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WOMEN AT WORK.

Miss Willard once said: "Women will sweeten and clean every place they enter, and they will enter every place in the wide world." How truly prophetic were her words! Doors are opening everywhere, and it is for the women of to-day to obey the words of our distinguished leader and to "enter every open door."

Even in these lonely, lovely islands in the far-off Pacific, though we may not be leading the procession through those open doors, yet we are not by any means in the rear.

Women have been elected to School Committees, to Local Bodies, and in all positions they have so ably done their part, that they have been not only elected, but re-elected, and that more than once.

It is about 16 years since Legislation was passed allowing women to be elected upon our Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards. Nelson immediately took advantage of the new Legislation, and two White Ribboners were elected upon their H. and C.A. Board, viz., Mrs R. Watson and Mrs C. Y. Fell. Though this partnership has been dissolved by Mrs Fell's absence in the Old Country, Mrs Watson has been continuously a member of this Board for over 15 years. Lately, she has been joined by another White Ribboner, Mrs Moffatt, of Motueka. Mrs Moffatt was the first President of the Motueka Union, and some of our readers may remember her as representing that branch at the last Napier Convention.

During our recent visit to Nelson, we spent half a day with Mrs Watson,

and were much impressed with the opportunities for serving and helping our weaker, poorer sisters, such a position as this confers upon a worker. With Mrs Watson, we visited Nelson's new Hospital, one of the finest and most up-to-date South of the line. How beautiful were its sunny balconies with their rows of beds, every patient so cheery in spite of their suffering. The wards are

to harbour dust, let alone a lively microbe, all were rounded and easily accessible to the dust mop.

The operating theatre, the room with its special table for dealing with fractures, the St. Helen's Department, one and all, contained all the very latest that science had devised for the relief of suffering humanity. But, the pathos of the suffering was there, and we welcomed the thought of research for the prevention of disease, which, is, to our mind, even more important than to cure. We wonder if the almond-eyed Celestial is not a wiser man than his Western brother, when he pays his physician a regular salary so long as he is in health, but no salary while he is sick. While this might turn medical research more to preventing disease, it would be distinctly unfair to the doctor if the patient refused to obey his medical adviser's prohibitions. Every week a poultry farm sends a gift of eggs for returned soldiers in hospital. Mrs Watson takes these up and delivers them personally to the soldiers. We spoke to the patients as we passed along, and every now and then, when she was in doubt, we heard her cheery voice, "Are you a returned man?"



MRS WATSON.

(Member of Nelson H. & C. A. Board.)

large, light, sunny, well-aired, cheery rooms, but, of course, during the daytime, they are largely deserted in favour of the yet sunnier balconies. One thing which took our housewifely eye, as we trod the long corridors, was the narrow bevelled skirting board, not a corner anywhere

Mrs Watson gives practically all her time to this work. One room in her house is full of clothing, etc., given by friends. Here those in need of aid can apply and be comfortably fitted out. During lunch, the 'phone rang an urgent call, an elderly woman lay sick in a rented room, none of her own to attend upon her, would Mrs Watson go and see her.

We had planned an afternoon together at a Home meeting, but duty called, and while we went off to speak at the meeting, Mrs Watson jumped on her bike and went to see the invalid, who had changed her mind and thought she would be better in the hospital. So the ambulance was rung for, and was there almost before Mrs Watson had the patient ready. She saw her comfortably settled and contented before leaving her. Just one incident in her busy life.

Mrs Watson's five sons all went to the war, and two of them made the supreme sacrifice, while a third still suffers severely from war disabilities. The long strain of that period aged the mother, and has left its mark upon her, but it has not dimmed her cheery optimism.

Her own children have all left the old home, and the mother is giving to the suffering and needy, the time, the love, the skill that once were needed for her own family. And, in blessing those around, she has herself been blest.

The Public have shown their appreciation of her work by returning her at every election, the last time at the head of the Poll.

She is sane and level handed, runs no tilts against windmills, but is fearless in denouncing what ought not to be done.

When the new Hospital was opened, a fine afternoon tea was provided for visitors, and was enjoyed by hundreds of the citizens. In the accounts presented at the next Board meeting was an item of £17 for liquor. This she instantly challenged with the question: "Was that amount of our money spent on drink?" Her query was flashed around the Dominion by the Press Association, and lets us know that women on H. and C.A. Boards' will be as careful of the ratepayers' money as they were of their own house-keeping allowance.

The male members of the Board are ever helpful and courteous, and Mrs Watson speaks highly of the brotherliness shown to her in her work. When she was returned at the head of the Poll, her brother members showed their appreciation by waiting to greet her at the entrance to the Hospital, as she arrived for her first meeting.

She is now collecting for a cinema picture plant for the patients at the

Hospital. Already she has collected £110, and is on the war-path for the remaining £70 needed. The money was willingly given, and many said they gave it to her gladly in recognition of her fine service to the poor and the suffering.

Mrs Moffatt resides in Motueka. There is a Local Hospital there. It is a Maternity Hospital, with emergency beds for accidents and sudden illness. Mrs Moffatt keeps in touch with the work there, also arranges for admission to Nelson Hospital of needy cases, and places the circumstances before the Board. Then Mrs Moffatt, too, appeals to friends for clothes, and fits out those who need warm clothing. She remarks:



MRS P. H. MOFFATT,
(Member of Nelson H. & C. A.
Board.)

"It's wonderful what one can do in the way of children's clothes with a few old costumes."

There are some things that sadden these workers, and make them feel that a little alteration in the law would help them. When aid is given to a needy family, the husband being a heavy drinker, the Board cannot take out a prohibition order against him, so they support the family, while father's wages help to support the Publican's family. Sometimes it is bad management of the wife responsible for poverty. Then, too, they will be glad, for the W.C.T.U. resolution to be given effect to, compelling deserters, who won't maintain their family to be put to work, and the money used to keep the family. Mrs Moffatt speaks of the

tragedy of a home, where the mother goes off and deserts husband and children. There are many cases of this kind, and some means might be devised of helping. Mrs Moffatt speaks of the fascination of the work, how it is a real education, and she too, pays a tribute to her male colleagues, and says that they realise the value of the "woman's point of view."

CHANGE NOT FOR THE BETTER.

A visitor to Ohinemuri, reports that the women in the various districts bitterly regret the return of the Licensed Bars. In one town, women may be seen leading their husbands past the doors of the Hotels on their way to the mines, as no intoxicated man is allowed to go down a mine, and on pay-day, waiting to lead them home. It reminds one of a remark of Gipsy Smith's that "Some men are so strong that they cannot carry their wages past a public-house."

Women report that the streets are no longer safe for them to be abroad in the evenings, boisterous drunks being encountered, and undesirable characters coming into the town. Convictions for drunkenness and crimes arising therefrom, have increased to an alarming extent. There is a wail of sadness and regret echoing throughout the once comparatively clean and happy townships.

The wearing of the little White Bow is a silent but telling protest against the return of this iniquitous traffic.

Members in dry areas should take heed and watch and pray, and labour to keep that prohibition which loyal and faithful hearts gained for them.

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CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

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

Pleasant Point,

The Editor, September 20th.

White Ribbon,

Dear Madam,

Because there will be many occasions when delay would mean anxiety, expense, and disorganisation, I write to ask why there need be so long a lapse of time, before fulfilment of orders for W.C.T.U. requisites.

We were greatly inconvenienced here last month through the non-arrival of supplies for a new Union. I was ashamed to let the prospective members know how faulty our organisation was in this particular.

Timaru "Y's." came to our aid at the last moment with membership cards, and the Presbyterian Sunday School Superintendent kindly lent us a wall hymn-sheet.

This was after sending cash with order in good time, followed by a telegram urging haste.

After a few weeks, word came that cards would have to be printed. They came soon after, but the hymn books, which, we were told a month ago, awaited clearance, have not come yet.

Need these things be, in a work so important as ours? I am loth to make complaint, but feel it will be in the interests of all the Unions.

Yours sincerely,

LUCY BISHOP.

(We have submitted the above letter to our Literature Superintendent for an explanation. On August 13th, Miss Bishop wrote ordering 30 tie pins and 30 brooches and 5 dozen Hymnals, and some literature. The letter reached Wellington on the 17th. On the 20th, Mrs Mowlem posted brooches, tiepins, and literature, sent one songster, and explained that she was out of Hymnals.)

Y. Membership Cards were ordered through Mrs Macartney, and Mrs Mowlem informed them that she had no Y. Cards, and wrote to Miss Henderson to find out where Y. Pledge Cards could be obtained. After some delay, owing to absence, Miss Henderson replied that there were no cards in stock, and authorising some to be printed. This was done, and they were posted to Pleasant Point on September 10th.

The Hymnals were held up first by the strike, next, because no invoice or Bill of Lading had been received. Mrs Mowlem waited for two mails, but still no invoice, and only got the books when a large carrying firm went surety for her. They took her to the Customs Officials, and were allowed to hand over the case on condition it was opened by the company, and a sample of the contents sent to the Customs. The hymn books were posted to Miss Bishop on October 5th.

We deeply sympathise with Unions whose work is held up, but it simply emphasises the need for a Headquarters, where all literature can be kept, and where a responsible person shall give their whole time to the work. Our work has grown so much, and we want it to enlarge still more. Literature is a most important part of the work, the need for it to be kept in one place, and easily accessible is urgent. Therefore, Local Unions should help our Dominion W.C.T.U. to own their own Headquarters.

(The delay re Hymnals cost the Literature Superintendent much time and anxiety, and was owing to some failure in overseas delivery, as the missing invoice is not yet to hand.—Ed. "White Ribbon.")

To the Editor, White Ribbon,—

I have been much interested in the column in the September White Ribbon, dealing with the need for women doctors in remote country districts.

In the course of my work, I reach such homes as are described, and while I cannot give any suggestions with regard to a woman doctor who might take the district mentioned, it may be appropriate to refer to another problem of the Back-Blocks, closely allied to the doctor. It seems to be an utter impossibility, even with so loud a cry about unemployment, to get a capable woman to go into these homes and give a little help, or take charge when the mother is obliged to leave home, either at the time of child-birth, or in case of sickness. It is not for lack of pay or uncertainty about payment. Many of these families could and would pay well, but no one can be found who is willing to go "out-back."

I have appealed to organisations in Auckland, and women have apparently consented to come; they have written to say they are hard up and will welcome any employment, but when they hear that the place is five or more miles from a town, they say they would rather be buried than go there. Incidentally, it would not be a bad idea if some of them were buried, as they seem to be of little use, except to augment the cry of hard times and H.C.L.

