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## NOT MY BUSINESS.

### CHAPTER I.

"Well, Mrs Roy, I can't help thinking that you are just a bit of a fanatic," and Eric Ford smiled at the stately lady.

"Dear me, you flatterer!"

"Call it flattery, do you?"

"Certainly, to be a fanatic means that one has enough belief in something to suffer for it. And that is a rare possession in these days of easy tolerance."

"I'm not a drinker, as you know; but really, this 'touch not, taste not, handle not' attitude is beyond me. What harm would it do to have a little wine at the wedding to drink our healths in?"

"In the first place, Em. and I belong to the W.C.T.U., and we promise not only to abstain from strong drink, but to do all in our power to discourage its use by others. If I provide wine for my guests I am encouraging the use of it. In the second place, no young person shall ever say they got the first taste of wine in my home."

"Why are you a personal abstainer, Eric?" and she smiled. "Every man should be able to give a reason for his opinions."

"My reason is Emily."

"But surely she never asked you to abstain."

"No, she did not," he replied. "But," and he gave a whimsical grin, "she made it very evident that her husband would have to abstain. Now, I have no liking for alcohol, I have a deep love for Emily, and so I gave up the thing I didn't want to get what I greatly desired."

"Do you know why Em. and I are such earnest Prohibitionists?"

"No, Mrs Roy. I do not."

"It is a tragic story. We never speak of it; but I think you ought to know. It caused us to leave our Southern home and come North, where we are not known. My husband was coming home one evening. When just about to cross the road to our gate, he saw a young man lurching just in front of a fast travelling motor car. He sprang forward hurled the young man backward, but tripped, and was run over by the car. It was Bob, our only son, who was returning from a wedding party. He had drunk the healths in wine. It was the first time he was ever under the influence of liquor, and was crossing the street for home. Sobered by the accident, he went to the help of his rescuer. When he saw the dead body of his father, he rushed away, maddened by the horror of it. Next morning his body was found in the park. "Dead by his own hand."

Calmly she told her story, but the sadness of it touched the heart of the stalwart young man. He bent and kissed her cheek.

"How you must have suffered. I can understand now your horror of wine at weddings, and," he added reverently, "I can share it."

### CHAPTER II.

Emily Roy was hastening home as fast as an express train could take her. She had been called to the bedside of a sick friend, and had remained until her convalescence. Her wedding day was only a week ahead, and much was to be done. She leaned out of the win-

dow talking to her friends as the express waited at the station.

"Look at that," she exclaimed. A man was just crossing from the hotel opposite and handed a glass of liquor to the engine-driver.

"That's no good," said her friend. But the train was off and good-byes waved.

"That should not be allowed," said Emily to her neighbour.

"It's not allowed, young lady." He smiled grimly. "I pity our driver if one of his 'Heads' is on this train."

The afternoon wore on, and soon they came to the last stop before the home station.

Emily glanced along at the engine. A man was leaning out and gesticulating wildly.

"I'm not going on until I get a drink," he said.

He was quickly pulled into the cab; the bell tingled, guard whistled, and off they went. And truly they went. Faster and faster they tore along, carriages rocked ominously. Down the long incline, with ever-increasing speed they rushed. Could the engine take the sharp curve ahead? She could not. She overleapt the rails, and piled herself and leading carriages in one red ruin.

Emily felt a crushing blow on her spine, and knew no more.

Hours later she opened her eyes. Mother and lover stood beside her bed. A gleam of consciousness had returned, her lips moved. Faintly she spoke, for strength was going. Eric laid his ear to her lips.

"Take care of mum. Goodbye, my love!" she murmured softly.

Her eyes closed, her senses were locked in a deep sleep, from which she wakened never more on earth. A week later mother and lover stood beside the new-made grave. That day she should have been a happy bride; instead of that she slept in her quiet grace, sent there by a drunken driver's hand.

"Eric, my boy, who dare say the drink trade is no business of mine?" murmured this bereaved mother.

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

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### OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss McLay, after her long, strenuous, and very effective campaign in Waikato and Bay of Plenty districts, is resting in Auckland. Did I say resting? Well, perhaps so, in any case she is helping with seashore missions around Auckland.

Miss Bradshaw finished in the Manawatu District, and went a motor tour with friends, and we wish her a happy and health-giving holiday.

Miss Burls has concluded her four months' engagement with the W.C.T.U. She did good service under adverse conditions, weather and other kinds. The Executive officers, taking all these circumstances into consideration, decided not to renew the engagement; they thanked Miss Burls for her work, and wished her every success in her future sphere.

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### HEADQUARTERS.

What is a Headquarters? Why, a home, of course. For 42 years our Dominion Union has been and still is homeless. We have started to save up for a home, and have about £900 in hand. Now there is the prospect that a fine, new up-to-date and most suitable building may be obtainable. The Executive officers are most anxious that we should be able to secure such a suitable building. But it will need a large sum to be raised. An appeal is to be made to our Unions to ask that they send their delegates to Convention with suggestions as to what Unions can do to help in this matter. The need is urgent. We should have a home where all our literature could be kept, and where eventually all our activities could be centred. Now please don't think this is a difficult matter. It only wants the hearty co-operation of every Union

and every officer, and it would be an accomplished fact. Please remember Headquarters, plan for it, pray for it, think about it, talk about it, interest others in it, and come to Convention full of faith and ready to do great works.

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### WOMEN JUSTICES.

At last, after years of waiting, the Government has appointed Women Justices of the Peace. We congratulate the Minister upon the appointments made. The choice is excellent, and we venture to say not many lists of male Justices have been so very suitable. The different women's societies are well represented, and all are women who have done social work of a high order. The W.C.T.U. has provided several women who will perform their duties with ability, fairness, justice, and dignity. Mrs Taylor, our Dominion President, is one; also Mrs McCormbs, President of Sumner W.C.T.U., and an ex-Dominion officer; Miss Kirk, President of Wellington Central, who is also Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children; Mrs McVicar and Mrs Herbert are both White Ribboners, and Mrs Leech, Secretary of League of Nations Union, has been a frequent speaker at our Dominion Conventions. Mrs Gorliss and Mrs Fraser are both social workers, and Dr. Hilda Northcroft is a member of Women's National Council. We are glad to get this reform in our Department of Justice, and trust soon to have Women Police and Women Jurors.

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The British Government report a profit of £82,000 on the Carlisle undertaking, which represents just under 7½ per cent.—and this without any deduction for taxation, such as private businesses pay. The Government still declines to say how much was spent by the people on liquor in order to give this profit.

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Samuel Jordan, the well-known minister, having cause to be anxious about his son's college examination, told him to telegraph the result. The boy sent the following message to his parent: "Hymn 342, fifth verse, last two lines."

Looking it up the father found the words: "Sorrow vanquished, labour ended, Jordan passed."—"Indian Witness."

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE U.S. AND PROHIBITION.

(By Blanche Read Johnston, Hon. Secretary, World's W.C.T.U.)

One of the most delightful experiences of my last visit to the South (United States of America) was the great pleasure I had in meeting Mrs Maudie Perkins. Mrs Perkins is the National Director of the Young People's Work for the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the United States. She is bright, keen and alert, and enthusiastic upon the question of young people; an eloquent exponent of their cause. The important position she occupies in relation to the work gives her authority to speak of conditions. She visits and addresses the young people in the educational institutions throughout the United States. Therefore she is right in the heart of the young life, knows how its pulse beats, its aims, ambitions, and ideals. We discussed the question of the insidious propaganda which is being directed against the young people of the United States by the anti-Prohibition forces. She assured me that it was a malicious scheme of misrepresentation.

### FALSE REPORTS.

We continually hear that the young people of the United States indulge in drink more freely than before Prohibition was enacted. We hear of "petting parties," of "hip flask," and a general downward tendency of the young folk of the American Republic. Doubtless there is a class who so indulge. They are always looking for some new excitement and some fresh extravagance and new indulgence by which they may spend their money. "The occasional flask displayed at social gatherings is often the expression of bravado." It is a shame to stigmatise the young people of the United States in this manner because of a limited class of transgressors. Of course, the whole object is to discredit the Prohibition law. It is an inspired attack on the good name of the young people of that country.

Mrs Boole, President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, says:—"There has been no cheaper trick in all American politics than this false picturing of youth. No meaner political slander has ever been invented than this business of rubbing smut on the boys and girls by the liquor interests and their friends."



## PROOFS.

The American public has been treated to several graphic demonstrations of the untruth of the wet slander. Ten thousand young people marched in protest against this accusation in Atlanta, Georgia. A college executive, carried away by the excitement of the occasion, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that students were drinking to excess, and when he returned to his friends, the students made him publicly disown every word he had said. A poll of American colleges shows a big majority of young men and women seriously in favour of Prohibition, and only an inconsequential percentage in favour of a return to beer and wine.

Charges that the every day lives of high school boys and girls have degenerated into drunken orgies have been investigated, and found false. This nation is basically sound, and the attempt by politicians to survey the country through a wet keyhole has produced the usual results that keyhole operators obtain. After the wets had thoroughly scattered their slanderous propaganda that the young men and young women of America are engaged in a prolonged drinking orgy, many serious studies of the situation were made by people in a position to know what they were doing. Says another writer: "The studies brought to light that college boys and girls are seriously in favour of Prohibition, and that the prosperity and general moral tone of the United States has made a college enrolment of 725,000, whereas just before National Prohibition there was only a third of that number."

## USEFUL SURVEYS.

The Inter-collegiate Prohibition Association made a representative test of the sentiment of college students, and in a national survey covering 102 schools in thirty-two States, received replies from 162,000 students favouring Prohibition, and 1998 opposed to Prohibition. The replies show: "There is less drinking among college students than ever. Present conditions surrounding students in college communities are more conducive to sobriety than were conditions prior to Prohibition. Every charge that school boys and girls are demoralised by Prohibition has been investigated and proved wrong."

The former Dean of the University of California says there is less drinking among the college students than among the older people of the nation. The

Editor of one of the leading papers has written that he has dozens of young friends of college age, and not one is a flask drinker. "Indeed, the idea of trying to mix booze and study is much more repugnant than it was to our own school mates at a time when a boy could get a drink of whisky from a conscienceless dive-keeper for ten cents or a schooner of heavy beer for five cents."

