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STATE CONTROL OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

(By Jessis Mackay—a paper read at Convention).

STATE CONTROL IN NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

"You cannot make a people sober by Act of Parliament." "Long and hard use has given this saying the worn look of a George III. half-crown. Of late, a counter belief has assumed as worn a character though it is seldom stated in its naked force:—"You can change Cabinet Ministers and policemen into angels by turning License into State Control."

On this and no other ground depends the whole State Control argument—the vision of a beautified Minister flourishing a lean, saintly budget—a seraphic policeman hunting like a lynx the misdemeanors of the Government that pays him, and a pious, patient people taking its daily drink when and where the Government directs. Recurrently, every three years this vision pressed upon us—a vision of dewy virginal freshness, untried, untested.

But stay! Is State Control indeed so young? Mr John Vale, of Melbourne, who has made this subject a world-embracing study, tells us it is very old. William E. Johnson, the historian of the South Carolina and Russian experiments, states that public control is as old as King Hammurabi, who reigned 4,000 years ago. Countless systems of control have been tried during 40 centuries.

"The net result," he says, "is that the consumption of alcoholic liquors

is greater than at any time in the world's history."

As State Controllers will not tell us the history of State Control, let us examine it briefly ourselves, taking it up where it begins to touch institutions and conditions like our own.

The record of the Gothenburg system in Sweden, now dying in execration, is the finished story of Corporate Control.

Prohibition is not the experiment of a day. The strong Nordic spirit of Scandinavia came to it a century before America dreamed of it. The quiet, happy, prosperous condition of Sweden in 1775, under prohibition, was admirably recorded by contemporary writers. But the thrifty country got an unthrifty King, Gustavus III., who to refill an empty treasury, forced a Government brandy monopoly on his people. Drink shops were established, drinking songs composed to order, and congregations lured, almost dragooned, to the royal taverns after Church. Sweden, once the most sober; was soon the most drunken nation in Europe. In due course the short-lived boom was followed by bankruptcy. The monopoly was dropped, but that did not check the engendered appetite of the Swedes. Domestic distillation was legalised. In 1899 a population of 2,855,000 paid license fees on 173, 124 spirit stills. Physical degeneration set in. In 1854 a Parliamentary report passionately declared the very existence of the people to be at stake.

In 1855, amid a religious revival, a temperance crusade secured Local Option and abolished private distil-

ling. The number of licenses was fixed by the municipal rate-payers. Rural districts went solidly for No-License. Sweden was transformed. But heavy spirit-drinking continued in the towns. In Gothenburg, a company was formed to buy up all the city licenses, regulate the trade, and fight strong drink by pushing the sale of beer (as in Canada to-day). But Sweden and Canada have found oil to be no quencher of fire.

Thus, in 1866, was the Gothenburg system born. Led by a respectable brewer, Mr Carnegie, the Company started business on philanthropic lines. Like all public control systems, the Gothenburg scheme was intensely difficult to formulate. A British Commission was told some years later by a citizen that only one man ever understood it, and he had gone mad. The Company soon forgot its philanthropic beginnings as it became more and more battered by the diverse agencies of pressure always restive against liquor control. The Gothenburg managers were paid a fixed salary for the sale of spirits, but allowed a profit on beer. The shareholders received 6 per cent profits. Of the surplus profits, 7/10 per cent went to the city, 2/10 per cent to the Government, and 1/10 per cent to locally organised agriculture. The system loudly trumpeted, spread rapidly. Almost every city in Sweden still has its "Bolag," or liquor company.

I may interpolate here that Norway and Finland both adopted modifications of the Gothenburg system. In Norway the "Bolag," or Company was called the Samlag. The Samlag

held its monopoly more firmly, and the Norwegian authorities avoided some of the already obvious faults in the Swedish system. But, in handing most of the profits to charity, instead of to the municipalities. Norway raised up trouble of another kind; the Norwegian cities were still strongholds of drinking, though, as in Sweden, most of the country districts had gone dry under Local Option. Both Norway and Finland adopted prohibition during the war, and have resisted hard commercial pressure from their old customers, the Mediterranean wine countries.

The Gothenburg Company, we have said, soon lost its philanthropy in Sweden. Strangely, also, it soon abandoned its monopoly. After thirty years, a review was taken of the seventy licenses it started with. Seventeen had been sold back to private clubs, restaurants, and hotels, and hotels vending liquor for gain. Twenty-three more had gone to wine and spirit merchants who did an "off sale" trade. Seven went to carry on another "Offsale" system in which the Company was mixed up. Four were retained for the sale of spirits with meals in eating houses. Only nineteen "philanthropic" houses remained to vend spirits under regulation as originally planned. This deeply significant tabulation indicates how impossible it is for any system of public control to hold its intricate and unwieldy business as a monopoly. The great name of the Gothenburg system was acquired under false pretences: the tremendous decrease in Sweden's drinking took place under Local Option during the ten years before it came in. Careful calculation shows that, for our century, the Gothenburg scheme reduced the drinking of spirits one quarter of a gallon per head, and increased the consumption of beer eight gallons per head.

Gothenburg itself is one of the most drunken cities of Europe. In one pre-war year of this century, it had 1600 more arrests for drunkenness than the most drunken American town of its size. On the number of convictions for drunkenness, it is judged five times as drunken as Aberdeen, Cardiff, or Liverpool. It is the most drunken city in Scandinavia. One of the Company's original aims was to decrease pauper-

ism. But it has increased fifty per cent. There are about eight hundred licensed houses in Gothenburg, but the Company's eighteen or nineteen "philanthropic" houses were, not many years ago, calculated to be responsible for one third of the drunkenness there.

So great were the evils of the Gothenburg system that in 1914, a Stockholm expert, Dr. Ivan Bratt, was called on to reform it. The purchase of liquor is limited by a "motbok" or license card. This is issued only to persons over 21, who for three years previous have not been alcoholic patients in hospital, nor convicted for drunkenness, nor punished for crime. The allowance runs from one to four litres a month (a litre is seven-eighths of a quart). A license card is cancelled for drunkenness, or if lent to another, and no one under eighteen is served with liquor in a restaurant. The Bratt system has been in operation since 1921. During 1913-1915, years of free sale, consumption rose to 40,000,000 litres a year. It dropped to 25,000,000 litres later, but in 1924 it had risen to 28,000,000. Convictions for drunkenness are also rising. There were 32,381 in a population of six millions. During the last three years drunkenness among young persons has especially risen, amounting in 1924 to 20.1 of the whole sum. The number of license-holders is also increasing; in 1925 they were 1,060, 441 and 92,981 of these were women. So much for the Gothenburg-Bratt reform.

My authority for these recent facts is the International expert, Alexis Bjorkman, writing from Stockholm on January 12th, 1926. He adds:—

"The whole temperance movement in Sweden, comprising some 500,000 adult members, stands unanimously against the system and for total prohibition." But why, it may be asked, do not the Swedish towns exercise Local Option and get rid of the Company system? The answer is that each town receives 7/10 per cent of the huge surplus profits. One idealist may quarrel with Mammon, but who ever saw a Corporation of idealists? At one blow, Gothenburg crushes both these myths of reform—Trust and Corporate Control.

Let a clear-sighted Swede, the Mayor of Sater, speak the last word:—"Endowed with the semb-

lance of official justice, morality, and temperance, and wearing a glamour of saintliness, the Gothenburg system has degenerated into an unheard-of humbug . . . It is the kiss of Judas. It creates a cruel lust for blowing money . . . Of it can only be said as of other profitable egotisms, 'has God in the eye, but the devil in the fingers.' "

Strangely the shadow of Gothenburg flashes across the screen of British politics. In 1872, the philanthropic brewer, Mr Carnegie, came over and joined with Mr Joseph Chamberlain, then a Radical, to dazzle England with this new salvation. But Britain, however weighed with liquor trouble, refused to be dazzled. Even then it regarded the brewer as a dubious temperance reformer. Enquiry also shows Gothenburg more drunken than any British town. Mr Chamberlain, however, did not abandon his projected liquor reforms with his Liberalism. In the early nineties he set forth a municipal monopoly of public houses as a counter-cry to Local Option, the Liberals being pledged to the latter. Liberalism foundered on other rocks that year, but the Tory victors did not municipalise the public houses.

Yet the seed thus dropped produced some fragile flowers of reform in England, such as the Public House Trust Association of Northumberland, headed by Earl Grey, and taking over several public houses. The scheme sounded well, only pure liquor was to be sold, the managers were to receive a commission on food sold and on "good management"—a fatally elastic phrase—but not on liquor, and profits were to be administered for the benefit of the community. The intentions of Earl Grey were good, but, after a few years, the "Grey Arms" was denounced as one of the worst conducted houses in the North of England, and two clerical shareholders pronounced the whole scheme a failure. Other and smaller Trust house experiments have been tried in London and other large cities. They are unknown to fame and to reform.

(To be continued).

Absent-minded—the man who thought he'd left his watch at home and took it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home to get it.

IN MEMORIAM.



MRS JOHNSON WRIGHT.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the passing of one of our oldest members, Mrs Johnson Wright. She joined the W.C.T.U. when it was first organised in Wellington, and has always been in active service. For many years she was District President for Wellington, and until her death was President of the Wellington South Union and Dominion Superintendent for Evangelistic Work.

Always at Convention, she was in her place to arrange the devotional exercises, and it was while in Christchurch at the Convention that she was taken seriously ill. For several years her health has been far from satisfactory, but she was only a few weeks laid aside from the work she loved. Her sister, Mrs Cummins, went to Christchurch and fetched her home. Her weakness was so great that she had to be carried on to the boat and off it. She never again left her room, where she was tenderly nursed by her sister and brother.

Mrs Wright was one of the earliest women preachers in this Dominion, and conducted many missions in different churches with marked success.

For a long period she was a member of the School Committee, where she did good work.

Mrs Wright was a woman of deep spirituality, and yet her sympathies were never narrow. She endeared herself to all by her loving, sunny disposition, and by her willingness to help. There are many of us to-day who feel that a "Mother in Israel" has gone. God granted her wish that she might cease at once to work and live. No long period of inactivity, but present at Convention, doing her work, then a brief spell of weakness; at last the full and abundant entrance into the Father's Home.

