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A WHITE RIBBONER! WHY?

How often is this question asked by those who know very little of the world-wide organisation which took as its symbol a bow of white ribbon.

According to the report of our Dominion Treasurer, our fully paid-up membership in New Zealand is 7,000. To that has to be added the members in Niue Island, and the members whose subs have not been collected and whose capitation fee is unpaid, probably another thousand.

The Dominion Executive, earnestly desiring to increase this number, launched a membership campaign, which has been taken up with more or less earnestness throughout the Dominion.

In pursuit of new members, the query often meets us: Why become a member of the W.C.T.U.? The reply briefly put is: "The Union is a world-wide organisation, it is lofty in its ideals and great in its accomplishments. It was the first Society to attempt international temperance work on a wide scale, ever it has been a pioneer, ever in the forefront of every reform, ever blazing the trail for others to follow, ever making smooth, safe roads for the young feet who follow after; ever removing the stones out of the path.

"We shall not travel by the road we make:

Ere day by day the sound of many feet

Is heard upon the stones that now we break

We shall be come to where the cross roads meet.

"And yet the road is ours as never theirs!

Is not one joy on us alone bestowed?

For us the Master's joy, O, Pioneers—
We shall not travel, but we make the Road."

"Great oaks from little acorns spring."

When Frances Willard visualised the women of the world, of every race, creed, and colour, united as a solid phalanx against every evil, that threatened the home and the child; when Mary Clement Leavitt started out with the Polyglot Petition—a world-wide woman's petition to be presented to every Government praying for the abolition of the drink and opium traffic—to express that ideal in terms of the actual; who could have foreseen the sturdy sapling to which that acorn has grown in less than half-a-century, and who will dare to predict the mighty oak it will become within the century. Mother love is a beautiful, a wonderful thing, but organised mother love is a force, whose achievements none can prophesy. And the W.C.T.U. has directed that mother love in an organised attack against that trinity of evils—strong drink, war and impurity. In the very forefront of its constitution that band of brave pioneers dared to place their support of the three P's.—Prohibition, Peace, Purity.

Prohibition.—Alcohol, the racial enemy; the destroyer of the home, the child, the nation; the instigator of every evil; must be banished from our national and our social life. Every member of the W.C.T.U. is

pledged as an individual to personal abstinence; as a mother to train her babe upon its Cradle Roll, as an abstainer; as a citizen to unceasing effort for the freedom of our land from the cruel chains of alcohol.

Peace.—Upon women and children the horrors of war have ever pressed heavily, but under conditions of modern warfare, the non-combatant will be the worst sufferer. Is it any wonder then, that years before President Wilson spoke for a League of Nations, the women of U.S.A. demanded, on behalf of the world's womanhood, "the establishment of International Courts of Arbitration to abolish war." The world is slowly following these pioneer women.

Purity.—"A White Life for Two." The double standard of morals must go. To the mother her boy is as dear as her girl, and she follows the teaching of the Divine Master in demanding the same standard of conduct from each.

But what has the Dominion Union done? For over forty years it has been a quietly educative force in our national life. It organised and carried to a successful issue the fight for Woman's Suffrage. This Dominion, unlike other lands, never had a Suffrage Society, the Franchise Superintendent of the W.C.T.U. leading and directing the campaign. The Union also worked for the abolition of the iniquitous C.D. Acts, and never rested until they ceased to disgrace our Statute Book.

The Union was a pioneer in Temperance educative work. Every year Convention sent deputations to suc-

cessive Ministers of Education, asking for scientific Temperance teaching in our schools. As long ago as 1917 Convention sent a deputation to Mr Massey, then Prime Minister, asking that pilots, engine-drivers, engineers, should be total abstainers. Again this was in advance of public opinion, but its educative value was great. It is not unusual now for magistrates to request motor-drivers convicted of drunkenness to take out a prohibition order, and Sir Francis Bell, the responsible Leader of the Upper House, speaking there said: "If you want to stop motor accidents, carry prohibition." Public opinion is now ripe for legislation asked for a decade ago.

Dr. Truby King, who has done such grand service for the babies of this land, gave almost, if not quite, his first talk in public upon this subject to the Convention of 1911 in New Plymouth. At his own request, he was granted half-an-hour to address Convention, and he condemns in plain language the taking of alcohol either by the expectant or the nursing mother.

In Peace education the Union has been equally active. The first Peace resolution to come before Convention was withdrawn, owing to strong opposition. But quietly the educative campaign went on, and in 1927 a resolution was passed asking for compulsory physical training instead of compulsory military training. Women realise that it is psychologically wrong to compel the young man to train and be fit that he may kill his fellow-men, but that it is in accord with the divine law of love to train him to the highest degree of physical fitness, to serve and help his fellow-men. Later in the same year, church synods and several societies followed the Union's lead and endorsed its resolution.

Realising the educative effect of house to house canvassing, the Union has done much Petition work—its latest effort being the petition for a two-issue ballot paper, which showed how widely spread was the desire for this democratic measure. Is it not a privilege to belong to a Union, so wide in its aims, so devoted in its service, and so prayerful in its working?

The Christian womanhood of this land may find a common meeting place here, where, irrespective of

creeds, they can work, believe and pray for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. They can go with us to the mount of vision, where, like Moses of old, we can view the pattern set by God, then, with us come down into the actual and build a character, a State, "according to the pattern which I showed thee in the Mount."

"PAY-UP."

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE NAPIER UNION.

The other evening in the over-seas news item, I read that the Duchess of York was busy choosing and buying her winter wardrobe. No doubt she would have to pay for it, and those who were supplying her would see to it that she did.

Perhaps you, too, have been buying and choosing your new clothes for the coming summer—you would, no doubt, do the same as the Duchess; pay for what you choose to wear.

How much could you buy for 2s. 7d.?

A pair of shoes? no; hose, no; gloves? no; a frock? no; a hat? no. Not one article of your summer outfit could you buy for 2s. 7d. (Though once I did purchase a very good hat for 1s. Later, my uncle, who saw me wearing it, gave me a £5 note and told me to buy another and give him the change.)

Perhaps you could get more value in some other department for your 2s. 7d.

Crockery? Well you might buy a cup or a plate or two for that.

Books? Possibly a cheap paper-covered edition of some popular novel—or some penny dreadfuls, but no book of any real worth (except, perhaps, a cheap edition of the Holy Scriptures) could be obtained for the small sum of 2s. 7d.