"You have heard much on this side of the Atlantic about the failure of Prohibition, and perhaps you have heard repeated here the slanderous statements that this law has demoralised the young people," says Dr. Daniel A. Poling, President, United Society of Christian Endeavour. "As one who knows the North American continent across all its distances, and who has been personally and intimately acquainted with its young people for more than a generation, I say that the charge is utterly false. Prohibition is not a failure, and America's youth is not demoralised.

"In a recent poll which I made hurriedly before appearing before the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate in connection with the Prohibition hearings, letters were addressed to the Presidents of State, district, county, and large city Christian Endeavour Unions everywhere in the United States. The 538 replies received were divided as follows:—

"Five hundred and thirty-one voted against the legalising of light wines and beer. Only seven voted for such legalisation. Five hundred and thirty-two voted against the repeal of Prohibition. Only six voted for such repeal. Five hundred and twenty-nine voted that Prohibition had bettered conditions financially, socially and morally.

"That these young Presidents are representative of America's youth will not be disputed when I tell you that they are the elected leaders of a movement which enrolls more than two million young people."

## LESS JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

The State Board of Charities, New York State, in its annual report to the Legislature in March, 1925, declares: "The fact that the population of the reformatories of the State has decreased constantly from 1917 to 1925 would not indicate an increase in juvenile delinquency.

"The hundreds of thousands of youth formerly debauched annually by the saloon under license are to-day filling

our colleges, athletic fields, and business institutions rather than our Courts."

The women's work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is organised practically throughout the whole United States. A patriotic roll has been organised. This is presented to the young people of high school and college years, and already the names of half a million have been inscribed. These young people have sworn allegiance to the law enforcement, which means observing the Prohibition law.

Mrs Perkins assures us that one of the best ways to refute the charges against the young people is to secure all the names of the youth between the ages of 14 and 20 in a pledge for total Prohibition. The aim of her Branch is to secure a million such names before the next World's Convention. One branch of young people's work at present is surveying the results of Prohibition in their own local communities. She says it is highly interesting to learn the places of business which stand where once the saloon existed. The young people's branch are very active in their work. They have been filling pulpits and taking charge of young people's societies, holding socials and picnics, hikes and lawn parties, distributing literature, and in a thousand ways they are endeavouring to enlist the young people of the Republic under their banner. Not only in total abstinence and law observance, but in every form of Christian service.—18 Cowan Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

## STILL BEING BUILT—WHY?

Speaking on the effect of National Prohibition on the building of new hotels in America, Mr John McFerule Howe (Chairman, Educational Committee of American Hotel Association), said at the Cleveland (Ohio) Convention recently:—"Last year (1923) new hotels costing 250,000,000 dols. (£50,000,000) were built in this country. During 1924, 600,000,000 dols. (£120,000,000) will be spent for new hotel properties."

What is that instrument by which every tooth in you head can be drawn without pain if you only shut your eyes and keep your mouth open?—A lead pencil.



### MAORI ORGANISER'S REPORT.

On the 1st of November I commenced work for the N.Z. W.C.T.U. amongst the Maori people. Meeting held at Tangiteroria N. Wairoa. One lady joined and signed the pledge; the others present will think over forming a Union there. Came to Urgaville and visited Houhanga, Omariki; hope for members there later. Then to Oturei. The Oturei Union held their monthly meeting; several European members of different branches were present, and also Rev. Mr Griffin (Methodist). Forwarded a resolution for Convention, and two new members joined. Went down the river to Naumai, visited the homes, and got a meeting and formed a Union of six members. Then on to Poutu. The Poutu Union held a meeting, and endorsed the Oturei resolution; three new members signed. To Helensville, and visited several homes, and then went on to Port Albert. Visited the pah, and got an old member to join again. Then went to a hui tangi. A little baby died; made a wreath, and sent it over. Attended a Pakeha meeting; most of the ladies were members of the W.C.T.U. Explained the rules, and also about Convention. Formed a Union; dates of meeting arranged, delegates proposed, and subscriptions paid. Came on to Pakiri, and visited both Maori and pakeha. On to Leigh, and thence to Auckland. Visited several homes, and helped the sick; got one new member. Left for Hamilton, and will be in the

Waikato district for the month of December.

I have found our Maori sisters greatly interested in the work, and doing all they can to help wipe out the Liquor Traffic, as it is a ruin to many homes.

I also thank all my European sisters for their help and kindness.

With the blessing of the Lord, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Signed) Hinerangi T. Simons,  
Maori Organiser.

### FRANKTON.

The above Union was formed on December 1st, 1925. Although few in number, they have held meetings regularly every month. The Superintendent (Sister Nichols) has been doing good work in North Auckland for the Unions in helping to organise new Maori Unions; also Mrs Whatu (Secretary) has helped to enlighten the Maori sisters in the work of the Union, and there are hopes of new members. The hospital visitors have been regular in their visits, and this is one of the Union's chief activities. Mrs Jones (President of the Hamilton Branch) has been a great help to this Union. Though they have not been able to do much yet financially, they hope to do more next year. The work is difficult, as the members are very scattered, but those that are able to attend the meetings are very anxious for the Union work to be carried on. Mrs Whatu has been elected delegate for the Annual Convention in March.

### TE AWAMUTU.

Meeting held at Mrs Pura Roberts' house on December 29th. Union formed of seven members—five women and two men. Pres., Mrs Pura Roberts; Sec., Mrs Warena Kingi; Treas., Mrs Te Aho Te Rangi Pihema, Mrs Charles Rawini, Mrs Maiotahi Te Kaponga, Mr Pura Roberts, and Mr Warena Kingi.

Ripoata mote marama o Tohema, 3/1/27

1/12/26: Ka Haere mai i Akarana ki Drury mana ko Sister Nicholls mate kaa.

2/12/26: Kai haere mai ki Humutana mete haere ano kia kite inga Maori owaenganui i Drury and Humutana.

3/12/26: I Humutana.

4/12/26: Ka Hāere kinga kainga Maori otenei taone mete korero ano inga mahi ote Roopu W.C.T.U.

5/12/26: Maba tonu nga kainga itae mana kura ratapu inga tamariki me whakaatu itaku mahi. Itae ano kite paa ote Kingi Maori i Huntly.

6/12/26: Haere kite inga Maori i Frankton.

7/12/26: Haere kite kainga ote Rev. Kakuere (Methodist minister).

8/12/26: Haere ki Horotiu kia kite inga Maori otera Takiwa.

9/12/26: He mitini nate Roopu o Frankton, kawhakupareatia ete President Mrs Jones. Ka haere nga mahi ate Roopu. Whakamohio iau ka mihi whakautua mete whai korero ano inga kino ote Waipiro ikite ku kanohi. He mana ano nga wahine oetahi atu takiwa iwhai korero pai tonu tana mitini kawhakamutua kite inoi. Amene.

10/12/26: Whata he koata mitini nate hahi Weteriana Nate Rev. Kakuere ahau iwhakamohio kite iwi metaku mahi. Maha tonu nga tane menga wahine itu mai kite wha kaae itenei take me kore atu ite nui ano onga mete kua kite te iwi Waiho ana taohoa kia whiri ratou motetahi roopu.

11/12/26: Ka haere kite hui o Taupo.

12/12/26: Ratapu imuri ote Karakia ka whakamohiotia ahau ete Rev. Kakuere ka puare he taima ki au ikerotia te take meone whakahaere katoa menga mate otenei kai. Keiti whakaae te iwi ae me kore atu tenei kai ite Maori engari me pehea ekore nei te poti ehomai mote Maori Taku utu atu tenei koia nei ahau erapu nei itetahi hoa moku hei whawhai atu itena take ka mutu ikonei. Kotahī tangata ituku mai itana wahinemeana kotiro hei roopu Engari kahore ana wahine ikonei itenei waa.

13/12/26: Tatari inga wahine keite haere kee Te kupu me hoki atu ano ahau kite tiki atu itaku roopu.

14/12/26: I Hamutana.

15/12/26: Ka haere kite Awamutu.

16/12/26: Itae ano kinga kainga onga Maori menga pakeha mete awahina ano itetahi turoro Maori.

17/12/26: Ka haere kia kite itetahi onga mema ote roopu Frankton.

18/12/26: Haere ki Ngaruawahia.

19/12/26: Ratapu ki Ngaruawahia kite kianga o Rev. Kakuere.



20/12/26: Haere kite hui i Rangi-  
mate Rev. Kakuere ahau iwhakamohio  
kite iwi kotahi wahine iwhakautu iaku  
korero.

21/12/26: Haere kia kite ite Rev.  
Hira Rogers, Mrs Rogers and family.

22/12/26: Haere kia kite inga mema  
ke Roopu o Frankton io ratou hia kinga  
mati ote roopu.

23/12/26: Hoki ki Hamutana.

24/12/26: Haere kia Rev Kakuere hei  
mau iau kite hui ate kingi.

25/12/26: Ite 1 p.m. ka haere matou  
kite paa i Huntly nuku atu ite 1000 nga  
tangata itana marae.

26/12/26: Ka puare he waa kiau i  
muri ote karakia Kauhau ahau  
nga whakahaere ote Roopu te  
tino take he turaki ite Wai-  
piro. Nui tonu te iwi itanga  
he take eawhina ana ratou itenei me  
kore atu tenei kai ia tatou. Kotahi te  
patai atetahi tangata ite mea hei roopu  
Karaitiana ako wai otatou he Karai-  
iana ite mea he hau. Hoki ahau metoku  
iwi katoa nei. He tangata ano ewha-  
kaae katoa ano kite take engari tona  
hiame uru mai tana kiroto otaku  
pueroa me ako hokingatamariki Maori  
kite reo Maori. Katumai he wahine  
nei taku kupu eae katoa ana kite take  
engari irero ite mana owai tenei roopu  
kite tu mete tini atu ra onga patai inga  
pika otenei Roopu. Whakautu inga  
patai (1) Tatou ekarakia ana kite Atua  
ite Rangi etohu. Ana tetahi itetahi kinga  
mahi papai koia na nga Karaitiana.  
(2) Na mau ano mate Matua otena  
tamaiti eako tau tamaiti kite reo Maori.  
Nga tangata mohiotanga otatou ote iwi  
Maori kote kupu nui tena kia u to tatou  
reo Maori. (3) Kite tu he roopu mo  
koutou te mana hei tou mana ano  
engari kote Atua hei piringa mou Ka  
oti ikonei inoi tonu mai iau me taeki  
orotou marae me mau atu tenei take  
keite awhina ratou. Kamutu te taha  
kiau.

27/12/26: Hoki ki Hamutana.

28/12/26: Ka haere ki Gordonton.

