss Birch and Miss McGregor; Flower Supt., Mrs Cassels. Flowers for the following months for the hospital, were arranged for. Next meeting, first Monday in March.

ASHBURTON.

Dec. 1st. Our annual meeting; Mrs W. H. Robertson, V.P., presiding over a good attendance of members. Though disappointed over the results of the recent Poll, we yet felt that we had much left to praise God for, and fifteen minutes spent in communion with Him was time well spent. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Mr W. R. Mackesy (Organiser) in the loss of his father, and with members in sickness. Owing to continued illhealth, the resignation of Mrs W. T. Lill, President, and Mrs D. F. Keir, Treasurer, was received with deep regret. Decided that in view of her long years of service to the Union, that Mrs Lill retain the position as Ex-President. A comprehensive report of the year's work was submitted by the Secretary. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet revealed a satisfactory credit balance. Superintendent's reports were also received. The reports were adopted. Decided that hearty congratulations be sent Hon. L. M. Isitt, on his appointment to a seat in the Legislative Assembly, and appreciations of the great services rendered by him in the past, to the Temperance cause. Also, to Mr C. H. Bellringer, on his election as M.P., and to Mr Ferriman for his generous support at all times to the uplift of mankind. The "Peace" resolutions published in the White Ribbon were unanimously endorsed by the Union. Decided to support a two-issue Ballot paper. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs W. H. Robinson; Secretary, Miss E. Trevurza; Treasurer, Mrs A. Amos. A number of parcels for the Willard Home was received. The appointment of Superintendents and Vice-Presidents was held over till the next meeting in February. With a vote of thanks to the out-going officers, and to the "Press," and the compliments of the season to all, the meeting closed.

MARTON.

Through some mistake our W.C.T.U. Branch, re-formed during June has never sent particulars for you to insert in the White Ribbon. We should like to remedy this with the New Year. Our meetings are held on the fourth Friday in every month, alternately in the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools, at 3 p.m. We have at present a membership of 16 active and 2 hon. members. Our officers are:—President, Mrs McIvor, The Manse, Bond Street, Marton; Secretary, Mrs P. H. Hall, 2 Bowen Street, Marton; Treasurer, Mrs Verry, Calico Line, Marton; W.R. Agent, Mrs Goldsbury, Bell Street, Marton. We had two Vice-Presidents at the time of re-forming, but one has left and gone to Australia, the other is Mrs Jefferson, The Parsonage, Marton.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Dec. 11th. A social combined with the "Y." Branch was held, and the school pupils of Standards 5 and 6 were also invited. Items and games were much enjoyed, and Mrs H. Hall presided over a very large gathering. The opportunity was taken to present the prizes for the Temperance Essays, Mrs Hall presenting prizes to the following pupils:—Standard 6 (Girls):

B. Howard, 1st; K. Burns, 2nd; (Boys): D. Cook, 1st, and G. Deverson, 2nd; Standard 5 (Girls): H. Bright 1st; Roma Spedding, 2nd; (Boys): R. Cutler, 1st; R. Hewitt, 2nd. Supper was served, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem. (Good idea to entertain School children.—Ed. W.R.)

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Dec. 10th. Annual meeting; Miss Powell presiding. Decided that we, as a Union, join the "League of Nations" and pay the yearly subscription. Our Treasurer read the balance sheet which was very satisfactory. £1 donated to officers of the Cargill Road Methodist Church for the use of the hall. Miss Powell's resignation from the office of President was received with much regret, as she had filled the office in a very able and efficient manner for some time. The following officers were elected:—President Mrs Macartney; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Peat, and Miss Powell; Secretary, Mrs Williamson; Treasurer, Mrs Williams; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Grocott; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Shacklock; Flower Mission Superintendent, Mrs Trenwith. It was decided to hold our next meeting on the first instead of the second Thursday of the month of February, to appoint a delegate to the Dominion Convention.

RAI VALLEY.

Dec. 9th. Meeting held at Mrs M. Neal's residence, Carluke. Seventeen members were present, and several visitors. The President read a report of the Convention in Dunedin. Mrs Woodward, Vice-President, read a paper entitled, "Should Women Enter Public Life," and placed the subject before the meeting to be discussed. Decided to have meetings quarterly, and on the Special Days of the Union. Six new members were initiated. At the close of the meeting Mrs Neal served afternoon tea.

PAPANUI.