MRS G. W. ANDREWS.

The Angel of Death has again visited Ashburton, and claimed yet another member of our Union for service Beyond. Following a long and painful illness, borne bravely and uncomplainingly, Mrs G. W. Andrews passed peacefully away at her residence, Racecourse Road, on the morning of Easter Saturday. A member of the Ashburton Union from its inception, Mrs Andrews did valiant work for God, Home and Humanity while health and strength permitted. In the early days she filled many of the offices available to members, especially that of Treasurer and President, with honour and distinction for a number of years. She frequently represented her Ashburton sisters at Dominion and Provincial Unions worthily and well. A born enthusiast in the cause of Temperance and Prohibition, Mrs Andrews was an active worker in Bands of Hope, I.O.G.T. Lodge, and No-License work, doing what lay in her power to further the cause in our midst, and to remove the pitfalls from the pathway of the weak and erring. Great was her joy in 1902 when Ashburton carried No-License and abolished the open bar. She inaugurated the "Clothing Box" in connection with the local Union, for the benefit of those in need, keeping the supply up until No-License came, and the need for such no longer existed. She gave to all a kindly welcome, a genial friendship, and a spiritual uplift. Of a generous nature, her home was ever open to those needing hospitality. Mrs Andrews was associated with the Methodist Church from infancy, and while strength permitted was a faithful attendant at the services, and a loyal supporter of all its activities, especially in Sunday School work. She has left behind her the sweet fragrance of a beautiful Christian character, and the

memory of a life consecrated to the service of the Master. To the bereaved we extend our deep sympathy, and pray that in their hour of sorrow they may prove the all-sufficiency of Divine Grace.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Dear Sisters,—I write to call your attention to the fact that June 15th is White Ribbon Day, and that by the resolution passed at Christchurch at our Annual Convention, the Maori work collection, previously taken on White Ribbon Day, has now been transferred to a special day in October. For the information of new Unions, I would like to say that the collection taken on any Notable Day should not be sent to me, but to our New Zealand Treasurer, Mrs Bendely.

White Ribbon Day can be most fittingly observed by a determined effort to obtain new subscribers to our own paper. Sample copies of back numbers are obtainable from the Business Manager.—Yours sincerely,

ALICE F. WEBB,

Dom. Supt. N.D. Department.

ANTI-GAMBLING.

Dear W.R. Sisters,—Thank you for appointing me as your Superintendent of Anti-Gambling. I will endeavour to serve you to the best of my ability. I have now a good supply of anti-gambling leaflets for distribution. Please write for any quantity you may want, and get them circulated.—Yours for service,

(Mrs) CLARA LILL,

Box 18, Rural Mail, Willowby.

SPIRITS DAMPED.

A little boy was reading in his Scottish history an account of the battle of Bannockburn. He read as follows:—

"And when the English saw the new army on the hill behind, their spirits became damped."

The teacher asked the boy what was meant by "damping their spirits."

The boy, not comprehending the meaning, simply answered:—

"Pittin' water in their whusky."

GAMBLING—WHAT'S THE HARM?

Sometime ago a pamphlet was issued by the Christchurch Council of the Christian Churches. By kind permission we reprint it in part.

Sport is a good thing for men and nations. Those who are responsible for this pamphlet claim to be sportsmen. They are concerned with the fact that Gambling kills sport. If anyone doubts that statement, let him approach the Rugby Union with a suggestion for sweepstakes on next season's competitions. The reception of his suggestion by that body will clear his mind. Or let him recall the football scandals in England, and the base-ball scandals in the States, which were wholly created by the introduction of gambling into those popular forms of sport. Sportsmen are afraid of gambling.

THE VOICE OF THE WORLD.

To begin with a very general fact. The experience of all nations is contained in their laws. With one consent the laws of the nations put gambling under some form either of restraint or of repression. The reason lies in the fact that it contains in itself something dangerous to national life. The Courts have refused to regard gambling contracts seriously. They have refused to enforce them. It is worth recording that in spite of the poverty following the Napoleonic wars, the rising of public funds by lottery, which had been common, was banned. Success in obtaining large subscriptions was held to be no compensation for the economic and moral loss involved. British legislators have consistently declined to make revenue out of the gambling habit.

If anyone doubts the attitude of the New Zealand law on the subject, basing his doubt on the existence under restricted license of the Totalisator, there is a simple test he can apply. Let him start a two-up school in the Park, or a casino in Colombo Street, or let him raffle a motor car, and he will speedily find himself in the criminal's dock.

Every gambling transaction is placed under suspicion by the attitude of the Governments of the world.

CLEARING THE COURSE.

That there is harm in gambling is generally admitted, but there is a tendency to call art unions, lotteries, and tote investments by some milder

name. It is contended that in these cases the act is morally indifferent so long as a man can afford the small sums he risks. That contention cannot be sustained. It differentiates between the rich and poor, and that is a differentiation which no democrat can countenance. Multitudes cannot afford to risk anything on gambling. If they gamble they rob themselves and their dependents of necessities. If gambling is wrong for the majority of the people, how can it be right for the leisured and the rich?

It cannot be allowed for one moment that the wrongness of gambling consists in inability to afford losses. If it did, winners could never be wrong, however much time and strength they wasted. The wrong is not to be found in "nicely calculated less or more," but in the act itself.

It is objected that in business, money is risked on uncertain events. It is, of course, true that there are risks attaching to all things future, and these risks have to be encountered in business. But no business man deliberately creates risks. It is his whole concern to reduce risk to a minimum—and through insurance, which is based on a law of average, he can often completely cover his risks. It is one of the great aims of science to eliminate risk, and to enthrone knowledge. But in a gamble risks are artificially created, and to reduce them is to cheat. The crux of the matter is the harm of transferring money from one pocket to another on the basis of absolute chance.

THE HEART OF IT.

There are only two ways in which property may be legitimately transferred from one man to another. The one is by barter, the other by gift. We leave gifts out of consideration. In barter or sale an equivalent is given. Both buyer and seller receive benefit, and life for both is enriched. The attempt to get property without giving value for it, is at the root of all the economic wrongs from which the world is suffering to-day. If men gave value for all (outside the gift) that they got the millennium would be here. The unearned is the curse of society. But gambling gains are never earned. No equivalent is given. Men find themselves rich or poor for reasons that are unreasonable. Their riches are undeserved, and so, too, is their poverty.

The heart of the gambling problem then is found in the fact that it is unearned money that is at issue. Nothing is given for something. This, as was remarked above, is the heart of the whole economic problem. It is small wonder then that such a Labour leader as Mr Arthur Henderson should declare that: "Gambling is a greater foe to Labour than all the forces of Capitalism." Gladstone said, bluntly: "It is damnable. What can be the fun of getting other people's money without earning it?" John Ruskin, the leader of a great school in economics, puts it thus: "By far the greater part of the suffering and crime which exist at present in modern Europe, arises simply from people not understanding this truism—not knowing that produce or wealth is eternally connected by the laws of heaven and earth with resolute labour. They somehow hope to cheat or abrogate this everlasting law of life, and to feed where they have not furrowed, and be warm where they have not woven."

DEAD SEA FRUIT.

If gambling is a barefaced defiance of a central law of life, the effects of it may be expected to be deadly. We proceed to detail them:—

1. The effects on the man. The gambling habit takes its toll of a man's character. It affects his efficiency. The lure of the unearned creates in many a feverish excitement through which they lose grip. A decline in interest is a decline in real efficiency, and that is an inevitable consequence of the formation of a gambling habit.

The victims of the mania are rendered impatient of the slow but wholesome methods of industry and thrift. A man who finds himself possessed of a week's wages through a lucky guess about horses, is sure to find his estimate of values disturbed, and the honest way of earning is depreciated in his eyes. He is in danger of becoming a mere Micawber, spinelessly waiting for something to turn up.

Charles Kingsley, for all his passionate love of horses, said: "I turned from the racecourse because it tempted me to bet, and betting tempted me into the company of passions unworthy not merely of a scholar and a gentleman, but of an honest and rational bargeman and collier." Judge Pring, of the Com-

monwealth, said: "There is hardly a newspaper but in it you see that some young man has been brought to downfall by yielding to the cursed fascination of gambling. You talk about drink. It is not responsible for half the crimes that betting and gambling are." Judge Cooper, of this Dominion, said: "A very large proportion of the crimes of forgery, embezzlement, and breaches of trust, are committed by those who have become victims of the gambling habit. Our welfare is being menaced and the tone of the community lowered by the prevalence of the habit. Men and women should learn that gambling is vicious and immoral, and against the best interests of home, family and state." An Australian Bishop breezily said the other day, "There are few things which make a man such a thorough cad as the desire to do his companions out of their money."

SOCIAL EFFECTS.

2. The social effects. Gambling destroys the mutual character of life. All normal transactions bless him who gives and him who takes. The buyer and seller, the worker and the employer, are both benefited by a deal. So is it, too, in normal amusement. In gambling alone there is but a single benefit, that to the winner, and there is blank loss to the loser. Herbert Spencer put it: "Gambling is first gain without merit, and secondly gain through

another's loss." It is therefore not consistent with any social code or with brotherhood. It is the most wretched form of selfish individualism. The gambler is pre-eminently the exploiter of his fellows. It has been truly said: "It involves a conscious and deliberate departure from the general aim of civilised society, which is to obtain proper value for money." There is nothing that holds back social reform more surely than the gambling habit. Social reform has a great objective, and that is the elimination of gains for which the community has received no value. But a community which gambles is involved in that very condemnation. Gamblers are tied up with the most wretched form of capitalistic excess. Bismarck deliberately applauded gambling because it took the keen edge off the demand for larger liberties.

Christian men have to consider further the question of stewardship in relation to money. The possessions of men are not their own in the sense that they can do as they like with them. They have also to return an affirmative answer to the ancient question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" They have to consider not merely the personal effects of an action, but the social effects.

Gambling is personally a vicious habit. It is socially dangerous. In the highest realm it is the negation of religious ideals.

OUR COUNTRY.