29/12/26: Ka haere kite Awamutu.  
Ite he mitini maku kite whare o Mrs  
Pura Roberts. Whakaae ana nga wa-  
hine kitetahi roopu mo ratou. Katu  
te roopu ke Mrs Pura Roberts, Pres.;  
Mrs Warena Kingi, Sec.; Mrs Te Abo  
Rangi Pihana, Treas.; Mrs Charlie  
Rawini; Mrs Maiotaki Te Kaponga; Mr  
Pura Roberts; Mr Warena Kingi.

30/12/26: Ka haere ki kihii and Para-  
wera kia kite inga Maori. Mete  
awhina ano itetahi tamaiti turoro.

31/12/26: Ka hoki mai ki Hamutana.  
Toku address motanei marama me  
tuhi mai ano ki Wilford Lodge, 48 Lon-  
don Street, Hamilton, Waikato.

Kahore ano ituturu ko hea ahau  
atenei marama. Mate Atua tatou e  
mamaki. Mata koutou mokai nei ano.  
Hiraerangi Simons.

## TO THE PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL UNIONS.

Dear Sisters,—

As I travel about the Dominion,  
coming into contact, as I do, with a  
large number of local Unions, I am  
much concerned by the fact that there  
are a great many details of our work  
and constitution not well enough under-  
stood by the officers and members of  
our Union in New Zealand.

Questions of financial obligations,  
correct procedure, a good working  
knowledge of our constitution, and the  
wide significance of some of our de-  
partments of work, are some of the  
matters on which many of us require a  
lot of information and education.

Last year your N.Z. officers, organi-  
sers, and others travelled about a great  
deal, and did all they could to get into  
touch with as many individual Unions  
and members as possible, and to be on  
the spot to explain these things person-  
ally. But it is not possible to go into  
all the details that may be troubling  
Unions, either by personal visits, letters,  
the "White Ribbon," or otherwise.  
The only place where this can be done  
effectively and to the largest number is  
at Dominion Convention. I therefore  
appeal to you, as the heads of each local  
Union, and responsible for its policy, to  
make it your business to see that your  
Union is represented at Convention in  
Auckland next March, if it is at all pos-  
sible.

If you wish for information or a ruling  
on any matter, however small it may  
be, your delegate is entitled to ask for  
and receive such information.

Under the new Constitution, proxies  
are not allowed, but you may appoint  
any member of any Union in your Dis-  
trict to act as delegate for you. So  
please every Union make a big effort to  
be represented at Convention, and ask  
your delegate to report all instructions  
and information to you at the very  
earliest opportunity.

Make no mistake, sisters, your local  
work cannot possibly be as effective as  
it might be if you are not kept in close  
touch with what is going on elsewhere,  
both in our own land and in other coun-  
tries.

The vision and inspiration that come  
from a gathering together of all our  
forces, for mutual help through prayer  
and praise, through exchange of experi-  
ences, and through the uplift of educa-  
tion, are absolutely necessary if we

New Zealand women are ever to attain  
to the ideals which we hold so neces-  
sary and so precious for the future wel-  
fare of our race and of all mankind.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

### NEW ZEALAND FUND.

North East Valley, £5; Christ-  
Church, £3 19s. 3d.; Wanganui East,  
£2; Wanganui Central, £1 10s.;  
Auckland "Y," Eden and Pleasant  
Point, £1 1s. each; Petone, £1; Gis-  
borne and Nelson L.T.L., 10s. each;  
Otaki, 9s.

### ORGANIZING FUND.

North East Valley, £11 11s.;  
Christchurch, £10 14s. 6d.; Wanganui  
East, £7 11s. 6d.; South Invercargill,  
£7 10s.; Wanganui Central, £5 5s.;  
Petone and Wakefield, £5 each;  
Whangarei, £4 7s.; Geraldine, £3 10s.  
6d.; Otahuhu and Fairlie, £2 9s. 6d.  
each; Templeton, £2 5s.; Waimate,  
£2 8s. 9d. (additional); Gisborne,  
£2 2s.; Palmerston North, £2; North  
New Brighton, £1 14s. 6d.; Wark-  
worth, £1 5s. 6d.; Russell, £1 2s. 6d.;  
Ormondville, 19s. 6d.; Turakina and  
Waverley, 16s. 6d. each; Tinwald,  
10s.

### MAORI FUND.

Christchurch, £1 2s.; Wyndham,  
£1; Otahuhu, 10s.; Pleasant Point,  
5s. 9d.

### WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Christchurch, £1 2s. 6d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.  
10th January, 1927.

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**TELEPHONE 45-254.**

A reporter, in describing a teetotal  
meeting, said that "they had a most  
harmonious and profitable session,  
and they retired from the hall full  
of the best spirits."

## AIMS AND OBJECTS OF W.C.T.U.

(Paper by Mrs Macalister, at Napier Union.)

When the praying bands of saintly women in Hillboro', Ohio, America, first went forth, their one thought and purpose was to try to stem the tide of intemperance which they saw was working such havoc amongst those around them. They saw that the saloons were ruining the young manhood of their country and their mother hearts were torn with grief. Their one cry was "Brothers, we beg of you not to drink and not to sell." But the liquor traffic is so interwoven with politics, with science and with all necessary reforms, that if we are to follow the enemies of those we love we must take up "the do everything" policy; for this reason, that though everything is not in the Temperance reform, the Temperance reform should be in everything, for every question of practical philanthropy or reform has its temperance aspect.

People are much more enlightened now in regard to the evils of alcohol than they were 50 or 60 years ago, and yet the drink bill in Britain and in New Zealand grows bigger every year, and thousands and tens of thousands are continually being destroyed by this enemy to both body and soul.

More than any other Society ever formed, the W.C.T.U. is the exponent of what is best in this latter day civilisation. Its scope is the broadest, its aims are the kindest, its history is the most heroic. Women of all nationalities and creeds can here meet on common ground for the uplifting of humanity, and each one can find something to do for which she is specially fitted.

There are 24 different departments of work taken up by the New Zealand W.C.T.U., and each of these departments of work has a special Superintendent, who, at the end of the year, gathers in reports from each branch of the Union and reports to Convention. I will just mention some of these departments. The first one on the list is Evangelistic Work, and the word explains itself, and is as it should be placed first, for we are a Women's Christian Temperance Union, and everything we can do to further the Kingdom of Our Lord comes under this heading, namely,

meetings for prayer, visiting the sick and aged, singing hymns at the hospitals, distributing good literature, etc., etc.

Then we have purity and rescue work. The purity leaflets and little books which can be obtained from the Purity Superintendent, are invaluable for those wishing to impart the necessary and proper information. Let each one of us see to it that the boys and girls we can influence or whose parents we can influence, shall not leave their homes to go out into the world utterly unwarned and unarmed against the temptations to evil which they will meet on every side.

Home meetings, Educational meetings, Sabbath Observance, Maori Work, Work Amongst Young People, which means Band of Hope or Loyal Temperance Legions, are the names of some more of our departments of work. Scientific Temperance Instruction, another of our branches of work is of extreme importance. Our New Zealand President at the last Convention, stated, "that the neglect of this teaching has been largely responsible for the deplorable increase in the drinking habit among young people of both sexes to-day."

Then we have Social and Moral Hygiene. This department seeks to teach the benefits to be received from wholesome and nutritious food, pure air, and pure water, sensible clothing, etc., and we do well to give heed to these things. In sea-port towns we have work amongst seamen.

All of our Unions take up the work more or less of Anti-Gambling, Peace and Arbitration, and Legal and Parliamentary watchfulness. The liquor traffic and gambling are safe-guarded by the law, and have to be followed into Parliament where the laws are made. How many of us have got into personal touch with our own member and let him know that we are looking to him to work for the elimination of the third issue and the provision of a two-issue ballot paper at next election.

The membership of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in New Zealand totals nearly 8,000, and there is a Women's Christian Temperance Union in nearly every country of this world. It is expected that each member will wear the badge—the little bow of white, and remember at each noontide to ask God's blessing upon

our Union whose motto is For God and Home and every land, and whose founder was the beloved Frances Willard.

## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

Dear Mrs Editor,

Will you allow me space to send a New Year's greeting to the comrades of my organizing years? I read with keen interest the reports from the various Unions in the White Ribbon month by month, and how my heart thrills as I see the familiar names and say to myself, "Still at work." Many have folded their hands and gone home, their work done, but I say "thank God" for those still in the fight, and for the many little country branches which I organised, and which still hold the fort bravely, as well as for those promoted comrades representing the N.Z.W.C.T.U. before the great white throne. May we all rejoice together in 1928, over a country freed from the curse of the liquor traffic, is the prayer of

Your comrade,  
MARY S. POWELL.

## THE GAME.

When the game seems lost and you  
want to quit,  
And you're sticking just by your nerve  
and grit,  
And you can't see an earthly chance  
to win,  
And you're weary and jaded and nearly  
"all in,"  
Don't ever quit as you want to do,  
But keep your heart till the game is  
through,  
Till the last hard minute is past and  
gone—  
Fight on!

—Points.

Why are sheep the most dissipated creatures in the world?

Because they gambol in their youth, spend most of their days on the turf, the best of them are black-legs, and they are sure to be fleeced at last.



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Will all Delegates requiring hospitality during Convention, send names to—

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WELLINGTON, JANUARY 18, 1927.

**Forty-Second Annual Convention  
N.Z. W.C.T.U.**

To be held in Auckland, March 23rd to March 31st, 1927.

**AGENDA.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd.**

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

2.30 p.m.: Meeting of Executive.

Evening: Public Reception.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24th.**

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

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

Noontide Devotions. Greetings. Letters of sympathy.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Minutes. Notice of Motion by Mrs Benfell, "That Art. II of Constitution of District Union be altered by deleting the word 'Vice-President' and adding the words 'That the District President nominate the Chief District Vice-President.'"

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

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25th.**

9.30 a.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Report of Headquarters Committee. Resolution re Headquarters and discussion of same.

Noontide Devotions.

Dominion Superintendent of Literature to speak on her Literature and advertise it.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Minutes. Plans of Work. Address from Mr Edmond, General Secretary of Alliance. Resolution re Petition.

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26th.**

Afternoon: Motor Drive and Afternoon Tea.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27th.**

Convention Service.

**MONDAY, MARCH 28th.**

9.30 a.m.: Devotions.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Report of "White Ribbon" Editor. Report of Business Manager. Appointment of "White Ribbon" Editor and Business Manager. Appointment of Associate Editor. Orders for Convention number of "White Ribbon." Votes

of grants in connection with "White Ribbon."