Now, 2s. 7d. paid to your local Treasurer—what does it bring to you? It links you up with the praying Temperance women of your town, women whose aims and ideals are of the highest. Not only those in your own town but in your district, your Dominion. Makes you one of the eight thousand women in this land who have dared to come out and be separate from all other women and

women's organisations, in that they are pledged to "work and pray till death or victory" for the overthrow of the drink traffic; links you up and makes you one of the great army of women of the world who have followed where Frances Willard led. Not only with those who are now working in that immense army, but, by faith, you join with those who have crossed to the beyond.

Not only do you link up with these honourable, devoted, and noble women, but your 2s. 7d. entitles you to a comradeship in service for the high ideals for which the organisation of the W.C.T.U. stands. What a small price to pay to enter the ranks of this aristocracy of consecrated womanhood.

As we think of what our membership means, do not the narrow thoughts of life, the petty rivalries, the hurt and injured pride, and the selfishness to which we sometimes are liable become dwarfed and fade away? Surely we catch a vision in all its splendour of what our 2s. 7d. will bring to us. And, as we "pay up," we also "give up" ourselves till death or victory for "God, Home and Humanity."

BAND OF HOPE WIND-UP.

Te Awamutu has a flourishing Band of Hope. Mrs Wilson, President of W.C.T.U., is also its President. They are a very enthusiastic society. Though the Premier was speaking this night at the local Theatre, over 200 adults and children gathered to the last meeting. There were eighteen items from the bairns and three from adults. An excellent address from the Vicar, Mr Trill, with illustrative diagrams showing the effect of alcohol on lesser creatures and on several organs in a man's body, was very fine indeed. Keen interest was maintained throughout the programme. Mr Bayne, who was N.Z. Ex-Light-Heavy-weight Champion Wrestler, gave items on his steel guitar and mandoline with Maori songs. The children's ovation nearly raised the roof. Mr Bayne is a very fine specimen of young manhood, a non-smoker and non-drinker, very musical and a clean, good sport, whom we were pleased to have with us.

Specials.

THE DOMINION PRESIDENT VISITS SOUTH CANTERBURY.

It was with feelings of intense delight that we received word that Mrs T. E. Taylor would be available for a few days to address meetings in South Canterbury. Needless to say, we lost no time in getting to work, laying our plans for a series of meetings in and around Waimate. Paragraphs were advertised in the local papers, meetings were advertised and invitations posted, so that when Mrs Taylor arrived, all was in readiness for a successful campaign. Monday afternoon Mrs Taylor was accorded a civic welcome to Waimate by the Mayor, Mr Geo. Dash, at a drawing-room meeting in the home of Mrs Hurst, where a company of interested women had gathered. Monday evening, Mrs Taylor met the members of the Women's Club and their friends in the Club Room, and was welcomed by the President. Mrs Taylor spoke at length on her impressions of the Pan-Pacific Conference at Honolulu to an appreciative audience, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Tuesday afternoon we set out by car for Waihoa Downs, a beautiful rural district some nine miles away, where the drawing-room of the Manse had been placed at our disposal. Here we spent a happy time with the women who had gathered to meet and hear Mrs Taylor. In the cool of the afternoon we journeyed back to Waimate, where a public meeting had been arranged for the evening. The Mayor presided over a fair attendance of the public. On rising to speak, Mrs Taylor was greeted with applause, and throughout her intensely interesting address was given an attentive hearing. At the close, a number of questions were asked and answered.

The best meeting of the series was held on Wednesday afternoon, when Knox Hall was comfortably filled with a large company of earnest women. Mrs Taylor spoke in her well-known appealing manner, and gripped her audience from the start. The seed sown at this meeting cannot fail to bring forth much good fruit in the

days to come. Four women were initiated into the membership of the local Union at the close of the meeting.

Our final meeting was held at Morven in the evening, and was attended by a fair attendance, the majority of whom were young people from the Bible Classes, Mrs Taylor taking the opportunity of giving a young people's address. At the close, a number of questions were asked.

This ended our series of meetings, but who can say how far-reaching the results may be. Many were aroused, and others received a new vision of glorious possibilities. Many, I am sure, went away from these meetings determined to do their bit and do that bit well.

CHURCH PARADE.

Sunday, November 4th, the New Brighton branches held a combined annual Temperance Parade, which was most successful.

The Parade assembled at the Bridge, and led by Pipers of the Scottish Societies' Band, marched to the Premier Picture Theatre, where a public meeting was held. Those taking part in the Parade were: children of the North and Central Brighton Bands of Hope and "Y." Branches, Salvation Army officers, representatives from several of the Christchurch Unions, Rechabites, Good Templars', and members of the New Brighton, North Brighton and South Brighton Branches of the W.C.T.U. Mrs H. Hall presided at the public meeting, and spoke of the work of the Union in the Borough, and then introduced the New Zealand President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, who addressed the gathering.

Mrs Taylor spoke of the power the women of New Zealand had if they exercised their vote correctly, and also touched on some of the great work that was done at the Pan-Pacific Conference.

The Rev. Gardner Miller gave a very fine address, and was listened to with intense interest. Songs were sung by Mrs Whitworth and Mr D. Lane. Miss B. M. Harband proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and the soloists; this was enthusiastically carried.

FAREWELL TO MRS HUTCHINSON.

A pleasant afternoon was spent by the members of the Executive of the Auckland Union at the home of our President, Mrs Cook, the occasion being a farewell to Mrs Hutchinson, Vice-President and Superintendent of Purity Department, on the eve of her departure to Australia, where she will make her future home. On behalf of the Executive, Mrs Cook presented Mrs Hutchinson with a token of esteem. In wishing her God-speed and bon voyage, she paid a tribute to the good work which Mrs Hutchinson had done in connection with the Union.

Regret was expressed at losing such a capable worker, but our loss is Australia's gain. A dainty afternoon tea was served, and a very interesting social time spent.

It is very interesting to know that the second Union in Victoria was organised at the home of Mrs Hutchinson's mother at Williamstown, by Mrs Lane, a then well-known American White Ribboner. Mrs Hutchinson followed in her mother's steps, and held the office of President in different Unions in Victoria, Australia. She was appointed to the honoured position of Vice-President at large, and was acting President during Lady Holder's absence at the World's Convention in England. Some years ago, during a former residence in New Zealand, Mrs Hutchinson was the President of the Whangarei Union. Her husband, who recently passed away, was the only gentleman in the whole of Australia holding the honour of Life-Member of the World's W.C.T.U.