The bearing of all this on national life is obvious. National life is the sum of individual life. A nation in which gambling is entrenched is a nation whose efficiency is lowered, whose readiness for social advance is dangerously checked, and whose morals are pitched low. When Machiavelli was asked what could be done to lower the vitality of a neighbouring state his reply was, "Teach them to gamble." The enormous volume of gambling indulged in is a menace to New Zealand. Nothing can be more ominous than the grip of the racing clubs on the Parliament of this country.

We believe, as it has been said, "that a day is coming in the history of the British race when it will be seen that betting involves as real a dishonour to the idea of humanity as slavery itself." That day cannot come too soon.

GAOL SOLD TO CARDINAL.

Lowell, Mass.—Middlesex County Gaol, which has had a dearth of prisoners for several years, was sold at auction to-day. It was bought by an agent of Cardinal O'Connell.

Officials said the gaol had been a "surplus plant" since Prohibition was enacted.—"S.F. Bulletin," September 25, 1924.



DELEGATES AT NEW ZEALAND ALLIANCE CONVENTION, 1926.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

OLD PICTURES WANTED.

Last year our readers responded very liberally to an appeal for pictures to make scrap books at a Maori school. Mrs Miller, as the result of White Ribboners' contributions, made 60 scrap books, with over 300 pictures, and the young Maori pupils greatly enjoyed these and they were educational also.

Mrs Miller would be pleased to receive a further supply of any odd pictures, old postcards, magazine pictures, even advertisements if coloured. Please send all pictures to Mrs Miller, Hiruharama, Waitakaro-Tokomaru Bya.

WAS HE INTOXICATED?

This question has lately been causing much debate in our Courts. In a recent case in Wellington, two doctors who saw the man an hour after the police had arrested him said he was not drunk. The constable said his

breath smelt of liquor, and it was not denied that he had "had a drink or two." If a man's breath smells of alcohol, he is not fit to drive a high-powered motor car in the congested traffic of our cities. Drunk we usually associate with incapable, and in that sense the man perhaps was not drunk. Intoxicated means poisoned. And a scientist says: "If a man takes a table-spoonful of brandy he is intoxicated to that extent until his system throws off the poison."

NOT MANY.

How many accidents, motor, tram, or any form of traffic, happen when alcohol is not in evidence. Read the enquiries or inquests, and note how often one or other has had one or two drinks. But of course nobody is **drunk**.

S.P.C.A.

Does this Society not look upon a fish as an animal? Perhaps they may have noticed a picture of a live kahawai with a hook in its back used as a bait for a swordfish. Surely one can be a sportsman without being cruel and torturing a helpless fish. Instead of being photoed for a paper, a practice like this should be pilloried.

OUR BADGE.

A White Ribboner went to Wellington to attend the Alliance annual meeting. Busy as all White Ribboners are, she rushed off and left her badge on the dressing table. Arrived at Thorndon, she paced up and down, but nobody claimed her as guest. She took a taxi, paid 7s 6d, and arrived to find that her hostess had met her, passed her because she did not have a bow on. Moral: Wear your badge and save your shillings.

MATERNITY HOMES.

Dr. Valentine, speaking at New Plymouth, said: "He was old-fashioned enough to believe that, where possible, women should be attended to in their own homes, but under present conditions that was impossible, for a large number of women." We believe it was Dr. Valentine's Department which made this desirable thing an impossibility by eliminating the old-fashioned monthly nurse.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS.

A woman Municipal Judge says: "I believe that practically every Judge, and the greater part of the public at

large, will agree with me that the drunken driver is the greatest menace to street and highway safety to-day. Leniency in such cases cannot be justified. It is the duty of the Court to the law-abiding public to see that adequate penalties are enforced. No parole should be granted."

MRS CARRIE C. CATT.

Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt is retiring from active service, after 40 years of unremitting battling for the advancement of American women. She was President of the National Suffrage Association, and still holds the office of Honorary President of the National League of Women Voters. Lately her energies and her splendid gifts as speaker and leader have been given to the cause of World Peace. At the age of 67 she feels the need of rest. "I shall not live to see world peace come to pass," says Mrs Catt. "Slowly, but surely, these great world changes in thought come about. And this, like woman suffrage and the abolition of slavery, is certain to come as certain as the sun's rising."

In a reminiscent mood, she discoursed with a reporter, who records the following observations which punctuated her conversation:—

"I know, to work for a cause, many people must believe always that victory is at hand. And that is natural. But, I think, I have always been one to take what I call a long look at things.

"Men needn't brag so about their old Shakespeare; after all, there was only one of him.

"In addition to preparing their children for the world, the business of women now is to prepare the world for their children.

"According to one scientific theory, there are more male geniuses than female, and also more male idiots."

"How I would love to peek in on the world 100 years hence" said Mrs Catt. "Then world peace will be a fact."

Summer days for me;
When every leaf is on its tree,
When Robin's not a beggar,
When Jenny Wren's a bride,
And larks hang singing, singing,
Over the wheat-fields wide.

—"Christina Rossetti."

SPECIALS.

**W.C.T.U. SUNDAY SCHOOL,
KAIMIRO.**

It is with pleasure I report our Sunday School work again.

May 11th marks the second year of our work completed. We have much to thank God for. He has blessed us abundantly.

During the year we have had our regular Sunday School and the several extra regular services that we have undertaken, and each of the churches of Inglewood have taken their turn of giving service and help. We thank them all for their help.

Our Christmas service was made our prize-giving day, and the prizes given were of a very high class of book. This was made possible by the help of the people of the district.

Sunday, April 18th, was a "Special" day, it being our Harvest Festival. Our preacher was the Rev. Boyd, of the Presbyterian Church, Inglewood. We were able to forward to the New Plymouth Public Hospital over three sacks of vegetables, apples, and a small box of eggs.

As we enter upon the new year of our work, we do so with confidence in our Heavenly Father that His word shall go into the homes of the children, and bring forth fruit in the Great Harvest Home.

L.V.B.

**FAREWELL SOCIAL, NORTH
INVERCARGILL.**

An afternoon social was held at North Invercargill for the purpose of farewelling Mrs and Miss Hopkirk who are leaving for Wanganui. Four years ago Mrs Hopkirk, at the urgent request of the Central Union, became President of the newly-formed North Union, over which she has presided ever since.

The large number of ladies who attended the social gave some proof of the esteem in which these ladies have been held during their sojourn in the South. Apologies were also received, expressing regret for unavoidable absence. Mesdames Pryde, Burch, Hopkirk, Holmes, and Miss Langskail contributed a very pleasant musical programme.

When afternoon tea had been dispensed, Mrs Laytham presented Mrs Hopkirk with a beautifully fitted attache case, and Miss Hopkirk with an under-arm bag. Mrs Hopkirk, in re-

sponding, said the work had been a great pleasure to her. It was a great satisfaction to look back on four years' work with co-workers with whom there had not been a single hitch.

Mrs Fairbairn, President of the District Union, spoke with regret at losing Mrs Hopkirk's services. She particularly admired Mrs and Miss Hopkirk's willingness to help forward any cause for the public good.

Mrs Garrett (South Union) congratulated Mrs Hopkirk on the success of the North Union, especially on the number of members she had gained.

Mesdames Lillycrap, Walker and Pasley spoke in the same vein.

Mrs Wilcox briefly expressed the regret of the North Union at losing Mrs Hopkirk's services.

The singing of "God Be With You" and prayer by Mrs McKinnon closed a pleasant function.

MOSGIEL.

March 18. "Garden Party" held in the Public Park, when the members of the W.C.T.U. entertained the children on the Cradle Roll and their mothers. The weather was on its best behaviour, and so it brought the mothers and babies out in large numbers. Afternoon tea was provided for all. The children ran races, played skipping rope, played ball, and the greatest amusement of all was the lollie and nut scatter, when children of all ages, from 16 years down, engaged in the struggle to see who would get most. Every boy and girl present, from eight years and under, received a gift. Our President (Mrs Bedford) spoke a few words to the mothers, bringing to a close a most enjoyable afternoon, leaving many happy recollections.

VALEDICTORY.

A farewell tea was held in the Unity Hall, Queen Street, Auckland, on April 29th, to bid farewell to Mrs Lee-Cowie and her party, who are leaving for a six months' well-earned holiday in Honolulu; also to Mrs Kasper (District Recording Secretary), who with her husband, left by the Maunganui for eight months' tour of England. During the evening, solos and recitations were rendered by various friends.

On her arrival at the hall, Mrs Lee-Cowie was met by the District President (Mrs Benfell), and presented with a glorious bouquet of golden dahlias, zinnias and asparagus fern, all of which

were grown in the garden of Mrs Bendely, our beloved Dominion Treasurer.

The following toasts were received with musical honours:—"The King," "Our Guests," "New Zealand Alliance," "The Y Branches," and "The Band of Hope Union."

Mrs Lee-Cowie, the Misses Pyle, and Mrs Kasper were presented with boxes of chocolates covered with violets and tied with white ribbon. Mrs Lee-Cowie and the Misses Pyle, who have been such ardent workers for the Alliance, were presented with handsome travelling rugs.

The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You," and Mrs Cowie pronounced the Benediction.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

April 12th. Besides the President and Secretary, six Adult Unions and two Y Unions were represented. Five visitors were also present.

Arrangements were made for the President to visit Fairlie, Pleasant Point, Totara Valley and Temuka.

In reply to a letter from N.Z. Alliance re delegate to Alliance Convention, it was decided to ask Miss Kirk to act as proxy, or to arrange for one.

Decided that a request be made for one of the Organisers to work among the Y Branches.

Mrs Roy, the Waimate delegate, promised to arrange for a paper on work among young people.

Afternoon tea dispensed by Timaru ladies.

**TARANAKI AND WANGANUI
DISTRICTS.**

The Annual Convention of the Taranaki and Wanganui Districts will be held in Inglewood next month. Public reception to delegates at 8 p.m., Tuesday, 8th June. Business sessions morning and afternoon of Wednesday, 9th June, to be followed by a public meeting in the evening, with musical items. Will delegates requiring hospitality kindly write to Mrs Burgess, Te Tawa, Inglewood, or telephone 66D., before June 2nd?