Dec. The annual meeting; Mrs Smith presided, and submitted the annual report, which showed a year of progress. She spoke a few words of farewell as it was her last appearance as President. Mrs Ryan replied on behalf of members, and presented Mrs Smith with a fountain pen, and Miss Edna Ryan and Master Lindsey Neilson presented a bouquet of roses. Mrs Ryan was then asked to take the chair during the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Simpson; Secretary, Mrs Merrin; Treasurer, Mrs Bond; Superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs Donald. Afternoon tea was served by the Social Committee. A Cradle Roll baby, Edna Ryan, was presented by the President with a beautiful doll. Nine new members were enrolled. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Social Committee, and fancy sunshades full of sweets were given to each child on leaving.

Dec. Cradle Roll annual meeting; good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs Smith presided. Mrs T. E. Taylor, gave the address, which was listened to with rapt attention, babies included. Mrs Donald, Superintendent, gave a resume of the year's work. She stated that there were 109 names on the roll. Misses Joy Donald and Melville Jones presented Mrs Taylor with a bouquet of lovely roses, and Gladys Collosion presented one to the President. Solos and recitations were given by Misses Lawrence and Barker, who were also presented with bouquets of roses by Misses Jean Harding and Janie Barnes.

OAMARU.

Dec. 14th. Annual Social; Mrs Clarke in the chair. Fair attendance. Reports of different departments were read and adopted, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Clarke; Secretary, Mrs Scott; Treasurer, Mrs McKenzie; Assistant Treasurer, Miss M. Milligan, Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hutchinson and Reid, and Misses Wilson, Smyth, and M. Milligan. Band of Hope Superintendent, Miss Hilliker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Assistant Reporter, Miss Hilliker. Votes of thanks were passed to Misses Hesketh and Birchell the soloists of the evening, to the Editors of the Oamaru Mail and North Otago Times, for their kindness in publishing our reports, to the Baptist Church for use of Hall, and to Adjutant Lamond, as Auditor of balance sheet. One new member was initiated. Decided to send a protest to A. and P. Association re gambling on Show Grounds.

N.E. VALLEY.

Dec. Final meeting for 1925; Good attendance. Mrs Don was on the platform with the President, and took the chair while the officers for the ensuing year were elected. There are no changes in the office-bearers, Mrs Peart is President, Mrs Sanders, Treasurer, and Miss Begg, Secretary. The following were nominated for Dominion Officers:—President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, Christchurch; Treasurer, Mrs Bendeley, Auckland; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson, B.A., Sumner; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. A. Evans, Wellington. Mrs Don spoke briefly on the present state of affairs, and told some sad stories of drinking among the girls. The meeting closed with afternoon tea, and a social halfhour. Two new members were initiated.

GERALDINE.

Nov. 22nd. Mrs Don, M.A., Timaru, gave an interesting address on "League of Nations." Rev. Madill, Chairman, accorded the speaker a hearty vote of thanks, and Mrs Sharpe and Miss Edie Ginson sang during the evening.

Dec. 11th. Annual meeting; Mrs Neutze presided. An excellent report made by Hon. Secretary. Satisfactory balance sheet by Mrs Wallach, Hon Treasurer, and good White Ribbon Agent report. Although only been started 9 months, we have now 54 members. Had excellent lectures from Mrs Don, T. E. Taylor, and Norrie, on Prohibition; Miss Henderson, B.A., and Mrs Don on "League of Nations." Decided to concentrate next year on Orphanage work for Willard Home, Palmerston North, and to make efforts to raise funds. Election of officers:—Mrs Neutze, President; Miss A. Patrick, Hon. Secretary; Mrs D. McDonald, Hon. Treasurer; (Mrs Wallach resignation accepted with regret); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Madill, J. Scott, Loach, Wallach, and Coombes; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Williamson; Committee, Mrs Gale, Mitchelmore, and W. Pyfe. Vote of thanks was passed to Managers, Presbyterian Hall, for free use of Hall for meetings, also Mrs Madill, for being Pianiste.

CARTERTON.

Dec. 2nd. Annual meeting; Mrs R. H. Every presided over a fair attendance. The annual reports for the year were moved and adopted. The Secretary's report showed that the membership was now 101. Of all reports, Evangelistic was most important, for our motto is for God, Home, and Humanity. The President, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed Rev. Keall, who expressed pleasure at being present and addressed the meeting. Speaking of the results of the Prohibition Poll, he said that in all New Zealand, there was not to be found a sense of disappointment as of failure—believing victory will surely come. In spite of personal slackness among Prohibition voters and the opposition of Liquor Party, and rumours from America, etc.,—we increased our vote by 20,000. Must thank God that position is so encouraging—and when we do win, may it be with large majority. Vote of thanks to Rev. Keall. The election of officers resulted in them being all unanimously re-elected. Owing to lateness of afternoon, the Superintendents' of Departments left over until next meeting. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

TINWALD.