Her Sister, Mrs Downing, represented Australia at the recent World's Convention at Lausanne, and is also Secretary of the National Council of Women in Melbourne.

The prayers and good wishes of her fellow-members will follow Mrs Hutchinson across the Tasman.

GREYTOWN.

October 18, Miss Jackson brought her lovely band of L.T.L.'s from Masterton, and gave us a most delightful programme of real Temperance music, song and story—action songs, cricket song; my, how the boys revelled in that Gipsy Camp. Recitations, folk dances and dialogues; not a dull minute from start

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

MARLBOROUGH.

Met in Blenheim on 5th September. Mrs W. M. Smith, acting-President, was in the chair, and there were also present Mrs W. A. Evans, M.A. (Dominion Recording Secretary), Mrs Leov (District Secretary), Mrs F. Wilson (District Treasurer), Mrs J. Millen (Picton Union), and officers and members of the Blenheim Union.

Mrs Evans led the morning devotions, and gave a very inspiring talk on "Peace."

Mrs V. Underhill was appointed Press Reporter, and Mrs Braddock Letter-Writer.

The response to the Roll Call was a little discouraging, only Rai Valley and Picton being represented, but all Unions except Seddon sent reports. The reason of the non-attendance of some delegates was the expense, and a discussion took place as to ways and means in which this could be managed another year. Blenheim Union was recommended to make a donation to the District Union, to be set aside for such expenses.

Mrs Leov read a very interesting and encouraging report of the work in the District, and Mrs Wilson presented a satisfactory balance-sheet, showing a credit balance.

The President welcomed Mrs Evans and delegates.

Reports of Unions were read, and it was inspiring to hear of the work of the smaller Unions. The Young People's Unions all report good work, and plenty of enthusiasm.

Remits for Convention.

The following resolutions were passed:—

- (1) "That Dominion Union be recommended to design a new badge more suitable for men, such as a "T" in white."
- (2) "That Dominion Union be recommended to provide Pledge Books for 'Y' Branches, to be purchased by Branches and held by the Secretary."

Resolutions of sympathy were passed to Mr and Mrs Green, of Renwick, whose son met his death in tragic circumstances, and to the sisters and brothers of the late Miss Florence Jackson, who was an ardent Temperance worker.

The resolutions passed at Dominion Convention were reaffirmed, Mrs Leov

reading replies received from Members of Parliament.

The afternoon session opened with hymn, "Dear Lord and Father," and Mrs Madill conducted the devotions, and gave a helpful talk on "Prayer."

Mrs Smith read a comprehensive report. The District had not had a President since Mrs Grigg left in April, and so there had not been any visiting of Unions, except Picton and Seddon, but Mrs Leov's untiring efforts and telephone communication between them had kept in touch, and had done the best possible. Our thanks to Mrs Smith were expressed by acclamation.

Election of officers resulted: District President, Mrs V. Underhill; Vice-President, Mrs G. F. Stockwell; Secretary, Mrs Leov; Treasurer, Mrs F. Wilson.

Mrs Underhill expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon her, and hoped to be worthy of the faith which was placed in her. She was then asked to take the chair, amidst applause.

In introducing Mrs Evans to the visitors present, the President expressed the pleasure of Convention at having her present to help with her counsel and advice, and called on her to address the meeting.

After touching on Union work, and hinting as to ways and means of increasing the efficiency of our work, such as selling the "White Ribbon," Mrs Evans proceeded with a most interesting and instructive talk on the Pan-Pacific Women's Conference at Honolulu, and the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Three new members received into membership.

Votes to thanks to Mrs Evans, the retiring President, ladies who dispensed morning and afternoon tea, and all who had helped to make the Convention a success.

Convention closed with dismissal hymn and Benediction.

At St. Andrew's Hall, on Tuesday evening, a public welcome was tendered to Mrs Evans, M.A., Mrs Smith (President of Blenheim Union) presiding, and in a brief address welcomed Mrs Evans to Blenheim. Mr W. D. Pike spoke words of welcome on behalf of the local branch of the N.Z. Alliance, and Mr F. Smith, on behalf of the "Y" Branch of the W.C.T.U., also extended a hearty welcome. Miss Eileen Madill presented the visitor with a posy of violets.

Mrs Evans, in reply, thanked all the speakers for their kindly words of welcome, speaking words of hopefulness, and reminding us that we should not allow ourselves to be discouraged because Prohibition has not come yet. She also expressed her pleasure at seeing so many young people present.

Rev. W. O. Robb moved a vote of thanks to the speaker for her address, which was seconded by Rev G. F. Stockwell, who also congratulated Mrs Evans on her address. Other speakers were Mrs Leov, Rai Valley, and Mr Roy McCullum, representing the Band of Hope Union. Musical items were rendered by Misses E. Madill and C. Landon-Lane and Mrs V. Underhill. Supper was handed round.

NELSON.

Sept. 12. At Motueka. Delegates from Nelson, Richmond, and Wakefield motored through, and representatives were present from Ngatimoti. Collingwood was unable to send a delegate, but greetings came from the President. The District President, Mrs T. A. Field, presided, and the Dominion Executive was represented by Mrs Evans, M.A., the Dominion Recording Secretary.

Miss Cresswell, on behalf of the Motueka Union, welcomed the delegates and visitors.

Reports were read from all the Unions and from the Richmond Y's. Hearty congratulations were given to Nelson Union, as it has received from one of its members the munificent gift of "a home of its own."

The District Secretary's report and the Treasurer's balance-sheet were considered very satisfactory.

Mrs Telenius brought a further donation to the funds from the same generous donor of last year.

Mrs Evans addressed the meeting at both morning and afternoon sessions; in the morning more particularly on W.C.T.U. work, and in the afternoon on the World Peace Movements and the League of Nations.

Members were urged to increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon"; to distribute literature, in view of the coming poll; to assist in educative work amongst the young through the Cradle Roll, the L.T.L., and the Y.P. Union; and to make full use of the papers lent by Miss Powell.

Mrs Evans referred to the three-fold plank of the Union—God, Home, and

Humanity—Peace, Purity, and Prohibition, especially emphasising the need of everyone thinking peace, praying for peace, and so helping to bring in the day of universal peace. Convention much appreciated Mrs Evans' talks, and she was warmly applauded.

