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WOMEN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Next to the mother in the home, no person comes into closer touch with the child than the teacher. The more perfect the understanding, the closer the co-operation between these two, the greater the advantage to the child. The Women Teacher's Association has just celebrated its 25th birthday, and has issued a retrospect of its work under the name of

"Our First Quarter Century."

A brief sketch of this work should prove of great interest to all our readers.

Many of our Women Teachers are White Ribboners, and have aided us materially in our efforts to make our Dominion a safer place for the children. It will be to our common interest if our White Ribboners know some of the problems confronting our women teachers, and, understanding the need, can give intelligent help and co-operation.

In 1883, the New Zealand Educational Institute started, and from small beginning grew to a powerful body. But it failed to secure justice for its women teachers, and early in this century they felt the need of banding themselves together.



MISS EMILY A. CHAPLIN, B.A.,
President, N.Z.W.T.A. 1917, 1918, 1919.
Hon. Secretary, 1920, 1921.
Hon. Treasurer, 1922.

Women, who realised that child culture was essentially their job; who knew that high educational authority had pronounced them the "teaching sex;" who were conscious that their work was always equal to and often superior to their male colleagues; such women could not but resent the calm assumption of superiority by male teachers. These reserved all the best paid positions for themselves, and after being 20 years in existence, the New Zealand Educational Institute had failed to secure "equal pay for equal work." In at least one Board's regulations, after setting forth full scale of salaries, a footnote conveyed this information: "In every instance the salary of a female teacher shall be 2-3rds that of a male teacher of equal standing."

Canterbury led the way, and formed the first Association of Women Teachers in 1901, with Miss Henderson, B.A., our much-loved Dominion Corresponding Secretary as their President. This Association was formed "to secure a proper recognition of women's work."

Wellington next organised with the avowed object "of improving the status of women teachers."



MISS MILDRED C. EDMED,
President, N.Z.W.T.A., 1926.



MISS HELEN L. BIRSS,
First Woman Member Elected to Executive,
N.Z.E.I., 1915.

Other centres followed, and in December 1914, a Dominion Conference of Women Teachers was held in Wellington, and the New Zealand Women Teacher's Association was the outcome of that Conference with Miss Phoebe Myers as its first President.

It was resolved that the aims of the Association be:—

(a) To advance the cause of Education generally, and that of girls and infants particularly.

(b) To uphold the just claims of women teachers.

This Dominion Association continued the Campaign for equality of payment, also for equality of opportunity, i.e., women to be eligible to compete in a fair field and no favour with men for the higher positions in the service.

Miss Chaplin, of Canterbury, one of the pioneers of the Movement, who

has held at different times the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the N.Z.W.T.A., was the first woman elected on the General Council of Education. She was elected unopposed to represent the Certified women teachers of the South Island, was re-elected in 1918, 1921, and 1924, and is now in her twelfth year of service on that Council.

Miss Chaplin is a member of our Christchurch W.C.T.U., was one of the first subscribers to our "White Ribbon," and still continues her subscription.

Of special interest to White Ribboners is the photo of Miss Birss, who has been nominated as Dominion Treasurer of W.C.T.U. Miss Birss was the first woman to be elected a member of the New Zealand Educational Institute. She was such a valued member of the N.Z.W.T.A.,

that on her retirement from the teaching profession, she was enthusiastically elected as an honorary member. Miss Birss is a member of the Southland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, and has been one for about 10 years. She has done much valuable work on that Board, looking after the old folk at Lorne Farm, and visiting cases which apply to the Board for help.

Miss Birss is also a valued Officer of our Southland District Union.

Miss Edmed is now President of N.Z.W.T.A. She is also a White Ribboner, Secretary of our Pahiataua Union, and once when our Wellington District Convention was held during school holidays, she made a most efficient District Secretary.

Women teachers are slowly gaining their objective. Miss Hetherington has been appointed the first woman Inspector of Secondary

Schools in New Zealand, and Miss Dyer is the first woman Inspector of Domestic Science.

To all mothers, it must be a relief to know that there is such a body as this, watching over the welfare of their children in our Public Schools, and also striving for better conditions for our girls who take up the teaching profession.

That mothers may keep in close touch with this work, we strongly recommend them to procure and read "Our First Quarter Century." Copies can be obtained from Miss E. Andrews, Fitzroy School, New Plymouth, for the modest sum of one shilling. Get one.

A PIONEER.

Germany's Pioneer White Ribboner, Otilie Hoffmann Breman, has just passed away at the age of 90 years. She was the founder of the German Branch of the W.C.T.U. She was born of wealthy and cultured parents, and contrary to all precedent, trained as a teacher. She became Governess to the daughters of Lady Carlisle, and in her home met Frances Willard.

After long preparation she succeeded in starting a branch. In 1914 there were 52 branches with 2,600 members. The war killed many of the branches, but the work has revived, and already Germany has 50 Unions with 2,000 members. In 1922 two Presidents of the German W.C.T.U. went to the World's Convention at Philadelphia.

TWELVE WET VOTES.

The Congress in U.S.A. has given its first vote on prohibition in the present session. General Andrews asked for a vote of 11,990,965 dollars for prohibition enforcement, and the wets in the House of Representatives could muster only 12 votes. Surely, it's a dry House. But these 12 men make a lot of noise.

IT AMUSES me to listen to supposedly intelligent people who persist in saying that prohibition was thrust upon the people of these United States without their consent. Such statements are ridiculous.



The Mount: How Jesus loved the mountains. How oft He spent His nights "alone upon the mountain top" and "sought His Father there."

Upon the mountain top came the glory of His transfiguration, when He held converse with the great old saints of olden time, when they talked of the death which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. Upon the Mount of Calvary that sacrifice was accomplished. The multitude. And ever at the foot of the mount waited the multitude. Fresh from converse with His Father, He went about doing good, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, raising the dead. Upon the mount, in the secret place alone with God, the disciples of Jesus to-day gain their strength for service.

VISION AND WORK.

Not always on the mount may we Rapt in the holy vision be;
The shores of thought and feeling know
The spirit's tidal ebb and flow.

Yet hath one such exalted hour
Upon the soul redeeming power,
And in its strength through after days
We travel our appointed ways,

Till all the lowly vale grows bright,
Transfigured in remembered light,
And in untiring souls we bear
The freshness of the upper air.

The mount for visions; but below
The paths of daily duty go,
And nobler life therein shall own
The pattern in the mountain shown.

FOLLOWING.

"Wilt thou follow Me?"
The Saviour asked,
The road looked bright and fair,
And filled with youthful hope and zeal,
I answered, "Anywhere."

"Wilt thou follow Me?"
Again He asked.
The road looked dim ahead;
But I gave one glance at His glowing face;
"To the end, dear Lord," I said.

"Wilt thou follow on?"
I almost blanched,
For the road was rough and new,
But I felt the grip of His steady hand,
"Yea, Lord, so I'm with You."

"Still followest thou?"
'Twas a tender tone,
And it thrilled my inmost heart,
I answered not, but He drew me close,
And I knew we would never part.

THE HEROISM OF THE CROSS.

"You cannot kill a wrong idea, except with a right idea. This warfare is the most heroic of all, and heroism will always move mankind. It is the heroism of war, not its cruelty, that leads all the world after it. Whose heart is not stirred, whose breath does not come faster, when the soldiers pass us in the street? Look at their faces, and realise how much they are prepared to sacrifice. Everyone of them faces death, and there are things worse than death, and they go gaily to face all these things.

Is it not heroic? Well, I tell you that there is a mightier heroism still

—the heroism, not of the sword, but of the cross; the adventure not of war, but of peace. For which is the braver when all is said—the man who believes in armaments, or the man who stakes everything on an idea? Who is the great adventurer—he who goes against the enemy with swords and guns, or he who goes with naked hands? Who is the mighty hunter—he who seeks the quarry with stones and slings, or he who, with St. Francis, goes to tame a wolf with nothing but the Gospel?

We peace people have made of peace a dull, drab, sordid, selfish thing. We have made it that ambiguous, dreary thing—"neutrality." But Peace is the great adventure, the glorious romance. And only when the world conceives it, so will the world be drawn after it again. "I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

MAUDE ROYDEN,
"The Great Adventure."

THE NAZARENE.

Men said He was a failure—yes, a fool—
To yield a kingdom for a martyr's wreath,
They died, and all their deeds are lost,
His name still lives, by multitudes revered
In every land, as deathless as the stars.
And down the centuries still shines the glory,
Of far Golgotha and a Roman cross.

"Bad men are elected by the good women who stay at home from the poll on election day."—Major Roy Haynes, Chief Prohibition Commissioner, U.S.A.

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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

In 1896 I first saw him, a candidate for the Presidency, 36 years old and being feasted in Los Angeles by the democrats of South California, including the big vineyard growers and wine merchants of the Golden State. Every plate was decorated with a row of wine glasses. Here, Mr Bryan had the chance to play the diplomat, for the wine industry was very precious there. Without a word, he sat down and quietly turned his five or six glasses upside down. I never saw liquor flow as it did at that banquet. After a while when it got to working on them, one Democrat orator ventured to call attention to the fact that "our candidate has his glasses all turned over, where we wanted to do him honour with our favourite beverage, and crown him with our choice industry." Then Mr Bryan's turn came; he held a glass of water in his hand and said: "Gentlemen, I have two reasons for not partaking of your wine. First, I am a Christian and a member of the Presbyterian Church. My Church teaches total abstinence. I will never, by any moral lapse, humiliate my Church by tramping on its rules if I can help it. Second, there sits by my side a little woman who, in my youth gave her heart, but was worried about my occasional indulgence in the wine at banquets. Before our marriage, I told her never to worry on that score again. While she and I both lived, I would never touch a drop of intoxicants again. I have never violated that pledge, and I will not for any honour, for any popular applause, or for the Presidency of the Great Republic, yield to any impulse to please others by violating the promise to the little woman who is more to me than all the rest." He never had any principles for sale.—"By his Pastor."

His fight was for a religious conviction—unpopular in the schools—spurned by the Church—uninteresting to the State, with nobody left to thank the Commoner; but with utter abandon he threw himself into the arena because he believed the faith was imperilled, and felt the cause needed a champion. He had seen the Bible pushed out of our tax-supported schools, even the Lord's Prayer stopped in the opening exercises of the public school on the ground that

to inculcate religion is sectarian. Then Text Books and teachers were inducted into the schools that held up the Bible to scorn, and scoffed at religion. He felt that to teach against religion was as "sectarian" as to teach religion. He felt someone ought to say so. What he thought ought to be done he did, and he was never nobler than in throwing himself against the whole world drift, and stemming that current up to his last breath.