Do you know: That the world's annual expenditure on armament would support the League of Nations for 630 years?

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

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

WANGANUI EAST.

April. Good attendance, Mrs Eccersall, Vice-President, in the chair. Vote of sympathy with our President in her double bereavement, was passed, the members standing. Regret was felt at Mrs Fretthey's continued ill-health, and earnest hopes for her speedy recovery. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet were read and adopted. Twenty-six new members had joined, bringing the total to 88. General satisfaction was expressed at the year's work. Mrs Bathgate, Superintendent of the L.T.L. Department, gave a fine account of her visit to the Convention, and of the wonderful reports from all quarters of different branches of the work, particularly the Maori work and the Young People's Department. A helpful and inspiring meeting.

GREYTOWN.

April 27th. President occupied the chair, fair attendance. Resolved to assist "Bible in State School League" by seven members obtaining signatures of seven adults who are in favour of Bible reading in State Schools. Two new members joined the Union, and one resignation received with regret. Mrs D. McKenzie and Miss Oates appointed visitors to sick for May and June. Mrs A. M. Haigh gave an entertaining report of all items of importance at Dominion Convention, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

CARTERTON.

May 5th. Mrs R. H. Every presided over the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs Tyler. Decided by members to keep in touch with the new country members who recently linked up with the Union, and letters to be sent concerning the monthly meetings, and also copies of the Convention number of the White Ribbon. Decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs Don, who was the Dominion President for so long. Mrs Wilton gave the remainder of the paper dealing with some interesting subjects, from her visit to Convention, at Christchurch, where she went as a Delegate from this branch. The speaker was thanked for the paper. Afternoon tea was served, the Hostesses being Mrs Jones and Miss Edwards.

MANAIA.

April 13th. Mrs Scott presiding. The main business was her report of the Convention and discussion on points raised. Cradle Roll work was reported well started for the year, and the Union's offer of an essay prize to the Public School has been gratefully received. A White Ribbon agent was appointed, and at once received several requests for the paper, the Union also deciding to send out six copies for the next quarter, to attract new subscribers. Afternoon tea was served by Miss Mary Hansen.

MASTERTON.

May 6th. Very good attendance, Mrs Cocker presiding. Decided to secure literature on Social and Moral Hygiene and give an afternoon to its study; to ask superintendents of depts. to give short reports quarterly; to send copy of Sec'y's Annual Report to Ministers with the request that they refer to it and the work of the W.C.T.U. on Temperance Sunday; that at all future meetings the pledge be repeated after the devotional exercises; that May

17th be kept as W.C.T.U. Peace Day with special meeting and address; suggested that At Homes might be given by members each month in order to get into touch with women likely to link up with Scattered Members Dept. Loyal Temperance Legion formed under leadership of Miss Jackson. Opening meeting May 21st, two children from each Sunday School to contribute items.

TEMUKA.

9th April. The President presided. Good attendance. Final arrangements for L.T.L. Mrs Hewson, delegate to N.Z. convention gave a most interesting report which was very attentively listened to and enjoyed by all present. Mrs Hewson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Our President stressed upon all present to pray for and to help our young people to resist the temptations of strong drink.

STRATFORD.

April 23rd. The President took the chair. Mrs Phillips gave a very interesting report of Convention. Mr Dixon, of the N.Z. Alliance was also present and who was previously welcomed gave an interesting and educational account of the work of the Prohibition Movement. Votes of thanks were given to the speakers, after which the meeting closed with prayer. There was a fair attendance.

SEFTON.

April 28th. Fair attendance of members, President in chair. Delegate gave interesting report of work of Convention. Decided, after discussion, to form an L.T.L. branch. Collection taken for Willard Home. Arranged to have special Peace address for May meeting. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

OPOTIKI.

April 15th. Special meeting; Hall prettily decorated to receive President's Convention address. Good number present. Mrs Letts and Miss Elliott sang; Mrs Hambly accompanied. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs Hughes and the Officers. Interesting and profitable meeting terminated with doxology.

OTAHUHU.

May 6th. Good attendance, Mrs Greenwood, our President took the chair; also Mrs Finch, President of Devonport, kindly came to our meeting and gave us a most interesting talk on Peace, which we all appreciated. Our President had the pleasure of initiating two new members. Afternoon tea was then handed round.

MOSGIEL.

April 20th. Mrs Hiett presided and gave a report of part of the Conference, as time wouldn't permit the hearing of it all, so what she did tell us was most interesting and very helpful, and we are looking forward to Mrs Hiett's return, when she will give us the remainder. A vote of thanks carried by acclamation was accorded Mrs Hiett for her most educative address.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

May 6th. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Emmett and family on the death of Mr Emmett. Special prayer was offered for her and for members who were sick. Arrangements were made for Peace meetings on May the 17th. Two visitors were welcomed, Miss Wellwood from Dargaville, and Mrs Poie from Otaki. The President read the report of the Seamen's Department, and spoke of the effort New Plymouth was making to start a Seamen's Hostel there. A circular was read re Bible in Schools Organisation.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

April 6th. Meeting very small, probably because of Easter holidays and Exhibition visitors. Reply from Minister of Internal Affairs re protest at continued permit for Art Union was received and deemed satisfactory.

May 4th. Meeting fairly attended, Mrs Didham conducted devotions, and urged the need of continued and earnest prayer. The Pledge was recited by all members standing. The main business was the report of the Delegates to Convention, that by Miss Webb being read by Miss Powell, Mrs Duff spoke

on the social aspect of the Convention. Mrs Hiett's report was held over till the June meeting, at which it is hoped that the complete report and balance sheet of the Creche Committee will also be given.

OXFORD.

April 21st. President in the chair. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mrs J. Wetherspoon and Miss N. Waterman in their illness and Mrs D. Clark in the illness of her little boy. Miss Caverhill, Delegate, read a very instructive and inspiring report of Convention, for which she was most heartily thanked. A resolution was passed thanking all those who had assisted by goods, money, or personal help towards the success of the refreshment booth at the Show. A letter was received from the Secretary of the County Council regarding Anzac Day. Decided to provide a wreath, and that as many members as possible attend the service. After the meeting adjourned, members heard with deep sorrow of the death of their first, and beloved President, Mrs R. H. Gainsford, to whose enthusiasm and able leadership the Oxford Union owed so much. She hath done what she could while she could.

PONSONBY.

April 15th. Present, 28 members. Business. Final arrangements for the Knife and Fork tea, to be given in the Unity Hall, to farewell Mrs Lee-Cowie and party and Mrs Kasper. Mrs Lee-Cowie strongly protested against the advt. for spirits on the stamp booklets purchased at the Govt. P.O., a matter which, since then, the New Zealand Alliance is taking up; also Mrs Cowie spoke about the small boys selling papers on the streets till 10 o'clock. Mrs Olliver, Convention Delegate, then gave a short resume of the doings at Convention. There were a good many things arising out of the report that will be brought up again.

May 6th. Mrs Cowie presided over a good gathering of members. Prayers of sympathy were offered for Mrs Jackson, one of our members in the serious illness of her husband. Mrs Hayr was appointed Acting President during the absence of Mrs Cowie, who is leaving for six months holiday in Honolulu. Decided to do all in our power to assist the Bible-in-Schools League, and eight members volunteered to take slips and membership cards. Afternoon tea was served.

TAKAPUNA.

April 1st. Vote of sympathy passed with the Rev. and Mrs Nichols, on the death of their dear little son. Mrs Dowling gave us a very interesting report of the Convention, she was very heartily thanked. Miss Piper, who has just returned from a trip to England and who was much impressed by the penny tea's and morning coffee stalls, was welcomed back by Mrs Penning.

May 6th. Mrs Penning in the chair. A letter from the B.I.S.O.C. re Bible-in-Schools was read, and all in the room promised to help. Mr Hinton gave a talk on Temperance work in England. He spoke of the Pioneer, Clifford Roundtree, and the great work he had done at West Ham and when one can see 2,000 faces eagerly looking up, men and women, young and old, life is worth while. Miss Piper also read a paper on Temperance in England.

HAWERA.

April 30th. Eighteen members present. Mrs Oxley presided. Miss Kelly, Secretary, read pamphlet re Bible-in-Schools; a discussion followed, all members being strongly in favour of Mr Isitt's bill being passed, and pledging themselves to support it. Mrs Curtis, Delegate to Convention, gave a very inspiring and interesting report, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Bischoff and Mrs Squire were appointed Parliamentary Superintendent and Vice President respectively.

SPREYDON.

April 13th. Opening meeting of the year held at the residence of President, Mrs Nairn; record attendance. Afternoon mostly social. Mrs Nairn gave a splendid report of Convention. Solos were sung by Mrs Ell and Miss Pudney. A trio was also sung by Miss Pudney and Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Ancell. Mrs Raverstron and Mrs Broughton consented to act as Superintendents of the Cradle Roll. Mrs Taylor, Dominion Presi-

dent spoke briefly on the need of knowledge regarding Alcohol and its effects in the human body. Five new members were initiated.

ASHBURTON.

April 13th. Small attendance, Mrs W. H. Robinson, Presiding. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to the following in their recent bereavement:—Mr and Mrs D. Swanson, Riccarton; Mr and Mrs J. Moore, Mr G. W. Andrews and family, and Mr J. Gamble and family, New Brighton. The President very feelingly referred to the passing away of Mrs Andrews and Mrs Gamble, who did valiant work for the Master in every good cause, while health permitted. Sympathy was also expressed with Mesdames Norrie, Lill, and Watson. A communication was received from the "Bible in State Schools" League. Decided to assist as requested. Owing to the absence of both Delegates from Ashburton, a splendid report of Convention was submitted by the President, who was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Letters of appreciation to be sent to the Station-Master at Rakaiia, and to the Chairman of the Laghmor School Committee, for good work done in beautifying their surroundings.