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs Telenius holding a "model meeting." Mr Ward, of the New Zealand Alliance, and Mr Burton, Organiser of the Youth Movement, were received.

The election of District officers resulted in the same officers being returned.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Motueka Union for its kindly hospitality, and the Convention closed with the Benediction.

ALCOHOLISM ONE OF TWO CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

Dr. George Wilson, writing in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger on mental deficiencies in children, gives alcoholism in the parents as one of the causative factors in the production of feeble-minded children, the commonest single cause, as he says, being bad heredity. Alcoholism was present in forty-six per cent. of the cases of one investigator. Dr. Wilson said: "Before the birth of a child, alcoholism in the mother has decidedly injurious consequences to the offspring." However, it is likely that the effect of alcohol is more often contributory than actually casual in the production of mental deficiency. Dr. W. C. Sullivan once conducted an inquiry regarding the children of 120 women, who were habitual drinkers, and who had no physical or hereditary defects. Of these children, 235, which was fifty per cent. of the total number, either died in infancy or were still-born. Of the remaining forty-five per cent, several were mentally defective and 4.1 per cent. were epileptics. The proportion of epileptics in the general population is one tenth of one per cent."

From extensive acquaintance with many lands, I unhesitatingly affirm that everywhere God has provided pure water for man, and that the wines drunk are often miserable and dirty. I have found water everywhere that I have travelled—in China and India, Palestine and Egypt, and everywhere water has been my beverage.—Thomas Cook (Tourist).

MAORI PAGE.



GLADSTONE.

Aug. 30. Nine members present. Hymn by Mrs Rangitekawaho; prayer by Mrs S. Namana; hymn, Mrs Rangitekawaho; reading by President, Hawea, to the new members; minutes by Secretary, Mrs Hemi, of the last meeting, August 2. Maori baskets were sold by the W.C.T.U. of Carterton, money 11s 6d. Closing prayer by Mrs Keeti.

GREYTOWN.

Aug. Meeting held at Presbyterian Sunday Schoolroom at 2.35, Pane Eremita presiding; 15 members present. Six new members joined this day, among them a man who was one of Wairarapa's worst drinkers. Dr. Bey urged him to leave off drinking, but he took no notice, also Drs. Young, Reed, and Tweed. All these doctors said if he did not give up drinking he would never live, as all his system was all eaten up by intoxicating liquors. They injected morphia so that he may sleep, but it was no use, as all his system was affected by liquor, and it got such a hold on him he used to be quite insane, and to do terrible deeds. He drinks for six months without a day's spell, and when Pane Eremita was made President he used to go to her home and ask questions concerning the W.C.T.U., and was quite interested, and when we held our meeting he and his family came and joined. Dear sisters, would some of you kindly write to this man and encourage him to keep up, as we the Maori sisters of the Greytown M.W.C.T.U. think it is a miracle this man joining, as he now knows that he will be able to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, God helping him. He is 54 years of age, and started drinking when quite a lad. He stopped on the 29th August, 1928. So, dear sisters,

please write and encourage him. Na takou tou.

Teina Monica Samuels.

FRANKTON.

July 7. I hui te Uniana kite kainga o Mrs Kihitae mai hoki te Tumuaki. Takiwa me tetahi atu kitenei hui whiriwhiria nga take menga tohutohu mete. Tuhi kite mema kia panga kite mihi atu kite whakakaha hoki iaia moana mahi pai e mahi mai ana ite paramete itino pai hoki nga mema ihui mai monga tohutohu papai.

Aug. 10. I karangatia hohorotia tenei hui ite mea e hatere ana te hekeretari itu ki whatawhata ihaere atu matou nga mema o Hamutana tetana hui. Na whiriwhiria ko Mrs Whatu hei hekeretari mote wa e kitea ai tetahi atu he pai hoki tenei huinga. Kia ora kia kaha hoki enga Uniana. Katoa Graihi Whatu.

TE AWAMUTU.

July 14. Mrs Pura Roopata presided over a meeting of eight members. After the singing of a hymn, several of those present led in prayer. Mrs Jones then read the Scripture lesson, and gave a helpful address. Discussion on the work then followed, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

"Don't send my boy where your girl can't go,

And say, "There's no harm for boys you know,

For they all have their wild oats to sow."

There's no more excuse for my boy to be low

Than your girl; then please don't tell him so.

"Don't send my boy where your girl can't go,

For a boy or a girl, sin is sin you know;

And my baby boy's hands are as clean and white

And his soul's as pure as your girl's to-night,

Then why not keep them so?"

Wine and other luxuries have a tendency to enervate the mind, and make men less brave in battle.—Caesar.

There is never a body of a man, how strong and stout soever, if it be troubled and inflamed, but will take more harm and offence by wine being poured into it.—Plutarch.

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SILVER WEDDING.

CHISHOLM-PERRIN—On November 25th, 1903, at Vivian Street Baptist Church, Wellington, by the Rev. C. Dallaston, Horace, fifth son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Chisholm to Edith Fanny, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. T. Perrin.

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AFTER THE POLL.

On Wednesday, the 14th of this month, the citizens of this Dominion exercised their privilege of electing their House of Representatives, and also of voting on the Continuance or Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

Returns are still very incomplete, but they show a strong tide-setting in favour of the United Party and against the present Government. Three Ministers have failed to carry their own electorates, and it looks

as if no party is to be strong enough to form a stable Government.

On the Licensing issue, even the incomplete returns to hand tell us that the liquor monopoly has gained another three years of life. We are not discouraged, and are ready to start again to-day to prepare for next Poll. We are still firmly convinced of the righteousness of our cause, and therefore sure of its ultimate victory. A battle is not a campaign, and in the age-long campaign against the forces of evil we shall win.

"For right is right, since God is God,
 And right the day must win;
 To doubt would be disloyalty.
 To falter would be sin."

But again the crying need is for education. The personnel of electorate is continually changing, young ones are growing up, and immigrants are arriving from countries where they have not been educated against the beverage use of alcohol. On us rests the responsibility for that education, and White Ribboners will not shirk their responsibility. Alcohol must be shown in its true character as a racial poison, a nationwide menace. Then, to that knowledge must be added a passion for righteousness, and the fervour of devotion of self to the service of others. **National Prohibition is an ideal worth living for, and a cause worth dying for.**

White Ribboners! start at once to educate your home circle, your social circle, your church circle, your business circle. By the spoken word and the written word, make facts known.