We are pleased to report good meetings for Oct. Nov. and Dec.; the members worked hard for the Poll with refreshments for the workers, and also arranging cars to bring voters to and fro; votes increased about 60 for Prohibition. A Drawing Room afternoon was held for Sailors' Day. Mrs Boag, District President, gave a splendid report of Convention held in Timaru last September. A collection for Sailors' was taken up which amounted to 17s. It was held in the Manse, and a large attendance of members and friends. Afternoon tea was provided by the members.

Nov. A Cradle Roll afternoon was held at Mrs McNicol's residence; a good attendance of children. The Superintendent, Mrs Gill, has 22 on the roll; she presented each child with a present and lollies. A very fine address was given by Mrs Rosevere, of Willowby. Afternoon tea was provided by the members. Two new members were initiated.

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

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

Badges, Brooches, and Pins, 5/- per doz.; Star of Honour, 2/- each; Hymnals 2/- per doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, 1/- and 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt.; Constitutions, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Facts" about W.C.T.U., 6d per doz.; Treasurer and Transfer Slips 1/- 100; Pledge Books, 6d; Treasurer's Receipt Books, 1/6; W.C.T.U. Serviettes, 9d doz., 5/- 100; Promise Boxes, 1/6 each.

How We Won the Franchise, 9d doz., 4/- 100, 35/- 1000; White-robed Vestal, 6d doz., 3/6 100 30/- 1000; Y Constitution, 3d each; "Women Torchbearers," 8/6 each; Appeals to Mothers, 6d doz., etc., etc.

These prices include postage.

L.T.L. and Band of Mercy: Mrs Bathgate, 27 Pitt Street, Wanganui.

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), showing effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body 7/6 per set; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It Is Written (Bible stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/3; Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen; Programmes, from 3d each; L.T.L. Badges, 4d each; L.T.L. Buttons, 3d each; The Young Crusader 2/- per annum (in advance); L.T.L. Hand Books.

BAND OF MERCY.

Literature, 6d per packet; Pledges, 6d per dozen; "The Little Animal's Friend," 1/6 per year (on order).

BAND OF HOPE.

Dialogues, 3d each; Leaflets, 9d per packet; Pledges (artistic), 2/- per dozen; Reciters, from 3d. Also Pledges at 1/- per dozen.

Cradle Roll: Miss D. Patterson, Box 21, Manaiā.

Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per doz. Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz.

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

Social and Moral Hygiene: Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273, Hastings.

Men, Women and God, 4/6—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian standpoint; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Way Book of Youth 2/-; How I Was Born, 9d; The Story of Life, 1/6; In Her Teens, 2/-; The Changing Girl, 2/-; Answers to Tiny Tots, 2/-.

Medical Temperance: Mrs Clara Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell, Auckland.

Medical Temperance Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to sixpence per dozen.

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

Anti-Narcotic Leaflets: Sample Packets, 8d each.

All Post Free.

Dec. Mrs Lill's, President, resignation owing to ill health was accepted with regret. Resolved to place on record her good work, also she be made a Life Member with the position of Patroness. The report was read from the different departments, and election of officers:—President, Mrs Robinson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Gennings and Hight; Secretary, Mrs Hopwood; Assistant Secretary, Mrs Watson; Treasurer, Mrs Wakelin; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gill; Visiting Members, Mrs Carrel and Hitchings; Temperance, Mrs Stevenson; Home Meetings and Sunday Observance, Mrs Hight; Seamens' Day, Mrs Baylis. The Secretary attended an Executive meeting at Oamaru, December 7th.

A WOMAN'S PRAYER.

Lord send an angel with dear homely ways—

One not too bright for my tired eyes to see;

One not too splendid. In life's drabs and grays,

Fagged hearts sometimes crave just rest's harmony.

Send one to help, who knows the frets and fears,

The dozen odds and ends which line the brow;

Send one who understands a woman's tears:

And, Lord, in pity send that angel now.

God heard. The angel sent to ease the load

Was just a woman neighbour down the road.