Details of some of the cases I see would wring your hearts. Unless the husband is particularly kind and thoughtful, the life of some Back-Block women is little short of slavery, and their pathetic attempts to make the best of things and put on a brave face to the visitor, shows us that the pioneer spirit, however, for distinct from the brainless pleasure-chasers of the towns, still lives in the heart of many a little woman in the shabby bush home. It is safe to say that in my district I could keep a woman at remunerative employment the whole year through, if she had a little capability, adaptability, and common sense.

I saw in the press recently, that the Women's branch of the Farmer's Union in Hawke's Bay or Wairarapa, was moving in the direction of providing help for mothers in different places. All women must wish them every success, but could our Union not find a woman who, for the love of God, Home and Humanity would take up, even for a few years, such work as has been outlined? The right woman would have such a welcome and such an influence as any city worker might envy.

Yours, etc.,

NOMAD.

AND AT THE HEAD, THE CHRIST.

"In every land, throughout all the earth, I saw all women pledged to peace; pledged one and all, inflexibly to peace . . . every woman in every land, at any cost, at any risk, at every sacrifice, if needs be, of her life. How gladly would a thousand women die to save the world from war!

"A world-wide women's league of peace, and at its head the Christ—the Prince of Peace. It could be done!"—John Oxenham.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

NELSON.

The Nelson District Union held its Annual Convention this year on September 8th, at the Anglican Sunday School, Richmond. Great regret was expressed that Mrs T. E. Taylor, owing to illness, could not be present as expected. The Richmond Union who did all possible to make the Convention a success, gave the visitors a warm welcome. The Convention Officers and Delegates numbered 17. In the afternoon quite a number of visitors also were present. Five out of six branches were represented, Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield, Wakapuka, Motueka. The chair was occupied by the District President, Mrs Field, who led the opening devotions, and afterwards addressed the members. The pledge was repeated by all members, and a Temperance fact given by Mrs Telenius, of Wakefield. Reports were received from the Secretary, Treasurer, each of the five branch Unions and from the Library Superintendent. Six resolutions passed at Dominion Convention were confirmed. Several other matters were discussed and resolutions passed.

The Election of Officers resulted in the same officers being returned: President, Mrs Field; Vice-President, Miss Tarrant; Secretary, Miss Cresswell; Treasurer, Miss Cooke.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On Tuesday evening, September 15th, a civic reception was given the delegates in Knox Church. Welcome speeches were given by the Mayor of the town, the Alliance, Ministers' Association, and the Salvation Army. Mrs Evans and Miss Kirk thanked the speakers on behalf of the delegates for their warm welcome.

On Wednesday morning, Convention opened with devotions led by Mrs Evans, District President. The Crusade Psalm was repeated, after which Mrs Evans spoke on the power of right thinking. The roll was then called, when sixteen delegates representing twelve Societies answered. We were very pleased to have with us Mrs Peryman, representing the White Ribbon, also Miss Bradshaw, our Dominion Organiser. Mrs Evans then spoke on "The Family allowances Bill," that had just passed the

House, providing a small weekly amount to be paid direct to the mother, and used by her for the benefit of the children.

Reports were then read from the various Unions represented, and showed that good work had been going on in all departments during the year, that at most meetings the pledge had been repeated, and a fact given re the danger of alcohol. The noontide hour of prayer was then observed, after which a discussion on District work ensued.

The afternoon session opened by devotions led by Mrs Peryman, who read the 91st Psalm, and then spoke on, "Faith and Prayer." Dwell in the secret place of the Most High with God and let Him use you, it is where we get our power, let us resolve this year that we will do this.

Miss Kirk then spoke on the benefits that would arise from a domestic court; as things are now, they are not at all satisfactory; she cited cases coming under her own personal knowledge. Some of the cases were very sad and pathetic, and made us realize that there was still need of us as Unions, rousing ourselves on behalf of our unfortunate sisters, and helping our country to give them better facilities when they are brought before the court, and their cases are being tried.

Resolutions were then passed:—First, re Total Disarmament as the only sure road to Peace.

(2) That as the Navy League has access to the School, counteracting influence should also be allowed, that the children should be taught the horrors of war and the principles of Peace.

(3) That history books in the Schools be subject to periodical revision.

(4) That standard works be included on Peace movements, etc., in Libraries for Teachers.

(5) That Lectures on Peace be given at intervals.

(6) That closer co-operation be ensured between Teachers and Members of League of Nations.

Greetings were then read from Carterton and from Canterbury Conventions, who were also holding their Annual District Convention. Let us not be weary in well-doing, for we shall surely reap if we faint not.

Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mesdames Sutherland and Burton.

Decided to put on record an appreciation of the work done by the late Mrs Johnson Wright, of her untiring self-sacrifice for the good of others; we all realize the loss our Union has sustained, may her life be an incentive to us that are left to go forward and fill the gap she has left. Resolution of thanks passed to Miss Avison for her work as District Secretary, and our sorrow at losing her.

Thursday morning Devotions led by Mrs Keene, Nehemiah 1st Chapter. The power of prayer; it was through prayer Nehemiah had been able to build again the walls of Jerusalem. After a hymn and prayer, discussion ensued re holding periodically District Executive meetings in various districts, if possible, in those places that need stimulating. A resolution was passed affirming this. Carterton then invited for the first meeting, which will be held in November; they have a membership of over a hundred, but find it hard work getting leaders to keep the work going. We hope and pray that the Executive will stimulate and encourage them.

Resolution of thanks was passed to the Hon. Bollard for curtailing of Art Unions, Postages, etc.

A letter of thanks to the Hon. Rolleston, re the Guardianship of Children.

Resolved that we protest strongly against the extension of time in the Poll, also in favour of a Two-issue Paper.

We were pleased to note we have the driest Parliament also the power to appoint Justices of the Peace.

Mrs Peryman then spoke on the White Ribbon, urging us all to help circulate it more, and help her to keep it up to the high standard it holds; to send good reports of work done, etc. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Peryman for her self-sacrificing work in connection with the paper, and we assure her that we greatly appreciate it.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Miss Oates, of Greytown, President, Mrs Evans, M.A., Vice-President; Miss Kirk, Secretary, and Mrs Anderson, Treasurer.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Local Unions for the royal way they had entertained us, to Knox Church, and to our Hostesses.

Morning and afternoon tea was provided by the Local Union, and was much appreciated. The session closed by responsive reading of psalm and the Doxology.

In the afternoon, we were to have been taken to the Whatman Home and the Solway College, but a snow-storm coming on, it had to be abandoned. A party of us went to Mrs Smith's, the Local Secretary's house, and were entertained with songs, recitations, and afternoon tea; we that were privileged to be there had a right royal time, and we heartily thank Mrs Smith for her kindness. On account of the storm, our social at night had to be put off, and we were all glad to get back to our hostesses to a good fire, etc., as it was bitterly cold. We thank our hostesses, one and all, for their great kindness to us.

WAIKATO DISTRICT.

The South Auckland (Waikato) District Union Annual Convention, was held at Morrinsville, on Tuesday, October 5th. Mrs J. M. Jones, of Hamilton, the President in the chair, Mrs T. E. Taylor, of Christchurch, the Dominion President, was present.

The morning session, preceded by an Executive meeting, was held in the Methodist Church, the afternoon in the Parish Hall. Convention was called to order at 9.30, and after the opening exercises, Mrs Jones read from Luke 1, and then very lucidly stressed the fact that total Abstinence from strong drink was a condition on which John the Baptist was set apart for the special work of being a Herald of the Christ's Coming. Samson, too, raised up for the purpose of routing the Philistines was an abstainer, and Daniel, and his three compatriots refused the rich foods and wines of the King's table, and grew in both strength and wisdom.

The roll call was responded to by delegates from Morrinsville, Te Kuiti, Ngaruawahia, Fencourt, Frankton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, and Hamilton, the last three sending delegates from the Young People's Unions also. A party of Waihi members was also present, having motored through.

The Rev. Sage, of Morrinsville, gave a very cordial welcome to the delegates, and a letter of welcome from Rev. W. J. Elliot, of Cambridge,

on behalf of the Methodist Church of the South Auckland District, was received.

The President then gave a very fine address. She emphasised the fact that we must begin with the education of the young, working from the Cradle Roll upwards to the Young People's Unions. Scientific Temperance Instruction was provided for in the State Schools' curriculum, and in order to ensure that that teaching is actually given, women should be returned on School Committees. The speaker referred to the Licensing Bill recently before Parliament, and rejoiced that both it and the Gaming Bill had been dropped. New Zealand need have no fear of poverty if drinking and gambling were abolished.

A touching appeal to the Government from the Maori Chiefs of the King Country, imploring that the pact made regarding the introduction of licenses in the King Country be not broken, was quoted. The speaker concluded with an appeal for prayer, which would remove the mountains of sin and wrong. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Reports from the several Unions represented were then read. Mrs Baillie, Hamilton, moved their adoption. Mrs Beer, Cambridge, seconded. Carried.

A circular letter from the Editress of the Official Organ, the White Ribbon was read, urging the possibilities of the paper in counter-acting much of the evil influence surrounding the young women of the present generation, and telling them of what earnest-minded and thoughtful women are doing in the world today. Moreover, it is the only actual woman's paper published in New Zealand. Mrs Taylor was of opinion that no officer of any Union could do her work effectively, unless she subscribed to the White Ribbon, and made herself conversant with its information.

The morning session was brought to a close by devotions, led by Miss McLay, the Organiser.

The afternoon session was opened in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m., by the President of the Local Union, Mrs Starnes, who read a portion from the Sermon on the Mount, following with a short, but telling address. The speaker showed that Christ, in this

sermon, used two common articles—salt and light—to symbolise Christian workers. "Ye are the Light," "Ye are the Salt." These are Christ's own words, and Christian workers should see to it that they fulfil these words in their own lives, "lest the salt lose its savour and be cast out to be trodden under foot of men."

A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs Edgar, President of the Te Kuiti Union, was passed, all present standing in silence.

After the minutes of the morning session had been read, the Mayoress, Mrs Howie, in a happy little speech, welcomed Mrs Taylor and the delegates, and expressed the hope that the Conference would be productive of good. At this stage, the resolutions forwarded by Mrs Judson, of the Peace and Arbitration Department, were read and confirmed. Recommendations regarding the teaching of History, the triumphs of Peace over those of war, and securing co-operation with Teachers and sympathisers of the Peace Movement and League of Nations, were approved.