May 4th. Mrs W. H. Robinson presided over a fair attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs D. Jones in the loss of her father, also with several members in sickness. A warm welcome was extended to Mrs J. Murdoch, Secretary Mayfield Union, also to Mrs Bennett, Winchmore. Miss Wilkie wrote giving personal impressions of her first Convention, which was much enjoyed. President reported on a meeting of S.C. District Executive, held in Timaru, on April 12th. A brief and encouraging report on Annual Meeting of Ashburton branch of New Zealand Alliance was also submitted. Mrs F. Hocking and Mrs Corbett appointed to represent Union on No-license Council. Decided to hold a Drawing-room gathering on May 18th, to be addressed by Mrs Boag, Rakaiia, and social afternoon on White Ribbon Day, inviting Miss Cook, Missionary, from China as speaker. Vote of thanks passed to the three ladies who made wreaths for the Union on Anzac Day. An extract on "Ideas and Ideals" inculcating world peace and happier relations between nations, in the training of boys was read, and heartily approved of.

RAWENE.

April 29th. A very enjoyable gathering held at Mrs Johnson's house. We were pleased to welcome a visitor in the person of Mrs Goodall who brought to us greetings from the Whangarei Union, which we most heartily reciprocate. Mrs Goodall gave us an interesting report of the Convention. Another visitor, Mrs Bailey, who has since promised to join us in membership, gave us a very good solo.

HENDERSON.

April 21st. Presided over by Mrs Platt, Mrs McLeod, of Epsom, gave an interesting report of the Convention and the time spent there. Decided to attend the tea given to farewell Mrs Lee-Cowie and friends. Our meeting in May is to be held in Forester's Hall, when we hope to have Mrs Peryman with us. Every member urged to attend and make the meeting as widely known as possible. Afternoon tea was served.

DEVONPORT.

April 14th was our Annual meeting. Twenty members present. The various reports were read showing an improvement on the last year's figures and work. The following Officers were elected:—Mrs Florrie Finch, President; Mrs Burnett, Mrs Lamont, Vice-President; Mrs Trevurza, Rec. Sec; Mrs Fraser, Treasurer; Mrs Watson, White Ribbon Agent; Miss Bishop, Cradle Roll Superintendent. Arrangements were made for our share in the District Tea to be held at the end of the month. A social was arranged for May. Various ladies arranged to provide items and afternoon tea each month for the year. One new member initiated.

LEIGH.

March. Small attendance, President in the chair. Mrs Hamilton of Warkworth, wrote asking the Leigh Union to join in an attempt to get a Plunket Nurse to visit the district at regular intervals; interesting

discussion followed. Mrs Gozar read a paper entitled "A husband and happiness," which was fully enjoyed.

April 29th. Mrs Grigg presided over a fair attendance, one visitor present. Mrs Hamilton's letters re Plunket Nurse work were again read and further discussed. Proposed that Mrs Matheson call a public meeting to ascertain the opinions of the residents on the subject. Resolved to send a parcel of clothing to Major Annie Gordon for her poor families. Mrs Grigg read a paper entitled, "A pair of old shoes," which was much appreciated.

NORTH EAST VALLEY.

April 29th. A good attendance of members. The President, Mrs Peart, referred to Anzac Day, speaking sympathetically of those who had lost relatives in the war. Several ladies agreed to obtain signatures and distribute cards in connection with the Bible-in-Schools Movement. Mrs Biamires gave a very interesting address entitled, "The Wings of Life," and showed how people could be helped and uplifted by using the wings of "Faith, Hope, Love, and Imagination," and gave some very interesting experiences from her own life. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Lecturer.

RAI VALLEY.

April 7th. Meeting held in Cariuke Church, 9 members present. Mrs Woodward, Convention Delegate, gave an interesting account of her visit to the Convention. Miss F. Woodward, who has been Secretary of the branch since its inception tendered her resignation as she is leaving the district. Mrs Leov, President, spoke in appreciation of Miss Woodward's services as Secretary. Decided that all members who were able should journey to Canvastown during the month, and assist in forming a branch there.

NEW BRIGHTON.

April 29th. Meeting at Mrs C. Dixon's residence with the object in view of forming a branch of the W.C.T.U. in North Brighton. Mrs H. Hall outlined the work of the Union, and Miss B. Harband also spoke and moved that: The time had arrived when a branch of the W.C.T.U. should be formed in North Brighton. Decided to hold meetings on the 2nd Thursday in the month, and the following are the Officers elected:—President, Miss B. M. Harband; Secretary, Mrs R. Parker; Treasurer, Mrs J. F. Eames.

April 15th. The President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair, and the attendance poor. Miss Harband's talk on Scientific Temperance Instruction again proving interesting and helpful. Members repeated the Temperance Pledge. Motions of sympathy were passed to Mr J. Gamble and Mrs Patchett. Decided to assist the Bible-in-Schools Peoples' Organisation. Reports of the Annual Convention were very good, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Delegates. One new member was initiated.

GORE.

April. The President, Mrs E. C. Smith, presided over a good attendance. The evening was most interesting in consequence of Mrs Fairburn's comprehensive report of the late Dominion Conference. The particular interest to the Gore branch was the presentation of the banner for gaining the largest proportion of new members during the year. This is the second time the honour has been conferred upon us, and we trust it will act as a stimulus to greater effort. Several very acceptable vocal solos were rendered by Mrs Hazlett, the evening closing with supper.

WAIMATE.

April. Mrs Roy presiding over twenty-two members. The Union has lost three members since last meeting, two by death, viz., Mrs Hayes and Mrs Archer; the members showed their sympathy by standing in silence. Mrs Nind has left the district. Nine ladies responded to an appeal from the B.I.S.P.O. to each canvass for seven others. The same ladies are willing to carry on with Hospital visiting for another month. Mrs O'Brien, our Delegate to Convention, brought back a splendid report which was much appreciated by everyone present. Our President suggested that we might see our way to help with the Band of Hope which is really the starting point of the W.C.T.U. A few members who have been absent for some time through sickness were welcomed

back. Miss McCartney gave a solo, "My Task."

WARKWORTH.

April 29th. Correspondence was read from Mrs Taylor concerning girls' cigarette smoking. She said that although no legislation had so far been passed to prevent girls' smoking it could be done, quite consistently. A number of letters and telegrams were read concerning the Plunket Nurse work. Mrs Phillip gave some interesting information concerning Sir Henry Lunn.

HASTINGS.

March 24th. Mrs Banks in chair; Cadet Hoare, of the Salvation Army, conducted devotions. Mrs Wilson reported doings of Convention, and gave a brief summary of the resolutions passed. Mrs Paul reported Cradle Roll afternoon held, thirty mothers' present. Eight new members on the Cradle Roll. The Secretary reported that the Garden Party held at Mrs Nicol's had been very successful when £7 10s. had been raised by sale of sweets, cakes, afternoon tea, etc.

April 22nd. Good attendance, President, Mrs Banks, in the chair. Devotional address given by Mrs Sutherland, "In touch with Jesus." Every member brought a magazine for Backblock distribution, and an old pair of stockings to make singlets for Mrs Don's contribution for sick Indian children. Pledge was repeated. Paper read on "Alcohol in Patent Medicines."

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

April 13th. The President gave an interesting and comprehensive report of Convention, Re-Membership Campaign. Decided to give a trophy in form of a gold bow on the "Life of Frances Willard" to the member securing the most new members in the time specified. The branch also decided to take part in the Poppy Day Collections. The sum of one guinea was donated as an Easter Gift to the Women and children in the Southland Hospital. Arrangements were made for a Jumble Sale on 5th May. Letters of condolence were sent to three of our members on the death of their Mother.

MAUNGATUROTO.

April 22nd. Seven members present; decided to hold our meetings third Wednesday in month instead of fourth Thursday, as that day suits most members best. Our next meeting will be a "Pay Up" social afternoon on 19th May, as that is the month our branch was opened. All members asked to collect articles of clothing to be forwarded to Sister Eleanor at an early date.

TEMPLETON.

April 27th. President presided over a fair attendance. Decided to give help to those who are in trouble in the district. Afternoon tea was handed round by the ladies. A very pleasant afternoon was then brought to a close with the benediction. Members of the Templeton W.C.T.U. have arranged to provide afternoon tea for the Templeton football players. Have already provided for two matches. We received a letter from the Secretary of the Football Club, thanking us for our kind offer. We held our first Band of Hope on April 1st, it being a great success although it was a wet night.

RANGIORA.

March 30th. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. An address on "The effects of alcohol on the human body" given by Dr. O'Brien at the Convention was read. The President announced that the Southbrook branch of the Loyal Temperance Legion had held its first meeting for the year. Decided to hold Peace Day on the day of the usual monthly meeting in May. Mrs Thwaites read the report of the Annual Convention, closing with a brief extract from the presidential address.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

April 14th. Special meeting. Delegate's report from Convention. The President, Mrs X. Jones, occupied the chair. Mrs Chapman, after thanking the Union for electing her as Delegate, gave a most comprehensive and faithful account of the work carried on from day to day at Convention. At the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was

accorded Mrs Chapman, for her able and interesting report. A pleasing feature of the afternoon meeting was the initiation of a new member. A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Timaru Union, enclosing a donation of £2 towards our Sailor's Rest Fund. The meeting closed with the benediction.

April 17th. A very successful Cradle Roll Tea Party was held in Whiteley schoolroom. Mrs X. Jones, President, occupied the chair and gave a short, interesting address upon some points in the training of children expressed by Mrs Willard, Mother of Frances Willard. A few musical items were given by the children, after which they and their mothers assembled on the green in Whiteley grounds for afternoon tea. This was dispensed by the Superintendent, Mrs Oliver and her helpers. Each child also received a small bag of sweets. There was a large attendance, mothers and children appearing to enjoy the outing greatly.

April 28th. President, Mrs X. Jones in the chair, an excellent attendance. A Committee was formed to confer with the Secretary of the Charitable Aid Board re combining in relief work. Mrs Brash was appointed to represent the Union in connection with the appointment of a District Nurse. Decided to have a special collection once a year for the District Nurse's Fund. It was decided that a collection be taken up at the 'Peace Day' meeting for Cradle Roll work, and special mention was made by the President, of the excellent work being done in this department by the Superintendent, Mrs Oliver. Delegates to the forthcoming District Convention were chosen. A hearty welcome was extended by the President to Mrs Reed, a former President of the Hawera branch.

TAURANGA.