HEAVEN IS NOT REACHED AT A SINGLE BOUND.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound,

But we build the ladder by which we rise

From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,

And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true:

That a noble deed is a step toward God,—

Lifting the soul from the common clod

To a purer air and a broader view.

J. G. HOLLAND.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

FREE, COMPULSORY, SECULAR.

(To the Editress.)

Madam,—Your article on the above, regarding education, is open to query on the secular question.

I take this liberty because I have had some little experience on this matter. Our school had Bible readings for a time. The children's attitude was (1) making fun, (2) quoting the phonographic parts, and (3) complete indifference. The readings were discontinued.

Next, the Presbyterian pastor gave lessons once a month. I was the only one who ever asked or answered any questions. All the rest just acted like a mob of sheep.

That was half a century ago. Recently there was a camp in this district of Bible students. Having fine scenery and views on my place, I invited the girls to come and enjoy themselves, and provided an abundance of ripe fruit. I was most unpleasantly disappointed at the complete lack of good manners (the Golden Rule). They acted more like hoodlums than Bible students should be expected to do. Though there was an abundance of ripe fruit provided, they went through the orchard, laying hands on anything they saw, picked green fruit, and threw it away because it was not nice, or pelted one another, and most carefully refrained from being amenable to their officers.

Now I think good manners, the Golden Rule should be the first teaching. Manners are the same all the world over. Habits may be anyone's. There would be a great roar at anyone putting a knife into his mouth when eating; but that is not manners, merely personal habit. But consideration for others seems to be a lost art in our bustling days, and a man is usually looked on with suspicion or contempt that tries to consider his neighbours. A man to be imposed on, if possible.

I think it comes from a wrong presentation of the Bible message. They say we are a short time here, and a long time dead, but act as if this were our only time, because the message has not been logically put to them. Surely the Great Creator of the Universe can be logical!

Sir Oliver Lodge says Genesis is only poetry. But the poet or writer must have had extraordinary knowledge or inspiration to perceive that happiness, Eden, was full trust in the Creator, but submission of self. But try our own way, selfishness, our strong right arm, so-called progress, eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, be great people regardless of all the attendant misery it entails, and regardless of the fact that they cannot discover anything that is not already in the Universe always has been.—Yours truly,

SAM A. BROWN.

(We much regret that any students should behave as our correspondent writes, but does not this prove that an hour or two's instruction on the Sabbath cannot take the place of the Bible banished from our schools, and alas! in too many cases from our homes also?—Ed. "W.R.")

Resolved: "That recognising that civilisation is founded on respect for law, and that in reverence and regard for law lie the safety of our country and the welfare of the people, the National Republican Club (of New York, 2000 members) deplores the widespread violation of the Prohibition laws, and commends President Harding for his earnest efforts to secure the enforcement of and obedience to the Federal Prohibition law."

APITI, meets first Thursday, in the Library, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs Gill; Vice-Pres., Mrs Haynes and Mrs Murray; Treas., Mrs S. Gould; Sec., Miss F. Malcolm.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Cations, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. R. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street.

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 C. M. McLay, Alma Street, Northcote; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Miss A. Pudney, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Avenue, Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Miss A. McLay, Alma Street, Northcote; Treas., Mr Thos. Thomson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street, Auckland.

ARAMOHO, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 20 Cumbræ 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, Brookstreet, 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, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey Street; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans.

DANNEVIRKE, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Act. Pres., Miss Heaton; Vice-Pres., Miss Daniel; Sec., Mrs T. Nicholson; 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 Macartney, 27 Maller St., Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs Williamson, 12 Beach St., St. Clair, Dunedin; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson St., South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine St., Chaversham.

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 M. Robinson.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 510 George St.; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd., St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Plaister, 207 George St.; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maller 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., —; Vice-Pres., Mrs Terry, Parkville, Eketahuna; Sec., Mrs Norman, Parkville, Eketahuna; Treas., Mrs Hansen, Alfredton Rd., W.R. Agent, Mrs Baillie, Macara St.