Be more earnest in prayer. "The experience of the race is clear that some things God never can do until he finds a man who prays." Then, in prayer, let us prepare ourselves for co-operation with God in the service of mankind.

On the far reef the breakers

Recoil in shattered foam,

Yet, still the sea behind them

Urges its forces home.

Its chant of triumph surges

Through all the thundrous din—

The wave may break in failure,

But the tide is sure to win.

O, mighty sea, thy message

In changing spray is cast;

Within God's plans of progress

It matters not at last.

How wide the shores of evil,

How strong the reefs of sin—

The wave may be defeated,

But the tide is sure to win.

WITH A PUNCH IN IT.

Liverpool brewery has issued a poster depicting a stalwart young man holding a pint glass of beer in one hand, while the other hand is drawn back and clenched, as for striking a blow. The title is, "The Beer With a Punch In It." Two poorly-dressed women were looking at a copy in Park Lane. One said, "It says 'The Beer With a Punch In It.'" The other said wearily, "Don't WE know it!"—"Union Signal," 13/2/26.

TEMPERANCE FACTS.

ATHLETICS AND ALCOHOL.

The following declaration was recently issued by the Olympic Committee of the French Sporting Federation of Paris:—

"Alcohol is a pernicious beverage, which excites temporarily. This excitement is followed rapidly by a depression and a diminution of strength. The use of alcohol impedes effort. It diminishes efficiency, whether in sport or professional work. Anyone, sportsman or worker, who seeks an increase of strength in alcohol will find only deterioration and disillusion."

GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN CANADA.

At a W.C.T.U. Provincial Council in Canada, one speaker said:

"The liquor interests are growing so wealthy, that they can buy officers and even control governments themselves."

"That woman over there looks as if she were painted——"

"Sir, that is my wife!"

"I had not finished my sentence. She looks as if she were painted by Raphael, and had just stepped out of the frame."

MEMBERS THEN WORKERS.

After we have gained our new members, then commences the real educative work. It is a splendid start to get women pledged to personal abstinence. But those who are mildly interested in the work have to be converted into enthusiasts for our ideals, willing to give their all to lead to the Heights of Peace, Purity and Prohibition.

Your new member may not be able to attend meetings, then comes your real problem. How to teach them our history, to instruct in our principles, to inspire them with the passion for service, to breath into them the spirit of leadership, the spirit that will "not rest, nor sheathe its sword, till it has planted the New Jerusalem in Zealandia's fair and fertile field."

If your member cannot come to meetings, you must go to her, the personal touch counts for much, you must gain her interest in the work or she will drift away. Here you will find the White Ribbon your most valued assistant. Only by reading and studying its pages, can leaders be trained for our White Ribbon army. Members should be encouraged, not only to take the paper, but to read it. Have a White Ribbon Quiz at a meeting, and you will be astonished to find how little is known among the rank and file as to what appears in its pages.

This matter is a vital one. If we want trained leaders from our Y. Branch, we must get our official organ read and studied. We shall not grow as we ought to until every member reads and passes on the facts printed there. How can we have a Union on fire with enthusiasm for a cause they only dimly understand. Not more than half our members are subscribers to our paper. Can we wonder that we are short of leaders, that officers are difficult to gain.

One of our new branches, Te Awamutu, asked those who would not join the Union to become subscribers to our paper. They gained 24 subscribers their first month. Make our work known among friends, and the paper will win members for you. The following paper is the experience of an earnest worker:—

THE EXPERIENCES OF A
CANVASSER.

White Ribboners are always being urged to distribute the "White Ribbon" paper in their district, but it may not have occurred to all to carry on the selling of "White Ribbons" in conjunction with canvassing. Accordingly, the experience of one W.C.T.U. lady may be worth handing on to others. On the last two occasions that canvassing has had to be done, namely, to get signatures to the Women's Petition in 1927, and to canvass for the Licensing Poll this year, she found that the work was rendered much easier and more successful by introducing the subject with the request to purchase a "White Ribbon." If the lady approached declined to buy one, this opened the way to a conversation such as the following: "Oh, are you not interested in Temperance?" "No, not specially," might be the answer. Then the canvasser would enquire the reason, and that might be the beginning of a little talk on Prohibition and the dangers of alcohol and the evils of the Drink Traffic and the arguments for suppressing it. According to how the matter was received, a note would be made that a further visit could profitably be

paid to the home in question. If the lady responded to the request by consenting to purchase the paper, the door was opened for conversation, in which sympathy with the W.C.T.U. cause might be expressed, and possibly a new White Ribbon subscriber, or a new Union member could be obtained. Under any circumstances one object of the canvass would be attained; knowledge as to the attitude in the home of the lady visited. If, on the other hand, the response showed decided opposition to the Temperance cause, sympathy with Continuance, even if not expressed in so many words, might reasonably be surmised, and a repetition of the visit might or might not, be advisable. The canvasser would carefully make an entry of the name and house number where a White Ribbon had been sold, with a view to succeeding issues.

In the canvass for signatures to the Petition, between three and four dozen copies of the White Ribbon were sold in the two districts canvassed and two White Ribbon subscribers obtained, and in the recent canvass for the Poll in one district only, between five and six dozen were sold, besides one new subscription being obtained.



*Mrs. Burrough, donor of Hall to Nelson W.C.T.U.,
with members of Nelson Executive.*

CHILD WELFARE.

In an address to the Hamilton Branch W.C.T.U., Mr Thorpe, Child Welfare Officer, dealt with the work of his Department in a general way.

1.—**History:** Industrial Schools in each centre, and special schools in places like Burnham, Stoke, and Weraroa, where the worst cases were sent. Boys appeared before the court in the same way as did adult criminals. The Magistrate could admonish and dismiss the case, order a thrashing, or send the lad to an industrial school.

If the latter were the case, the lad was escorted to the industrial school by a policeman in uniform. He arrived at the school, and for a few days was broken-hearted. Then the company and environment did its work, and the boy became hardened, because the system made him so. Industrial schools were a post-graduate course for crime. It was easy for a lad to turn out bad, and nearly impossible for him to turn out good.