Every thoughtful man knows that there is something the matter with the world. Every true man would like to help set it right. Some think the matter is the aftermath of the war, the wets say it is prohibition, the dries reply it is lawlessness and drinking. Every surface suggestion has had full expression. Bryan went deeper and found a fundamental defect. He took the risk of pointing it out. He said: "You have crowded religion out of your schools. Without religion there is no foundation for morality. You teach a Godless interpretation of the universe and materialistic science. You trace your origin to the jungle and your destiny to the dust; and if man is the brute of the day he will live the part. We must get back to faith in God the Bible, the Sabbath, the moral life, the spiritual leadership of mankind, the "faith of our fathers living still."

NOT FIT.

George E. Stevenson, M.D., M.C., giving evidence at Newcastle-on-Tyne, said: "I do not consider any man who has had alcohol is fit to drive a motor car." Further pressed by the defending solicitor, he replied that even after one glass he did not consider the man fit to drive.

FOILED.

McTavish (to Mrs McTavish, who has had her hair bobbed for a surprise): "Shame on ye, wumman! After I've just bought ye a packet o' hairpins for ye'r birthday!"

Anyone who deliberately breaks one law is helping to annul all laws, and the fact that pro. law has been passed, means that whoever violates it, is putting a premium upon criminality."

—"Yakima (Wash) Herald."

MAORI PAGE.



TE AWAMUTU.

Note 25/2/27 ite 2.30 p.m., katu te mitingi ki roto ite (Sunday School Room) ote Te Awamutu nei. Nate Perehitini Mrs Pura Rapata i whakatuwhera te mitingi kite inoi i muri. Ka tu te Hekeretari kite panni inga reta mai anga hoa ite meneti hoki.

Ka korero ia e Mrs Rev. Roberts e taki kupu ote Paipera. Nga waahi itino kitea ai te kino otenei kai ote waipiro ka mutu ka whakaurua ara katu te Roopu kite Powhiri io ratou teina hou e rua Ka himenetia ite, 63 onga himene. Kote mutunga ka inoi.

P. W. KINGI, Secretary.

POUTO.

Feb. 12. Annual meeting, Mrs Tautuhi, President, in chair. Many members present. Mrs Noda was thanked for being present. Reports of the coming Convention, to be held in Auckland, was read by the White Ribbon Agent. A small balance in hand was reported by the Treasurer. Letters were read by the Secretary about the coming Convention. Many items were reported. Miss Kena, White Ribbon Agent, was chosen as delegate for this Union, and who is to attend the Convention in Auckland. Meeting was closed by Mrs Noda with a hearty prayer.

Feb. 28. Meeting held in the residence of Mrs Kemp. Good atten-

dance, all members were present; Mrs Tautuhi, President in chair. An interesting letter was read from Mrs Palmer, of Rakaiia Branch, about their Union. Ae report of good work was announced. A way of helping the delegate who is to be present at the Convention was arranged. The following Officers were elected:—President and Treasurer, Mrs Ariari; Secretary and W.R. Agent, Miss Kathieen Kena; (Mrs M. Kena, Vice-President; Mrs W. Kena, Secretary) both resigned; Members, Mrs B. Kena, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Kemp, Miss Kapa, Miss Tautuhi, Miss Katie Kena, Miss L. Thompson, Miss M. Thompson, Mrs Tautuhi, Mrs Pook. A hearty speech was given to those who worked hard last year, and those who retired.

REWETI.

Feb. 9. A meeting was convened by the Maori Organiser (W.C.T.U.) Mrs Hinerangi Simons, and held in the Reweti Hall. The meeting was opened by a prayer by Mrs Simons, who then gave a brief summary of her work. A W.C.T.U. was formed at Reweti with a membership of six. Another meeting was held February 25th, when we had the pleasant privilege of a visit from Miss McLay. There was an encouraging attendance of a few more interested friends,

Pakeha and Maori, who were pleased to meet Miss McLay as well as the Maori Organiser, Mrs Simons. Mrs Simons presided. Miss McLay opened the meeting with a prayer. After routine work had been approved of, Miss McLay gave a brief account of the Aims of the W.C.T.U., which was followed with interest by all members, who are very anxious to be helpful. Then, following a short reading of the 15th chapter of St. John, we were privileged to hear a most interesting and helpful account of her varied experiences. Miss Paora (Secretary) will represent us at the Convention in March. A "Bring and Buy" Afternoon has been arranged for March 18th, at the residence of the Secretary. The Union has arranged to collect vegetables for the Harvest Festivals of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, Woodhill, who forward same to the Mt. Albert and the Rev. Jeffrey's Orphanages, respectively. An appeal for members was heard with sympathy, so there is every hope of an increasing membership. In any case, we will loyally strive to remember our Pledge always. An instructive meeting closed with prayers. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Hinerangi Simons; Vice-President, Mrs Eri Poata-Uruamo; Secretary, Mrs Elizabeth Paora; Treasurer, Mrs Molly Pihema.

MAORI REPORT.

Feb. 1. I Helensville ahau mete whakaatu ano inga mahi atoku Roopu W.C.T.U. He maha nga takiwi itae ahau ite 9 onga raa ki Reweti he mitini ite Reweti hooro. Whakapuaretia kite inoi, whakamarama inga ture meona whakahaere. Kawhiriwhiria he roopu whakaetia enga wahine ireira Eono (6) mema ihaina. Kawhakawahia ka pinea te ripine maa ki oratou uma. Whakatakoto inga tikanga menga ra hui? Whakamutua kite inoi Amene. Ite 18 onga ra ka haere ki Pukaki hahore te Rangatira wahine otera tikiwa ite kainga keite haere iona raruraru e rua ano wahine its kainga note poo ka hui mai te taitamariki kia ratou nei ahuaeka. Te kupu kiau me hoki atu ano kiamutu oratu raru? engaro to ratou rangatira, I akarana ite whakahoia kinga mema pakeha monga tikanga mote hui (Convention). Te whakaoitinga me riro maku hei tutaki nga mema Maori e haere mai ki tana hui. Kote ra hei taenga ki Akarana hei te 22nd o Maehe Nareira me tuku mai te mohiotanga ki au kotehea tereira tena mema tae ai ki Akarana. Toku address motana wiki 7a. Hamilton Road, Herne Bay, Auckland. Reweti 25 onga raa katu te mitini ate Roopu o Reweti kite Hooro. Whakapuaretia ote (Organiser, Pakeha) Miss McLay, whakamohio ite (Organiser, Pakeha). He nui ano te hari mete koa ote Roopu menga hoa ite tupono mai otenei wahine kitenei hui? Ka haere nga take ate Roopu

ka mutu Ke whakamutua eahau kite inoi. (Amene) Na Miss McLay ki Akarana ka haere ahau kite N Wairoa.

Na tokoutou teina iroto ite Ariki.
HIMERANGI SIMONS.

PAKEHA REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

February 1st. Visiting Helensville, several homes; introduced the Aims of the W.C.T.U. and distributed Maori literature.

Held a meeting in Reweti and formed a small Union. Subscriptions paid. Officers elected.

Visited Pukaki. The Rangatira away on business, meeting postponed till later.

Auckland. Met several ladies of the W.C.T.U., been helped to prepare my work for Convention and arrange for Maori delegates.

Reweti. A meeting; opening prayer by Miss McLay. Introduced Miss McLay, the Dominion Organiser. Speech by Miss McLay, re the Aims of the W.C.T.U. Read 15th chapter St. John. Business, etc. Delegate proposed for Convention, Miss E. Paora. Meeting closed with prayers by Miss McLay and self. Amen.

Miss McLay's visit was greatly appreciated by the Reweti Union. Leaving for the North Wairoa to visit Unions already formed.

My address for Convention week—
7a. Hamilton Road, Herne Bay, Auckland.

With the blessings of Lord to overcome us all now and ever.

Yours in W.R. Bonds,
HIMERANGI SIMONS.

HERE A LITTLE AND THERE A LITTLE.

Prohibition in U.S.A. a Failure.

"It is a failure for the brewers who mourn the lost profit from their yearly sales of 1,885,000,000 gallons of beer, containing 83,000,000 gallons of pure alcohol. It is a failure for the 177,790 saloon keepers and bartenders who have to work for a living, instead of preying on the vices of their fellows. It is a failure for the loan shark, who bled those pauperised by the saloon. It is a failure for the brothel-keeper, who closed her door when prohibition cleared the muddled brains of her patrons. It is a failure for the turnkeys in the jails closed since prohibition, for the gunmen who murdered and robbed with impunity before prohibition, but have been lodged in cells for their violation of the prohibition law. Prohibition is a failure for the brewery-owned

politician, for the ward-heeler and the corruptionist. It is a failure for all those who once fattened on the weaknesses and vices of their fellows.

Prohibition—A Success.

The success of prohibition can be seen by those who watch our rising tide of prosperity. Countless thousands of wives and mothers know that prohibition is a success. The laundries which have succeeded to the wash-tub abandoned by the former drunkard's wife, know prohibition works. The manufacturer whose output has increased 15 to 30 per cent. while his production costs are lowered and his markets enlarged, knows it has succeeded.

Wayne Wheeler.

Prohibition Injures Business.

It has long been known that the undertaker's business suffers a severe falling off under prohibition. Now, a man who advertises as "Healer of Black Eyes," complains that since prohibition came in, his business has entirely gone out.

Secretary of Commerce of U.S.A., Herbert Hoover, says referring to America's economic rehabilitation: "In no other nation, and in no case in the history of the world, has there been such a measure of recovery as ours from so great a disaster. Today, and for the whole of the last 3 years, all of our working people have been employed at a higher real wage than ever before witnessed. We have less poverty, and we have grown to higher standards of living and comfort than ever before the war. We have grown in national wealth by greater sums than ever in our history, and to greater wealth and comfort than ever before in the history of the world."

There may be two opinions as to whether prohibition is the cause of America's prosperity, there can only be one opinion as to whether prohibition has ruined America.

League of Nations.

A document distributed among the members of the League refers to the smuggling of alcoholic liquor into the U.S.A. in defiance of the prohibition law. This is a disgrace to civilisation, it is declared.