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, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Carr and Martin; Sec., Mrs A. McLeod, 16 Wapiti Avenue, Epsom; Treas., Mrs Pirrett; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Campbell; Literature Supt., Miss Katterfeldt; Evangelical 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 Wednesday, 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, Sandlands 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 Whincoy 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 Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Miss Kelly, Box 47; Asst. Sec., Mrs Hayward; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hulbert, Cambervell Road.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Meth. Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Banks, Southampton Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fawcett, Paul, and Hughes; Sec., Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs Boshier, Pakowhai Road; White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Platt, North Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Wright, and Mrs Forsen Stuart; Sec., Mrs Mackay; Treas., Mrs Williams; 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 the first Monday in each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Tay Street, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Dawson, North Road; Rec. Sec., Miss J. E. Seed, Glenfoyle, Richmond Grove; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Sherriffs, Bowmont Street; Treasurer, Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street; White Ribbon Supt., Miss T. Dawson, North Road; Assistant, Miss McCallum, Yarrow St., E. Invercargill; Y. Supt., Mrs Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindisfarne; Assistant Treasurer, Miss A. Swale, Grace Street.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, 2nd Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Lillcrap, 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 Methodist Sunday School last Wednesday in every month. Pres., Mrs Vickery, Fuller Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Morland, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mail; White Ribbon 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 Harry Heyes, Camp Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick Street; W.R. Agents, Mrs Routley, and Mrs Shearer; Librarian, Mrs Crawford, Waterloo Road.

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. 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 Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

MOSGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taieri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs H. Wilson, corner of Inellis Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Forth 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, McAlister and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Bowman; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chancer Road, North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; White Ribbon 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., Pres. Hall. Pres., Mrs D. E. Scott, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Menli, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs D. Free, Normanby; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o. Miss Larcum, Turturu Road, Hawera). Meetings to be held in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m.

NEW BRIGHTON, 3rd Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs H. Hall, Wainui St., Bexley; Sec., Mrs M. Moses, 140 Lonsdale St.; Treas., Mrs Fraser, River Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Read, Parsonage; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs H. M. McIlroy, Howe St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs F. Good, Victoria St.

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.

ORONOVILLE, 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., Miss Jamieson.

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

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

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Miss Gainsford, Mesdames Robertson and Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bol and Mrs Cooper; Notable Days, Mrs Jones; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Fox; Home Meetings, Mrs S. Gainsford and Mrs Graham; White Ribbon, Mrs D. Hawke; Band of Hope, Miss Gainsford; Young People's Branch, Mrs R. Conyns; Flower Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and Robertson.

OAMARU, 2nd Monday, at Church of Christ Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke; Sec., Mrs Scott; Treas., Mrs McKenzie; Asst. Treas., Miss Milligan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hutchinson and Reid, and Misses Wilson, M. Milligan, and Smyth; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Asst. Reporter, Miss Hilliker.

PAHIATUA, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson; Treas., Mrs O. Johnson, Victoria Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie Riccarton Road; Hon. Sec., Miss M. Edmed, D.H. School.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert W., Cor. Sec., Mrs J. G. Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. R. Hodder, 9 Alan St.; Treas., Mrs E. Watson, 13 Carroll St.; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

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 Dnoeghue, 31 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., Miss Harris; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wilkes; Rec. Sec., Mrs Tobell; Treas., Mrs Wells; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; Y. Supt., Mrs Burroughs; W.R., Mrs Fowler; Wellington Street.

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.

RAKAIA, meets on the 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Boag; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Mrs Evison; W.R. Supt., Miss Amy Oakley.

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

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room, More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Have-lock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agents, Miss Birch and Miss McGregor.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs M. T. Phillips; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lilley and McCallum; Sec., Mrs A. Fawcett, Juliet Street; Treas., Mrs S. Robinson, Olivia Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan 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 Charlton 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. Minifie, 11 Roslyn Terrace; Treas., Miss Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 118 North Street; W.R.

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

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carter's Terr; Treas., Miss Turner.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Roy, Deep Creek, Waituna; Sec., Mrs Elder, Waituna; Treas., Mrs Simpson, Beit St., Waimate; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhode St., Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

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

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

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

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey, 26 College St., Cor. Sec., Mrs L. Upton, 165 Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko Rd., Treas., Mrs Warwick Great North Rd., St. John's Hill, Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth St.

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

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

WELLINGTON SOUTH, 1st Thursday, 2.6 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Wright, 127 Constable Street; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Moiler, 4 Burwah Street. Y Branch Rooms alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 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 Cres; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 538 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Miss Hamilton, 9 Atiawa St.; Petone; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Anderson.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Yvonne Curtis and Woollaxal; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hilford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dredder; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

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

WOOLSTON-OPAWA UNION, meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. B. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs Morley Palmer, 8 Ensors Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, 16 Opawa Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

WYNDHAM, 3rd Thursday, at 2.15 p.m., in Presbyterian Church Hall. Pres., Mrs Loddell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.