Noontide Devotions. Dominion Librarian and Moral and Social Hygiene Superintendents to speak on their Literature.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Minutes. School of Methods: District Unions; Discussion re Procedure; Subdivision of some of present District Unions. Plans of Work.

5.30 p.m.: Adjournment.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29th.**

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

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Reports of Superintendents: Discussion as necessary, and adoption. 1. Peace and Arbitration: Report of Peace Committee. Resolution against Compulsory Military Training. Remit from Southland District Union re Military Camps. 2. Maori Work: Report of Maori Organiser's Work.

Noontide Devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Plans of Work: Scientific Temperance Instruction and Work Among the Young People; Cooperation of the Churches.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th.**

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

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Tellers. Election of Dominion Officers. Resolutions.

Noontide Devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.: Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Minutes. Greetings. Presentation of Banners.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31st.**

9.30 a.m.: Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Handing in of Notices of Motion.

Appointment of Superintendents. Arrangements for next Convention. Votes of Thanks. Unfinished Business.

Close of Convention.

**ANNUAL CONVENTION, 1927.**

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

Last month you no doubt read a preliminary notice as to the Annual Convention, and I am now able to give further information. The Convention will be held in Auckland from the 23rd to the 31st of March; and the first draft

of the Agenda appears in this issue of the "White Ribbon."

An Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 23rd March, and as usual, to this are summoned the Dominion officers, the District Presidents, the Dominion Superintendents of Departments, and the Organisers. Any District Union whose President is unable to attend, may be represented by one of the District Secretaries, or failing them, by the District Treasurer.

Every Union of 100 members or under is entitled to send one delegate. For larger Unions the basis of representation is one delegate for every 100, or fraction of 100, members, but these must be financial, i.e., fully paid up members.

As I explained in my letter last month, no provision can now be made for representation by proxy; but a Union unable to send one of its own members may select as its delegate any member of any other Union within its own District; but no delegate may represent more than one Union, or exercise more than one vote. The names, addresses and status of delegates should be sent to me as soon as possible, so that the roll of Convention members may be prepared. Each delegate should bring with her credentials showing that she is entitled to a seat on Convention. These may be worded as follows:—"We hereby certify that — is the duly appointed delegate for — Union for the Convention to be held at Auckland in March, 1927." They should be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Union, and should bear the date of the meeting at which the delegate was appointed. They should be brought to Auckland and handed to me in person, not sent to me through the post. It sometimes happens that the name of the delegate cannot be decided till very shortly before Convention week. Under these circumstances word should be sent to me that the Union will be represented, and the name can be forwarded later.

As early as possible the names of intending delegates who require hospitality should be sent to the Hospitality Committee in Auckland. Again, if it is not possible to select the delegate early, but it is reasonably certain that the Union will be represented by some one, word of this should be sent to Auckland as early as possible, for it is not fair to the Hospitality Committee to be called on to find a home just at the eleventh

hour. The name and address of the convenor of the Hospitality Committee will be found on page 7 of this issue of the "White Ribbon."

Information has been forwarded to me by the Corresponding Secretary as to travelling concessions, and special attention should be given to the following directions. Properly accredited delegates will be granted first-class tickets (by rail) at holiday excursion fares, but each delegate must have a certificate from the Corresponding Secretary. Every Union which intends to send a delegate, or delegates, must apply for the necessary certificate to the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Henderson, B.A., 7 Straven Road, Riccarton, Christchurch. It will not be necessary to give the name of the delegate in making the application.

There is one Notice of Motion, which will hardly be likely to raise any discussion. It is to the effect that in the Constitution of the District Union an alteration be made whereby the Chief Vice-President, instead of being elected, shall be nominated by the District President. This matter should be brought up at the February meeting in each Union, so that instructions for voting may be given to the delegates for Convention.

With loving greetings to all of you, and best wishes for the New Year just begun, and especially for an enthusiastic Convention.—I am, etc.

KATE M. EVANS, Rec. Sec.

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### TO THE BRANCHES OF THE W.C.T.U. IN SOUTHLAND.

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Through the medium of the White Ribbon, the Southland District Union Executive sends hearty New Year greetings to every Union in Southland.

At the commencement of 1927, which has opened so auspiciously—the land flooded with sunshine and the fields fresh and smiling, giving promise of plenty—let us, with grateful hearts, resolve to work more fervently for the abolition of the liquor traffic which is such a blot on our fair and beloved Dominion.

"You must live each day at your very best,  
The work of the world is done by few,  
God asks that a part be done by you."

### EACH IN HIS OWN TONGUE.

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A fire-mist and a planet, a crystal  
and a cell,  
A jelly-fish and a saurian, and caves  
where the cavemen dwell.  
Then a sense of law and beauty, and  
a face turned from the clod—  
Some call it Evolution, and others  
call it God.

A haze on the far horizon, the infinite  
tender sky,  
The ripe, rich hint of cornfields, and  
then wild geese sailing high;  
And all over upland and lowland, the  
charm of the golden rod—  
Some of us call it Autumn, and others  
call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea-beach,  
when the moon is new and thin,  
Into our hearts high yearnings come  
welling and surging in:  
Come from the mystic ocean, whose  
rim no foot has trod—  
Some of us call it Longing, and others  
call it God.

A picket frozen on duty, a mother  
starved for her brood,  
Socrates drinking the hemlock, and  
Jesus on the rood;  
And millions, who, humble and name-  
less, the straight, hard pathway  
plod—  
Some call it Consecration, and others  
call it God.

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### DON'T QUIT!

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A winner never quits,  
He shoots until he hits;  
A quitter never has been known to  
win,  
He quits about the time he should  
begin—  
Don't quit!

The greatest is not whether fast or  
slow the pace—  
You know the trutle and the rabbit  
had a race—  
It's rather, can you stick until you  
reach the place  
Where rich rewards are giv'n, where  
sounds the words of praise;  
"Almost" and "nearly" will not do,  
You've got to stick the whole race  
through—  
Don't quit!



# News of the Unions.

## BRANCH REPORTS.

Please take note:—

1. Reports should reach Editor by 8th of each month.
2. They should be short. Don't report routine business. Do report all new plans and efforts.
3. Use pen and ink, and write only on one side of the paper.

### OAMARU.

Dec. Annual Social meeting well-attended. Mrs Clarke in the chair. Mrs Edgar read a very fine paper by Mrs Lee-Cowie, which was instructive and interesting. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr Cunningham and family in their bereavement. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr R. Hill, as Auditor of our balance sheet; to Mrs Smith for her labour of love in making wreaths; to Miss M. Milligan for arranging room for meetings. Decided to send no delegate to Convention; to go into recess till the 2nd Monday in February, and that the Baptist Hall be still our meeting place. Mrs D. Simpson, the Misses Farr and Genge, were the soloists of the evening, their songs were much appreciated. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs J. J. Clarke; Secretary, Miss A. Webb; Cor. Secretary, Mrs W. Scott; Treasurer, Mrs McKenzie; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Reid and Hall, Miss Smyth, Miss M. Milligan; Press Reporter, Miss A. Webb; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs A. Corlett; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; Sick Visitor, Miss M. Milligan; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Williamson; Organist, Miss Frater; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Twose with Mrs Edgar to assist; Social Convenor, Miss Hilliker, with Mrs Twose, Mrs Omnet, Mrs Edger, Miss Johnstone to assist. Supper was served. The Silent Campaign was discussed, and cards given out, as was also Bible-in-Schools Slips.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

Dec. 9. Annual meeting held in conjunction with a "Bring and Buy" Social; the attendance was good, and the meeting was presided over by Mrs H. Hall. Decided to send letters of Xmas cheer to many members who are on the sick list. A picnic for the children on the Cradle Roll will be held in January. A resume of the year's activities was submitted by the Secretary. The report showed that the membership is 102; there are 41 "White Ribbon" subscribers and 131 babies on the Cradle Roll. The Treasurer reported a good credit balance. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs H. Hall; Vice Presidents, Mesdames J. S. Young, R. Raine, J. Bellamy, F. H. Good, and Miss B. M. Harband; Secretary, Mrs M. Moses; Treasurer, Mrs N. Fraser; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs H. Melroy; Press Reporter, Mrs F. M. Mitchell; Notable Days Supt., Mrs R. Campbell; Good Citizenship and Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss B. M. Harband; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Duncan; Cradle Roll, Mrs F. H. Good; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs M. Moses. An excellent programme of character songs, recitations, violin solos and pianoforte solos, was given by Misses Shirley Cook, Gwen Sherlock, and Roma Spedding, and Master Billy Cook. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the performers. Under the supervision of Mrs Fraser, a well-filled table of gifts found ready buyers, and the Union's funds will be augmented to the amount of £2 12s. 6d. by this effort. Supper was served by the members.

### HAWERA.

Dec. 7. Members of the Executive met at the residence of Mrs Curtis to say farewell to Mrs Parkinson, one of our members, who is leaving Hawera to care for her brother's motherless children in Christchurch. Mrs Exley presided, and at the conclusion of afternoon tea, said how sorry we were to say good-bye to Mrs Parkinson, who had

been a faithful member, but hoped she would link up with the Union in Christchurch and feel at home there. Mrs Exley then presented the guest of the afternoon with a black purse and autograph book, in which each one present wrote a verse and their name. Mrs Parkinson thanked all for their gifts and kind wishes. Mrs Squire returned thanks to Mrs Curtis for her kind hospitality. Mrs Hayward also added a few words of appreciation. Lawn Croquet was then indulged in.

### FENCOURT.

Nov. 11. Mrs Simpson presided, attendance small. President made reference to "Armistice Day." Read literature telling of Women's privilege in New Zealand since 1893. Miss C. Jamieson was appointed to assist Mrs Rickard with Cradle Roll, so as to have all the names in by the 31st December. Mrs Rickard donated an account book for the Cradle Roll work, and was duly thanked. Afternoon tea was served.

Dec. 9. President presided; fair attendance. Decided to hold a "Tennis Day" early in January, to raise money for Organising Fund. Decided to omit January meeting, and commence our "New Year" second Thursday in February. All officers re-elected. Mrs Simpson was appointed delegate to Convention, and Miss Norman as substitute. Collection was taken up for Organising Fund, and afternoon tea served.