Cocktails and Gin.

Prof. Louise McLroy, of the Royal Free Hospital, London, asked this

question of the members of the British Medical Association at Nottingham.

"In the neighbourhood of King's Cross, I see pubs filled with women. Quite a large number of these women are drinking gin. I go further west, and think of women I know of at about 6 p.m., having parties at which they are drinking cocktails, made of six or seven ingredients in the cocktail shaker. What, I ask, is the difference between them?"

Our White Ribboners in U.S.A. are planning an educational campaign to show that America's leadership of the world is greatly enhanced by the benefits of prohibition, even under imperfect enforcement.

Mrs Mabel Walker Willebrandt.

The daughter of a pioneer Western farmer, she was educated in South California, where she won the degrees of L.L.B. and L.L.M. For a short time a teacher, then having passed her Law exams, she practised for 10 years in Los Angeles. Her record shows the defense of over 2,000 women.

In August 1921, President Harding chose her from among the women lawyers of the entire country, as Assistant U.S.A. Attorney-General. Admitted to practice at the Supreme Court, she put in a very busy 5 years. Several times in the absence of the Attorney-General, she was called upon to head the department. She waged a ceaseless fight for better jail conditions, and for the Federal Reformatory for women. For 2 years she personally supervised the work on bootlegger's gang in Savannah.

Before the ceaseless waves of a will dedicated to God, countless hardships are driven to speedy shipwreck.

"I do not say that women will change the world, but I do say that they can, if they want to."—Lady Astor.

The abolition of liquor at civic functions is not confined to Scotland. At the recent toasting of the new Mayor of Johannesburg, toasts were drunk in tea, and not in liquor, as formerly.

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**WHAT PROHIBITION HAS DONE
FOR AMERICA.**

Some time ago a par with this heading appeared in a Dunedin paper. It quoted the Chief of Police at Topeka, Kansas, as saying: "That boys and girls do not think they are regular unless they become half intoxicated. The girls will not go out with boys who have no flasks to offer."

The Idaho Chief of Police, dealing with the same subject was reported

to have said: "There have been outbursts of immorality among them that are directly traceable to the greatly-increased consumption of liquor."

This paragraph was sent to a friend in U.S.A., and by her submitted to Mrs Charles Beeks, the wife of a member of the Kansas State Legislature. Mrs Beeks writes: "The Chief of Police, Topeka, Kansas, is to send me a statement. He said he certainly had been misquoted, and would take the time to go over the records of his term of 3 years, and make an accurate statement as shown on his books.

Miss Dobbs, the State Secretary of W.C.T.U. in Kansas, is in Topeka, and she has procured a statement of conditions in Wichita from the Chief of Police there, which he was very glad to give me.

The following statements come direct to this office from the Chief of Police in Topeka, and in Wichita, Kansas. We wonder if all these misquotations are accidental?

TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Topeka, Kansas,

February 8th, 1927.

Mrs Charles Beeks,

C/o. House of Representatives,
State House,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs Beeks,

Complying with your request for a quotation from me on the subject of the violation of the Volstead Act by the younger generation, we have made a survey of the Police Court Dockets for the years 1923, 1924, 1925, and 1926, covering all cases for liquor or moral charges on defendants under the age of 22 years, and I have to report as follows:—

1923.

Girls: Liquor 1; Dope 1; Disorderly conduct 4; Commitment from the Board of Health 12; Disorderly House 1; Total 19.

Boys: Liquor 49; Disorderly conduct 11; Dope 2; Total 62.

1924.

Girls: Liquor 1; Disorderly conduct 12; Commitment from the Board of Health 6; Total 19.

Boys: Liquor 50; Disorderly conduct 9; Dope 1; Total 60.

1925.

Girls: Liquor 2; Commitment Board of Health 13; Disorderly conduct 8; Total 23.

Boys: Liquor 60; Total 60.

1926.

Girls: Liquor 2; Disorderly conduct 6; Commitment from Board of Health 14; Total 22.

Boys: Liquor 50; Commitment Board of Health 3; Disorderly conduct 1; Total 54.

If I can be of further service, please advise.

Yours truly,

W. G. TANDY,

Chief of Police.

**STATEMENT OF CHIEF OF
POLICE, WICHITA, KANSAS.**

March 21st, 1926, I was appointed Chief of Police of Wichita, Kansas. Numerous complaints came to me concerning young girls and boys drinking. This was taking place at chicken-dinner farms, dance halls and parties. The Sheriff of Sedgwick County sent his officers to these chicken-dinner places, and in a short time there were no more complaints from them.

We declared war on the bootleggers and drug stores that sold liquors and jake in Wichita, Kansas, and the past few months we have arrested only a few young people with liquor in their possession or for being intoxicated, and after twenty years continuous Police experience, I attribute this condition to just one thing—the strict enforcement of the prohibition law. It matters not where it is, there is only one explanation when young people are permitted to get drunk and carrouse, and that is lax enforcement of the law.

(Signed) I. B. WALSTON,

Chief of Police,

Wichita, Kansas.

February 7th, 1927.

THE CAUSE.

Those who claim that prohibition laws cannot be enforced overlook the fact that the appetite for liquor is an acquired taste, and what causes people to get the taste is the opportunity to procure drink.—"Walkerton Telescope."

Unheard, because our ears are dull,
Unseen, because our eyes are dim,
He walks our earth, the wonderful,
And all good deeds are done to Him.

—Whittier.

News of the Unions.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Feb. 1. Attendance good. Mrs Goodey presided. Two of our very old members have passed to higher service. Votes of sympathy with the bereaved families. Letters of sympathy were also sent to sick members. Mrs Morrison, from Waverley, was welcomed. Mrs Duxfield, District President, was present, and spoke on the "Two-issue ballot." Resolutions to be submitted to Convention were discussed. Mrs Stewart, of Gonville, was appointed delegate to Convention. A resolution moved by Mrs Emmett and seconded by Mrs Bathgate was unanimously carried, "That if the Dominion Executive have a building in view for use as Dominion Headquarters, and Convention decide to buy, the Wanganui Central will do what it can to help in raising funds." A few afternoons' were promised in aid of the fund. Mrs Duxfield promised to speak at any of these afternoons, either on "Dominion Headquarters," or W.C.T.U. work.

MAUNGATUROTO.

Feb. 18. First meeting in 1927; seven members present. Correspondence re a petition asking for a two-issue ballot paper. Decided to leave the matter in the hands of our delegate, all present being in favour of two-issue ballot. Letter received from Editor White Ribbon, asking us to try and increase the circulation. Mrs Hames appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Bycroft read an interesting paper entitled "Blessed be Drudgery." Secretary was asked to write letter of sympathy to Mrs Nazer in her sad bereavement. Afternoon tea was partaken of.

ONEHUNGA.

Dec 9. 16 present. President reported: (1) The L.T.L. Concert a great success, and congratulated Mrs Hunter (L.T.L. Superintendent) on the splendid items and the able manner in which they were rendered by the children; (2) Street collection in Onehunga, for the Play Association, resulted in £11 17s. 4d. Mesdames Gilbert and Ross appointed Cradle Roll Superintendents. Reading was given by Mrs Stacey, and Mrs Musher gave a paper on "Home Sweet Home," which was much enjoyed by members. Afternoon tea.

Feb. 10. A very wet day, only few members present. Syllabus for the year brought forward, and amended and adopted. A Bring and Buy Sale in April. Cradle Roll Picnic to be held March 10th, at our President's home. Social Committee work undertaken by Mesdames Gillon and Lamond. Mrs Olliver visiting from Manurewa, asked for homes for delegates. Cars also asked for the drive. Mrs Stacey, President, elected delegate to Convention. Instructions given to delegate how to vote on certain matters. The Pledge was repeated at the close of devotions; afternoon tea handed round. All present glad to hear our Treasurer, Mrs Musher, recovering from her operation.

RANGIORA.

Feb. 25. Mrs Thwaites presided over good attendance. A motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs Horton was passed. Mrs Ralph Smith was appointed Assistant W.R. Agent. Decided not to send a delegate to the Convention at Auckland next month. Mrs Williams, in an interesting address, enumerated the various acts of Parliament that have been passed mainly through the instrumentality of the W.C.T.U., and it was a source of encouragement to members to learn that so many of the recent improvements brought about in social legislation, have been due to the efforts of women.

TINWALD.

Nov. Cradle Roll Afternoon, the Superintendent, Mrs Gill, arranged a very nice programme with items from the children, and each child received a present and sweets. Rev. Matthews gave a splendid address on "Mothers' Responsibilities," and congratulated the Superintendent on the large number of little children for the small place of Tinwald, and urged her to take care of the young children, they are the greatest asset to the Organisation. Members, mothers and children joined in afternoon tea. Much thanks is due to Mrs Gill for the work she put in to make the afternoon so interesting to all. At the October meeting, Rev. Enticott presented

Dorothy May Wakelin to God, the Church, and a member of the Cradle Roll, and afterwards addressed the mothers present on the lives of great women in the past, and "How a little child shall lead them."

Feb. 9. A large attendance present, Mrs Robinson presided. Mrs Lill was present after an absence of twelve months, and heartily welcomed. Mrs Robinson read a paper on Motherhood, written by Mrs Lill during her illness. Mrs Amos, of Ashburton, to represent us at Convention. Notice was given of the Executive meeting in Timaru on February 14th; no delegate was able to attend owing to shortage of funds.

BIRKENHEAD.

Jan. 26. Cradle Roll Picnic on Church grounds. Mrs Mackay gave interesting talks, both to the children and the mothers.

Feb. 17. Rev. J. H. Allen presided over a good attendance. Letter from Miss Henderson was read. The "Two-Issues" was discussed. Mrs Mackay was appointed our delegate to Convention. Mesdames Jory and Mackay were elected to represent us on the Advisory Council of the Prohibition League. We welcomed Mrs Olliver, who visited us on hospitality business for Convention. Mr Allen gave a very profitable talk on Optimism, taking for his text John xvi: 33. His speech was much appreciated. Afternoon tea was kindly given by Mrs Todd.

PETONE.

Feb. 1. Mrs Murgatroyd presiding. It was proposed that an Honour Badge be procured for our dear Treasurer for service rendered. Mrs Collins spoke of how wearing the White Ribbon Bow, draws attention to the cause for which we work. It was thought fitting that congratulations be sent to Miss Kirk and Mrs Taylor, on their being appointed J.P.'s. Mrs Cole was appointed delegate for the Annual Convention. The Pledge was repeated.