April 23rd. Average attendance well sustained. President in chair. One new member welcomed and two visitors present. Our President, although suffering from a very heavy cold, was able to give us a most interesting account of her experiences in many places since our last meeting, our only regret being that she did not tell us more. The Band of Hope which recommences next month called forth a good deal of discussion. Mrs Bonthron promised a paper for our next meeting. Mrs Horn an address for June, and Mr Sheffield will give a paper in July. Refreshments were handed round.

PLEASANT POINT.

April 21st. Motion of Sympathy with Secretary on loss of her husband. Mrs R. Felton appointed acting Secretary; Mrs Boag's itinerary proposed and discussed; L.T.L. is being carried on monthly; Mrs Felton reported on Executive Meeting in Timaru. Mrs Falconer's report of Annual Convention at Christchurch listened to with great interest and various points noted for own particular use.

DANNEVIRKE.

March 11th. Opening meeting; 8 members present. Miss Heaton presiding. Proposed to hold Garden Party to raise funds for the proposed new Frances Willard Home in Palmerston North.

April 7th. Meeting largely attended; we had the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by Mrs Wilson, our District President, who kindly came from Hastings to give us her impressions of the Convention held in Christchurch. We received splendid help and hope in the future to do more work for the Master, and make our meetings more helpful.

NELSON.

April 13th. Monthly meeting; Miss Athlison presiding; Picton President welcomed as a visitor. Very interesting reports of Christchurch Convention given by Mrs Watson and Miss Cooke. Miss D. Smith appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Arrangements made for holding Home meetings in various parts of the town. Decided to have Jumble Sale on May 6th.

KAIAPOI.

April 28th. Fair attendance; President in the chair. In accordance with the request of Mrs Taylor, the members all repeated the Pledge. Mrs White, the Delegate for Convention gave a very interesting report of the business during the days that she was there,

and Mrs Vicery read the reports from the daily papers for the meetings that Mrs White could not attend.

CANVASTOWN.

April 20th. A meeting convened by members of the Rai Valley branch of the W.C.T.U., was held in the Anglican Church, Canvastown. Object: to inaugurate a branch of the W.C.T.U. in this district. Mrs Leov, President Rai Valley branch, presided. Explained object of meeting and of the W.C.T.U. generally. Decided to form branch to be known as Canvastown. Eight members initiated. Mrs Wm. Murray, President; Mesdames Lawson and Dinanti, Joint Vice-Presidents, and Mrs F. Flower, Secretary. Mrs Murray thanked the visitors for help and presence.

AUCKLAND.

April 13th. Mrs Cook presiding. Letter received from the People's Organisation of the Bible-in-Schools, Wellington asking the help of the members in their Campaign; all present were willing to assist. The Union is to take charge of a station on Poppy Day. Arrangements were made to supply a table at the W.C.T.U. Tea, when a farewell is to be tendered to Mesdames Lee-Cowie and Kaspar. Miss McCaul, a visitor from South Australia and a White Ribboner, was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Fulljames reported that she had just received an order for 500 badges to be sent to Nule Island; this was received with applause. Mesdames Cook and Dowling gave very interesting reports of the Christchurch Convention, and were heartily thanked. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a pleasant social time spent.

TE KUITI.

April 13th. Good attendance; Mrs Edgar presided. Mr J. Donnelly, Area Organiser, addressed the meeting urging the need of helpers for the Band of Hope. The President offered to secure the assistance asked for. Decided to procure twelve copies of Handbook. Report on Rest Room was given, and several accounts passed for payment. Decided to interest ourselves in the School Committee Election.

HAMILTON.

April 15th. Good attendance; Mrs Jones presided. We had the pleasure of listening to the report of the recent Convention. Mrs Jones first introduced Mrs Whatu, Delegate of the Maori Union lately formed at Frankton. Mrs Whatu described, in a pleasing manner, the very happy experiences of her first Convention; she was greatly helped and inspired by the devotional part of Convention, and earnestly hopes with God's help to impress and enlighten her Maori sisters with W.C.T.U. work. Then Sister Nicholls, who represented the Hamilton Union, gave a full and detailed account of the work done at Convention. Miss Ambury (Cradle Roll Superintendent) announced having enrolled the 101st baby. Mesdames Baillie and Moore served afternoon tea. A very hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to the speakers.

RAKAIA.

April 9th. Mrs Boag presided over good attendance. A "Bring and Buy" afternoon in aid of the funds of the South Canterbury Executive. Arrangements were made for the openings of the Rakaia and Rokeby Bands of Hope. The Secretary was asked to forward letters of sympathy to Mrs A. Oliver, Mrs A. Lee, and Mr and Mrs Field. Decided to ask Mrs Richards, of Christchurch, to address our next meeting on "Peace and Arbitration." An invitation was received from the Mothers' Union to attend an address by Sister Clark, of the Red Cross, on April 16th. Mrs Petrie, a visitor from the Spreydon Union was present, and spoke a few words to the meeting. Mrs Hopwood read a very comprehensive report of the recent Convention held in Christchurch, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

NORMANBY.

April 14th. Mrs Scott, President, in the chair; 14 members present, one new member initiated. Correspondence from Secretary; Bible in School Organisation dealt with. Seven ladies promising to sign membership cards and each to obtain signatures for seven more. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Bevan for her splendid report of the

Dominion Convention. Mrs Pohipi appointed Maori Superintendent. Afternoon tea served by Mrs Meull.

TIMARU.

April 27th. Large attendance. Motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs McIntyre was passed. Correspondence read from Mrs Norrie, President, with the encouraging news that she is feeling much better though she still has to keep quiet; from Mrs Birdsall, thanking Union for donation; from Mrs T. E. Taylor, containing thanks for good wishes, etc., and from the Secretary, Bible-in-Schools, Peoples' Organisation. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported enjoyable social afternoon at Rest. Twenty-four children and their mothers and entertainers present—Games, Music, Competitions, Afternoon Tea, and a short talk by the Superintendent, filled the afternoon. Mrs Trott appealed to the meeting for a leader for the Y's, and Mrs Gordon kindly consented to take the position. Decided to have a rally on Monday, May 3rd, and get started again. Mrs Low, Peace and Arbitration Superintendent, gave an outline of the work of the League of Nations for the last half-year and explained the present unsatisfactory position. Hospital report given, and Sailors' Entertainment Committee formed. Two new members were initiated.

JOHNSONVILLE.

April 15th. An average attendance; report of Christchurch Convention was given by Mrs Halliday. An unexpected visit was paid by Mrs Peryman, who was in the district. She spoke on the White Ribbon; the need of more subscribers, also words of encouragement and hope for the future. Her remarks were greatly appreciated, and gave us renewed hope. Afternoon tea was served, and an enjoyable meeting brought to a close.

SEDDON.

March 31st. A branch of the W.C.T.U. was formed. Mesdames McCallum, Smith, and Grigg, of the Blenheim Union were present to initiate officers and members. The afternoon was very wet, so the attendance was not large. Mrs Grigg read the rules and duties of officers. She also gave a helpful talk on the work of the Union. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Kimberly, The Vicarage; Vice-President, Mrs Gainsford; Secretary, Mrs R. Cameron; Treasurer, Mrs F. C. Hammond; White Ribbon Agent, Miss F. Cameron.

CHEVIOT.

April 10th. Mrs Ferguson presided, and gave some interesting facts about the recent Convention. A full account will be given at the next meeting. Resolved to start a Cradle Roll, of which Mrs Williams agreed to be Superintendent. The syllabus for the year was discussed, and it was resolved to hold some home meetings during the winter months.

BELFAST.

April 14th. President, Mrs Roxburgh, presided, and gave a very helpful talk on "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets." Report of Convention was given by the Delegate, Mrs W. Rogers. Decided to keep all notable Days. Peace Day, to be observed, May 17th; attendance only fair.

INVERCARGILL, SOUTH.

April 13th. Despite a drizzly rain the attendance was good. Mrs Garrett, President, in the chair, and Mrs Fairbairn, District President, led devotions. A letter was received from Bible-in-Schools League, asking for help to expedite and propagate their Organisation. The Bluff Union's 25th Birthday was attended by some of our members, who told of the success and enjoyment of that function. Much time was taken up by the Delegate's report on Convention, for which Mrs Reidy received a hearty vote of thanks. One new member was enrolled. Mrs Fairbairn spoke on the registration of Unions.

PETONE.

April. Mrs Cole, President, in the chair. Mr Slyfield gave a report of the "British Sailors' Society," and requested the help of the ladies present, in the selling of flags on

30th of this month, to raise funds to go on this good work. The New Zealand branch of the "British Red Cross Society," had for help for their Flag Day. An appeal was made for the blind, and another the "All Nations Bazaar," Mrs Crowther presented Mrs Harding's thanks for the help given by our Union at a recent social, held at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs Murgatroyd brought a good report of the Convention, and was heartily thanked. Resolved that the "pledge" be repeated at all our meetings. Give and buy meeting is to be held next Wednesday, in aid of our Orphanage Palmerston North. The Pledge was read.

RICCARTON.

April 15th. Drawing-room meeting held at residence of Mrs C. Barrell. About 20 ladies present. Miss Baughan was invited to speak on "Prison Reform work" to let outsiders know of this department of our work. Musical items were played, and afternoon tea dispensed. Sum of 15s. collected towards Organising Fund.

April 28th. Special meeting. Temperance given on the "Misuse of Alcohol as a Delicacy." Report of Convention concluded, and plans of work discussed. Arrangements made for holding Jumble sale at end of month. Parcel of Literature brought for the camps.

MAORI UNION.

FRANKTON.

March 26th. Fair attendance, owing to weather, but all were enthusiastic. Very interesting reports were given by Secretary, Mrs Whatu, and Sister of Dominion Convention, held in church, which were very much enjoyed by all members. A vote of thanks was passed to the Auckland Union for parcel of clothing received. Regret was felt at the departure of one of our members, Mrs Oates, who has now taken up her residence in Napua, Auckland, and it was decided to write the Takapuna Union re transfer of Mrs Oates. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and the meeting was brought to a close with the benediction.