### PAPANUI.

Dec. Annual meeting, Mrs Simpson presided over a good attendance of members. The Secretary's report was read, and the Treasurer presented the annual balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory credit. Mrs Carr was then asked to take the chair during the election of officers, which resulted:—President, Mrs Simpson; Recording Secretary, Mrs Merrin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Wright; Cradle Roll Superintendent of Flower Mission, Mrs Kruse; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Bond; Organist, Mrs Mackie; Press Reporter, Mrs C. Smith; Social Committee, Mesdames Baxter, Marshall, Kruse, and Tillman. Afternoon tea served.

### THAMES.

Sept. 21. Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., presided over a gathering of 15 ladies, when it was unanimously agreed that a Union be formed. Miss C. M. McLay, Dominion Organiser, organised branch, eight members being initiated. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs E. Miller; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Langford and Mrs Heard; Cor. Secretary, Miss Smith; Rec. Secretary, Mrs Gleeson; Treasurer, Mrs Gleeson. Miss McLay addressed the meeting in a very interesting talk of how the first members worked through much hardships for the cause of Temperance and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dec. 4. The President, Mrs Miller, presided over an attendance of nine ladies. Miss C. M. McLay welcomed to the meeting. Plans of work for next year were discussed. Agreed that the subjects of Medical Temperance and "Alcohol, a Cell Poison," be studied; that Notable Days be observed and papers thereon obtained; and that efforts be made to form a "Y" branch early in the New Year. Miss McLay gave a brief address on the text, "If ye abide in Me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," emphasising prayer-less-ness as one of the greatest hindrances to our work, and the need for complying with the condition laid down by Christ, "If ye abide in Me." On Sunday 5th, a Bible Class Rally was held, addressed by Miss McLay on "The Social Relationships of Life," and setting forth the claims of the Y.P.C.T.U.

### RICHMOND.

Oct. 19. Although small attendance, the Pay-Up Social was very enjoyable. Two items, a recitation and a dialogue, were given by L.T.L. members, showing us how well they are being taught. Afternoon tea and general discussion closed the gathering.

Nov. 16. Attendance again small. Reports were read, and one realizes that the work is going on, slowly but surely. The election of officers resulted in same officers

for following year. No meeting to be held in December. Next meeting in January as usual to arrange about Babies' Day.

### OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

Oct. 20. A well-attended meeting conducted by the Secretary, Mrs W. T. Kelly, in the unavoidable absence of the President and Vice-Presidents. The Rev. Mr Fee spoke on "Prohibition;" his speech was much appreciated.

Nov. 16. Pleasant social, a large number of members and their friends being present. The President, Mrs Jenkins, presiding, members expressing their delight at having her back again, and glad to see her looking so well after her much-needed holiday. Songs and recitations were given by members and visitors, which were much appreciated. The address was then given by Mrs Richards, of the Christchurch branch, on How to live, not only How to live, but How to live "Well." A wonderful address, although in such a quiet way, it was truly a message from God. She also reminded us of our pledge, For God, Home, and Humanity. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Richards for such an excellent address. Two new members initiated. Sumptuous afternoon tea served.

Dec. 14. Annual meeting, fair attendance, Mrs Jenkins presiding. The balance sheet received and adopted. Mrs Simpson, late President of the Templeton branch was welcomed to the Opawa-Woolston branch. The following officers were then elected:—President, Mrs Jenkins; Vice-Presidents, Mrs G. Scott, Mrs Fee, and Mrs Simpson; (Mrs Tullock retiring); Secretary, Mrs Kelly; Treasurer, Mrs Pedlar; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Turner; Press Reporter, Miss Atkins. The Retiring Treasurer, Mrs West, kindly offered to continue to be responsible for the preparation of the room and afternoon tea, for which we were all very grateful. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, also to the re-elected ones for work done during the past year. It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Trustees of the Church for the use of the premises, etc., for our meetings. Afternoon tea closed a busy but happy meeting.

### PETONE.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting, Mrs Cole in the chair. A letter of thanks was read from Mr Armstrong, for the help our Union gave in providing tea for the delegates to the Alliance Convention at the Hutt. The Secretary read a report of this Convention. The report for the year was read, and Mrs Doneghue (Treasurer) reported a small balance in hand. Mrs Griffiths reported 35 on Cradle Roll, 5 of whom were old enough to come off, but we have 5 more to take their place. Mrs Jones (Sick Visitor) has done good work, and during the year had made 200 visits. Mrs Bradbury, White Ribbon Agent, has been able to sell a nice number of papers. Following officers were elected:—Mrs Murgatroyd, President; Mrs Doneghue, Treasurer; Mrs Cole, Secretary; Mrs Libbery, Asst. Secretary; Mrs Woolford, Asst. Treasurer; Mrs Griffiths, Supt. of Cradle Roll; Mrs Bradbury, Agent for White Ribbon; Mrs Woolford, Librarian; Mrs Cole, Battersley, Corner, and Collins, Vice-Presidents; Mrs Woolford, Libbery, and Jensen in charge of the afternoon Socials. A hearty clap was given to those who had worked last year.

Dec. 8. Mrs Griffiths gave a nice afternoon Social for the members of the Cradle Roll and their mothers. Mrs McAlpine sang for us, and nice pieces from the pathophone entertained us further. A dainty afternoon tea was served and the birthday cake handed round, and sweets for the children. We thank Mrs Griffiths for the happy time spent by all.

### WAIMATE.

Dec. 8. Closing meeting, Mrs Roy presiding. Cradle Roll Rally. A short musical programme in which Rona and Avis Johns, Mrs Excell (song, Fairy Pipers); Miss McCarthy (Piano Solo, Goblin's Parade), took part—followed. The Rev. Nicholl (Presbyterian) gave an address to the mothers present, stressing the responsibility and the privilege of parenthood. Back of the Cradle Roll, lay the Woman's Movement, and back of this the powers of Christianity. A good

mother was able to influence the child for good, even if the father were profligate, while a good father was helpless if the mother lacked moral stamina. We had to face the fact that Prohibition was not attained, and that for lack of education and knowledge. We must seek to capture the child for the Kingdom of Christ, for only by implanting the germ of that Kingdom in the mind and heart of the child, can the ideals and principles of the Kingdom of Christ be realised.

#### BLLENHEIM.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting. Mrs R. McCallum presiding. A motion of sympathy passed for Mrs James Hay, in the loss of her husband. Mrs Hay has been a member of the Union for many years, and attends every meeting. Motion passed expressing regret at Miss Burl's resignation from Dominion Union, her work in Blenheim appreciated. Mrs R. McCallum's resignation from Presidency accepted with regret. Election of officers resulted: President, Mrs W. M. Smith; Secretary, Mrs V. Underhill; Treasurer, Mrs T. Pike; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs W. Pike; Evangelistic Steward, Mrs Stewart; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lacey; Libraries, Mesdames Lane and McCallum. Decided to hold meetings for ensuing half-year in Presbyterian Hall.

#### HENDERSON.

Dec. 8. Last meeting for the year. Mothers' Afternoon; good attendance. Mrs Platt presided. Mrs Cook, Auckland President, gave an address on Bible-in-Schools. Mrs Cook was so earnest and full of her subject, that she made us all feel how very essential it is for children to know their Bibles, and urged members to do all they could by work and prayer to get the Bible into the schools again. A few questions were asked, and answered. Mrs Cook told of more than one instance in our own city of children who did not know the Name of Jesus, and we all felt how wrong it is that we send missionaries to our Back-Blocks and to Foreign lands, yet children on our own streets have not learned of Jesus and His love for them. It is not mentioned in day school or some homes, and children are not sent to Sunday School. Afternoon tea was served. Next meeting in Presbyterian Church, 3rd Wednesday in March.

#### PAPAROA.

Dec. 10. Mrs Hames presided, very good attendance. An interesting paper was read by Miss Blackwell, written by her brother, Mr Downs, whilst travelling in America, stating his personal experiences on the effects of Prohibition in America, dealing with the social aspect, also, from a business man's point of view. The writer contended that the effect of Prohibition in America was a success, very much improving the conditions in the social and business life, also not so much poverty and distress. Many eating houses and shelter homes that were formerly necessary, were now closed. A duet was rendered by Mrs Kings and Mrs Evans. A "hearty welcome" was given to Miss Iris Hames, Missionary Teacher of "Fiji" (who is home on furlough). Miss Hames gave a very interesting address on "The effects of Alcohol on the Fijian Native." Reference was made to the disastrous effect of the liquor on the natives, who are able to procure the drink, owing to the laxness of the liquor laws in Fiji. Many people in Fiji would like to see total prohibition of alcoholic liquor in Fiji. They feel that the Fijian natives should be prohibited, as the Government of Samoa has protected the natives there. A Prohibition League has been formed in Fiji, with a European, Fijian, and Indian membership. One Mission Station has a branch of this league, with a Fijian membership of over a hundred. It is interesting that the young Fijian Society, formed by Fijians, for the promotion of the interests of the Fijians economically, politically, and educationally, has recently declared itself unambiguously in favour of total Prohibition in Fiji. Miss Hames spoke of Samoa under New Zealand laws, having more effective measures of checking the Drink evil amongst natives. These laws did New Zealand great credit. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Miss Hames and Miss Blackwell, also Mrs Kings and Mrs Evans. Mrs Hames appointed delegate to Convention. Resolved to close down until February.

#### CHRISTCHURCH.

Dec. 8. Annual meeting; Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance of members. The annual report was read by the Secretary, it showed good work done in many departments, Back-Blocks and Philanthropic being the most active. The Secretary had collected over £30 by donations in answers to letters, and by personal interviews with business men and friends. The Treasurer gave a short financial statement, the balance sheet to be presented at the first meeting of the year. The election of officers was taken, and the following were unanimously returned:—Miss Henderson, President; Mrs R. Day, Cor. Sec.; Miss Thomas, Rec. Sec.; and Mrs Richards, Treasurer. Vice-Presidents were appointed, Mesdames A. S. Adams, T. E. Taylor, Whetter, Adkins, Richards, Price and Wicks. Superintendents were elected for the following departments:—Mrs Richards, Evangelistic, and Peace and Arbitration; Mrs Suckling and Pedlar, Philanthropic; Miss Henderson, Legal and Parliamentary, and Anti-Gambling; Mrs Wicks, Medical Temperance; Miss W. W. Lovell-Smith and Mrs Lishman, Back-Blocks; Mrs Simcox, Cradle Roll; Miss Mackay, Press; Miss Stephens, Literature; Mrs Rowntree, Librarian. A Social and Visiting Committee were also appointed. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a successful Bring and Buy Sale was held at the close of the business sessions.