Feb. 16. A most delightful afternoon at Mrs Corner's, Mrs Murgatroyd presiding. Ensign Mrs Pratt, spoke very feelingly on the Abolishing of 'Drink.' Mrs Battersby gave a very interesting reading. Rev. Lochore held the company very intensely by his speech. He said "Prohibition" could only be won by Christian spirit, and not only on lines of efficiency. Mrs M'Alpine and Mrs Franklin both sang very nicely for us, and Mrs Holroyd recited. Mrs Donoghue, our faithful Treasurer, presented with Honour Badge.

WAIPIKURAU.

Feb. 17. Mrs Smales presided over a good attendance. Several friends from Waipawa were present. Mrs Bibby contributing an interesting address on Frances Willard, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Smales was appointed delegate to Convention. Decided to hold a W.C.T.U. Shop on Tuesday, March 1st. Afternoon tea was handed round.

CANVASTOWN.

Feb. 17. Frances Willard Day; nine members were present. Mrs Murray presided. The Secretary's report was passed. A two-issue ballot paper was discussed, all agreed to assist in securing signatures to a petition regarding same. After discussion it was decided to send no delegate to Convention this year. Greetings from Whangarei much appreciated. A collection in aid of Mission Fund resulted in the sum of 18s. One more subscriber to White Ribbon. Afternoon tea.

WANGANUI EAST.

Feb. Fair attendance of members; Mrs Duxfield occupied the chair. Miss Sanson, Evangelistic Superintendent, gave a spirited address on the words, "Go Forward." Mrs Duxfield gave a full report of her visit as District President to Raetihi Union, referring to the work done, and to the great enthusiasm of the workers. Decided to support a "Women's Petition," and of furthering a scheme for obtaining "National Headquarters." A letter was read from Mrs Peryman, dealing with White Ribbon matters, and it was decided to extend the work in the interests of the paper. Mrs Hopkirk was appointed delegate to the Auckland Convention. As the branch was celebrating "Frances Willard" Day, Mrs F. Brown read a paper on the life and work of Frances Willard, that was much appreciated. The collection for the day was devoted to the World's Mission Fund. Four new members joined the branch, making a total of one hundred and nine.

MIRAMAR.

Feb. "At Home," at the home of Mrs Evans, Nevay Road. The attendance was fair. The question of a petition being promoted, was discussed at length, and it was decided to leave the matter over to next meeting for further discussion and resolutions; also the appointment of a delegate to Convention. Musical items were given by Miss Bradshaw and much enjoyed. Plans for holding a Sale of Produce, cakes, etc., were discussed, and a Committee appointed to arrange matter in connection with it, date to be decided upon. After partaking of afternoon tea, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Evans for the very pleasant time spent, and two new names were added to the roll; also a new subscriber to the "White Ribbon."

OXFORD.

Feb. 16. Frances Willard Day. Mrs Jones, Notable Days Superintendent, read an excellent paper on the character and life work of Miss Willard, and was heartily thanked. A letter was received from Miss Henderson, dealing with matters to be brought forward at the Convention. Mrs C. W. Tritt and Miss H. Waterman were appointed Evangelistic Superintendents. The members of the Band of Hope Committee were all re-elected. Decided to hold a Cradle Roll Rally shortly. A collection was taken up in aid of the World's Missionary Fund.

BLLENHEIM.

Mar. 1. Mrs Smith presided, eleven members present. Decided to support the petition re Two-Issue ballot paper to be considered at Convention. Mrs Wilson, our delegate to Convention, was asked to convey the Union's greetings to Mrs Miller. All resolutions sent forward for discussion at Convention were read, and it was decided to support all but No. 2, relating to Dominion Compulsory Superannuation. New syllabus compiled. Decided to hold a Cradle Afternoon, 22nd April, members to try and enroll new babies.

NORMANBY.

Feb. 9. Home meeting held at the residence of Mrs Menli. Good attendance of members; Mrs Bevan presided. Vote of sympathy passed to Mr Edwards and to Mrs Aim in their sad bereavement. Correspondence re more subscribers to the White Ribbon dealt with. A discussion took place on how to raise funds towards delegate's expenses to Dominion Convention, it being finally decided to take up subscription at next meeting. Mrs Beaton elected delegate to the Dominion Convention. A hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mrs Menli for the pleasant afternoon spent by members.

A NEW BRANCH FORMED.

On February 8th, Mrs Campbell, of South Brighton, invited the ladies of that district to meet Mrs Hall, President of the Central Brighton Union, and Miss Beatrice Harband, Secretary of the North Canterbury District Union, with the object of forming a branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in South Brighton. Mrs Hall explained the growth of the Parent Union in Central Brighton, and the desire of its members for self-expansion. Already an off shoot branch had been formed at North Brighton, and she considered the time was ripe for South Brighton, with its increasing population to have its own Union. Miss Harband spoke on the threefold motto, the threefold platform, and the Badge of the World's W.C.T.U., and made an appeal for all present to join forces with the thousands of women in the Dominion, already pledged to the ideals of the Movement. After some discussion, it was unanimously decided to form a Union to be called the South Brighton Union. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Weavers; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Gale and Scarr; Secretary, Mrs Campbell; Treasurer, Mrs Hewitt; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Good; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Armstrong. Meetings to be held in the South Brighton Hall, the first Tuesday of each month. Ten members were transferred from the Central Brighton roll, and five new members were initiated by Mrs Hall. Afternoon tea, musical and elocutionary items, with votes of thanks to the hostess, and the speakers brought a successful function to a close.

RAKAIA.

Feb. 10. Mrs Boag presided over good attendance; roll-call, and correspondence dealt with. Decided to ask British Sailor's Society (Christchurch) to send out a speaker for our next meeting. It being "Frances Willard Day," Mrs Hopwood read a paper, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Miss Boag was appointed delegate to Convention. Decided to postpone our Garden Party till the Spring. A resolution, to be forwarded to Convention, was drawn up as follows: "That steps be taken to stop the sending of Art Union tickets through the Post." Three new members were welcomed into our Union. Decided to hold next meeting March 8th. Afternoon tea was served.

POUTO.

Feb. 28. Meeting held in the residence of Mrs Kemp. Good attendance, all members were present; Mrs Tautuhi, President, in chair. An interesting letter was read from Mrs Palmer, of Rakaia Branch, about their Union. A report of good work was announced. A way of helping the delegate, who is to be present at the Convention, was arranged. The following Officers were elected:—President and Treasurer, Mrs Ariari; Secretary and W.R. Agent, Miss Kathleen Kena; (Mrs M. Kena, Vice-President; Mrs W. Kena, Secretary) both resigned; Members, Mrs B. Kena, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Kemp, Miss Kapa, Miss Tautuhi, Miss Katie Kena, Miss L. Thompson, Miss M. Thompson, Mrs Tautuhi, Mrs Pook. A hearty speech was given to those who worked hard last year, and those who retired.

MIMAMAR.

Feb. 9. Mrs Evans presiding over fair attendance. Resolutions for Convention discussed. Mrs Genge appointed delegate, and instructed to support most of resolutions, particularly petition for two-issue ballot paper. Members enthusiastic re canvassing for names. Decided to postpone sale of gifts, till after Convention. One new member enrolled.

ELTHAM.

Mar. 4. Presided over by Mrs W. Morrison, was a very successful one. A large number of members and friends were present. Mrs M. Phillips, Provincial President of Taranaki, was present, and gave a most interesting address on Faith, and a little of the work of women as Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, Frances Willard, and Agnes Weston. Mrs Garden gave great pleasure with her two solos, "My Dear Soul," and "My Task." The Treasurer, Mrs L. Pinney, reported twenty-two paid up members for 1927, which is very encouraging, and if we all do our part, we should have a useful year. One new member was initiated. One of Eltham's first members, Mrs Bennett, passed away suddenly from heart trouble on February 28th, and all present stood in silence as a mark of respect. She had been away from Eltham for many years, but had lately come back, and had rejoined the Branch here. Afternoon tea was served at the close of the meeting.

EDENDALE SOUTH.

Mar. 3. First meeting of the year. Mrs Malcolm presided over an encouraging attendance. After usual devotions, several letters were read and discussed. Decided to do our best to get new subscribers to the White Ribbon. Mrs Niven to attend the Quarterly meeting of the District W.C.T.U. in Invercargill on Saturday, 12th March, on behalf of our Branch.

RAETIHI.

Mar. 6. Mrs Sandford in the chair; good attendance. Decided to send literature to the Back Block settlers. Mrs W. Scarrow, Superintendent. Decided that a member should go to the Annual Convention. Mrs W. Scarrow read parts of the Life of Frances Willard, and members discussed her work in its different aspects.

SPREYDON.

Mar. 8. Mrs Petrie presided over fair attendance. No delegate to Convention. Mrs Petrie gave many helpful suggestions for making meetings interesting, and keeping

in touch with members who do not regularly attend.

WELLINGTON.

A very pleasant gathering took place on Thursday evening in the Constable Street Hall, when the members of the Wellington W.C.T.U. met to bid good-bye to Mrs Keene, who is leaving for Auckland. Mrs Mowlem referred most appreciatively to the many services rendered by Mrs Keene during the years she had resided in Wellington, and presented the departing guest with an "Honour's Service Star," and Mrs Chisholm presented a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the Union. Mrs Keene suitably replied, thanking all for the kindly thoughts which had prompted the gifts. During the evening, songs were rendered by Mesdames Davis and Bott, the Misses Webb and Harris; recitation by Mrs Keene, monologue by Miss Pillar, and violin solo by Miss Harvey. Supper was afterwards served and many a good wish was expressed for the continued good health and happiness of the guest of honour.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Mar. Fair attendance; President, Mrs Pasley, took the chair, and Mrs McKinnon, Evangelical Superintendent, carried through devotions. Two or three musical items, sweetly rendered by Mrs Mair and Miss Sabine Pasley, and an able recitation from Mrs D. Strang, made a pleasing prelude to a striking address from the Rev. S. Bailey, of St. Peter's Church. The Rev. gentleman based his remarks on verse 4, of 2nd Corinthians, chapter 4, and connected many present-day vital points with this verse. When closing his remarks, Mr Bailey's exhortations to the Temperance workers were both stimulating and impressive. Mr Bailey received a hearty vote of thanks, as did also the performers. Two new members were initiated.