The Minister of Justice, Mr F. J. Rolleston, was thanked for certain amendments in the laws relating to Guardianship of Children, to the Justices of the Peace Act, and to the Destitute Persons' Act.

The outstanding feature of the afternoon session was the address by Mrs T. E. Taylor, of Christchurch, whose late husband was the well-known M.P. for Christchurch North. Mrs Taylor based her address on the Scripture account of the Raising of Lazarus, and the Two Commands—"Take ye away the stone," and—"Loose him and let him go." She proceeded to show that the work of the W.C.T.U. is educative. There was a mistaken idea abroad, that its work was the securing of votes at the Poll. This latter was a test of the work done, but the work itself was the education of women and young people in purity of living, in child-welfare, in the evil effect of alcohol on the human body, and on the moral and economic life of the people, and its menace to the sanctity of home. It might be argued that these matters were taught in the churches, but it was in the W.C.T.U. they were taught intensively. If

young people were effectively educated in the evil of the alcohol habit, and its danger to both the physical and spiritual life, we would be a very long way towards gaining our objective—their lapses were often due to ignorance. Therefore, it behoved women and mothers to work—not to sit still and wait—but to obey the commands,—“Take ye away the stone,”—“the stone of ignorance and selfishness,” and “Loose him and let him go,” free from the death-producing shackles of sin and intemperance, and rejoicing in the glorious freedom wherewith Christ has made us free.

Mrs Taylor closed her address by urging greater co-operation between Executive Officers of Unions in the district, so that helpful ideas and plans of work might be discussed and exchanged; to that end an Executive meeting was arranged to be held at Hamilton on November 12th.

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £3 17s. 3d.

An elocutionary item by Mrs Wills, and a song very sweetly sung were much enjoyed, and then the Initiatory Service was held, four ladies joining, the badge of membership—the White Bow—being fastened on by Mrs Taylor.

The election of Officers (by ballot) resulted in Mrs Jones, of Hamilton, being re-elected President; Mrs Starnes, of Morrinsville, Vice-President; Mrs Stephenson Craig, Secretary; and Mrs E. J. Davey, Treasurer.

The delegates and visitors, who numbered fifty, were the guests of the Morrinsville Union, and were entertained in right royal fashion. Morning and afternoon tea was provided, and a sumptuous luncheon, of the nature of a banquet, was laid in the Vestry of the Methodist Church. This Union was accorded a hearty and well-deserved vote of thanks for their hospitality, as was Mrs Taylor for her presence and her address.

An invitation from Hamilton for the 1927 Convention was accepted, and a memorable Convention concluded at 5.30 p.m., with the singing of “God be with you till we meet again,” and the Benediction pronounced by the President.

“Yesterday is dead—forget it. To-morrow does not exist—don’t worry. To-day is here—use it.”—Ex.

WITH OUR DOMINION PRESIDENT.

Our Dominion President has been busily engaged attending District Conventions. It is a great stimulus to the workers to have her with them.

During Auckland Convention, she gave the following address at the Public Evening Meeting:—

Mrs T. E. Taylor, who gave the address, said it was a joy to realise that such a large number of the young people of New Zealand were coming under the influence, not only of the Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, but of the Band of Hope, which was one of the most important sections of the Temperance movement. She said people were deploring the fact that young men and young women of the present day were drinking liquor, but why should we blame them. It is not their fault. For lack of knowledge the people perish, and our young women in particular, did not know. It was our fault that during the past twenty years we had not worked as we ought for a Cradle Roll, a Band of Hope, and Temperance Instruction in our Public Schools. We had not taken advantage of the opportunities we had of teaching our young people the terrible thing that alcohol is, and its effect upon the human body and the brain, and on the moral and spiritual life. She also spoke on the Report of the Commission which sat recently in New Zealand to enquire into the question of Mental Defectives and Sexual Offenders, pointing out that it was a shame and disgrace that in this small Dominion, possessing almost unrivalled climatic conditions, and one of the finest educational systems in the world, there should be between 4,000 and 5,000 mentally defective and epileptic children. Speaking of the burden of these upon the State, she cited only three cases, being the descendants of drunken and degenerate parents, who, in two cases, were costing the State £10,000, and in the other £13,500. A terrible indictment that such things should exist in New Zealand, and we were responsible. The Liquor Traffic, she said, was one of the most strongly entrenched of vested interests, and they would not give up their 12 per cent. and 15 per cent. dividends

without a bitter fight. And, we must fight, and we must teach the children and the young people, the future voters, to get rid of this terrible traffic. In conclusion, she quoted Frances Willard who said: “Ah! it is women who have given the costliest hostages to fortune. Out into the battle of life they have sent their best beloved, with fearful odds against them, with snares that men have legalised and set for them on every hand. Beyond the arms that held them long, their boys have gone for ever. O! by the danger they have dared; by the hours of patient watching over beds where helpless children lay; by the incense of ten thousand prayers wafted from their gentle lips to heaven, I charge you give them power to protect, along life’s treacherous highway, those whom they have so loved. Let it no longer be that they must sit back among the shadows, hopelessly mourning over their strong staff broken, and their beautiful rod; but when the sons they love shall go forth to life’s battle, still let their mothers walk beside them, sweet and serious and clad in the garments of power.”

The new country policeman was being initiated into his duties by the resident sergeant, who warned him to keep a particularly sharp lookout for intoxicated motorists.

“And how will I know they’re drunk, sir?”

“If you have any doubt ask the suspect to repeat after you, ‘Surely Susan should suit shy Sam?’”

“Very good, sir; I’ll write that down.”

Later in the day a motor-car pulled up outside the police station and unloaded the new constable with a handkerchief tied round his head. He had dislocated his jaw.

TRAVELLING WHITE RIBBONERS.

Our readers will be glad to know that when passing through Wellington they can secure a temporary home at Mrs Mowlem’s, 52 Russell Terrace. Just take a Newtown Car, and it will put you off almost at the door.

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WE HELP THEM.

Mrs A.: However do you manage to get such fine officers at your Union, we simply can't get a White Ribbon Agent.

Miss B.: I don't wonder at that. You appoint an agent, and leave her to do all the work. We elect an officer, and every member stands behind her and give their pull in our tug-of-war. Try it.

WHY?

I'm so sorry you were not at our last meeting, there were several members there who would have taken the White Ribbon, had you been there to take their address and their subs.

Couldn't some other member do that, and pass it on to me? You knew I was away because my girlie

was too ill to be left. Why didn't you get those subs?

WILL YOU.

Will you pledge yourself from now to Convention to ask one person every day, either to become a member of the Union, or a subscriber to our paper? If you don't, our President will be disappointed of her membership quota, and our Editor will carry a very sore heart for lack of your help and support.

MR CHARLES TODD, OF DUNEDIN, AT REST COTTAGE.

PAYS A TRIBUTE TO W.C.T.U.

A prominent visitor to Rest Cottage and National W.C.T.U. Headquarters in Evanston, recently, was Mr Charles Todd, of Dunedin, New Zealand. Mr Todd made a special trip to Evanston to meet Miss Anna A. Gordon, World's President of the W.C.T.U.

Mr Todd's visit to this country has taken him over a great portion of the United States, a fact that gives considerable weight to the statement he made while at Rest Cottage: "During my stay in this country, both from my own observation and from what I have been told by various leaders, I am convinced that the W.C.T.U. was a large factor in securing and maintaining prohibition."

The visitor is President of the New Zealand Alliance, an organisation of men working for the abolition of the liquor traffic in their land. He has for years been one of the leaders in the anti-alcohol fight there, and is now making a world-wide survey of the movement against intoxicants.—"Union Signal."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Franchise Day Collections; Māhara, 10s.; Johnsonville, 6s. 10d.; White Ribbon Day Collections; Feilding, 10s.; Rangiora, 8s.

ORGANIZING FUND.

Ashburton, 10s.; Miss Fleming per Takapuna Union, 2s. 6d.

E. L. R. BENDELY,
Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.
9th October, 1926.

WITH OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss Bradshaw is working in the Wellington District. She attended their District Convention, and is now visiting and helping the Wairarapa Unions, from which she is to come to the Manawatu to strengthen existing Unions, and we hope to form new ones.

Miss McLay is in the Waikato District, and attended their Convention in Morrinsville. She writes: On October 7th, I formed an Adult Union at Paeroa; Secretary, Mrs Harrington; President, Mrs Hubbard. I am now at Te Kuiti, trying to get a new President, then I go to Waihi for the Y. meeting, and then on to Taupo and Rotorua.

Miss Burls is in Marlborough and Nelson Districts. She has visited Havelock, Blenheim, Kaikoura, Cheviot and Nelson, and has formed Unions at Kaikoura; President, Mrs F. Fowler; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Patterson; and also at Havelock; President, Mrs A. J. Brown; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Mitchell; Cor. Sec. and Treasurer, Mrs Darcy.

Reader. Each of these Unions hold their next meeting on October 28th. Miss Burls is "on the wing," literally, having travelled 800 miles.

DO YOU EVER SAY "WELL DONE, GARGE?"

Here is a story from the Ashington Collieries District of Northumberland. A farm-labourer was observed leaving the village with his worldly belongings in a bundle over his shoulder. A friend accosted him:

"Where be goin', Garge?"

"Why, A'am leaving."

"Isn't wages at farm not good?"

"Aye, they pay good money."

"Is't food bad?"

"Noa, grub's alrut."

"Then why art leavin'?"

"Whoy," said Garge, "There's nobody up at bloomin' place to say, 'Well done, Garge,' at any time, an A'am fed up."—"Exchange."

"In many important localities of Germany resolutions were recently voted, addressed to the Reichstag, demanding local option, as the best method for fighting alcoholism."

News of the Unions.

CHEVIOT.

September 1. A small but enthusiastic meeting; Mrs Walmsley, the new President, in the chair. Arrangements made for President's visit to Convention at New Brighton. Some interesting discussions took place on matters of general welfare. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" afternoon towards the end of the year. The Benediction and afternoon tea brought a very helpful meeting to a close.

STRATFORD.