#### OPOTIKI.

Dec. 9. Annual meeting. Mrs Thompson presided over a fine muster of members and friends. Captain Grice assisted in the Devotional Exercises. Mrs and Miss Steele sang vocal duet. The President gave an animated address, after which all the retiring officers were re-elected with acclamation. Afternoon tea was served by the officers. Doxology closed a fine spiritual meeting.

#### STYX.

Dec. 8. Annual meeting, fair attendance. The election of officers:—President, Mrs Donald; Secretary, Mrs Marwick; Treasurer, Mrs Blain; Vice-President, Mesdames Hill Johnstone and Tennet; Band of Hope Supt., Mrs Johnstone; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs Titheridge; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Dobby; Organist, Mesdames Verran and Hill; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Harris; Social Committee, Mesdames Marwick, Johnstone, Titheridge, Leadbetter, Munro, Craighead, and Evans.

#### WANGANUI EAST.

Dec. Annual meeting. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Rockel, who is now in hospital, the result of an accident, was passed, also motions of condolence with Mrs Cox, and the relatives of Mrs Scott, by the members standing in silence. The Sale held on November 20th, realised £7 14s., and this with the one pound donated, will greatly assist in the work. The Secretary's report was very satisfactory, showing a membership of 195, an increase of 20. Mrs Ellis reported a Cradle Roll of 30, an increase of 9, five being over eight years of age. Mrs Melvin reported 25 White Ribbon subscribers. Mrs Eccersall stated that a bale of clothing had been sent to Willard Home, and another was ready to go. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet, showing a credit balance, were read and adopted. The sum of £2 10s. was donated to the Sailors' Rest, New Plymouth; £2 to Memorial Headquarters; £2 to the New Zealand Alliance Fighting Fund; and £1 to the Trustees of the St. Alban's Hall. Votes of thanks were passed to the Secretary and the Treasurer for their work during the year. The election of officers:—President, Mrs Duxfield; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Cox, Eccersall, Hopkirk, McLeod, and Miss Wilton; Cor. Secretary, Mrs Andrew; Rec. Secretary, Miss Sanson; Treasurer, Mrs F. Brown; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Melvin; Cradle Roll, Miss Sutton; Home Meetings, Mrs Ellis; Narcotics, Mrs Duxfield; Press, White Ribbon Reporter, Mrs Andrew; Evangelistic, Miss Sanson; Notable Days, Mrs Brown; Philanthropic, Mrs Eccersall. It was decided to hold the next meeting on February 12th, when a paper on Miss Frances Willard will be read.

#### MAUNGATUROTO.

Dec. 8. Annual Mothers' Day in connection with Cradle Roll. Disappointing attendance of Mothers, owing to measles being prevalent. All present had an enjoyable afternoon. Solos were rendered by Mrs

Knightbridge and Miss Edna Cullen, recitations by Mrs Ridling, who also read paper on the Education of Children, sent Mother's Thought Guild. Papers "Motherhood" were distributed. Four names added to our Cradle Roll.

#### RAKAIA.

Dec. 9. Mrs Boag presided over good attendance. Meeting took form of "Pay-Social." Election of officers resulted in following:—President, Mrs Boag; Vice-President, Mrs Morrison; Secretary, Mrs H. Wood; Treasurer, Mrs Evison; Cor. Secretary, Miss Saunders; Maori Supt., Mrs Palma; Literature Supt., Mrs Hunt; White Ribbon Agent, Miss A. Oakley; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs R. Boag, and Miss G. Boag; White Ribbon Reporter, Miss G. Boag. Recitations were given by Mesdames Cooke, Mead, Palmer, and gramophone items were enjoyed by those present. Our Cradle Roll Garden Party was postponed until March.

#### EPSOM.

Nov. 25. Annual meeting, held in Baptist Schoolroom. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an account of her work in beautiful Honolulu. Mrs Benfell, District President, made mention of the plans made for the Dominion Convention, to be held in Auckland in March. The ballot for officers resulted in the following being elected:—President, Mrs Neill; Secretary, Mrs Carr; Treasurer, Mrs Pirrie; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Hood.

#### MOSGIEL.

Oct. 19. Pay-Up Social; an evening meeting. A very large gathering despite inclement weather. A party from Dunedin, under the management of Mrs Hutton, gave a very fine programme. Mrs Don gave a most instructive address on "The Inauguration of the W.C.T.U." All were deeply impressed and very grateful to Mrs Don. Sumptuous supper provided.

Nov. 23. Annual meeting. Balance sheet which showed a membership of 90 and credit balance of £12 16s. 10d., was read and adopted. Secretary's report adopted. Great credit due to Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss McLeod, who has 146 babies on the roll. Band of Hope has met fortnightly average attendance from 70 to 80; great praise was given to the Leader, Mr Prentice. Gratitude expressed that our President was restored to health. Officers elected: President, Mrs Bedford; Vice-President, Mesdames Prentice and Logan; Secretary, Mrs M. H. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs A. Lennox; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morton; Cradle Roll, Mrs McLeod; Evangelistic, Mrs S. Johnston. Decided to have Cradle Roll Day at March meeting. President spoke words of cheer and encouragement for the New Year. Three new members initiated.

Build thee more stately mansions,  
my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the  
last,  
Shut thee from heaven with dome more  
vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's  
unresting sea!

An English minister went to preach  
in an old remote parish one Sunday.  
The sexton, in taking him to the place  
deprecatingly said: "I hope your  
riv'ence won't mind preachin' from  
the chancel. Ye see, this is a quiet  
place, and I've got a duck sittin' on  
eggs in the pulpit."



### WHO SAYS SO!

Many and varied have been the opinions expressed as to the success or otherwise of Prohibition in the U.S.A. But the people who live in the country and under the much-discussed law are surely the best judges of its value. Nobody contends that the Prohibition Law is 100 per cent. enforced. But then neither is any other law? We have laws to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages. Are they 100 per cent. enforced? Every country has tried to regulate the Liquor Traffic, and found it a failure. The U.S.A. has prohibited the manufacture, importation, or sale of alcohol. At the recent elections, after six years of Prohibition, the verdict of the people is, "Prohibition is better than Regulation."

Will doubters carefully study the following statement by the President of the World Prohibition Federation. Remember, as you read it, that this is the verdict of the only people who are qualified to give an opinion. They lived years under regulation, they have given prohibition a fair trial, and their verdict is for Prohibition.

Who would dare to place against such a verdict as this the wild statements of a Trade "which is fighting a law enacted by the people, a Trade which knows its only hope of saving itself from total extinction is to so discredit prohibition in the U.S.A. that other countries will be loath to adopt it. Surely, it's not hard to see the "nigger in their woodpile."

### THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS AND PROHIBITION.

(By Guy Hayler, Hon. President, World Prohibition Federation).

The question of Prohibition, although not a main issue in the recent Congressional Elections in the United States, nevertheless loomed large in a few of the States owing to Prohibition Referenda which were taken.

In four States it was proposed to repeal the State Enforcement Act, and in four others to petition Congress to permit an increase in the alcoholic content of liquor sold. In the first case, the DRYS won splendid victories in California, Colorado and Missouri, but they lost in Montana. In the second case, the DRYS generally refused to give any countenance to the poll, contending that such a change in the law could not take place without repealing the Eigh-

teenth Amendment. The WET votes, therefore, in Illinois, Nevada, New York and Wisconsin, are of no avail.

The crushing defeat of Senator Wadsworth (Republican) in New York is, perhaps, the greatest DRY victory since National Prohibition was adopted. Owing to the fact that President Coolidge and the Republican Administration are building up a most effective enforcement policy—to which Senator Wadsworth (Chairman of the powerful Steering and Military Affairs Committees) was determinedly opposed—the DRY Republicans of New York adopted as their Candidate, Mr Franklin Christman (Independent Republican), who polled some 225,000 votes. This candidature secured, by 100,000 majority, the defeat of Senator Wadsworth, much to the astonishment of the WETS who had put forth enormous efforts to secure his return. This division in the ranks of the Republicans resulted in the election of Judge Wagner who, though a WET Democrat, cannot be of anything like the service to the Liquor Interests that Senator Wadsworth undoubtedly would have been. Mr Arthur J. Davis, State Superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League, declares that the defeat of Senator Wadsworth is "a great and far-reaching victory" for the Anti-Saloon League, and there is general rejoicing throughout the States.

While the WET Republicans suffered defeat in New York, the WET Democrats met an equal fate in Illinois. Here, in spite of the heavy WET vote in Chicago, Mr George E. Brennan "a dripping wet Democrat Senatorial nominee" was defeated by Mr Frank L. Smith, a DRY Republican Candidate. The British Press should not assume, as it would seem to, that the Republican Party is the DRY Party and the Democrat Party the WET one. This is not so, as may be proved by the vote on the Prohibition Amendments as follows:

**Senate:**  
FOR 36 Democrats, 29 Republicans.

AGAINST 12 Democrats, 8 Republicans.

#### House of Representatives:

FOR 141 Democrats, 137 Republicans.

AGAINST 64 Democrats, 62 Republicans.

The results of the recent contests go to show that the DRY majority in both Houses of Congress will be fully maintained. Of 35 Senators elected, 26 are DRY, and of 415 Representatives elected, over 300 are known, either by their votes in former Congresses or by pledges given to DRY voters during the present elections, to be DRY.

Surveying the whole situation, the general result is most decidedly satisfactory to the Prohibitionists and Temperance Reformers of the United States. They are to be congratulated upon their non-partizan stand for Prohibition.

World Prohibition Federation,  
99, Buckingham Palace Rd.,  
S.W.I.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### SHOP GIRLS' TROUBLES.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—Having just returned from Melbourne and Sydney, I was pleased to see that sales girls in drapery stores are allowed seats behind the counters. It is simply a board, which slides in and out of the fixtures. Messrs Buckley and Nunn, Collins Street, Melbourne, would no doubt furnish plans or details of seats used by their girls.

When in San Francisco I also noticed that sales girls in the stores were sitting when not serving.

I beg to urge every W.C.T.U. to interview their local member of Parliament, to urge that the thousands of young girls in our New Zealand shops be allowed seats **behind** the counter, as our **present Act does not insist** that the seat **shall be behind** the counters. Owing to physical make-up of women, it seems cruel to allow (as on late shopping) a girl to stand ten hours on a hard floor. If a horse is kept standing four hours in the street unattended, the owner is liable to be sued for cruelty to animals, whereas a frail girl can stand all day, getting footsore, nervy, etc., and nothing is said. I find a girl more kindly and polite with customers if she has a rest. I am, etc.,

A DRAPER.