GORE.

Feb. 22. Mrs E. C. Smith, President, presiding over fairly good attendance. After discussion the following decisions were agreed to: That member's subscriptions be paid by April each year; That each Sunday School provides the monthly Band of Hope programmes beginning in April; also that at Union's meeting in March, "Frances Willard Day" be observed, and gifts for Willard Home be brought. Mrs E. C. Smith was appointed delegate to Dominion Convention.

RAI VALLEY.

Feb. 17. Willard Day was celebrated by a Mothers' Afternoon Tea, in conjunction with a Baby Show and Carnival, etc., in aid of the District Nurses' Cottage. In response to the invitation of the Local W.C.T.U., about 23 mothers and babies assembled at the Hall, where a dainty afternoon tea, contributed by the members, was set out. A number of pioneer ladies of the District were also present by invitation, also the Chairman of the Wairau Hospital Board, and the Rev. Mr and Mrs Milgrew. After the judging of the babies, which was ably carried out by Sister Dundon, Matron of the Havelock Cottage Hospital, a Cradle Roll was started with 9 babies. Afternoon tea was then partaken of, and a very pleasant afternoon was concluded by the announcement of the winners in the different baby classes. Each child present received a souvenir from the Union, and hopes were expressed that the affair would be carried out again next year. Mrs Leov, President, W.C.T.U., received and welcomed the guests.

MASTERTON.

Mar. Mrs Coker presided; 21 members answered roll call. President and Secretary reported having attended District Executive meeting at the Hutt, and the Union decided to give its loyal support to recommendations to be forwarded from that meeting to the Dominion Convention, with regard to division of the District and Domestic Courts. A full discussion on need for Headquarters, and Secretary instructed to convey confidence of the Union to Dominion Officers, and its desire to help in the project. Unanimous approval of action for two-issue ballot. Levy of 1s. per member made towards N.Z. Organising Fund. £1 raised in meeting. Report given by Mrs N. Miller, Representa-

tive to Alliance, on Sub-Council meeting, held in Masterton, and vote of thanks passed. Arrangements for Shop Day to be held 6th April, completed. Decided to hold a Gift Afternoon at the residence of Mrs S. J. Smith, on March 24th. Tea was served by Mesdames Willoughby and Ross.

TAUMARUNUI.

Mar. 8. The President's resignation was accepted with regret, and Mrs Wainwright, Vice-President, was appointed to act as President till the end of the financial year. 100 copies of the Young People's Supplement were ordered for the next three months. Sister Alison was appointed delegate to the Convention. Mrs Reed reporting on the L.T.L., was promised fuller co-operation by Union members. The past year's work was most commendable. The L.T.L. will resume in April.

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Feb. 24. Business; the appointment of Mrs Phillips as delegate to the Convention. The alteration of four monthly meeting from the last Thursday to the first Thursday of the month. Mrs Green read the Treasurer's report. The meeting concluded with a short entertainment. Miss Elsie Bann recited. Mrs Bann sang, and Mrs Herbert gave us an organ selection.

LOWER HUTT.

Feb. 28. 2 members present. A hearty welcome was extended to Mrs Lopdell and Mrs Quin. Our President read the Pledge, all repeating it. An apology was read from Mrs Spencer. A letter was read from the Church of Christ Officials, thanking us for our small donation to them for the use of the Church, and wishing us every success, in our work this year. Decided to hold the Cradle Roll Afternoon on Wednesday, March 2nd, and all members were requested to come along and make the effort a successful one. Our delegate to Convention is Mrs Anderson. The remits, re Headquarters, and the two-issue ballot paper, were passed by our Union, to be recommended to Conference by our delegate. The sum of £1 was voted for the General Fund, and a collection was taken up during afternoon tea for the Missionary Fund. Decided to get a number of handbooks for our members. A very interesting paper on the life of Frances Willard was read by Mrs Anderson, written by her daughter, who was accorded a vote of thanks. There was a good deal of discussion, about the resolution against Military training.

Mar. 2. Cradle Roll Afternoon. It was a beautiful day, and a large number of mothers and children were present. Mrs Lowe gave a recitation, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Bird a pianoforte duet, and there were several records of nursery rhymes given on the gramophone, kindly lent by one of the members. Mrs Anderson spoke a few words to the mothers, telling them some of the work the W.C.T.U. does, and asked if any could join up with us. Mrs Heyes, our Cradle Roll Superintendent, was congratulated on her good work, and heartily applauded. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close.

SPREYDON.

Feb. 8. Mrs Burley presided; fair attendance. Decided to order one hundred copies of the Y.P. Supplement for six months. Mrs Watson to represent the Union at North Canterbury Executive. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs E. Feshenfield and Mrs Sykes in their bereavement, and with Mrs Hall in her illness. Mrs Walker reported thirty babies on the Cradle Roll. Collection for Frances Willard Day.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

Feb. A New Year's Rally where the "Y" Branch were the guests of the Adult Union. Representatives of the Brighton and newly-formed South Brighton Unions were also present. Miss B. M. Harband, President, welcomed the Dominion President, and extended to her the congratulations of the Unions present, in her appointment to His Majesty's Commission of Justice. Mrs Taylor then delivered an address on the life and work of Frances Willard. On behalf of the North Brighton Branch, Mrs McGilivray, Cradle Roll Superintendent,

thanked Mrs Taylor for her address, and Miss Leaver, Vice-President of the "Y" Branch, voiced the appreciation of the young people. Decided to discuss more fully at the March meeting, the Auckland remit to Dominion Convention, that a monster petition be presented to Parliament, asking for a two-issue ballot. One new member was initiated. The North Brighton "Y." Branch, having won the challenge they issued to Central Brighton for increased membership during the last quarter of 1926, accepted the invitation of the losing Branch to a Social evening on February 25th.

HAWERA.

Feb. 17. A very enjoyable Garden Party at the residence of Mr and Mrs Corry. A large number present. Mrs Exley, President, in a happy little speech, welcomed the visitors, which included members from other Unions. The day was ideal for an outdoor gathering. A dialogue by Mrs Hill and Mrs Curtis was then given. Mrs Roth and Mrs Healey each gave two recitations, Mrs Beaton a reading; all items being much enjoyed. Afternoon tea was dispensed under a beautiful spreading tree; one and all spent a most delightful afternoon. A collection was taken up for Missionary work. Thanks were given to Mrs Corry for her kindness in giving the use of her beautiful grounds.

Feb. 25. Mrs Exley presided; several members away on account of illness. Several matters of business were dealt with. Correspondence read by Secretary. A discussion arose as to best means of increasing the Union's funds.

OTAHUHU.

Mar. 3. Social Afternoon; musical items and also a very interesting recitation, and Mrs Cowie spoke on the Stamp Book; How the W.C.T.U. had been the influence of having the Brewers' advertisement taken off the Book, and now they advertise Coffee instead, and also about Posters, and then on the success of Prohibition in Honolulu. We thoroughly enjoyed her talk, after which afternoon tea was handed round, and I am glad to say Mrs Cowie had the pleasure of initiating two new members. We had a splendid gathering for our first meeting.

STRATFORD.

Feb. Good attendance; President in the chair. Instead of the usual flowers, the members decided to take afternoon tea to the Hospital patients, which was very much appreciated. Decided that four or five members take it in turns, once a month, and the response from the members for the next month was splendid. Frances Willard Day observed. A paper was read, giving extracts from the splendid life of a noble woman, in whose footsteps we have the privilege of following. Musical items were rendered, and recitations were given, afternoon tea was handed round.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

Feb. 15. Meeting an unqualified success, over fifty members and friends being present. The President, Mrs Gilmour, spoke in an impressive manner of the need for vision in the work that lies ahead during the year. In recognition of assistance rendered by members of the North Union in the Tea Rooms at the A. & P. Show, last December, Mrs Macgregor conveyed the thanks of the South Union, and handed over a donation. Mrs Chalmers, Superintendent of Notable Days, read an interesting paper on the life and work of Miss Frances Willard. Mrs Gilmour was appointed delegate to Convention. A delightful musical programme was provided, the following ladies contributing to the afternoon's enjoyment: Mesdames Carter, McLean, Edgar and Miss McDowall. Three new members were added to the roll, and a dainty afternoon tea dispensed.

TIMARU.

Feb. 22. Frances Willard Day celebrated by "Pay-Up" Social. A silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr E. Holdgate was passed. Correspondence read from Mrs F. A. Raymond, thanking Union for congratulations on her appointment as Justice of the Peace, and from Miss Henderson re two-issue ballot petition. Members pledged themselves to assist in securing signatures, and delegates to Convention were instructed how to vote. Three W.C.T.U. members from Scotland welcomed. A most enjoyable musical programme fol-

lowed, and a "Y" member contributed a recitation. During supper, the Treasurer was kept busy receiving members' subscriptions.

HASTINGS.

Feb. 24. Mrs Paul, President, in the chair; 18 members present. Busy meeting, correspondence discussed. Cradle Roll and District Executive meetings reported. Balance sheet read. Two accounts passed for payment. Decided to celebrate Frances Willard Day, special meeting in Cornwall Park, March 10th. Parcel of clothing for Ramabal Mission received. Parcel of magazines for distribution collected during afternoon. Mrs Paul appointed delegate attend Auckland Convention. Tea was served by Mrs Smith.

KAIAPOI.

Feb. Good attendance to hear Miss Bradshaw, our Organiser, who has been in Kaiapoi for a week. Her efforts resulted in two new members and several promises of help in the work. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to her for her work. A unanimous vote was passed for the two-issue ballot paper, eleven names being submitted as canvassers for the petition. A resolution was passed protesting against the granting of an extension of half-an-hour to the Billiard Saloon of Kaiapoi.

WAVERLEY.

In November, we held a Street Stall and Afternoon Tea in our Rest Room. The proceeds, £10, were divided equally between the Willard Home and the Sailor's Rest Fund, New Plymouth. Mrs Duxfield attended at our February meeting and gave an interesting address. Miss Cheyne, from Scotland, also was present, and compared our work in New Zealand favourably with that being done in her own country. At our March meeting, we decided to send reading matter to the Back-Blocks, and also to ask the public for donations of cast-off clothing. The suggestion, to make our meetings informal, and to remake and mend garments during the afternoon, was favourably received.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Feb. 16. Among the subjects for discussion was the need for Dominion Headquarters, and a remit urging that necessity is to be forwarded for consideration to the coming conference. Other subjects were discussed, and remits concerning these were adopted to be sent on. The President, Miss Kirk, was elected to represent this Branch of the Union at Convention.