Then the climax came. The number of children appearing before the court grew to such an extent, that the industrial schools became overcrowded. The Department was then faced with the problem: "Shall we build more institutions?" or "shall we alter our system?" The decision came. The system must be altered. Institutions were not ideal, and the private home-life was the natural place in which to bring up the child. Rather than build more industrial schools, the Department decided to close some of them, and the first Juvenile Probation Officer was appointed in Auckland. Boys were placed on probation and reported to the officer periodically. The benefits of this system soon showed themselves, and the system was extended to embrace the whole of New Zealand.

In 1925, the whole of the work underwent a change. The "Children's Charter" was given to us in the form of the Child Welfare Act. This provided for the appointment of Child Welfare Officers, special Children's Courts, and special Magistrates and Justices to deal with the cases in which children were involved. Industrial schools became a thing of the past, and Receiving Homes and Probation Homes (really distributing

centres) replaced them. The policy of the Department, "To save the child's home for the child," is the dominating factor in this Charter, for where possible, the child is left in his own home or a suitable home is found for him, where he will be treated as one of the family. The benefits of this system have made themselves so clear, and the change in system has been so remarkable, that New Zealand may claim to be as far advanced as any country in the world, with regard to Child Welfare.

2.—Branches of the Work.

(1)—**Infant Life Protection:** This provides that all homes, where children under the age of six are boarded out privately, must be registered. The homes are inspected and licensed, and at any time the Officer can inspect. Qualified nurses are the Officers in this branch, and they are doing a wonderful work. This gives the child a chance and sees that the home is suitable. This branch also deals with adoptions.

(2)—**Boarding Out Branch:** All state wards under the age of fourteen years are dealt with in this branch. Homes are found for the children, and are regularly inspected. Payment is made to the foster-parent, and the child is treated as one of the family. His tendencies are watched, so that when he becomes fourteen, the Officer will know the best thing to do for him. Mentality, school attainments and physique are all the subject of report, so that when the question of a career comes up, he may be given the best chance in life. If he is brilliant he has a chance of attending a secondary school so that he may study for a profession; if his reports warrant it, he may learn a trade; of if he is not fit for either of these he will probably go to service on a farm. The Boarding Out Officers also deal with the girls when they leave school.

(3)—**Boy's Welfare Branch:** When the lads leave primary school, payments for them cease, and then they have to be provided for as just mentioned. Let me deal with the different statuses.

(a)—**Higher Education:** The Department makes payment for boy's board, books, and examination fees. In Auckland, quite a number of lads live in a Hostel, which is managed by the Y.M.C.A. They attend

Grammar School, just as does the ordinary boy. There is nothing to distinguish them from the other lads, and so they have an equal chance with them. The Costley Trustees assist by payment of these boy's board, and it is very highly pleasing the results of this branch of the work. The money spent by the Trustees is returning many fold. When matriculated, these boys study for definite professions.

(b)—**Trades:** Boys assisted with board, books, and fees for classes and examinations, as the wages are not sufficient to keep them when they first start; attend night classes.

(c)—**Service:** Boys placed on farms: The whole system is built to allow the boy to gradually grow into responsibility. He first of all receives a small amount of pocket money. As his wage increases, so his pocket money increases. The rest of his money is paid into a trust account in the Post Office for the lad. He can draw this money after he has been discharged, provided he has a good scheme that will benefit himself. If the lad does not settle down after discharge, he may be some time in receiving his money held in trust for him. His clothes are provided from the district store and charged to his account. When he is receiving the largest portion of his money himself, he then buys his own clothes. Then he receives his whole wage, and the next step is discharge.

I could go on at length about the different phases of the work. One thing I would like to stress here, and that is that the whole of the work covered by me has been about state children. I have not had time to deal with the great and important side of our work. This is the preventive and supervision side. Perhaps, when I deal with the Court work, I can enlarge on this side of the work. I do not want you to think that the only children we deal with are state wards, nor do I want you to think that most of the children dealt with are committed to the State. By far the greatest number of children on the books of the Department are in their own homes and being helped towards good citizenship. I could enlarge on the work of Honorary Officers, Associates, Fig Brother Movements, etc., but that must be on some other occasion.

News of the Union.

Report promptly—write in ink—
on one side of paper.

AUCKLAND.—Oct. 9. Maori Day; Mrs Cook presided, a good number present; collection for Maori work. Mrs Fulljames gave an interesting report of the work; the Maori women had appreciated the clothing sent by the Union, and also copies of White Ribbon. Mrs Paisley, President of Invercargill South, was welcomed to the meeting, and gave a very interesting account of the work at Invercargill. She said Victory was sure, though it may come slowly and gradually; she urged each one to keep the vision of a dry New Zealand before them, and to pray and do their part to help to make the vision a reality. A very nice assortment of garments were brought to the meeting by members, to be sent to the Willard Children's Home; donation also sent. Grants were passed to the various departments of work. Mrs Harris, of Christchurch, was welcomed to the meeting.

APTIL.—Oct. 2. Fourth annual meeting at Miss Leslie's. The afternoon was very wet; eight members and six visitors present; President presided. After the singing of a hymn, Miss Leslie led in prayer. A letter of appreciation and sympathy to be sent to Mrs Gill, whom we have lost by removal. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Murray; Vice-Presidents, Miss Leslie and Mrs E. Miller; Secretary, Mrs Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs L. Gould; W.R. Agent, Miss K. McKenzie. A dainty afternoon tea was served, after which Mrs Robertson, of Palmerston, recited two pieces. An interesting competition brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close. One new member.

BALFOUR.—Oct. 26. The annual meeting; the President, Mrs Orr, presided over a fair attendance. The annual report, presented by the Secretary, Mrs D. McDonald, showed that the branch had had a busy year. The attendance at the monthly meetings had been satisfactory. The President and Secretary attended the annual District Convention in November, and gave a full and interesting report of their visit. The branch was also represented at Miss McCorkindale's Lecture in July, and the Quarterly District Convention in August. Mrs Fairbairn, President Southland District Union, visited the branch in May, and gave an interesting report of the Dominion Convention. Miss McLay, Organiser for the W.C.T.U., gave a most eloquent address at the September meeting. The present financial membership of the branch is 22, and we have also 10 scattered members. Eight meetings have been held. £1 donated to the Willard Home, and £1 1s. to the Cradle Roll Superintendent for birthday cards, etc., leaving a small amount for working expenses. The Cradle Roll Superintendent reports 78 names on the Roll. The "Bring and Buy" Sales at the meeting helped the funds considerably. In July, the branch organised a "Pound" Afternoon for the Victoria Home, Invercargill, when Matron Niven gave an address. This was a great success, and it is intended to make it an annual affair. Office-bearers elected:—President, Mrs Orr; Vice-President, Mrs Marshall; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss Liddell; Notable Day Superintendent, Mrs A. Liddell; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. McDonald; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs D. McDonald. Our next meeting and last of the year will be a "Pay-Up" Social. Dainty afternoon tea provided by Mrs A. Liddell.