September 15. The President, Mrs Phillips, presided. After the opening devotions, the President gave a very helpful and interesting address on Consecration. Afternoon tea was handed round, after which the meeting closed with the Benediction. There was a fair attendance.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

October 1. Mrs Young presided over a good gathering of members; after the disposal of the usual business, Mrs Wakeham, our Superintendent for Social Work, gave a very comprehensive report of the District Convention held in Masterton. An interesting discussion followed, when the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting affirms the desirability of the establishment of a 'domestic court,' where cases concerning women and girls might be tried with less publicity than in the ordinary courts." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Wakeham for the very able manner in which she had carried out her duties as our delegate to Convention.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

September 29. There was a very good attendance. The business was chiefly to discuss the Mart, which is to be held early in November, in aid of the Building Fund for the Taranaki Seamen's Rest. Stall holders were appointed and various arrangements made, also for the concert in the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting showed that during the month, four drawing-room meetings had been held, at which gifts for the Mart and donations of money had been given, the amount guaranteed now being over £400. Waitara's effort resulting in £5 12s. 6d. It is also encouraging to know that the various Unions in the Taranaki-Wanganui district are assisting in this work, as money raised in many ways is constantly coming to hand. Decided to hold a special meeting on Oct. 13th, that Mrs Tuffrey the Maori Superintendent, may give an account of her work which she has carried on so successfully for the last year. It will also take the form of a Pay Up social. Decided to send a letter of congratulation to a new Union formed at Matangi. In response to the President's appeal, three ladies volunteered to assist in canvassing for funds for Seamen's Rest.

BLLENHEIM.

September 7. Mrs McCallum, President, presided over a large attendance of members, when the resolutions, which were to be brought before Convention were studied, and final arrangements were made for the District Convention.

October 5. A large gathering of members and friends met at the residence of Mrs Wilson, where a "Home Meeting" was held. Mrs Grigg spoke of the splendid work which is being done by Miss Burls, in organising new Unions in the Marlborough District. Mrs Grigg also gave an interesting short fact on Alcohol. Musical items and competitions were enjoyed by those present, and delicious afternoon tea was dispensed by the hostess, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given.

PETONE.

September 7. Mrs Cole presiding. Mrs Piper said, through the wearing of the White Ribbon at the hospital, she was much respected, and a lady seeing Mrs Crowther's White Ribbon, asked her for directions. Mrs Crowther, who with Mrs Doneghue was our delegate to the recent Alliance Convention, gave a good report of the meetings. A vote of thanks was given her. The Pledge was repeated and Doxology sung.

September 22. Social afternoon at Mrs Crowther's; good attendance of members, Mrs Cole presiding. Mrs Haywood rendered two solos which were much appreciated. Rev. Mr Loan gave an interesting and instructive talk on, "The League of Nations." Mrs Anderson gave recitations, Mrs Doughty, a piano solo, and Mrs Cole a very nice reading. Mrs Battersby said she was glad that women were now able to become J.P.s., and thought more women should be on the School Board and hold other such positions. Afternoon tea was served and much enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given to our hostess, and also to those who rendered the programme.

GORE.

September. Held in Milne's Tea Rooms, presided over by Mrs Day. The attendance was large, and the Rev. F. M. Beattie gave a most inspiring and practical address on "Woman's Place in the Empire." A piano solo, recitation, instrumental quartette, and vocal solo added to the brightness of the evening, which was brought to a close with a much enjoyed supper. Resolved that a "Bring and Buy" Sale be held in November.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

September. Mrs Jenkins presided over small attendance. The letter written by Mrs Crabb on the work of the Willard Home was read with a view to foster interest in the work of the Home in future. The letter was much appreciated. A delegate's report on the Alliance Convention was also read, a vote of thanks being passed to the delegate for her interesting and concise report. Afternoon tea.

NORTH EAST VALLEY.

September. Mrs Don presided; good attendance of members. A letter read from Miss Powell re the appointment of Women J.P.s. An invitation to visit the South Dunedin branch was received. A donation was voted for the Picnic Fund. One new member was initiated, and another welcomed from another Union. During the afternoon, solos were sung by Messrs. Oliver, Begg, and by Mrs Medland; a duet by Mrs J. Ruku and Mrs Aitchison. Afternoon tea.

MANAIA.

September 14. Fairly attended, one new member joining. Correspondence was read, mainly over the postponement of Parliamentary decision about the third issue. Decided to ask Mrs Bennett to superintend any direction of the Union's attention to Temperance work in Parliament, and she consented to till the re-election of officers. Considerable correspondence and discussion re money collected several years ago for a purpose since found too difficult to manage, it was proposed by Mrs Bennett, seconded by Mrs Mercer, that the matter be held over without further discussion until legal advice made it clearer. A vote of thanks to Mr A. G. Bennett, the Solicitor, who has given his help very generously, was passed. The chief business of the meeting was receiving gifts to be sent to the Willard Home, but though they were more than had been expected, it was decided to postpone sending until some more promised had come in. Mrs Robinson offered to bring a money-box to be kept on the table for monthly contributions to the Local Fund. The President read an interesting article on the winning of the Franchise. Decided to alter the date of the meetings from the second Tuesdays to the third. Will all members please note this, and that the next meeting will be on October 19th. One new White Ribbon subscriber was promised, and an old subscriber had agreed with the Matron of the Local Hospital to take her copy there regularly. Mrs Orchard kindly gave afternoon tea. Mrs Scott, the President, stressed the need for daily work by individual members, also the urgency of attending to other ills beside that of drinking, especially gambling, a point which she illustrated by the proposed 10s. totalisator, as such an inducement to children to unite in going in for it.

MAORI UNION. FRANKTON.

August 26. Meeting was held at Mrs Kihl's home. Mrs Jones, of Hamilton, occupied the chair, Sister Nichols also present.

September 24. Meeting was held at Mrs Whatu's; a very small attendance on account of absence of members from district. Mrs

Jones presided. Appointed Mrs Whatu delegate for Morrinsville Convention if well enough.

OTUREI.

September 29. At 3 o'clock p.m., the meeting of Oturei Maori W.C.T.U. was held in Mrs J. Walter's (President) home with success. Mrs Page, President of Dargaville, gave out the hymns and pronounced the Benediction, and all joined in singing hymns. This Convention opened, and speeches, etc., continued. Mrs Hodges, Vice-President, gave us a splendid speech about the Temperance Work, which was gratefully appreciated by all members. Mrs Page, President of Dargaville, was heartily welcomed for her efforts in trying to inform the Maori W.C.T.U. about the regulation, etc., and also answered questions. The meeting closed with prayer, and afternoon tea was served.

SYDENHAM.

August 5. Mrs Sirett presided; fair attendance. A vote of sympathy with Mrs Northcott and family in their recent bereavement. Mrs Cartwright Smith and Mrs Gillard were appointed delegates to District Convention. Miss Watt appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Miss Harband gave a very interesting address, which was greatly enjoyed by those present. Afternoon tea was served.

September 2. Mrs Archer presided, fair attendance. Letter of protest sent to Mr Howard, M.P., against proposed Licensing Bill, and a favourable reply received. It being "Franchise Day," Miss Henderson, Christchurch President, spoke of the responsibilities and opportunities of women since obtaining the Franchise, and compared our conditions with the women of India. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

October 7. Very good attendance, presided over by the President, Mrs Sirett. Short reports of the District Convention were given by Mrs Cartwright Smith and Mrs Sirett. Decided to have a social afternoon at our next meeting for the mothers of the Cradle Roll. Committee appointed to arrange afternoon tea, and a collection.

HAWERA.

September 24. Mrs Exley presided over a good attendance of members. Preliminary arrangements were made in regard to holding a "Shop Day" early in October, in aid of the Sailor's Rest Building Fund in New Plymouth, the Executive to meet in a few days to go fully in to the matter. Mrs Phillips of Stratford, gave a very interesting address on "The Women of the New Testament," also speaking of the enfranchisement of Women as being the work of the W.C.T.U., and a very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Phillips. One new member. Afternoon tea.

September 24. Executive met, and decided to hold a Concert instead of the Shop Day.

PLEASANT POINT.

October 6 Attendance good; Treasurer's report showed credit balance of £2 6s. 3d. Decided to have a Bring and Buy Sale at our next meeting. Resolved to send a letter of cheer and help to the League of Nations Union, in Timaru. Motions of sympathy to Mrs S. Smith and Mrs H. Smith in their bereavements. Hearty vote of thanks to delegate for her fine report of Convention, also thanks to Mrs Wooffinden, for the use of her home for Y. meeting. L.T.L. meeting to be held on Saturday, prizes to be presented by Mrs Mackesy. Mr Mackesy to address the children; members to supply afternoon tea. Next meeting of Y branch to be held in schoolroom.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

October 7. Mrs Keene presided over a good attendance of members. After discussion on a request from the Wellington Branch of the National Council of Women, that the South Wellington W.C.T.U. should affiliate with the N.C.W., it was resolved that the Union should not affiliate. A letter was read from a gentleman, who had been connected with the Young People's Branch, and who, since the latter ceased to hold meetings, had remained a member of the Adult Branch, asking whether the members of the Union could assist him to find work.

The letter was sympathetically received, and members noted the name and address, in the hope of hearing of something suitable. Any one so desiring, can obtain these on application to the Secretary of the Union. A preliminary notice was sent about a District Executive meeting proposed to be held at Marton in the first week of November, for which arrangements should be made, that the Union may be represented by one or more of its officers. Report of the recent District Convention was given by one of the delegates, Miss Anderson, who recounted the various doings of the Convention in an interesting and detailed paper. It had been a very useful and full Convention, as to the amount of work got through. Several good papers had been given, and most of the resolutions passed at the Annual Convention were endorsed, or in some way brought before the delegates. Several social functions that were interspersed among the more serious business were described, and reference made to the unusual experience of snow storm that had followed immediately on the close of the Convention. Miss Anderson's account was supplemented by Mrs Keene in several interesting particulars. Before the meeting closed, arrangements were made for celebrating "Maori Day," fixed by Annual Convention for the 16th October or thereabouts. After some little discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on the 21st inst., when a short paper on Maori Work should be read, followed by personal experiences told by the Organiser, Miss Bradshaw, or failing her, by Miss C. Kirk. It was also resolved that at a future meeting an account should be given to members of Children's Courts, as a subject that women should know something about. (Congratulations to Pleasant Point, Ashburton, Wellington South, Otahuhu, Dunedin, and Wanganui, for prompt reporting. Meetings held on October 5th, 6th, and 7th, had reports in Foxton P.O. on October 8th.—Ed. "White Ribbon.")