What you have you must some day leave behind; what you are is all you can take with you to the better land.  
—Ex.

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



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

My Dear Y's Ones,—

The "White Ribbon" hopes you all had a good holiday, and have come back tanned refreshed, reinvigorated, and ready for a good year's work.

**Happy New Year.** Happiness consists in giving, not in getting. All we have to be used for the good of others.

"For the heart grows rich in giving  
All its wealth in living grain;  
Seeds which mildew in the garner,  
Scattered, fill with gold the plain."

"No use moping if the skies are not  
bright;

Keep on hoping, it will soon be light.  
No use in grieving over milk you spill;  
Keep on believing, the cow will stand  
still.

No use in rowing when the crops are  
slow;

Keep on ploughing, and they're sure to  
grow.

No use! The heaven is above the skies,  
Put in the leaven and your bread will  
rise."

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## ALCOHOL AND ATHLETICS.

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The athletes from "dry" Finland took second place in the Olympic games. They give their opinion of the influence of alcohol on athletics.

### SKIING.

Matti Raivio declared: "I think that alcoholic drinks lower muscular strength when it is a matter of holding out for a considerable time. I believe that on an occasion of this kind alcohol is detrimental even if taken in very small doses."

Anton Collin believes "Alcohol is pernicious in athletics, whatever the effort is that must be made, and its influence is particularly bad for endurance."

Matti Koskenkoeva states: "I began to take part in ski contests when I was

a moderate drinker, but I gave up alcohol after I began to obtain success. I believe that alcohol is neither necessary nor advisable to skiers."

Ranni Roni gives the following opinion: "Being in an athletic environment for twenty years as a participant in contests and as an organiser of events, I have been able to observe facts and hear opinion-conviction that alcoholic liquors, even if weak, have an unfavourable influence, especially in a contest that demands endurance. I know that one company of skiers in particular has failed regularly of success from taking alcoholic liquors even though very moderately, the evening before the meet, or the morning of the start. The other competitors were absolutely convinced of the cause of the failure, because they rather mischievously encouraged this weakness as a means of putting their adversaries at a disadvantage. Besides diminishing muscular strength, the use of alcohol also reduces energy. It begets a desire for comfort. Victory appears less desirable. I have known a number of athletes who had this kind of an experience. Our best skiers do not use alcoholic liquors, except, perhaps, on very rare occasions, when resting after a race."

### RUNNING.

Yejo Jokala says: "Alcohol is not good for runners, and that's the reason I have been an abstainer for a long time."

Ville Kyronen, another well-known runner, says: "I have known runners in America who use alcoholic liquors, but their period in the limelight was never very long, at the most a few years. I have always been abstinent. I have never used tobacco, and I have not used coffee for four years, all the time that I have taken part in races. I attribute to this practice the fact that



I have been able to come out victorious over the American champions in five and ten mile races and in the obstacle race. Those who desire to be on the honour roll for a long time must abstain entirely from all exciting substances."

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## THE CONVENTION CITY.

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Auckland, the "Corinth of the South," is to entertain Convention next March. We hope to see a good muster of delegates from all over the Dominion.

Kipling writes of Auckland as "Last loveliest, exquisite, apart," and a young White Ribboner has contributed the following:—

### BEAUTIFUL AUCKLAND.

The golden sun, shining down from the vividly blue sky, and reflecting its glory in the sparkling waters of the Waitemata, makes one think that Auckland is well named "Queen of the South."

Looking down on the city from the summit of one of the surrounding hills, one is surprised at her beauty. Houses are partly hidden by green trees and surrounded by hedges. Where there are stone walls, the mossy grey stones peep through masses of climbing roses.



Here and there a glimpse of a blue lake, like a fragment of sky fallen from above, may be seen.

Descending the hill, we look at the shops. Large, many storeyed buildings, with well-arranged show-cases, meet the eye.

We board a passing 'bus, and after passing through several streets, lined with shops, we come to the suburbs, and see houses, large and small, some nestling among trees, and some set among lawns and brightly flowering shrubs. In their green lawn settings, flower beds gleam gaily.

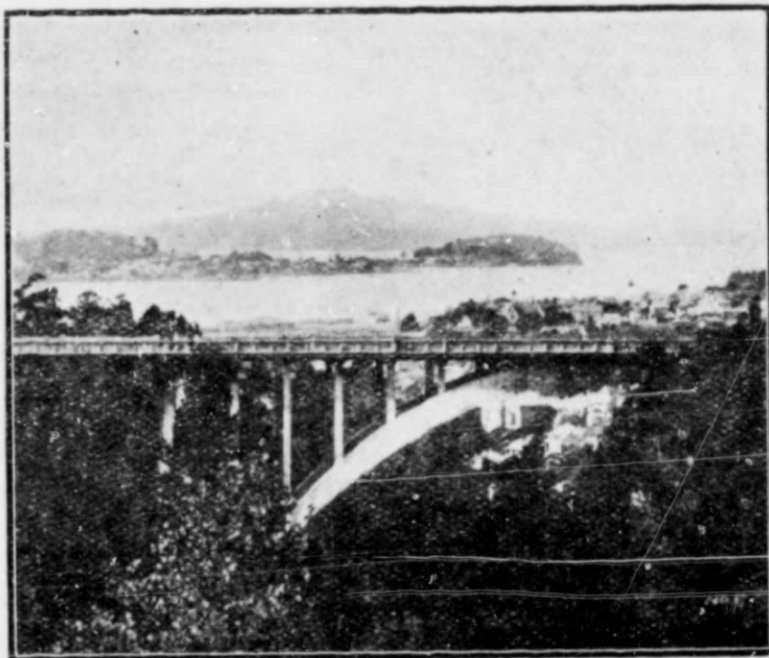
As we watch these scenes of beauty passing before us, many miles are covered, until we ride along roads skirted by

(Chinamen's gardens, all the vegetables growing in straight rows, as though they had been raked out with large combs. Then we wander along a winding road, bordered by native bush, with greens of every shade in it.

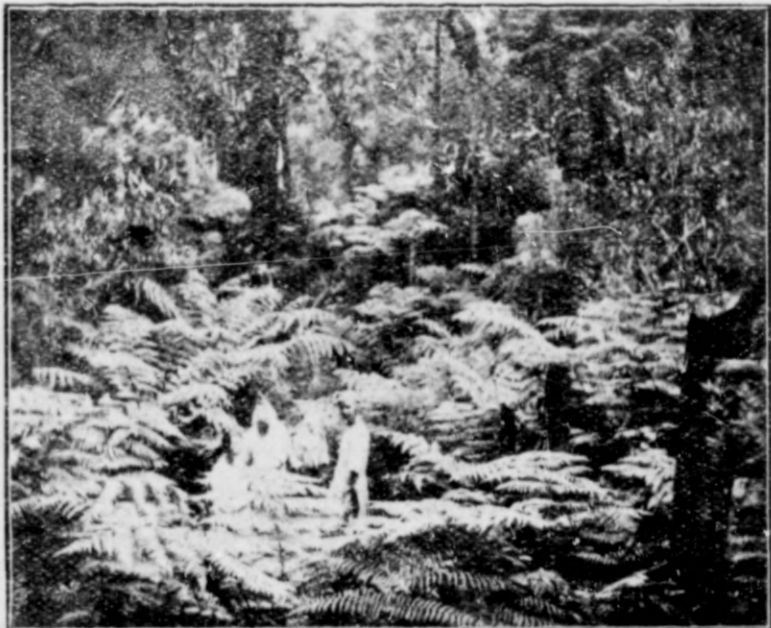
We return from our journey feeling glad that we have taken a little time to enjoy ourselves in the city we now know justifies its title, "Queen of the South."

Queen of the South, so chaste and fair,  
A happy home; with thy fragrant air  
And salt sea breezes, Oh so cool!  
How happy we, who on thy shores  
Spend many hours of golden days.

MARYAN JOYCE BENFELD.



RANGITOTO, OVER GRAFTON BRIDGE.



IN TITIRANGI BUSH.

## Y REPORTS.

### NELSON.

Dec. 15. Officers were elected for 1927:—President, Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street (re-elected); Vice-President, Miss M. Cook, 50 Nile Street, East; Secretary, Miss D. Shields, Elliott Street; Treasurer, Miss P. Eaves, c/o Metropolitan Hotel.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

Attendance very good, annual meeting; Mrs F. Mitchell presiding. The Secretary's report was adopted. This showed that the membership had increased by 17 during the year. The Treasurer's report showing a credit balance was adopted. The sum of £118. was donated to the Trustees of the Methodist Church for the use of the School-room. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—President, Mrs F. M. Mitchell; Vice-Presidents, Revs. J. S. Young and R. Raine, and Miss M. Lightbody and Mr R. Buxton; Secretary, Miss M. Moses; Treasurer, Miss E. Langley; Press Reporter, Mrs Mitchell. Games were played and supper served, the meeting closing with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

### HAMILTON.

Dec. Eight members present. The President presided. Mrs Jones, President of the W.C.T.U., gave a short talk on Social Problems, and Miss Watson gave a "Model Address" suitable for Band of Hope children, and the meeting responded with some helpful advice and criticism.

We hope to increase our membership and have wider activities when we recommence work next year.

The Speaker: Marriage, my dar sisters, is a huge mistake! Believe me, I would not marry the best man in the world—

Sweet Voice (from audience):  
You couldn't, for I've got him.

A Yorkshire M.P., noted for love of punctuality and lack of humour, is Superintendent of a local Sunday School. A few Sundays back he had the pleasure of making the following announcement:

"Dear fellow-workers and children, out of the entire school only one person is absent to-day, little Maggie. Let us hope that she is ill."

A man accused in Court of being drunk, bade the constable call his fellow-policeman. "There's only one constable in the village," he was told. "But I saw two last night," the prisoner said, and the policeman replied, "Yes, that's the charge against you."

Mrs A.: "Well, how did you enjoy your first experience as a juror?"

Mrs B.: "I didn't enjoy it at all. It was simply agony to have to sit there dumb and not be able to show the prosecuting attorney a few tricks in cross-questioning a fool man."—"Pittsburgh Christian Advocate."

## 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.

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

These prices include postage.