April 30th. Mrs Jones presided. Mrs Kihisang a Maori Hymn and she also led us in prayer. Mrs Jones gave a beautiful talk from John, 6th Chapter. Our Secretary, Mrs Whatu, and Sister Nicholls gave reports of Convention in Morrinsville and Hamilton branches. Visits to hospital. A letter of thanks was passed thanking Dominion Executive for making it possible for our Secretary to be present at Convention. The afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of a Maori Chorus.

GRAND LODGE PUNISHES LAW-BREAKER.

The Vattier Lodge of Masons, at Cincinnati, Ohio, a lodge 60 years old, and with 1050 members, had its charter suspended by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. A member had been sentenced to Atlanta Penitentiary for breaking the Prohibition law. His lodge suspended him for two months. The Grand Lodge did not consider that this was a sufficient penalty, and suspended the charter of the lodge.

Drill Sergeant (after worrying Brown for two hours): "Right about face."

Brown: "Thank goodness, I'm right something at last!"



MRS T. E. TAYLOR,
Dominion President.



MRS HIETT,
Dominion Vice-President.

In this issue we present our readers with a photo. of our Dominion President and Vice-President. Both are new officers elected at last Convention. Mrs T. E. Taylor has been Vice-President, acting-President, and now, on the retirement of Mrs Don, was elected President.

Mrs Hiett has served for many years as Dunedin President, and as Otago District President. Her long and faithful service has entitled her to the honour which Convention placed upon her.

We wish both officers a very happy and successful term of office.

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.

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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.

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

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

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Sample Packets, 1/- each. Anti-Narcotic Leaflets: Sample Packets, 8d each.

All Post Free.

Y. P. PAGE

*"Standing with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet,
Womanhood and childhood sweet."*



*"The Flower of Youth never looks
so lovely as when it bends before
the Sun of Righteousness."*

My Dear Y.P's.—

You will note that we have made a new departure by giving you two pages to yourselves. This will be increased when the need arises.

Our Editor appeals to our Young People's Unions everywhere, for assistance in making these pages a real help to them. Please send along any suggestions that will improve it, they will be very welcome. Do you meet with questions in regard to our Temperance and social work that you cannot answer, send them along to be dealt with in this column. Write and tell us what you would like to read in this column, send along your favourite quotations for a place in it. We want you to feel that this is your special page, you are responsible for it, send along your reports, your questions, your suggestions, your criticisms, all will be welcome, **but do send something, don't neglect it.**

So, dear young people, having introduced our infant to you, we leave you to feed, clothe, and spank it, and otherwise, help it to grow a fine healthy young giant, able to do its part in our fight for God and Home and every land. Having introduced our infant to his big brothers and sisters, he now makes his bow and retires to meet you again next month.

ANZAC DAY.

What memories rush o'er us on this day. What a thrill of pride runs through us! What a glow of delight warms our veins! The very name of Anzac stirs feelings that lie too deep for words. For it was there "our boys" were tried, and tested, and proved. There that their courage, their self-forgetfulness, their devotion to duty shone out so brightly.

Well, may we keep that day in memory of the brave who shall return to us no more. How fitting that we should lay our floral tributes

upon the monuments erected to the memory of those who sleep upon Gallipoli's heights. For the qualities that nerved them for the sacrifice are deathless as the stars. These boys from our lonely islands proved worthy of their pioneer parents, and counted not their lives dear when duty called and dangers threatened.

And this spirit still lives in our youth to-day. Hidden perhaps beneath a pleasure loving exterior, still it is there. It only needs to hear the tap of the enemy's drum to spring once more into action.

And that enemy is here in our midst. Not a foreign foe without, but a traitor within. Once more our empire is in danger, not from German bullets, but from alcohol's deadly poison gas.

Sound out the S.O.S. so loudly that the youth may be roused from dreams of ease, to a realisation of danger. Show them an empire in peril, and subtle deadly peril, sapping at the very foundations of national life. They are listening; when they are fully awake to the need of the hour, then King Alcohol will tremble, for the dauntless spirit which won through at Anzac Cove will win in this greater fight for a clean and wholesome homeland.

'Tis the responsibility of those who do realise the peril to be up and doing, to cry aloud and spare not, to awaken all that sleep. 'Tis always harder to rouse against the secret foe who comes in the guise of a friend.

A slogan for our Y's.

"Dominion in Danger,
Alcohol our Antagonist,
Prohibition our Panacea."

"Ye that have faith to look with
fearless eyes



Beyond the tragedy of a world at
strife,
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your
heart,
That God has given to you the price-
less dower,
To live in these great times and bear
your part—
That ye may tell your sons who see
the light,
I saw the powers of darkness put to
flight
I saw the morning break."

REASONS FOR ABSTAINING.

Head clearer.
Heart brighter.
Health better.
Purse heavier.
Eyes are keener.
Limbs are stronger.
Life probably longer.

Irate Customer: "I bought a car
of you several weeks ago, and you
said that if anything went wrong
you'd supply the broken parts."

Automobile dealer: "Yes?"

Irate Customer: "Well, then, I'd
like to get a nose, a shoulder blade,
and a big toe."

BEING INTERVIEWED BY AN ANGEL.

A PARABLE.

(Rev. Charles M. Sheldon in "The Advance.")

Once on a time there was a business man in a certain town, who believed that the only way to handle the liquor traffic was to license it. He said it was too great and powerful to kill entirely, and the city ought to get some revenue from a necessary evil.

One evening, just as he was getting ready to leave his office, he had an unexpected visitor.

"You will excuse me for coming at this time," said the visitor, "but I will not trouble you long and I may not come again."

"Who are you?" asked the business man, in astonishment, for he had never seen in all his life, a person so beautiful and at the same time so sad.

"I am an angel from heaven," said the visitor. "I have been sent down here to see how the sons of men live in their cities, and to ask a few questions. Will you answer some of them?"

"If I am able," faltered the business man, as he gazed in awe at his heavenly visitor.

"Tell me, then, the exact truth. I do not want you to tell me what you have been brought up to believe, but the real facts. You have a thing in this city called the saloon. What is a saloon?"

"A place where intoxicating liquor is sold."

"What is that?"

"A drink from alcohol."

"What is alcohol?"

"A chemical made from various grains and plants."

"Is it good for the body?"

"No, it is a poisonous drug."

"What effect does it have on a human being?"

"It makes him drunk."

"What is that?"

"When a man is drunk he loses his reason."

"What does he do in that condition?"

"Sometimes he commits murder. He has even been known to kill his own wife and babies while drunk."

"What other things does alcohol do?"

"It makes thousands of people insane, and causes thousands more to

be born defective. It creates pauperism, crime and lust. It beggars families, destroys health, robs men and women of natural affections, fills the ranks of those who have to be cared for at public expense, and breaks the hearts of fathers and mothers. It is mankind's most terrible enemy, destroying his mind, body and soul."

"Why then is such a thing as a saloon allowed to exist in this city?"

"Because it is licensed."

"Who does that?"

"The people."

"What people?"

"The citizens."

"Do business men license a saloon?"

"Yes."

"Do they license any other institutions to commit crimes against humanity?"

"No."

"Is it called a crime by law?"

"Yes, the highest court we have has repeatedly so declared."

"Why do you license a saloon to commit the crimes?"

"To get the revenue."

"What is that?"

"The license."

"How much is it?"

"One thousand dollars a year."

"How many saloons have you in this town?"

"One hundred."

"How much money is spent in them for alcohol?"

"Two million dollars a year."

"Does your license fee come out of that?"

"Yes."

"Does the saloon pay for the expense of taking care of the public charges caused by drink?"

"Oh, no."

"Who does?"

"We do."

"What does it cost to take care of the wrecks in this town caused by alcohol?"

"Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year."

"Do business men call that good business?"

"Many of them do."

"Do you?"

"Yes."

"Would you license a gang of burglars to break into so many banks in this town every year for a license, in order to get a revenue from their business?"

"Of course not."

"Does professional burglary do as much harm to society as a saloon?"

"Not a hundredth part as much."

"Why, then, do you license, one and not the other?"

"I don't know."

"Can you name any good thing about a saloon?"

"No, only the revenue we get out of it."

"What revenue do you get?"

"One hundred thousand a year."

"But you said you pay two million a year into the saloon?"

"Yes."

"And you said it cost you 250,000 dollars a year to take care of the defectives caused by the alcohol sold by the saloons?"

"Yes."

"Where, then, do you get any revenue?"

Then the business man was silent, and the angel's face grew as sad as the face of God when a father walks into the door of a saloon, takes a drink and then goes out and stumbles into the door of his own home to beat into pulp the most beautiful thing on earth. And the business man is still silent. He has not been able to answer the angel's question.

ALCOHOL AND ATHLETICS.

Harold "Red" Grange, the football idol, speaking over the radio, on Golden Rule Sunday, emphasized the fact that fair play and clean living are essential to success in all lines of endeavor.

"Football is like life," said he. "One fellow carries the ball and gets most of the credit. Yet ten men have helped him to push through, and without them he would not have gained an inch."

"There is only one way I know of to become an athlete: Get lots of sleep and live a normal, regular, healthy life. Don't smoke. Don't drink liquor. Don't be a loafer on the street. Think, dream, and believe that you will come to the top and you'll get there."

"Several things have helped me in football. I have never smoked in my life. My father saw to it that I kept good until I got my growth."

Football is one of the best games ever played. It demands more from

the player than any other game. Its rewards are spiritual rather than material, but they are certain. "Red" Grange said that the big thing which he had won from football was not the present monetary reward, but, rather, the more permanent matter of a training in courage, stamina, and ability to use mind and muscles more effectively.

"Red" Grange proved his belief in the Golden Rule when a cigarette firm offered him 10,000,000 dols. for the privilege of using his name with the insinuation that he smoked that brand. He said that the monetary reward of football was secondary. He proved it by the above incident. "The benefits are in character building."

FAMOUS FOOTBALL COACH GIVES OPINION.

"I have been a total abstainer all my life. During the past thirty years I have been connected, as player and coach, with college athletics. I know the evil effect of alcohol on the moral and physical life of anyone who uses it. I have never observed any good from the use of it. I would not waste time trying to train or develop one who uses alcohol. A boy or young man who drinks does not give himself a fair chance."—Fielding "Hurry-up" Yost, football coach.