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

September 22. As the North Invercargill W.C.T.U. have lately lost a number of its members through removals to other towns, change of residence, etc., the President, Mrs Homes, suggested a plan to enlist the interest and co-operation of our near neighbours. Instead of our usual meeting on the afternoon of the third Tuesday in the month, an extended evening meeting was decided upon. Mrs Fairbairn read a very interesting paper on "How we got the Franchise." She also briefly spoke on the apathy that had fallen on so many prohibitionists. She compared the position of women in the past with their present position, and said, if the women of New Zealand rose to their full power prohibition would soon be an accomplished fact. Mrs Homes briefly explained what the Union stood for. She had the pleasure of enrolling two new members and receiving three transfers. During the evening sober speeches were interspersed with song. Miss Langskali sang "One Day" in her usual pleasing style, Miss Hardie acting as organist. Miss Jamieson sang "I am Longing for the Spring" very sweetly. Little Miss Miller gave a recitation, and Miss Strathearn a song. A nice supper brought a pleasant evening to a close.

TAKAPUNA.

September 10. Mrs Penning in the chair, good attendance. Mrs Fulljames gave a very fine address on the work of Mrs Beharell. This has been published in the August White Ribbon. The address was listened to with great attention and much pleasure, and at the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Fulljames. Afternoon tea was served.

PAPAROA.

September 10. The President, Miss J. Hanes, presided. The resolutions passed by W.C.T.U. Convention, 1926, were read by Secretary. Miss Hanes gave an interesting address about the proposed amendments to the Licensing Bill, now before Parliament. A very enjoyable paper was given by Miss Ross, on the Life of Frances Ridley Havergal. The President thanked Mrs Ross for her assistance, and expressed great regret at her leaving the district, to which Mrs Ross replied, and wished the Union every success with their work. A duet was rendered by

Miss D. Evans and Mrs E. Birtles. A reading on the Life of Lady Henry Somerset, was given by Miss J. Cliff, and was very much appreciated.

SEFTON.

August 25. Mrs Thorne presided over good attendance. Decided to try and arrange a special meeting at Balcairn. An article dealing with Cell Poison was read. A letter was received from Willard Home. At close of meeting, afternoon tea was handed round.

September 26. Small attendance. Mrs Thorne in chair. Report of Convention postponed until larger meeting. Article on Cell Poison continued. Decided to write for special paper on Maori Work for next meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

TIMARU.

September 28. Good attendance. Mrs Low, M.A., presided. Correspondence from Willard Home Secretary, thanking Union for donation, and from Mrs Peryman asking for photographs and particulars about Sailor's Rest. Treasurer's report showed profit of £55 from Daffodil Day. In this connection, votes of thanks were passed to the Press, to Mrs Woodward for providing lunch for workers, and to all who helped to make the day a success. Monthly Bulletin of S.C. Area (New Zealand Alliance) proved interesting reading. Regular visits have been paid to hospital and to sick members. Mr Woodward reported five overseas steamers have called during month, about 152 visitors paying about 200 visits. One Sunday service and social for S.S. Corinthic was given. Mrs Minifie gave a detailed account of the business conducted at District Convention. Later, Mrs Low gave another of her interesting periodical talks on the League of Nations, stating that the present outlook in Central Europe is much brighter than it was a few months ago.

OAMARU.

September. "Pay Up" Social. A good attendance. Mrs Clarke presided. Miss Smyth gave Bible address based on Ephesians 3:20, which was very helpful. A short time was spent in prayer, in which about 20 members took part. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Chase and family in their recent bereavement. Being Franchise Day, collection was given to New Zealand Fund. A delegate's report read, and a vote of thanks passed to Mrs Scott for her interesting report. Mrs Clarke read a helpful article on Women's Franchise. A letter of thanks to Miss Fairhall for parcel of clothing for Willard Home. The resolutions and recommendations confirmed at the recent Convention re Peace and Arbitration, were endorsed by Union. Resolutions re Gambling, Liquor, Licenses in King Country, and Licensing Bill and others were also endorsed by Union. Afternoon tea was served.

HASTINGS.

September 30. Mrs Banks presided over a crowded attendance, when we celebrated "Franchise Day," by entertaining the old folks at an "At Home." Community singing was led by Mrs Banks, and musical items were rendered by Mesdames Christie, McArthur and Rashleigh, and the Misses McArthur, Ford, and Campbell. Devotions were led by the Rev. L. Keith Ewen, and the Rev. D. J. Shaw addressed the old folks on "The Glory of Life," showing that there was a beauty in "Grandma New Zealand." He depicted in beautiful language the glory of life as evidenced in nature around us, in the coming of the tiny helpless babe, in the strong young men and beautiful maiden, in the working middle-age, and most of all in advancing age, and the even tide of life. Each guest received a button-hole, and Mrs T. J. Thompson, who had been a member for 24 years, a bouquet while the oldest lady (over 80) was presented with a small hand bag; and gentleman (over 70) with a necktie. Facts relative to the passing of the Franchise Bill were related during the afternoon, as also were some scientific facts culled from one of Mrs Martha Allen's leaflets. The pledge was also repeated. Tea and votes of thanks followed by prayer led by Rev. E. Copeland, closed a happy gathering.

BIRKENHEAD.

September 16. At the home of Mrs Hayman, Mrs Jory presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Two delegates were appointed for the District Convention on the 27th and 30th. Miss McLay gave a helpful address. Afternoon tea was served. One new member. Meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology and prayer.

PAPANUI.

We have celebrated several Notable Days at our recent meetings of W.C.T.U. The last one being Franchise Day, had a helpful address by Miss Henderson. Also had a Bring and Buy afternoon in aid of Frances Willard Home. Several new members have recently joined our Papanui branch of the Union.

AUCKLAND.

September 14. Mrs Cook presided over a good attendance; several visitors welcomed. Major Gordon gave an inspiring address at the Devotional meeting. Letters of appreciation sent to Hon. Mark Cohen and Hon. Rolleston, Member of the Legislative Council and Cabinet respectively, for their support in getting the Bill for the appointment of Women J.P.s passed. A letter of protest against the Licensing Bill was sent to the M.P. for Auckland Central. Arrangements were made to take charge of a stall for St. John's Ambulance collection. Sister Nichols, of Methodist Church, gave a most interesting account of her work among the Maoris. She thanked the Union for the clothes sent for the Maoris in the North, and said how much the Maori women appreciated the love and friendship of the white women; the Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention had been a great inspiration and help to those who attended as delegates. She had visited some of the Maori Unions, and stressed the need of an Organiser to visit them and help them in their work. The warmest greetings of the meeting were sent to the Maori women. Mrs Fulljames made an appeal for clothes to be sent to the Maoris.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

September 9. Mrs Macartney presiding. Mrs Shacklock read out the following arresting facts in favour of Prohibition. "It is stated by the Federal Census Bureau, U.S.A., that in 1910 the number of alcoholic patients admitted to the hospital for the insane, was practically double what it was in 1922, after two years of Prohibition. In 1924 the American people used 2,370,000,000 more gallons of milk, than they did in 1915. While the population increased 8 per cent, the consumption of milk increased 30 per cent." Mrs Ings, one of our delegates to our District Convention, then read a fine comprehensive report of the day's meetings.

NORMANBY.

September 8. Rev. Fletcher presided. Attendance fair; vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Scott in her illness. Extract read from Dominion, written by Secretary of the Moderate League, the tenor of which was that the Moderate League would do their best to retain the three issues on the Licensing ballot papers. The Rev. Fletcher then gave an address on Drink amongst the Maoris in the King Country. He told how the Maoris wasted their money at an alarming rate. He suggested it would be a wise procedure if it could be arranged, so that the natives, when they sold their land could not draw principal but only the interest, and the principal passed on to following generations. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Edwards and Harrison.

SPREYDON.

September 13. Mrs Nairn presided over an evening meeting; good attendance. Presentation of Temperance Essay Prizes to Edgar Hartley, John Moor, Maud Hatherly and Pear Pithie. Mrs Boag addressed the meeting. Musical items by Mrs McKenzie, Miss Dudney, and Edgar Hartley, also a recitation by Mrs Watson were much appreciated. Five new members.

FOXTON.

September. A fair attendance present, with Mrs Peryman occupying the chair. A

report of the League of Nations Conference held in Wellington, was read by Mrs Rimmer. Mrs Peryman spoke of the fine work done by the District Convention held in Masterton. Decided to hold next meeting in form of a social afternoon, in aid of the Willard Home.

GREYTOWN.

September 28. Eight present, Miss Oates presiding. Members congratulated Miss Oates on her election as District President. Resolved to get 1 dozen Pledges and paste in our hymnals. Collection 14s. for Franchise Day. Mrs Anker, delegate to Alliance Convention. It was announced that Miss Bradshaw, our Organiser, would visit the District during October, and would be the guest of Mrs H. Morrison. Parcels of clothing and 10s. received in aid of Willard Home.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

September 7. Bring and Buy social; good attendance of members and friends; musical items, songs and recitations. Decided to make a special effort to help the "Willard Home" annual Jumble Sale with gifts of clothing. Supper was handed round. One new member initiated. Mrs Macartney was appointed our delegate to attend the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Hope of Dunedin Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites.

September 22. Home meeting, Broad Bay. Beautiful weather prevailed, the President, Mrs Hiett, and several members journeyed down the harbour to Mrs Newland's residence. Mrs Hiett spoke on the increase of drunkenness and crime caused by the return of the Licensed houses in Ohinemuri. Mrs Voller sang a solo. A delightful afternoon tea was served; one new baby enrolled.

October 5. Good attendance; Mrs Don spoke on the Licensing Bill. The meeting endorsed the resolution recently passed by the New Zealand Alliance, "That the strong and widespread opposition offered to the principal provisions of the Prime Minister's Licensing Bill by all parties including his own, had induced him to drop the measure." Decided to hold Street Sale next month.

MOSGIEL.

September 21. The delegates gave their report of Conference, held in Port Chalmers. Decided to hold our next meeting on 19th inst., in the evening, instead of the afternoon, and to take the form of a "Pay Up" social, as we are going to try this method of getting in subs. and adding to our membership.

OXFORD.

September 22. Ideal weather conditions on our Birthday social. The Coronation Hall was well filled with members of the W.C.T.U. and Y.P.T.C.U. and their friends. The President said she was very pleased to see so many gathered to commemorate the fifteenth Birthday of the Oxford Union, and also had much pleasure in introducing Mrs Richards, of Christchurch. Mrs Richards gave an interesting address, taking as her subject, "The Value of Life, and the use of Influence." Instrumental trios by Misses E. Aldridge (Rangiora), F. Jordan and M. Rol, and vocal solos by Miss Ayers (Rangiora), added much to the pleasure of the evening, the audience signifying their appreciation by enthusiastic applause and encores. On behalf of the guests, Mr L. Watson wished the Union "Many Happy Returns," and success in future work. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs Richards, Miss Ayers, and the musicians, also to Mrs D. Hawke and Miss B. Gilmere, who made and decorated the Birthday Cake which was a special feature of the supper. A collection was taken up in aid of the W.C.T.U. New Zealand Fund.