ARAMOHO.

Feb. 22. Mrs Gilmore in the chair. Mrs Bathgate gave a short address in which she urged upon the members the importance of the Band of Hope work. A leader is wanted, and Mrs Bathgate asked all to give the matter earnest consideration. The meeting closed with prayer, after which afternoon tea was served.

ASHBURTON.

Mar. 1. Mrs W. H. Robinson presided over a large attendance. The Pledge was recited, and an extract, showing the effects of Alcohol on the propagation of the human race, was read by the President. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to members who are sick. A report received from the Superintendent, showed that a parcel of 173 garments had been collected and forwarded to the Willard Home. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs A. E. Moore. A very cordial welcome to Ashburton and the Union, was extended to Mrs Ensign Ransom, also, to Mrs D. F. Keir after her long absence. Decided to provide supper at a Social evening arranged by No-License Council, to meet our representative in Parliament. Owing to counter-attractions, the Drawing Room arranged for March 17th is postponed. Instructions were given to delegates, re "Notices of Motion." A cup of tea was served, after which a very interesting address on the Life of Miss Maud Royden, of the City Guild, London, was given by Mrs R. B. Tinsley. Born to a position of affluence, refinement, and learning, Miss Royden's career as Student, Lecturer, Reformer, Social Worker, Editor of the National Suffragette Paper, and Preacher, were dwelt upon in a masterly way by the speaker. A very hearty vote of

thanks was accorded Mrs Tinsley for her instructive and inspiring address.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

Jan. 26. Bring and Buy Social at the residence of Mrs T. W. West, kindly lent for that occasion. Things brought, being a useful order found ready sale, everything being sold, and nearly £3 was raised. A dainty afternoon tea was then served by the Hostess, assisted by the Misses West and Pycroft. A bright and cheerful address was given by Mrs W. J. Williams on the different branches of work in which women had taken part, such as Protection of Women and Children, Juvenile Courts, Shop Assistant Act, etc., finally urging all to hold together and to press on, and in so doing, much good work could be accomplished. She wished all a happy and useful year. The President moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Williams, also to the Hostess for her kind hospitality.

EDEN.

Feb. 16. The President, Mrs Fenton, presided over a good attendance, and made reference to a sad case of a drug addict which had come under her notice, and made special mention of same in her prayer. Correspondence from Mrs Peryman appealing to members to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon" paper was read and noted. As a result of our President bringing the "W.C.T.U." before the (lady) members of her Church, three joined up with our Union. Following afternoon tea, Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a most interesting and inspiring address on her visit to Honolulu, also some very encouraging side-lights on Scotland and America, which go to show that No-License is not losing ground, but gradually going forward. Mrs Fenton, delegate to Convention.

FEILDING.

Mar. 3. Moderate attendance, presided over by Mrs Pack. Resolved to send a delegate to Convention. Discussion took place on question of petitioning Parliament for a Two-Issue ballot paper. Meeting in favour of it, and resolved to instruct delegate to vote for it. Commandant Simpson, of the Salvation Army, gave a very fine address on "Joy in the Lord," giving as his opinion, the greatest need in the Christian Church to-day, being more joy in our religion. A duet by Misses Tremain and Babbage was very nicely sung.

SOUTH BRIGHTON.

Mar. 1. First meeting of the newly-formed South Brighton Branch; Mrs Weavers presided. Four new members were initiated. Mrs H. Hall, President of the Brighton Union, gave a very interesting address on the life of Frances Willard. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames W. Armstrong and A. W. Scarr, and afternoon tea was served. We members of the Union, pledge ourselves to work and stand for a petition for a Two-Issue ballot paper.

RICCARTON.

Feb. 17. Mrs C. Barrell presided over a good attendance. Temperance fact given by Miss Henderson, quoting Dr. Bond on Alcohol being unnecessary as medicine. Letters of thanks read from Mrs Bendely, acknowledging collection for Maori Fund, also Willard Home for gifts of frocks. Resolved to send letters of thanks to Revs. B. J. James and H. Nelson Wright for conducting Bible-in-Schools for last year. Resolved to support petition to Parliament re two-issues. Letter read from Mrs Peryman, suggesting plans for gaining subscribers to "White Ribbon." Suggestions and plans were talked over, and it was finally decided to write and ask Miss Lovell-Smith to assist Mrs McLean by trying to obtain subscribers in Upper Riccarton. Mrs C. Barrell was appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Swallow, Superintendent Prisons Department, reported that she had visited Addington Reformatory and taken books, clothing, and gramophone records for the use of the inmates. Members agreed to assist her by giving old clothing which the Matron had mentioned was the most needful. Resolved to have a Bring and Buy Afternoon next meeting. Miss Henderson gave an interesting address, explaining the recent referendum in America and Norway.

NAPIER.

Mar. 2. Mrs Leask presided. Resolved that in the interest of Health and Efficiency of Nurses, all Hospital Boards be urged to establish a six-day week, instead of the seven-day of eight hours now in force. Mrs Saunders, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, reported great success. This branch of our work was started on February 16th, at a Garden Party, held to celebrate Willard Day, and was held in the Botanical Gardens, when about 21 were present; sickness had a lot to do with the small number. Mrs Brocklehurst gave a short paper on what women had done since Frances Willard started her great campaign. Mrs Leask read the report of the District Executive meeting, held in Hastings. Mrs Venables, delegate to Convention. A request from Napier South that we hold alternate meetings at Wesley Hall was received. Decided to do so, there being members there who are deprived by the distance from attending meetings. Mrs Leask granted three month's leave of absence. Vote of sympathy, the reason being she had to go for special medical treatment in America. Wishes were expressed for a safe journey, restoration to health, and a safe return. Mrs Venables appointed to take her place as President during her absence.

N.E. VALLEY.

Mar. 3. There was a good attendance of members. Mrs Peart, President, presided, the subject of her address being "Faith and Patience." Correspondence was read from the Minister of Justice in reply to a letter from the Union re the Norman Charles Williams case. From the Minister of Health, in reply to petitions re mental defectives; from Miss Henderson, referring to a petition for two-issue ballot paper at the next election; from Mrs Peryman, with suggestions for increasing the sale of the "White Ribbon." Miss Gray was chosen as the delegate to Convention. Mrs Hinkley resigned the position of Cradle Roll Superintendent, and Mrs Coulter was appointed in her place. The other Superintendents of departments were re-elected, the President thanking them for their reports, and stating that two members have been removed by death during the year. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of both families.

WELLINGTON.

Mar. 3. Mrs Mowlem presided. Decided to circularise the members who were not present, in connection with a Two-Issue ballot paper. Mesdames Mowlem and Port were elected to represent the Union at Convention. As one of our members, Mrs Keene, will be leaving Wellington shortly for Auckland, it was decided to hold a social in the Constable Street Hall, when all members were asked to be present.

TEMPLETON.

Feb. 22. A good attendance presided over by Mrs Clark, President. Decided to carry on the Band of Hope Concerts during the Winter, as we did last, and are looking forward to a good time among the children. Also offered to provide afternoon tea to visiting football teams. Mrs Brown was elected White Ribbon Agent and Reporter. Meeting closed with benediction, after which afternoon tea was handed round.

PICTON.

Feb. 8. President in the chair. Mrs Wells selected by unanimous vote as delegate to Convention. Resolution passed to reopen branch of L.T.L. on Wednesday, 16th, in Methodist Sunday School, and to have weekly meetings, instead of fortnightly, as before, the meetings to be under the leadership of Mrs Wells. Members agreed to give the children a tea as an opening.

PLEASANT POINT.

Mar. 2nd. Fair, but keen attendance, and some visitors. Report of Executive meeting read by Vice-President, in which they decided to meet every 3 months. Treasurer's report £1 16s. 4d. in hand, 4s. 2d. to be refunded from the Y's. Decided to give two prizes, one for boys and one for girls. "Boys Own Annual," and ditto Girls, for an Essay on Alcohol, its effects on the Human Body, for pupils in Standard 6, about 13 scholars to compete, essays to be in by 1st Friday in June; competent Judge to announce verdict. Cradle Roll Afternoon decided for March 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Election

of Officers:—Mrs S. Smith unanimously re-elected as Secretary, also Miss Bishop as President, and Miss Munro as Treasurer; also nominated Mrs McNeur 1st Vice-President, Mrs Felton, 2nd; Miss A. Neilson re-elected as White Ribbon Agent. Frances Willard Day kept, extract from White Ribbon read by Secretary on "Women's Influence." 2s. 1d. in box on table. Afternoon tea dispensed and report of year's work read by Secretary. One new White Ribbon subscriber at meeting; one new (Maori) member.

Feb. 2. Fair attendance; correspondence read from Mrs Falconer, Miss Shirrell, Mrs Peryman, Miss Henderson, also from H. Digges Smith, declining our further use of box of literature at Railway Station, which was received with great regret. Resolved that we give a prize for Standard VI, on the Effects of Alcohol on the Human Body. Secretary advised to write to all teachers as far as Gore, also to Secretary W.C.T.U., Temuka. Miss O. Halstead gave an interesting account of Xmas Cheer for a poor family. Mrs Andrews elected Cradle Roll Superintendent. L.T.L. left in charge of Misses Neilson and Halstead. Decided to have Cradle Roll Afternoon, March 23rd. Nurse Dunlop be asked to address the mothers, also to have a musical and elocutionary programme and games for the children. L.T.L. to be invited, also Secretary read a little story from 'Collier's Weekly,' entitled "The Night Alarm." Proposed to send it to be published in White Ribbon. Treasurer's report: Income for year, £16; Expenditure, £15; £1 7s. 3d. in hand. Box on table, 3s. 3d. Collection. Two new White Ribbon subscribers at meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

DUNEDIN.