**L.T.L. and Band of Mercy:** Mrs Bathgate, 106 Somme Parade, Wanganui.

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

### BAND OF MERCY.

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

### BAND OF HOPE.

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

**Cradle Roll:** Mrs Waddell, Private Bag, Waitara.

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

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

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

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

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

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

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

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

All Post Free.

## ARE WE SINCERE.

(By a White Ribboner.)

With the evidence of the press before us, we cannot be ignorant of some of the evils affecting humanity all the world over, nor are these evils lessened by us refusing to admit that they exist; but when we admit they exist, what should be our attitude towards them? We claim to be Christian people, yet our activities against crime and misery are very meagre. One can well recall the shame that was heaped on what were termed "shirkers" in war time, yet in the war against the enemy within our gates how many shirkers do we find? One often hears the remark, "I would do anything to get rid of the drink." Do we really mean it? What have we done or denied ourselves to prove our statement? It is high time to take a more definite stand beside good against evil, high time to be on God's side instead of the devil's, high time to demand that the Church is not half with Temperance and half with Continuance. Some ministers do not seem to realise that a bid is being made to catch them as shelter for the Trade. Only last week the paper reported a Girls' Club, headed by a minister's wife, had celebrated a dinner in an hotel; this should not be. If the Trade is to be outlawed, we should not give it any support, and Temperance people should be provided with the best of accommodation by Temperance institutions. What are we doing in allowing storekeepers to sell cider in case lots, which is often handed round to boys and girls under the age of sixteen years. Are we sincere Christian people when we sing in Church on Christmas morning and rejoice that "Christ is born in Bethlehem," while men are insane and in agony from the effects of drink less than a mile away? Last week's paper reports one of these cases, and the victim ended his wretched existence by swallowing a pannikin of sheep dip. Another was taken to the hospital, where he lies more dead than alive through Christmas cheer (?), and a third, the father of five or six children, is down with delirium tremens, and awaiting a prohibition order, all within a few miles in a country district, and it may be added, "Other cases too numerous to mention." Are we sincere members of the W.C.T.U. when we fail to attend our meetings or pay our subscriptions, and neglect to wear our badge, and forget to arrange things for

the Organiser, who could and would do so much better work if a friendly welcome were extended, instead of some cold lodging with cold or unfriendly strangers? In fact, if God weighs all our professions, what will be their true worth?

## PROHIBITION, BIBLICAL AND GENERAL.

"You Don't Find Prohibition in the Bible."

WHO SAYS SO?

(By W. H. Colliver.)

Lucifer, by his proud ambition,  
Fell from heaven! dread condition;  
Now inhabits dark perdition,  
He knows much of Prohibition.

Adam o'er Eden ruled as lord,  
He fell, and by God's voice was awed,  
Was outside thrust by flaming sword,  
God's first act of Prohibition.

When Moses as God's mouthpiece spake  
To those who might His great laws break,  
It was in terms to make them quake.  
They were words of Prohibition.

So Daniel, scorning kings and men,  
Anon was found in the lion's den,  
In God's good time came out again,  
With strong faith in Prohibition.

Elijah, with his message stern,  
"No rain till you to God return."  
To Ahab spake, and then did spurn.  
He believed in Prohibition.

**APIITI**, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gill, Webster, and Couran; Sec., Miss F Malcolm; Treas., Mrs Gould; W.R. Agent, Miss McKenzie.

**ARAMOHO**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in 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, Miss N. Gilmour, 2 Paterson 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.

**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 Cres., 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.



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

**BIRKENHEAD**, 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.

**BIENHEIM**, first Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs W. M. Smith, Aston St. Springlands; Secretary, Mrs V. Underhill, Yelverton, Blenheim; Treasurer, Mrs T. Pike, "The Laurels," Blenheim; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs W. Pike, Main St.; Evangelistic Steward, Mrs Stewart, Stephenson St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lacey, Ashwood St.; Literature, Mrs W. Church, Bamford St.; Libraries, Mesdames Lane (Ashwood St.), and McCallum (Riverlands).

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

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

**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 Cotter, High Street; Treas., Mrs August Anderson, High Street; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Pepperell; W.R. Agent, Miss Watterson.

**CAMBRIDGE**, 2nd Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Moore, Victoria Street; Treas., Mrs R. C. Stewart, Vogel Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Edwin James, Grosvenor Street.

**DANNEVIRKE**, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Act. Pres., Miss Haaton; 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 Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Douglas, 35 Brighton St., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maller St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, 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 Trevarza, 2 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Mrs T. Fraser, 179 Vauxhall Rd., Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

**FUTAHAM**, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Mrs Birkett, Mountain Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, Con-way Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Streeter, London Street.

**EKETAHUNA**, meets 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., —; Vice-Pres., Mrs Terry, Parkville, Eketahuna; Sec., Mrs Norman, Parkville, Eketahuna; Treas., Mrs Hansen, Alfredton Rd., W.R. Agent, Mrs Baillie, Macara St.

**EDENDALE** (Southland), 1st Thursday at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs 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 Carr, 16 Momona Road, Green Lane, Auckland; Treas., Mrs Pirrett, 15 Panama Street, Arch Hill; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood, 8 Kipling Avenue, Epsom; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Campbell; Literature Supt., Miss Katterfeldt; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tucker.

**EDEN**, meets 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., Mrs Fenton, 66 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton and Auld; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnston, 85 Balmoral Rd.; Treasurer, Mrs Merson, 552 Mt. Eden Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cartwright, 315 Dominion Rd.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Gaulton, Elizabeth St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ramsay, 26 Gordon Rd., Mt. Albert.

**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, Sandilands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Darragh, Gibson, Beattie and Tunnick; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Box 11; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Martin, Manchester Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Whisker, Kawa Kawa Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Tremain.

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

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

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

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

**HAWERA**, 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 Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

**HAMILTON**, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's London Street. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha St.; Vice-President, Mrs Gilmour, Thackeray St.; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Rd.; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Watson, Clifton Rd.; Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury, Stanley St.

**HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Forsen Stuart, Miss Duncan; Sec., Mrs L. McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs W. Williams, Gt. North Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan; W.R. Reporter, Mrs W. Williams.

**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, Lindsifarne; 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, Miss Pasley.

**INVERCARGILL NORTH**, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. alternately Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Pres., Mrs Gilmour; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Holmes and Wilcox; Treas., Mrs Laytham; Sec., Mrs Langskall, 88 Melbourne St.; W.R. Agent, 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 Moriand, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mail; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Stanton, North Road.

**LOWER HUTT**, 4th Wednesday, Church of Christ, Queen Street, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Anderson; Sec., Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick Street; Treas., Mrs Harry Heyes, Camp Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spencer, Belmont; 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.

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

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

**MORRINSVILLE**, meets 2nd Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. 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 2.5 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taieri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Innes 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**, 1st Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Leask, Fitzroy Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Macalister, and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs Brocklehurst, 45c, Wellesley Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chaucer Rd., North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent.

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

**NEW PLYMOUTH**, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.45 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin, Lizard St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Knight, Vogelstown; Treas., Mrs Whitham, Gilbert St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Carrington Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Rd.

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

**NORTH-EAST VALLEY**, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Seiwyn 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, 63 Tyne St.; Rec. Sec., Miss A. Webb, 22 Wye St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Scott, 60 Eden St.; Treas., Mrs McKenzie, Clyde St. Newborough; Press Reporter, Miss A. Webb; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, 63 Eden St.; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; Sick Visitor, Miss M. Milligan, 14 Wansbeck St.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Williamson; Organist, Miss Frater; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Twose and Mrs Edgar, Assistant.

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

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

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

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

**OTAKAU**, meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs J. N. Brown; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington.

**PAHIATUA**, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson; Treas., Mrs O. Johnson, Victoria Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie Riccardon 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 Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs C. Ferguson, 10 Lyndhurst St.; Treas., Mrs S. Kingston, P.O. Box 236; "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 Donegane,

31 Vivian Street, Wellington; W.R. Agent, Mrs Braibury, 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 S. Smith, Hazelburn; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro, Pleasant Point; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Neilson, Pleasant Point.

**PORT CHALMERS**, meets 2nd Thursday, 3 p.m., Currie St. Hall. Pres., Mrs Tait, Harrington St.; Sec., Miss Gunn, 19 Mary St.; Treas., Mrs Smillie, Carey's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs Paton, Daly St.

**PONSONBY**, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hayr, Mrs Taylor, Miss Reid; Rec. Sec., Miss Reid, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver, Homal, Manurewa; Treas., Mrs Kasper, Kohimaramara; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyke, 7a Hamilton Rd.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer Rd.; L.T.L. and Y's. Miss Reid, Whittaker Place.

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

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

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

**RIVERTON**, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room, More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agent, Miss J. McGregor, Box 48.

**STRATFORD**, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Vice-Pres., Mesdames Phillips and McCallum; Rec. Sec., Miss McCallum; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clarke, Pembroke St.; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Windelbourne; W.R., Mrs Kelly, Regan St.

**SAWYER'S BAY**, 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Polson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Pratley; Sec., Mrs Wallis; Treas., Mrs Aburn; W.R. Agent, Mrs Broadley; Cradle Roll W.R. Agent, Mrs Broadley.

**SYDENHAM**, first Thursday, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colonibo St. Pres., Mrs Strett; 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 Strand, Parsonage; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott, Seddon Street; Treas., Mrs R. B. Cole, Mangarino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

**TARANGA** meets every 3rd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasev, 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 Mergan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Penning and Winstone; Sec., Mrs Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd.; Treas., Miss Piper, East Coast Rd.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

**TEMUKA**, meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Smith, Allinot 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.C. Box 111, Treas., Miss A. Pearson, 25 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., Miss McCarthy, 67 Sherman St.; Treas., Mrs Exceil, Studholme St.; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhode 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 in each month, 2.30 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson and Bott; Sec., Mrs J. Bibby, Rose Street; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Miss T. 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 Duckworth.

**WANGANUI CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey, 25 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 Woolaxal; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hillford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Mace, Work Supt., Miss Dredgen; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hillford.

**WINTON**, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs J. R. Hamilton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames T. A. McWilliam, J. P. McWilliam, and Wildey; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St.; Treas., Mrs J. D. Campbell, Eglinton St.; W.R. Agent, Dr. Moana, Gow Park St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs S. Smith; Evangelistic, Mrs Hogg.

**WOOLSTON**, meets 2nd Wednesday, in Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby St., Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs W. T. Kelly, Garlands Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs E. Pedlar, Richardson St., Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; Press Reporter, Miss Atkins.

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

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