TEMPLETON.

September 21. Fair attendance; donation of £1 sent to Willard Home. Afternoon tea. September 26. Our closing Band of Hope took the form of a Concert. The young people supplied a splendid programme of character songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. Rev. Coursey gave an interesting address on the evil of strong drink, and it was much appreciated. Presentation made to Master Alan Clarke, who, all through the winter, so willingly played all the music, and coached the children in their practice. A dainty supper handed round by the children, who

then closed the meeting by singing "All Round the World."

ARAMOHO.

(Owing to sickness of Reporter, and inability to secure a substitute, this Union has been unreported for nearly 12 months. We give brief reports of meetings held in 1926, but hope in future, some member will report promptly, when Reporter is not well enough to attend to it.—Ed. W.R.)

February. Mrs Begg presided. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Slight and R. C. Good, and the latter relieved of her duties as Press Reporter. Miss Gilmour to act as Treasurer.

March. Attendance small. Copy of Ten Commandments to be procured, and hung in Local School.

April. Attendance good. Letter of condolence to Mrs Emmett and Family. Solo by Miss Gilmour; report of Convention by Mrs Davis. Letter to be sent to City Council, re possibility of refusing a permit to build a brewery in Quick Avenue.

May. Attendance fair. Mrs Gilmour delegate to District Convention.

June. Mrs Beggs reported framed copy of Ten Commandments hung in Aramoho School. Reported that a visit had been paid to Old People's Home, and inmates entertained with afternoon tea and a programme of songs and recitations. Letter sent to M.P., re Women Police, Jurors and J.P.'s. Report of District Convention read.

August. Reply from Mr Velitch, re Bible-in-Schools. Members asked to advertise and help the Sale to be held in aid of funds on September 29.

September. Gift Afternoon in aid of Willard Home, a nice parcel sent to the Home. Mrs Gilmour reported Band of Hope progressing well. An entertainment to be given in aid of Union funds. Resolved to pay another visit to Jubilee Home, and entertain inmates with afternoon tea and musical programme.

OTAHUHU.

October 7. Mrs Fulljames came out and gave us a most interesting talk on her work amongst the Maoris, and the Natives of Niue Island. Her address was "One Woman's Wonderful Work;" also, Mrs Redshaw gave a report of District Convention. Our President, Mrs Greenwood, had the pleasure of initiating one new member, after which afternoon tea was handed round.

WANGANUI.

October 7. Mrs Irwin presided. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Liddle, and Adjutant Houston in their bereavement. The following fact was read: According to the New Zealand Year Book, the cost of Police and Prisons for 1923 was £485,087. It is estimated that 50 per cent., or £242,544 of this expenditure is incurred, owing to the direct or indirect effect of the liquor traffic. Mrs Cobb was welcomed from New Plymouth. Mrs Bathgate reported lack of leaders in her work. Mrs Davis reported on Dr. Gibb's lecture, "The League of Nations." Mrs Irwin read a paper on Concentration. Our next meeting will be "Maori Day," a paper will be read on that work.

ASHBURTON.

September 7. A very successful gathering in aid of "Seamen's Day," Mrs W. H. Robinson presiding. Several apologies for absence were received. Mrs F. Hocking to act as delegate with Mrs A. Brown. Decided to arrange a meeting on September 14th to be addressed by Mrs Denton Leech, on the Work of the League of Nations. The meeting then took the form of a social gathering, when much appreciated musical items were given. Miss Gainsford, for 24 years a Missionary in India, spoke of the work carried on in that country among the young people and soldiers in the Military Camps, by the W.C.T.U. Organisation, which was most encouraging. Mrs Trott, President of Timaru Union, was also present, and spoke on the work of the Sailor's Rest. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded speakers and performers. A collection was taken up in aid of the Sailor's Rest in New Plymouth.

October 5. Mrs W. J. Brown occupied the chair, presiding over a good attendance of members. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of Mrs M. Doak and Mrs A. Smith, deceased. Also, with Mrs C. Frampton, and Miss Gardener, in sickness. Mrs Gallagher was appointed to assist at

Rest Tent, at the A. & P. Show. An interesting report of S.C. District Executive was submitted by Mrs H. Hopwood. Mrs F. Hocking, delegate to New Brighton Convention, gave an interesting report of proceedings. The invitation to hold next Convention at Ashburton, was accepted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Hocking for her report. In commemorating "Maori Day," the appeal made by the Native Chiefs to the Government against the sale of Liquor in the King Country, was read by Mrs Brown, and was heartily approved by all present. A collection was taken up in aid of the "Maori" Fund. Decided that contributions of clothing and money for Willard Home, be taken up at the November meeting. Tea was handed round.

CHRISTCHURCH.

September 8. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance of members. Delegates were appointed to the Provincial Convention. Further arrangements were made for the Jumble Sale, and it was decided to hold it in St. John's Schoolroom early in October. Franchise Day was celebrated by several members giving their impressions on what New Zealand has gained by the granting of the Franchise to Women. Our Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, spoke for a short time, also Mrs Lovell-Smith. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Social Committee, and a collection taken up for the New Zealand Unions.

September 22. Miss Henderson presiding. Reports were received from delegates who attended the Provincial Convention, which showed that progress had been made. The Secretary was asked to forward a resolution of congratulation to Mr and Mrs Lill, on the attainment of their "Golden Wedding" recently celebrated. Arrangements were made for a social evening on October 6th., Mrs Odell to give an address on her work in the East End of London, and the Y. members to take charge of the rest of the programme. It was decided to hold "Maori Day" on October 13th, and Miss L. McKer to give an address.

RANGIORA.

September 24. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. Regret was expressed at the loss of two members, Mrs Merrin and Mrs Carson, through removal from the district. Mrs McKechnie read an interesting report of the work done at the recent Convention held at New Brighton. The President reported on various resolutions, also read extract from an address on Anti-Gambling, given by Miss Henderson.

BELFAST.

September 5. Met by invitation with Styx Union. Mrs Donald presided over a good attendance. Mr Tennant gave a very interesting address on his personal work in the Slum Area of Glasgow. Afternoon tea was partaken of, and our President, Mrs Roxburgh, thanked the Styx sisters for their kind hospitality; a very profitable time was spent together.

SPRINGSTON.

September 10. Our branch is still going on satisfactorily, four new members have recently joined. The attendance is good, and interest keen, especially among the "Y's." The last meeting at Springston took the form of a "Bring and Buy" afternoon, when our funds were augmented to a satisfactory extent. With competitions, songs, and business, a very pleasant time was spent. Mrs Kime, our President, presiding over a record gathering of members and friends. A Band of Hope evening was also held recently, when the young folks excelled themselves. Mrs Kime was appointed our delegate to the District Convention, to be held at New Brighton shortly.

FENCOURT.

September 9. Chair taken by Mrs Jones, District President. All the members of our little branch were present, also several members from Cambridge. Mrs Jones gave a very interesting address, much enjoyed by all. Two delegates were appointed to attend the District Convention, Mrs G. Simpson, and Miss Norman. After the close of the meeting, a dainty afternoon tea was served.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

September 14. A good gathering of members and a few interested visitors. The

chair was occupied by the President, Mrs Garratt, and devotions were conducted by Mrs McKinnon. Apologies for absence, correspondence, and a favourable report from the Visiting and Show Committees were received. A refreshing and helpful address by Mrs McBean, whose remarks were based on the 7th Chapter of 1st Kings which, when abbreviated, refers chiefly to the "common-place things of life." Mrs Pasley, Mrs McGregor, and Mrs Garratt, voiced the sentiments expressed by Mrs McBean, and each extended her quota of thanks to the speaker. Mrs Jones received a hearty vote of thanks for her appropriate solo, Mrs Parker acting as accompanist.

TAURANGA.

September. Our Pay Up social, Mrs Carlton Smith presiding. Very fine attendance of members, and several visitors, one of whom being Mrs T. Allely, from Auckland. Resolved that Mrs Allely be asked to convey greetings from our Union to the Union in Birkenhead. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, Miss Rene Smith very materially contributing thereto, by her rendering of a pianoforte solo, and two very charming little studies from Grieg. A delightful cup of tea was handed round, Mrs Black closed the meeting with prayer.

LOWER HUTT.

September 22. Eighteen members present. A letter was read from Mr Hayes in connection with the L.T.L. work which needs stimulating. Mrs Aldersley gave us the report from the late Convention, and Mrs Anderson also mentioned a few resolutions in connection with it. Mrs Spencer, who has the Ladies' Guild meeting at Belmont, told us how much the ladies there appreciated our visit to them, and she thinks it will help to interest them in the Temperance work also. Our delegates also spoke of their visits to the Willard Home and the Whatman Home, and were delighted with both. Members stood while a motion of sympathy was passed to Mrs Baigent, who has recently lost her husband. Afternoon tea was served, the meeting closing with prayer.

WAIMATE.

September 8. Mrs Roy presided. The business of the afternoon being the final arrangements of delegates for the Convention, to be held at New Brighton on the 14th inst. A request was made for donations of money or cast off clothing to be sent to the "Willard Home for Children." Mrs Excell was appointed Agent of the "League of Nations" Literature, a supply of which is now in hand. Committee appointed to arrange a "Bring and Buy" afternoon, to be held in aid of W.C.T.U. Funds. Mrs Smart delivered an address taking for her subject the "Inspiration of Defeat." The members expressed sympathy with two fellow-members who have suffered bereavement, by standing in silence for one minute.

RAKAIA.

September 9. The President presided over good attendance and conducted devotions. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr and Mrs Shannon in the loss of their son, members standing in silence. Secretary asked to write letters of sympathy to Dean and Mrs Carrington, also Mrs Sanders, a member in hospital. The appeal from the Willard Home was discussed. Decided to hold a gift afternoon at our next meeting. Miss Gates, Superintendent of Child Welfare Department in Ashburton, then gave us a very interesting address, detailing her work and many experiences she has had. She was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Afternoon tea was served.

WAIHI.

September 16. Special meeting to meet our Organiser, Miss McLay. There were ten ladies present in spite of inclement weather. Miss McLay gave a very helpful address based on the 4th Chapter of Nehemiah. I am sure all present were inspired and helped, and we hope as a result, we will have better meetings in the days to come. Miss McLay hoped to start a Y. Branch, but the evening proved wet and cold, and there were not enough to form a branch, but she hopes to be able to come to us again shortly, when we will make an effort to get the young people together.

RICCARTON.