Mar. 1. Good attendance of members. Reference was made to the death of Mrs P. W. Stokes and Captain Sundstrum, votes of sympathy being passed to both families. The President read a letter from the Sydney "Evening News," confirming the statement made at a former meeting, that Alcohol is prohibited in Canbarrá and within a radius of ninety miles of the Federal Capital of Australia. Reports were received from members who had visited the new immigrants settled in the city and suburbs. Mrs Blakely read extracts from an address by Dr W. A. Chapple, who stated that alcohol was a drug, every argument that applied to morphia applied equally to alcohol. Mesdames Peart, Macartney, and Alexander, who were sent from the Union as a deputation to the Minister of Health in connection with backward children and the classifying of mental patients, reported that the Minister expressed himself as pleased to note the interest of the women in these matters, and said that arrangements were being made to have special wards in the hospital where they could be interviewed and put under observation, instead of being taken to the police cells as they are at present. A discussion took place on remits for the Annual Convention and on the formation of new branches in the country districts to assist Band of Hope work.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 23. Well-attended meeting; President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair. Representatives of the Mothers' Union, Presbyterian Mission Union and the Plunket Society who were present, were extended a hearty welcome. Miss B. M. Harband gave her 10-minute talk this month on "Narcotics." Mrs F. M. Good, Cradle Roll Superintendent, reported that a picnic for the mothers and babies had been held in the Domain. Races were arranged, and toys and sweets distributed to the children. Afternoon tea was provided by some of the members of the Union. Mrs Hall reported that a meeting had been held at Mrs R. Campbell's residence, South Brighton, with the object of forming a branch in the district. This was done, and the Officers were elected for the year. The Secretary, Mrs M. Moses, was elected delegate to the Dominion Convention. To commemorate Frances Willard Day, a very fine address was given by Mrs Rountree, of the Christchurch Union, on "Woman's Influence" in all spheres of life. During the afternoon, a song was sung by Mrs F. Mitchell, and afternoon tea was served by the members.

SYDENHAM.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting; Mrs Sirett presided over a fair attendance. The Officers' reports were read and adopted, and proved satisfactory. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs Sirett; Secretary, Mrs Cartwright Smith; Treasurer, Mrs Gillard; Vice-President, Mrs Archer; Miss Watt, Cradle Roll Superintendents, all re-elected. Mrs Hancock, White Ribbon Agent; Mrs Hancock and Mrs Bashford, Social Committee.

Feb. 3. Mrs Sirett presided over a good attendance. Decided to draw up syllabus for the year, and names of suitable speakers were suggested by members. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Social at the May meeting, to help the funds of the Union. Miss Gainsford, Deaconess for the District, was welcomed, and spoke a few words, and promised to give an address at the next meeting, and also became a member of our Union.

Mar. 3. Good attendance; Mrs Sirett presiding. Mrs Odell appointed delegate to Convention. One new member enrolled. Miss Gainsford gave a most interesting address on her work amongst the women in India, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

CARTERTON.

Mar. 2. Mrs Tyler presided over a good attendance. Decided at last month's meeting to send magazines, books, etc., to the Working Men's Camp on the Rimutaka Road, and as enough reading matter had been brought to make a parcel, it was arranged to have it conveyed there by the Service Car. Paper read re getting two-issue ballot paper, and the Union was in favour of a petition. There was some very interesting reading from the "Vanguard." The remits that will be read and discussed at Convention, and have been sent from different Unions, were read, and this Union was in favour of them all. Decided to hold an "American Tea" at Mrs Cotter's residence, High Street, on Wednesday, March 30th, at 2.30 p.m. We are making this widely known to members and friends.

WHANGAREI.

Dec. Annual meeting, "Pray-Up" Social; fair attendance, Mrs Goodall, President, presided. Year's work presented, and various reports; favoured with solo by Miss Lovatt. Officers for 1927:—Mrs Goodall, President; Mesdames Lovatt, Vile, and Wright, Vice-Presidents; Mrs W. N. Hills, Secretary; Mrs Hughes, Treasurer; all other Officers re-elected; Mrs Wright, W.R. Agent, Mrs McKinnon (late Agent) leaving district.

Mar. First meeting for 1927; good attendance. Appointed Secretary to attend Convention in Auckland. Greetings from Onehunga and Auckland City, brought by Miss Rowsell.

Mar. 4. Paid surprise visit to Mrs McKinnon, prior to her departure for Wellington. Mrs Goodall, in presenting Handbag as a mark of love and esteem, thanked Mrs McKinnon for faithful service for the last 20 years, one of Whangarei's first members. Mrs McKinnon suitably replied, and wished us all prosperity.

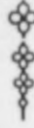
PONSONBY.

Feb. 17. An evening meeting, held in East Street Hall, took the form of a Coffee Supper with musical items. Tickets 6d; funds to purchase a banner. Between 200 and 300 people attended, Mrs Lee-Cowie presided, and in her usual interesting and instructive way, filled in all the gaps. A special feature was the reading of questions from the W.C.T.U. Catechism by Mrs Kasper, various members giving the answers. It was a great success, and our banner will be seen at the Convention, as a tangible evidence.

Mar. 3. Mrs Hayr presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Owing to February 17th (Willard Day) being taken for our special meeting, we held it a fortnight late. Miss Pyle gave a few extracts of our great and wonderful Founder's life, which we emphasised by the fact that she had just visited her late home in Evanston, Chicago. The special collection amounted to £1.

Y. PAGE.

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



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

My Dear Y.P's.—

I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that our tanks are once more full, and we have an unlimited supply of that best thirst quencher—pure water.

Adam's Ale is a much better drink than alcoholic ale. Alcohol has been pronounced by medical men as "unnecessary in health and harmful in disease."

Yet, many people cling to brandy, etc., as a remedy for heart failure, or for severe pain.

In case of heart failure, a dose of sal-volatile is much better than alcohol. It contains two kinds of ammonia, both of which are good heart tonics. Hot water is also very good to take, particularly if heart weakness is caused by gastric trouble. In cases of severe pain, ginger tea or cayenne pepper tea will give relief. Pour boiling water upon cayenne (a few grains) or ginger, let it stand, then pour off without stirring and drink it.

Always remember that there is a better remedy than alcohol. In cases of indigestion, relief is often obtained by drinking half-a-cup of hot milk, with a pinch of carbonate of soda dissolved in it.

Alcohol is a habit-forming drug, and many who start to take it as a medicine end by taking it as a beverage, and too oft by becoming its slave.

When asking folk to help in Church or social work, the reply often is "I've got no time." We've all got all the time there is on the clock, but some employ every minute usefully, and others fritter away their time. It's always the busy people who have time to do a little extra, because they have to arrange their work in an orderly manner, and do not waste time wondering what to do next.

I found the following in an old book:

"There's a time to part and
a time to meet,
There's a time to sleep and
a time to eat,
There's a time to work and
a time to play,
There's a time to sing and a
time to pray,
There's a time that's glad
and a time that's blue,
There's a time to plan and
a time to do,
There's a time to grin and show your
grit—
But there never yet was a time to
quit.

THANK YOU.

One of the most charming things in the world is the courtesy we show to each other. Please and Thank You are among the best worn words in the language. Who can count how many times a day these sounds occur among people buying and selling, going to and fro on bus and tram? We are never too old to say Thank You.

There is an old man we know, who has a delightful way of reminding himself that one should say Thank You now and again. He has a little box which it pleases him to call the Mercy Seat. Whenever anything nice happens to him he smiles, and goes to the Mercy Seat with a penny or perhaps twopence. There comes a lovely bright morning, after a depressing night. "I ought to say Thank You for that," says he, and a penny chinks in the Mercy Seat and a smile lingers on his face. Another time, after some sleepless nights, a long and sweet slumber visits him. "That ought to be twopence," says he in the morning. The contents of this little box find their way from time to time to places where it would seem that mercy is too often forgotten. Small things are brought to make happy many suffering little



ones. Thus the golden grace of thanks and remembrance winds itself like a bright thread in and out of the every-day of human life.

NEW ZEALAND'S REVENUE.

(Contributed.)

What is revenue?

It is the annual **income** of our Government, made up of taxes, custom and excise duties, and **used** for our country's expenses.

For instance, each penny stamp we use, is a payment of revenue. We pay a small amount for a money-order or postal-note, and this is for revenue.

The total Post and Telegraph revenue in New Zealand last year was £3,100,396 10s. 10d., and at the same time we were all most usefully served and benefitted.

Other sources of revenue are the **railways**, and the duty on imported goods such as cars, foodstuffs, clothing, machinery, and alcoholic liquor. In 1924, the duty on alcoholic liquor was £1,826,839.

It is natural for people to say: "In these hard times, how can our coun-

try go on without the revenue from alcohol?"

Do they realise that it is coming out of their own pockets, and that they are paying for something that does them no good?

Those of the public who drink, pay the drink revenue. The liquor seller simply adds it to the price of the drink, and makes a profit on the whole cost; those who take no drink pay no liquor revenue.

Last year, the people of New Zealand spent over 8½ million pounds on strong drink. The revenue from this was less than £2,000,000.

If the amount spent in liquor were spent in other wiser channels, the result would be a great increase in general prosperity.

Such prosperity would, in the end, provide far more revenue to the Government than the liquor traffic now does!

You wonder if that can be so!

Think of what the Government has to keep up as the result of the drinking: a larger number of police, magistrates, judges, prisons and reformatories, to say nothing of the extra cost of hospitals and asylums, due to the indulgence in alcohol.

These require an upkeep that uses a large share of the revenue, and that is without reckoning the cost in efficiency in the drinker, and in unhappiness, anxiety and suffering, sapping the lives of the women and children dependent on these drinkers.

When our great batsman passed the century score of Dr. Grace, there was great applause on the field, as somebody brought him out a drink, and the news flashed round the world that Hobbs celebrated his triumph with a glass of champagne. Having refreshed himself he returned to his bat, and was out for one more run. "That shows you what champagne can do!" a thousand people said; but they must apologise. It was not champagne that got Hobbs out; it was a glass of ginger ale. Hobbs is a teetotaler, and he wins all his triumphs, as all our greatest sportsmen do, without champagne or any other sort of alcohol.—From the "Children's Newspaper."

Y REPORTS.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 11. Members turned out in goodly numbers to the first meeting of the year; Mrs Mitchell presided. Routine business was dealt with, and then a very fine address was given by the Rev. R. Raine. Supper was served.

Feb. 25. A most enjoyable social evening, was held in honour of the North Brighton "Y." Branch. A good programme of musical items, competitions and games was arranged, and supper was served.

DUNEDIN.

Feb. 21. Our new President, Miss J. Armit, occupied the chair, and gave a short talk on What we as Women can do. Many great things have been accomplished by women, and we must seize our opportunities and be up and doing in the great Temperance Cause. Miss Armit was appointed delegate to Convention. During the evening, the opportunity was taken to say good-bye to Miss A. Gwyn (late President) and her sister, who were leaving by the Moeraki for Melbourne. A small gift was given to them as a remembrance for their services so faithfully rendered. Before the meeting closed, the following fact was read by Mrs Macartney (Superintendent):—

"INTELLIGENCE."