BLLENHEIM.—Oct. 8. A successful and well-attended evening Social to welcome Miss McLay. Mrs W. M. Smith (President) presided, and Miss McLay gave a splendid address on the "Origin of the W.C.T.U.," and "Alcohol as a Racial Poison." Songs were contributed by Mesdames Wilson and Underhill and Mrs Broadbent, which were much appreciated.

Oct. 10. Well-attended "Home" meeting at the residence of Mrs Underhill. Miss McLay gave an interesting talk on "Home Protection." Songs were contributed by Mesdames Craig, Mrs Underhill and Miss

Langdon-Lane. Five new members joined our Union. The Blenheim W.C.T.U. are organising concert parties, and with Miss McLay as our speaker, are visiting the country districts, and hope in this way to gain a few votes.

DISTRICT REPORT.

Oct. 9. The District Officers and Miss McLay visited Tua Marina and formed a branch of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Underhill, District President, presided over a fair attendance. Miss McLay gave a very interesting and instructive address on the "Story of the Crusade" and the "Early History of the W.C.T.U." The following officers were elected:—Mrs R. Fordyce, President; Mrs Smith, Secretary; Miss Botham, Treasurer; Mrs S. White, Cradle Roll Supt.; Mrs Robinson, White Ribbon Agent.

BAZAAR.

Oct. 19. The members of the Blenheim Union held a very successful Novelty Bazaar in the Town Hall. Mr W. J. Girling, M.P., opened it with a few suitable remarks, explaining the objects for which the money was raised. The members had worked well, and the following stalls were well-stocked:—Mother's Stall, Baby's Stall, Sweets, Produce, Cakes, Ice Cream, Jumble and Afternoon Tea, all being well patronised by the public, the proceeds amounting to £46.

COLLINGWOOD.—Oct. 26. Annual meeting. Six present, and Mrs Jamieson in the

chair. Discussion re more subscribers to White Ribbon and distributing literature. Article out of White Ribbon read re Prohibition. Our President read the order of Constitution of W.C.T.U. Three new members initiated. Afternoon tea served.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Oct. 10. Miss Henderson presided. Mrs Norrie, President of the Timaru Union, was welcomed as N.Z. Superintendent of Work Among Seamen and Sailors, and was congratulated on gaining Mrs William Thacker's prizes offered in that department some three years ago. A donation of £7 1s. was received from Mrs Wicks, and a vote of appreciation passed to Miss Henderson, Mesdames Glen and Philip, for the work they had done at the Unemployed Depot for over three months. Members were asked to assist Mrs Royd's Committee in the distribution of literature, and to buy tickets for the Conversazione, to be held in Jellicoe Hall, organised by the National Council to welcome their representatives back from the Pan-Pacific Conference at Honolulu. Congratulations were passed to Miss Henderson on her election of President to the North Canterbury District Union, also to Mrs W. J. Williams as Vice-President. Reports of the recent District Convention were given by the delegates, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A resolution was passed, thanking the Railway Department for granting free passage of literature to the Men's Camp

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

General: Mrs Horace Chisholm, 9 Palm Grove, Berhampore, Wellington.

Badges and Tie-pins, 5/- per doz., Star of Honor, 2/- each; Hymnals (music), 3/- each; Hymn Books, 2/3 per doz.; Writing Pads, 1/- and 1/9 each; Envelopes, 6d packet; Constitutions, 4d each, or 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Facts About W.C.T.U.," 6d doz.; Treasurer and Transfer Slips, 6d doz.; Pledge Books, 6d each; Treasurer's Receipt Book, 1/6 each; Promise Box, 1/3 each; "How We Won the Franchise," 6d doz., or 3/- per 100; "White-Robed Vestal," 6d doz., or 3/- per 100; "What We Have Done with the Franchise," 6d doz., or 3/- per 100; "Torchbearers," 7/6 each; "Appeal to Mothers," 6d doz.; "Frauds," 6d doz.; "Emergency," 9d doz., or 1d each; "Young People's Leaflet on W.C.T.U.," 1d each, 1/- per doz.; "Noontide Hymn" (words), for sticking in Hymnal, 6d doz.; "Three Reasons Why a Young Woman and a Young Man Should Abstain," 6d doz.; Service and Prayer Book, 6d each; Social Invitation Cards, 6d doz. These prices include postage.

Medical Opinions and The Danger of Alcohol in Emergency, 9d per dozen, 2/6 per 100; Is Alcohol a Stimulant? 6d per dozen, 2/- per 100; Post Cards, 1/6 per dozen; Pencils, 6d each; Safety First, 6d per dozen, 2/- per 100.

Blotters, 3/9 per 100.

Cash with order.

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

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), 7/6 per set; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It Is Written, 1/-; Three Young Americans, 9d; About Us and Others, 1/-; Pledge Honour Roll, 3/6; S.S. Honour

Roll, 2/6; L.T.L. Badges, 4/- per dozen; Pledges, 1/- per dozen; Parliamentary Rules, 1d; Keep Thyself Pure (certificates), 1/3 per doz.; Anti-Cigarette Pledges, 5d per doz.; Recitations, Dialogues, 2d, 3d, and 6d each; Wines of Scripture and Mothers' Day Leaflets, each 6d per doz., or 2/- per 100; L.T.L. Year Books, free; Young Crusader, 2/- a year (in advance); Marching Songs, 8d each; Short Story Leaflets, 6d per doz. **Band of Hope.**—Pledges, 2/- per doz.; Reciters, 3d each; 100 Per Cent. Efficiency Manual, 9d; Helps, 2d; Alcohol a Cell Poison, 8d.

Band of Mercy.—Pledges, 6d per doz.; Literature, 6d per pkt.; Little Animal's Friend, 1/6 per year.

All these prices include postage.

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 Phillips, Brecon Road, Stratford.

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

Eight 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, 3d each.

at Parnassus. Members were urged to bring in suitable papers and magazines for the Back Block Department.