September 16. Attendance good. Pledge repeated and Temperance Fact read. Cradle Roll Day, owing to bad weather, only one baby present. President stressed need for family worship while children are young. Delegate to Alliance Convention gave report of proceedings. Letters read from Mr Kyle, M.P., and Willard Home. Resolved to donate £1 to Willard Home, and £1 be spent on material to be made up for Missions and Orphanage. An address of special interest to young mothers was given by Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, on "Alcohol and its Effects on the Race." Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Donaldson, Cradle Roll Superintendent, special mention being made of the fine increase of babies on the roll, making the number thirty-five, an increase of twenty-nine. Two new subscribers to White Ribbon.

MAUNGATUROTO.

September 16. At Mrs Pasley's house; nine members present. Letter of thanks received from Sister Eleanor for clothing sent in aid of her Mission among the Maoris.

Resolved that Mrs Pasley be appointed delegate to District Convention. Secretary asked to write and thank Whangarei Union for greetings. Mrs H. Flower read a letter from Mr Jones, M.P., in reply to one written, asking him to vote for a two-issue ballot paper when Licensing Amendment Bill was before the House. Mr Jones assured us that had the Bill been brought forward, the two-issue clause would have been likely to be carried. Afternoon tea was dispensed and enjoyed.

OPOTIKI.

September 9. Bright and enthusiastic meeting held, Mrs Thompson presided. Mrs Downey presented an acknowledgment from Mrs Birdsall, thanking the Union for the handsome donation of £5 to the Willard Home. Mrs Fleming sang. Two new members for White Ribbon listed. Band of Hope meetings are held monthly, attractive programmes and large audiences. There was a further discussion on essays in Public Schools on "Alcohol." Miss E. Thompson and Mrs Hambly dispensed afternoon tea. Enjoyable meeting closed with Benediction.

FOR CAREFUL STUDY.

Our Business Manager here presents a diagram of what each District has done to increase the circulation of our Official Organ, during the first three quarters of 1926. We suggest that each Union give it some study at their next meeting, answering the following questions:—

1. Are we proud of what our District has done?

2. Has our Union helped to swell the total?

3. What can we do to increase it in the next quarter.

Our Business Manager will present to Convention a similar diagram, but containing what every branch has done. There is yet time for every branch to take a proud position on that list.

NEW WHITE RIBBON SUBSCRIBERS.

District.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sept.		
Auckland	2	—	3	1	6	28	16	1	7	64
Waikato	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	9	13
Wanganui	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	6
Taranaki	1	2	—	2	3	7	2	—	—	17
Hawke's Bay	—	4	—	1	2	1	1	—	1	10
Wellington	2	1	9	3	7	24	11	11	6	74
Nelson	—	1	—	1	—	2	9	2	6	21
Marlborough	2	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	11
N. Canterbury	1	15	5	6	5	18	14	4	19	87
S. Canterbury	3	1	11	—	3	9	—	1	3	31
Otago	1	1	2	—	1	6	1	—	3	15
Southland	4	1	—	1	1	6	3	1	—	17
			18	26	30	15	30	114	58	21	54	366

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES!

Kindly, when borrowing papers from the Educational Bureau, note the amount of postage indicated at the foot. Recently, quite a number of papers marked with a request for three-halfpence refund, have been returned with only a penny stamp affixed, and then the G.P.O. fines the Department a penny. This may be good for the revenue of the country, but just now, I am more concerned about the revenue of the Dominion W.C.T.U.

M. S. POWELL.

Teacher: "What is resignation?"

Smart Boy: "Resignation is when you want something you can't have, and then pretend you never wanted it."

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*"Standing with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet,
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*"The Flower of Youth never looks
so lovely as when it bends before
the Sun of Righteousness."*

KEEP YOUR FLAG FLYING.

The other evening, I attended a meeting of a Sunday School Teachers' Association, and listened with great interest to the report of the Sunday School Visitor. On one occasion, he visited a Sunday School on a very wet, stormy afternoon, when the attendance was small. He said to the children: "Don't go home and say: 'Oh, mother, there were only 10 or 15 children at School to-day.' But say: 'Oh, mother, there were thousands and thousands of children at Sunday School to-day.' For, remember, you are only a very small part of a great and glorious company who, throughout this Dominion, and throughout the whole world, are meeting, Sabbath by Sabbath, in the Sunday Schools."

I felt that this applied also to our Union meetings, for, as, "It is always noon-tide somewhere," so it is always afternoon and evening somewhere, and throughout the whole world there are, meeting continually under our banner, groups of earnest, prayerful women, sometimes very small in number, sometimes large, but each one absolutely necessary to God, and Home and Humanity.

Don't say: "Our meetings are so small, is it worth while carrying on?" Of course, it is worth while! The Dominion W.C.T.U. needs you; the World's W.C.T.U. needs you; the little feet coming along the road need you; God needs you. When meetings are small, turn them into prayer-circles, and the whole atmosphere of that day will be changed for you.

One of the oldest members of our Union, told of how the branch of which she was President dwindled down until there were only two members left, herself and another. These two met together each meeting day for prayer. Once, the other

member suggested to the President that they drop it. The President replied: "I will never haul down the Standard." The prayer meetings continued, and the membership of that Union stands to-day at over 30.

"I am only one,
But still I am one;
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something;
What I can do I ought to do,
And what I ought to do,
God helping me, I will do."

DISTRICT CONVENTION THROUGH "WISE" EYES.

Dear Mrs Peryman,

At the Canterbury Provincial Convention, held in New Brighton, I was deputed by the "Y." representatives to write and give you the impressions gained by a "Y." delegate at her first Convention.

First and foremost, I felt it was a great privilege to be present amongst such a body of Christian women, all earnest and enthusiastic in the work they have undertaken in the W.C.T.U.

Matters of importance, such as Peace and Arbitration, Legal and Legislative Reports, Licensing Bill, Bible-in-Schools Bill, and Bills passed at the recent session of Parliament, Anti-Gambling, Youth Problems, Open-Air Schools, etc., which were discussed were both interesting and instructive, and gave much food for thought.

The reports from all Unions were extremely interesting, especially the "Y." reports. From the latter we have gained many hints for our new branch (North Brighton).



At one of the evening sessions, an item by the Central Brighton "Y's." entitled "W.C.T.U. in Song and Story," was very much enjoyed, and they are to repeat it at a Social to be given by our "Y's." this week.

Yours sincerely,

MOLLY M. NORRIE.

The Editor is greatly indebted to Miss Norrie. Wish more "Y's." would write to their page.

A FOOTBALL INCIDENT.

CHAPTER I.

"Yes, Mother," said Jack Waters, as he hung up his cap, "I've got my place in the Senior Reps., and we leave to-morrow for the South. You won't mind being left will you?"

"Certainly not, my boy. I'm so proud of you, and I know you will make me yet prouder of you by your conduct, both on and off the field."

Mrs Waters thought long, and prayed earnestly that night. Jack was her only son, growing ever more like the father who had filled a drunkard's grave, ere his little son could lisp his name. Jack had often wondered at his mother's strict temperance principles, but never had she told him of his father's fate. To-

night she felt comforted by the thought that the Captain of the football team,—a scholar, an athlete, and a born leader, idolised by his team—was the son of well-known leader in the Temperance Cause.

That same night, the Captain's mother, as she wished her son "Good-night" said, "I wish you a good trip a good game, and a victorious return. Remember, son, that others follow where you lead, not only on the football field, but round the Social Board."

"Good old Mum," smiled the Captain, "Don't worry." You pledged me like Samson of old to drink no wine or strong drink, and I shall not break that pledge."

CHAPTER II.

It was evening after the match, and the Northern team were celebrating their victory around the festal Board. Strict training rules were relaxed for once, and all were enjoying their freedom. Then came the toasts, glasses were being filled with wine.

Jack Waters dreaded to be laughed at, and wondered if mother would mind if he put his lips to the glass. Then he saw his Captain turn his glass down, and heard him say: "No thank you, I drink my toasts in water. I am always in training, because I must keep fit."

Jack's brow cleared, with a gay laugh his glass was turned over, and he said: "What suits Captain is good enough for me."

Several others did the same, and those who took wine, used it sparingly.

They could do no other with their Captain's glass of water before them, and the Captain piloted a clear-headed, bright-eyed team to the train for the homeward trip.

CHAPTER III.

Jack Waters told his mother the story of the match, and very proud was she to hear that he had scored a try which his Captain had converted into a goal. Also, he told the story of that dinner party.

The Captain's mother opened a letter, addressed in a strange handwriting. It was from Mrs Waters. "I cannot refrain from telling you how much I appreciate your son's action at the football dinner. My boy, is one to whom alcohol is, a hereditary poison. He does not know this, and, but for his Captain's example, might have yielded to temp-

tation and broken his Temperance Pledge."

Silently, she handed the letter to her son, remarking: "Leadership is a privilege, but it carries responsibilities with it." And, as he handed it back, he quietly said: "It pays to lead your men straight on life's battlefield, as well as on the football field."

Y REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.

October 7. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided over a good attendance of members. Rev. Mr Braddock, School Missioner, asked for prayer on behalf of his work in the Schools. He said that during a recent eight day's campaign he had addressed 26 meetings, and 90 children had joined the Pocket Testament League; altogether, 2,500 Testaments had been distributed, but 8,000 children are still untouched. Thereafter, several extracts from Mrs Lee-Cowie's Autobiography, "One of Australia's Daughters," were read. Several good recitations were rendered. A most inspiring evening was spent.

(Thanks for prompt sending on.—Ed. "White Ribbon.")

WAIHI.

September 30. At a social evening, held in the Presbyterian Hall, on September 29th, Miss McLay, our Organiser formed a branch of the Y's with nineteen members. The officers are: President, Miss Hollis; Vice-Presidents, Misses McFarlane and Brown; Secretary, Miss Collier; and Treasurer, Mr Hope. Mrs Brown was chosen as Superintendent. Miss McLay gave a short address, explaining the meaning and origin of the W.C.T.U. During the evening, the Misses Collier and Brown sang a duet, Mrs Armour, a solo, and Mr Hope gave a pianoforte solo, for which he was recalled. Supper was dispensed at the close.

(Hearty congratulations to our newest Y's.—Ed. "White Ribbon.")

INVERCARGILL.

September 6. The President opened the meeting with a hymn and Bible reading. Three new members were welcomed to our Union. We had a visit from the District Union members, Miss Birss giving a short address on Prohibition. Mrs Challis then continued her interesting talks on First Aid. As a surprise, supper, which was enjoyed very much, was provided by the District Union members.