During the year 1922 Sir Arthur Quiller Couch, the celebrated novelist, made a statement in a lecture at Cambridge to the effect that a lifelong abstainer could not enjoy "total manhood," and was therefore "imperfectly equipped for high literature both in its creation and its full enjoyment." This extraordinary and unbalanced statement attracted considerable attention, and resulted in much controversy. It was pointed out to Sir Arthur that Mr George Bernard Shaw, probably the most brilliant literary intellect of the day, is a total abstainer, and that Shelley, possibly the most spiritual of all British poets, was also a total abstainer.

ALL ROUND THE WORLD.

Truly, our White Ribbon encircles the globe. Lately, a South African White Ribboner visited Miss Anna Gordon at Rest Cottage, and a "World-ly" appearance was given to the dainty tea table. The plates used were decorated by a former Treasurer of the Australian W.C.T.U. The tea-pot is from China, the sugar bowl from Maine, the silver cream pitcher had been frequently used by Lady Carlisle, and was given to Rest Cottage by her daughter, Lady Cecilia Roberts. The tea cups are the gift of Lady Henry Somerset, the table doilies sent by Pundita Ramabai, of India. Flowers in a Japanese bowl adorn the table. The guest returns to her South African home, meets a lady of Scotch birth, tells her a story of the tea party, and is at once requested to send several lovely pieces of her own handwork—lace doilies, to be used at the next high tea in Rest Cottage.

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.

WOMEN AT WORK.

In Iceland, there are four women candidates for the Upper House. They are placed upon a non-partisan woman's list, as this is the only way to get women elected.

Miss Mary J. Simpson has been appointed Clerk in charge of the Bills of the U.S.A. Senate. This position is no sinecure, for they introduced more Bills in one session than the number passed in the last 12 months by every civilised nation.

Turkey has a woman Mayor who for many years has been unanimously elected by the Village of Germat. She can neither read nor write, but she knows all the laws of the village by heart. She is a widow, over 60 years of age, and with her daughter-in-law and 2 grand-daughters, does all the work on the farm, which is their only means of livelihood.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Auckland, £3 3s.; Invercargill Central, £2 2s.; New Brighton £2; Aramoho, Opawa, Sumner, and Sydenham, £1 each; Epsom, 10s.; South Dunedin, 7s. 4d.; Franchise Day Collection, Rai Valley, 13s. 3d.

ORGANIZING FUND.

Auckland, £18; Onehunga, £5; South Dunedin, £3 15s.; Sumner, £2 9s. 6d.; Epsom and Inglewood, £2 5s. each; Aramoho, £1 8s. 6d.; Hokitika, £1 2s. 6d.; Havelock, 7s. 6d.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Rangiora, £1 2s. 10d.; Ponsonby, £1 1s. 5d.; Auckland, £1; Lower Hutt, £1; Canvastown, 18s.; Wanganui East, 15s. 8d.; New Plymouth, 13s. 9d.; Stratford, 13s. 3d.; Rakaia and Riccarton, 10s. each; Oxford, 6s. 3d.; Epsom and Waipukurau, 5s. each.

MAORI FUND.

Auckland and Onehunga, £1 10s. each; Epsom 10s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

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

YOURS OR MINE?

When the liquor curse is legalized
It must have its toll of men—

Of the husbands dear, the brothers
fine—

Say, will they be yours? Or mine?

When the liquor curse is legalized
It must have its toll of boys—

Of the lads round whom our hopes
entwine—

Say, will they be yours? Or mine?

When the liquor curse is legalized
It must have its toll of hearts—

For some hearts must break, and
some repine—

Say, will they be yours? Or mine?

Ere the liquor curse was legalized
It garnered its toll of votes—

Of the unused vote, the vote supine—
Say, did it have yours? Or mine?

That the liquor curse be soon out-
lawed,

Sisters, let us strive—and pray,

That our God will keep in His love
divine

All His Sons—both yours and mine.

—Margaret M. K. MacTavish.
Belleville.

DECREASE IN PRISON POPULATION.

As a commentary upon the good that the humanitarian Acts put upon the Statute Book in the last 25 years have done, the following remarks by the Governor of Gloucester Gaol, in England, is worth noting.

He gives the following reasons for the decrease of prison population.

1. The Justices' Administration Act enables Justices, instead of sending a man to prison if he had no money to pay the fine, to give him time to pay. This alone had reduced the prison population of the country by 150,000.

2. The Probation Act.

3. The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society helped men when they went out. Unless a man could obtain a job when he went out, he was hopeless.

The Governor appealed to the Farmer's Union (before which he was speaking) to take men from prison and give them employment. He would only recommend those whom he thought would justify his recommendation.

OFFENCES AGAINST YOUNG PERSONS.

Some very thought-provoking matter is contained in a report of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against Young People in England. The Committee find out that many men escape, because parents object to a child being brought into court over and over again to give evidence, thus keeping her mind alive to the unpleasant experience. They stress the need of proper accommodation in the courts, also that a child should not be compelled to attend a court many days, owing to the uncertainty as to when her case shall be taken. They emphatically recommend that women should always be present in the court as police, probation officers, jurors, and justices. They recommend that a woman should get an immediate order of separation, with custody of children and maintenance, when the husband has been convicted of an offence against his own daughter.

A divorce, of course, is obtainable on these grounds, but it is a long and expensive process, and would expose the child to further danger.

They recommend that the age of consent should be raised to 17 years; three members disagree with this. The majority (2 dissenting) recommend the abolition of the defence of the "reasonable belief that a girl was 16 years or over," which is now allowed to a man of 23 or under, though abolished for older men.

APITI, 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., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmour, 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 Haydon Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Cationa, 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.

BLenheim, 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, Dashwood St.; Literature, Mrs W. Church, Bamford St.; Libraries, Mesdames Lane (Dashwood St.), and McCallum (Riverlands).

BLUFF, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Donaldson, Barrow Street; Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach, Cor. Sec., Mrs W. H. Johnston, Foyie Street; Treas., Mrs W. Barber, Foyie 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, Garrison St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Raine, Vicarage, High St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Kennerley, Belvedere Rd.; Treas., Mrs Tappin, Hilton Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss Watson, Pembroke Rd.; Evangelistic, Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Pepperell.

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

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Douglas, 25 Brighton St., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs Blakely, 23 Epsilon Street, Roslyn; 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 Mailer St., Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs Williamson, 42 Beach St., St. Clair, Dunedin; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson St., South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine St., Caversham.

DEVONPORT, 2nd Thursday, Congregation Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Finch, 14 Connexion Road, Devonport; Sec., Mrs Trevor, 2 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Mrs T. Fraser, 179 Vauxhall Rd., Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Biscope, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., —; Treas., Mrs L. Panny; 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; Sec., Mrs Carr, 16 Momona Road, Green Lane; Treas., Mrs Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Arch Hill; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood, 8 Kipling Avenue, Epsom.

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, 25 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, Sandiland Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Darragh, Gibson, Beattie and Tunnicliff; 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, Mrs 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., Mrs Bro u, King St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Fraser, Ellis Rd.

KAIAPOI, meets in Methodist Sunday School, last Wednesday in every month. Pres., Mrs Vickery, Fuller Street; Sec., Mrs Rinaldi, Sewell St.; Asst. Sec., Mrs Blackwell, Sewell St.; Treas., Miss Evans, Fuller St.; W.R. 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 Mease; 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.

MONGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Talari; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inpis 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, Peole 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, Liardet St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Knight, Vogetown; 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., Presbyterian Hall. President, Mrs W. Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Meuli, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs Beaton; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o. Miss Larcom, Turuturu Road, Hawera).

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

OMARU, 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 Prater; 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 Thomaren; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jaa. Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs M. Downey; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hamby; 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.

OTAHUHU, 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.

PAHIA, 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 Eccarton 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. Earrill, 28 Bourke St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd, Nelson Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Corner, Collins, Battersby, and Cole; Treas., Mrs Doneghue, 31 Vivian St., Wellington; Asst. Treas., Mrs Woolford, Beach Street; Sec., Mrs Cole, C/o. Mrs Corner, 89 Nelson Street; Assistant Sec., Mrs Silberry, Richmond Street; Supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Miss Harris; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs 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.

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

RAETHI, 1st Friday, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Sandford, Duncan St.; Sec., Mrs Godby, "Te Rangl," Ballance St.; Treas., Mrs Griffin, Seddon St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Ford, Seddon St.

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

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

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. Boriand, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agent, Miss J. McGregor, Box 48.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Fawcett, Juliet St. South; Vice-Pres., Mrs Phillips, Mrs McCallum; Rec. Sec., Mrs McCallum, Orlando St.; North; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. M. Clarke, P.O. Box 105, Stratford; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet St., North; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Wendelborn, Juliet St., South.

SAWYER'S BAY, 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Poison; 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 Methodist Schoolroom, Brougham Street West. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Cartwright 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.

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

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Morgan 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 Sims, Allnut Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, c/o P.O. Box 111, Treas., Miss A. Pearson, 23 Turnbull St., Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 6 Bank St., W.R. Agent,

Mrs Cave, Raymond St., Peace and Arbitration, Mrs B. H. Low, Arthur St., "Y" Pres., Mrs Gordon, 190 Otupua Road.

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Robinson; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters Terrace; Treas., Mrs Wakelin; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hight.

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 Excell, 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.

WAIPAWA, 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.

WAIPIKURAU, 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, 26 College St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 215 Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Irwin, Garrett St., Durie Hill; Treas., Mrs Warwick, Great North Rd., St. John's Hill; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth Street.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.15 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. H. Duxfield, Okoia; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson, c/o Mrs Durfield, Okoia; Treas., Miss Frances Brown, 162, No. 3 Line, Wanganui East; W.R. Agent, Miss D. Melvin, Helmore St., Wanganui East; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Sanson, Okoia; L.T.L., Miss Siddells.

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, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., 35 Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Mowlem; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Brierley, 103 Hanson Street.

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 Travera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cres., Tres., 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, A.J. Vyle, Curtis and Woolfax; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hillford; W.R. Supt., Mrs R. Stewart Wright, King St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dredon; 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 Loppell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Avson and Miss McKay.

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