COCKTAILS AND CIGARETTES. DAME NELLIE MELBA.

in her Book of Instructions, just issued says: "You must be well in order to sing well. Cocktails and Cigarettes must not even be in a singer's vocabulary."

Do you know: That out of every £1 of British expenditure, eleven shillings goes to pay for past wars, between three and four shillings to prepare for future wars, and only one-tenth of a farthing goes to support the League of Nations?

Why is a goat nearly?—because it is all butt.

When does a bright idea walk on four legs?—When it is a bright-eyed deer.

What do you have to keep when you have given it?—Your word.

What is the keynote to good manners?—B natural.

Y REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.

April 15th. A Farewell Banquet to Mrs Lee-Cowie, Mrs Kasper and the Misses Pyle, who are leaving shortly for an extended tour, was held. The President, Miss C. M. McLay presided over an attendance of about 150 members and friends. A set down tea was provided, and addresses of appreciation, etc., were given by the President, the Secretary, and many others. Appreciative replies were made by "Our Guests," and also by Mrs Benfell, President of the Auckland District W.C.T.U. The Loyal Temperance Legion provided the programme, which included a number of songs and recitations and seven little Legioners' took part in the dialogue "A New Alice in Wonderland." The Misses Logan sang a duet "Farewell," and a very delightful evening was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," and the Benediction.

May 6th. Miss C. M. McLay, President, presided. Attendance Fair. A letter was read from Mrs Kasper intimating her resignation as "Y" Superintendent. This was accepted with regret. It was agreed that Miss Read be appointed Superintendent subject to the approval of the District Union. Thereafter, the President gave her report on Convention, stressing particularly the resolutions passed, and appealed for a greater interest in the work by our own members. Mrs Lee-Cowie moved the adoption of the report, and complimented our President on the way in which she had brought before us the important features of the work of a strenuous eight days' Convention. An appeal for new members resulted in four joining our branch. Mr Mead sang a solo, and Misses Eileen Jeffers gave a recitation.

WAIMATE.

April 12th. Mrs Roy, President of Senior Union presided over good attendance. Election of officers as follows:—Superintendent, Miss Smart; President, Miss O. Beer; Vice-President, Miss O'Brien; Secretary, Miss G. Tooley; Treasurer, Miss I. Woods; White Ribbon Agent, Miss G. Tooley. Decided to hold meetings first Monday in each month. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Grace Tooley for her interesting and comprehensive report of Dominion Convention. One new member gained.

May 3rd. Fair attendance, Miss Beer presiding. Miss Smart gave a very interesting talk on plans of work for the year. Decided to form "Y" choir. We formed a 'Lookout' and a Decoration Committee.

NEW BRIGHTON.

April 3th. Presided over by Mrs F. Good, Superintendent; attendance good. Miss B. M. Harband gave a short talk. The report of the Annual Convention was given, and a vote of thanks accorded the delegates.

TOTARA VALLEY.

April 2nd. The first of a series of meetings to be held in private homes during the Winter months took place at the residence of Mr Seaton. A good attendance, with the President in the chair. Motions of sympathy were passed with Mrs White and Miss Cleland, Totara, also Mrs Smith and Mrs Miller, Pleasant Point. Our Delegate to Convention, Miss Cleland, gave a splendid report dealing with all the principal points stressed by the various speakers. We are indebted to her for most interesting and helpful address. Miss Beck contributed a solo. Later, games filled up a happy half-hour.

NOT A FAILURE.

A good law is not bad because it is violated. The obvious faults of pro. will be corrected as public demand for enforcement increases. The indication that the trend will be that way is found in the fact that pro. is strongest where it has been longest in effect.

SPORT NEEDS SOBRIETY.

Hugh S. Fullerton, the Chicago sports editor, kept tab of the records and batting averages of thirty-two moderate drinkers and twenty-four players who did not drink. After eleven years, only two of the original thirty-two drinking players are on the diamond, while eight of the twenty-four non-drinkers are still playing. Furthermore, only five of the drinkers are prosperous, as opposed to fourteen of the non-drinkers.

"Madam, can I sell you a vacuum cleaner?"

"No, sir; we haven't got any vacuums in this house that need cleaning."

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

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 Cumberland Place.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cook, 17 Planade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss 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 M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Miss Pudney, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss Barry, 1 Haydn Avenue, Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Miss A. M. Lay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt Eden; Treas., Mrs Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A. Auckland; Supt., Mrs Kasper, 2 Tenth Street, Auckland.

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

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton; Sec., Miss Trevarza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.

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

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

BLUFF, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Donaldson, Barrow Street; Sec., Miss 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 R. C. Stewart, Vogel Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Edwin James, Grosvenor Street.

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., Mrs Daniel; Sec., Mrs T. Nicholson; Treas., Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, 227 High Street.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliff's Rd., St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Plaister, 207 George St., Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Mrs Twose; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton; Press, Miss Alice Webb, 17 Elder Street.

SOUTH DUNEDIN, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs Williamson, 42 Beach St., St. Clair, Dunedin; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson St., South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine St., Caversham.

DEVONPORT, 2nd. Thursday, Congregation Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Finch, 14 Dominion Road, Devonport; Sec., Mrs Trevarza, 2 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Miss C. Davies, 55 Albert Road, Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs Morrison; 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., Mrs Fenton, 66 Grange Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton and Auld; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road; Treas., Mrs Merson, 552 Mt. Eden Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cartwright, 315 Dominion Road.

FAIRLIE, 2nd Wednesday, Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. Chisholm, School Road, Fairlie; Vice Pres., Mesdames Wilcox, Howden and Pickering, Fairlie; Treas., Mrs Hammond, Fairlie; Sec., Mrs C. H. Holland, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie; W.R. Agent, Miss Burt, Fairlie.

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

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

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

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

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 388 Gladstone Road.

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 pm., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Miss Kolly, Box 47; Asst. Sec., Mrs Hayward; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

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 Glass Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Johnson and Seacombe; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Alexander, River Road; Advisory Supt. of Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury.

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. B. Simpson, P.O., Pakau; Sec., Miss Johnston, Kingsdowns; 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 Walker, 91 Lewis St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Boyes and McKenzie; Sec., Miss E. M. Smith, 169 Yarrow St; Treas., Mrs Thomson, 39 Earnslaw St., W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnson, Don St.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Garrett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Pryde, Pasley, McGregor; Cor. Sec., Mrs McGregor, 266 Crinan Street, Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Callum; 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 Langskailh, Melbourne St; Treas., Miss Hopkirk, 165 MacMaster St; W.R., Mrs Brown, King St; Cradle Roll, Mrs Fraser, Ellis Rd.

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 W. Wallace; W.R. Agent, Miss Healey.

MASTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Mrs S. J. Smith, High St; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Rd; W.R. Agent, Mrs Weston, Mount Bruce Rd.

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. Sec., Mrs Cooper, Allen Street; Treas., Mrs Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Oates.

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

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

NAPIER, first Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Speight, Port Ahuriri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Leask, McAllister and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Bowman; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chancer Road, North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson, Onepote Valley; Evangelistic, Mrs Dobbs; 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.

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.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.30 p.m., Whitley Hall. Pres., Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin, Liardet Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Walter Hughes, 246 Courtenay Street; Treas., Mrs S. Whitham, 50 Gilbert Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Cobb, Leach Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Vogeltown; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Road.

NORMANBY, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Pres. Hall. Pres., Mrs P. E. Scott, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Menil, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs D. Free, Normanby; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o Miss Larcom, Turturu Road, Hawera). Meetings to be held in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Pearl, 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.

OAMARU, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, Tyne St.; Sec., Mrs Scott, 61 Eden St.; Treas., Mrs McKenzie, Clyde St., Newborough; 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, 63 Eden St.; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Asst. Reporter, Miss Hilliker.

ORMONDVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Sewling; 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.

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 Boi 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. Comyns; Flower Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and Robertson.

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Greenwood; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Rd.; Treas., Mrs McNarey, Nikau Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Pannau Road.

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

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 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 Cole, c/o Mrs Corner, Nelson Street, Petone; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Collins, Mrs Corner, Mrs Barrow, Mrs Murtatroyd; Rec. Sec., Mrs Jensen; Cor. Sec., Miss Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street, Petone; Treas., Mrs Doneghue,

31 Vivian Street, Wellington; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street, Petone.

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 Tobell; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wilkes; Treas., Mrs Wells; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; W.R., Mrs Fowler, Wellington South.

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. Nelson, Pleasant Point, and Miss Seaton, Totara Valley.

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.

PONSONBY, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a Hamilton Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Oliver, Homal, Manurewa; Treasurer, Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street; Evangelistic, Miss Braithwaite, 11 Picton Street; Anti-Gambling, Miss M. Pyle, 7a Hamilton Road; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyle, 7a Hamilton Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer Road.

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.

RAWENE, 3rd Wednesday, Pres., Mrs H. Ashworth; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bawden; Sec., Mrs P. Lane; Cradle Roll Sec., Mrs Herk; Librarian and W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnson; Press Reporter, Mrs H. Ashworth.

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

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, Havelock 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 Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Edgar, Waitete Road; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott; Treas., Mrs J. Nicholls, Matai Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

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

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning; Vice-Pres., Mrs Mills, Miss Rushbrook; Sec., Mrs Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd; Treas., Miss Mills, Earnock Av; 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, Artkur Street.

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters 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, Belt St., Waimate; "White Ribbon," Mrs G. Graham, Rhode St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

WAITARA, Knox Church, 3rd Friday, at 2.50 p.m. Pres., Mrs Andrews Brixton; Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

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

WAIKURAU, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Smiles; 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 Pariour. Pres., Mrs Goodey, 26 College St., Cor. Sec., Mrs L. Upton, 165 Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko 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, Okoia, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 91 Jellicoe Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. Fretney, Durie Hill; Treas., Miss Francis Brown, No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Miss Siddell; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

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

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

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 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, 60 Pirie Street.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Vyle, 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 Dredgen; Press Reporter, Mrs Hillis; 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; Evan. Supt., Mrs Anderson.

WOOLSTON-OPAWA UNION, meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs Morley Palmer, 8 Ensors Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, 26 Opawa Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

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

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