HASTINGS.

September 9. Miss Beale presided over a fair attendance. Sick report received. An interesting article was read out of the White Ribbon Y. Column. Miss McArthur gave an interesting demonstration on making paper flowers. A fruit supper and the Benediction closed the meeting.

PLEASANT POINT.

September. At the residence of Mr and Mrs Wooffinden, Mrs R. Roberts presided. There was a very large attendance of members and their friends, and an exceedingly pleasant time was spent with games and competitions, interspersed with musical and elocutionary items. Songs were contributed by Miss Mildred Kee, Miss Myrtle Christie, Messrs. R. Roberts, H. Roberts, W. Crawford, while the accompaniments were played by Miss Olive Halstead. Before dispersing after a jolly evening, Mr R. Roberts, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr and Mrs Wooffinden for their hospitality.

What is it grows longer the more it is cut?—A ditch.

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 2/3 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.

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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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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Dear Sisters,

I am so glad to know that many Unions this year are doing very definite work in the presentation of facts at definite times in your meetings, and some have written me for Pamphlet No. 13, that were planning for Essay work in the Schools.



MRS CATCHPOLE,

Dominion Superintendent of Scientific Temperance.

You will be glad to know, the Alliance, through the Educational Department are supplying a definite schedule of Temperance facts, graded for classes in the Teacher's Handbook.

While this is a help, if the Teacher cares to use it, it is not sufficient.

We have, if we will exercise it, a chance to do some real service by laying plans now for the next election of the School Boards.

The ground work is there if we get a sympathetic School Board; we can get a contest spirit aroused, and a seeking out of information will bring a request for material. We can't expect Teachers to use anything that won't count in their school programme.

Women! its up to us to make it count.

Over 40 years of education on these lines in Canadian and American schools, and yet we have their mistakes to guide us more quickly to success, and we have to start right now to catch up.

If you find at present it is impossible to get into a Day School, I suggest you group your District Sunday Schools, stipulating age and sect, and offer medals or prizes worth while; select your Judges from the Day Schools; arrange a splendid programme as you New Zealanders' can always do; work in a Temperance

Play if you like, and have the presentations made by a Member of Parliament, "our Minister of Education" of whom we are justly proud, if possible, or some other successful man in your own District.

If we "achieve great things, we must attempt great things"; everything with a means to the end. We are striving through difficulties and sacrifice.

If we can't get into the School now, let us concentrate on the fibre of our School Board for next year; in that way you can gain access to the District Council, and thence to the School Board.

The facts we have must be backed by New Zealand men and women of scientific knowledge to make it effective.

We would be so glad to gather this material together, and make our own statements from men and women in New Zealand. We look forward to this in the future; until then we have on hand "Alcohol and other narcotics."

"Science and Human Life in the Alcohol Problem."—C. F. Stoddard.

"The World's New Day and Alcohol."—C. F. Stoddard.

Methods of teaching Temperance, and a number of helpful pamphlets to loan, as a means of help.

Yours in W.R. Bonds,
G. CATCHPOLE.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Dear Sisters,

We are all feeling sad and somewhat discouraged, although not cast down, by the failure of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. Having encouraged ourselves in the Lord, we shall go forward with renewed will and sustained effort till the Bible is restored to the Public Schools of New Zealand. I would remind our readers that we are not trying an experiment, for a convincing proof already exists of the harmonious working of Religious Exercises in Schools; in that every Secondary School Teacher begins the day's work with a Bible Lesson. Then, why in the name of all that is fair and just, should the children attending Public Schools be deprived of hearing the word of God which would be "a light to their feet, and a lamp to their paths."

Apart from religion altogether, as literature, the Bible towers among

the classics. Why deny the children the great privilege of hearing this Book of books read? It is 50 years next year since the Bible was banished from the Public Schools of New Zealand. Although a Jubilee, it causes sadness to contemplate. Let us, by prayer and effort, mark the occasion by restoring the Bible to the Public Schools of New Zealand. With this bright anticipation, let us go forward to victory.

Sincerely yours,

MARY C. COOK,

N.Z. Supt. Bible-in-Schools.

MAORI SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I am glad to be able to report that we have obtained an Organiser for this Department, Mrs. Simons, who hopes to start work for us on November 1st. She will commence work first in the Auckland District, where there are Unions who will welcome a visit from her.

Miss McLay is doing some work for this Department this month in the Taupo and Rotorua District, and Mrs. Fulljames is hoping to start on the 11th to visit Batley. Reports from these workers will appear in next issue of the White Ribbon.

N. F. WALKER,

For Maori Department,
W.C.T.U.

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

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, 79 Cumbrae Place.

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

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs. Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Mr. Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr. L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr. Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Oatons, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. E. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale; 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 Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.

IRKENHEAD, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m. Methodist Classroom. Pres., Mrs Jory; Rec. Sec., Mrs Todd, The Cres; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Lytton Street, Devonport.

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

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

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Rec. Sec., —; Treasurer, Mrs Richards, 14 Morris St., Avonside; W.R. Supt., Mrs R. Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Every; Cor. Sec., Mrs Cottler, High Street; Treas., Mrs August Anderson, High Street; Evangelistic 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 Bear, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Moore, Victoria Street; Treas., Mrs R. C. Stewart, Vogel Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Edwina James, Grosvenor Street.

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 Elliott, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Douglas, 35 Brighton St.; Kaitiaki; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maller St.; Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Bay; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Miss Bryant; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton.

SOUTH DUNEDIN, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maller St.; Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs Williamson, 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 Trevurza, 2 Crafcoft Street, Devonport; Treas., Miss C. Davies, 58 Albert Road, Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

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, Lonsdon 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 Malcolm; 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 Wilcox; 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, Sandlands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Rutherford Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell, West Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mal; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tremaine.

GOBE, 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, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Miss Oates; Vice-Pres., Mrs Anker; Sec., Mrs H. Morrison, Morrison's Bush; Treas., Mrs A. Hale; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

GREYMOUTH, meets only last Tuesday, Prayer Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in Sailors' Rest Hall. Pres., Mrs Martin, Franklin Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaskin and —; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Wilson, —; W.R. Agent, Mrs Reynolds, Karori.

GISBORNE, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road.

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Hayward, 37 Tairāiti Road; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Johnson and Seccombe; Treas., Mrs E. J. Johnson, London Street; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Davey, Peachgrove Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Alexander, River Road; Advisory Supt. of Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury.

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, Washi, Hamlet.

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.

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

INVERCARGILL Y's, meet the first Monday in each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Tay Street, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Dawson, North Road; Rec. Sec., Miss J. E. Seed, Glenfoyle, Richmond Grove; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Sherriffs, Bowmont Street; Treasurer, Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street; White Ribbon Supt., Miss T. Dawson, North Road; Assistant, Miss McCallum, Yarrow St., E. Invercargill; Y. Supt., Mrs Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindsfarne; 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, 2.45 p.m. alternately Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Pres., Mrs Holmes, 125 Longford St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Wilcox, Miss Dewar; Treas., Mrs Laytham; Sec., Mrs Langskald, Melbourne 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 Hall; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Stanton, North Road.

LEWIS 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, 3rd Wednesday, in Forester's Hall. Pres., Mrs Bycroft, The Manse; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Pasley Senr; W.R. Agent, Miss Healey.

MASTERS, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cogger, Albert Street; R. Jamieson, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Weston, Mouysa Pic Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs —.

MAYFIELD, 3rd Wednesday, Ruapuna and Ma. Pr. alternately at Anama; Sec., Mrs M. D. Muriel, Williams; Treas., Mrs W. J. Har, Mayfield; Agent, Mrs Thos. Corbett, Mayfield. W.R.

MORRINSVILLE, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Starnes, Allen Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Sage and Mrs Cooper; Sec., Mrs Moncrief, Bank Street; Treas., Mrs Wills, Allen Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Oates, Thames Street.

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 In-Is Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Fort Street.

MOTUEKA, last Wednesday in month, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Miss O. Cresswell, Lower Moutere; Rec. Sec., Miss V. Glover, High Street; Treas., Miss R. Boyce, Poole 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 Dodda, Leask, McAlister and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Bowman; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chancer Road, North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto 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; Ys., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Doris Wilkinson, Examiner Street.

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, Lardet 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, Vogelstown; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Road.

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

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Hegg, 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 Williams, 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 Hewing; Treas., Miss Thomasen; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packard.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, at 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 Bol and Mrs Cooper; Notable Days, Mrs Jones; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Fox; Hairs Meetings, Mrs S. Gainsford and wife; Graham; White Ribbon, Mrs D. Young; Band of Hope, Miss Gainsford; Flower People's Branch, Mrs R. Cnd Robertson. Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and day, at 2.30

OTAHUHU, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Mrs W. p.m. Pres., Mrs E. McNarey, Taylor, Station Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Nikau Road.

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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 Donegan,

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. Neilson, 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 Hayr, 209 Ponsonby Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver, Homal, Manurewa; Treas., Mrs Williams, Bayfield Road, Herne Bay; Evangelistic, Miss Braithwaite, 11 Picton Street; Anti-Gambling, Mrs Farrand, 7a Hamilton Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Joiner, 92 Lincoln Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer Road; L.T.L. and Ys., Miss Read, Whittaker Place.

RAKAI, 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 Suttan; 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. Agent, Miss J. McGregor, Box 48.

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.

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

SYDENHAM, 2nd 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.

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

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning; Vice-Pres., Mrs Mills, Miss Rushbrook; Sec., Mrs Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd; Treas., Miss Mills, Eernoch 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. Hancock, 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, c/o P.O. Box 111, Treas., Miss A. A. Pearson, 23 Turnbull St., Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 6 Bank St., W.R. Agent,

Mrs Cave, Raymond St., Peace and Arbitration, Mrs B. H. Low, Arthur St., "Y" Pres., Mrs Gordon, 190 Otupua Road. **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., Miss McCarthy, "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhodes St; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

WAITARA, Knox Church 3rd Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Andrews, Brixton; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clayton, Warre Street; 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., Mrs Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

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

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

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Treas., Miss Francis Brown No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Miss Siddells; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

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

WELLINGTON SOUTH, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., 35 Constable Street. Pres., Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace.

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, 338 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 Dreaden; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

WINTON, Meets 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs T. A. McWilliam, Winton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, McWilliam, McKillop, Anderson; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; Treas., Mrs J. D. Campbell, Eglington St; W.R. Agent, Dr. Moana, Gow Park St; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Anderson.

WOOLSTONE-OPAWA UNION meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs W. T. Kelly, Garlands Road, Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; 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.