Oct. 24. Mrs Richards presiding. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Brownlee and Mrs D. McKee in bereavement. Decided to hold a prayer meeting on Polling Day, also a Home meeting on November 1st, at Mrs Hoddinott's, to be addressed by Mrs Lowry. Miss Blackwell explained the method of Postal Voting, and urged members to do all in their power to gain votes in this way. Maori Day was observed. Mrs W. J. Williams brought two Maori girls, in training at the Methodist Deaconess' Home, who performed a Poi dance, and Miss Kirkwood made an earnest appeal to members to do all in their power to gain Prohibition at the coming election. Mrs W. J. Williams spoke on the great value of holding Home meetings wherever possible, stating her willingness to speak if not already engaged. Afternoon tea was served and provided by five or six of the members, and a collection was taken up for the Maori Fund.

CASHMERE.—Oct. 16. First annual meeting, held at residence of Mrs Lowry. Annual report, read by retiring Secretary, showed that all the special days' had been duly observed. Addresses were given by Misses Henderson and Baughan, and papers contributed by Mesdames Lowry, Thornton, Kidson and Macleod. Temperance charts have been presented to the local school, and essay prizes offered. Contributions have been made to Willard Home and Campaign Fund during the year. Mrs Gilmore addressed us upon "Maori Work," and congratulated the Union upon a creditable year's work. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mrs Lowry; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Cracroft, Wilson, Holland, Taylor and Bowron; Rec. Secretary, Mrs Kidson; Cor. Secretary, Mrs Macleod; Treasurer, Mrs Hodges.

CHEVIOT.—Oct. Attendance very good; Mrs Clifford in the chair. A Home meeting arranged for October 26th, when a visiting speaker would be present. President read an account of Convention in Christchurch; received with great interest and a vote of thanks. Reported £2 donated to Willard Home. A motion was passed that contents of collection box be used for Campaign purposes. Afternoon tea.

DANNEVIRKE.—Oct. 11. Weather inclement; Miss Heaton presiding, only five members and Secretary being present. Miss Heaton gave a very interesting account of the District Convention. A sale of cakes realised £1, to be sent to Willard Home.

EDENDALE.—Oct. 9. Mrs Pearce in the chair; good attendance. Mrs Kasper addressed the meeting, and gave a very able talk on the "L.T.L., Methods and Work." As a result, it was agreed to carry on the present Band of Hope till after election, and then to try and organize an L.T.L. branch in connection with the W.C.T.U.

EDENDALE (Southland).—Oct. 11. Annual meeting; Mrs Malcolm presided; several members took part in special prayers. A special collection to be taken up for Willard Home at the November meeting. Several members agreed to attend the annual District Convention, to be held in Invercargill on 6th and 7th November. It was agreed that the sum equal to 1/6 per member, be our contribution to Organising Fund. Mrs H. E. Niven read the balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £1 18s. 7d. Following office-bearers were appointed:—President, Mrs Malcolm; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Finlay and Miss Cranston; Secretary, Miss Helen Hall, and Treasurer and W.R. Agent, Mrs Horace Niven.

FENCOURT.—Oct. 6. Mrs Simpson (President) presided over a good attendance. We were very fortunate in having Mrs Peryman, White Ribbon Editor, and Mrs Jones, District President, with us. The evangelistic part of the meeting was conducted by Mrs Jones in a very able manner. We are very grateful to Mrs Peryman for her excellent address. The subject of "Child and Money Waste" was dealt with in a very convincing way. Visits from such talented ladies are most encouraging to us. Mrs Hollinshead, who was baptised at this meeting, sang, in a very pleasing style, "The Burden Bearer." Afternoon tea was served at the close.

GRANITY.—Oct. 4. At Mrs Bolitho's; Mrs Robinson presiding, attendance nine. Regret unable to send a delegate to District

Convention. 14s. sent to Willard Home. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Robinson; Secretary, Mrs Bolitho; Treasurer, Mrs Chew; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Jones; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kennard. Votes of thanks were tendered to Mrs Smallholme for her services as Organist and Mrs Bolitho as Secretary during the past year. Supper was served by Mesdames Robinson and Bolitho.

HENDERSON.—Oct. 17. The first fifteen minutes, devotional exercises. Mrs Platt in the chair, good attendance. Decided to mention Armistice Day to our S.S. Superintendent, and do all we can to talk Peace. Decided to arrange an evening meeting with a speaker from town if possible, to present prizes to school children for best essay on Temperance. Committee formed to carry out details. Annual meeting to be held in November as usual, and Mothers' Day early in December.

KAIAPOL.—Oct. 24. Mrs Vickery (President) in the chair. Good attendance to hear an address by Mrs Goring, of Christchurch. The Secretary reported a very successful Concert, in aid of Rest Room funds, and votes of thanks were passed to Mr Pearce and Party for their services, also Mr and Mrs Fuldseth and the Methodist Orchestra. One new member initiated. Officers reminded that reports of the year's work were to be given at next meeting.

LAWRENCE.—Oct. 17. Mrs Haworth in the chair. Correspondence from Miss Powell, of Dunedin, Mrs Barton and Mrs Edie, received. Mrs Bowie and Mrs Edie drew attention to interesting clippings from other papers, illustrating to what extent the White Ribbon Organisation is growing. Paper read by Miss Hendry on "What the W.C.T.U. is Doing for the Maoris in the North Island." Vote of thanks moved by Mrs Stoke and Mrs Hay.

LEVIN.—Oct. 12. Mrs Cummins (President) presided; good attendance, twelve members present. President gave a very good report of the Convention held at Pahiatau; a vote of thanks was accorded her. Resolved that the Union pay 1d. per member Capitation and supply flowers, also, if possible to get them. It being Maori Day, special prayers were offered for the Maoris and their work.

LOWER HUTT.—Oct. Mrs Spencer took the devotional meeting, Mrs Tait acting as Secretary, in the absence of Mrs Aldersley through illness. Apologies were received from five members. Letters received from the Moera Union, thanking us for books and music, from Mrs T. E. Taylor, congratulating us on gaining 21 new members, and from Mrs Peryman, urging all members to try and gain new subscribers for the White Ribbon. As it was Maori Day, a collection was taken up for that Fund. Mrs Crawford read the report of District Convention, and Mrs Spencer also spoke on some of the things which claimed her attention. Arrangements were made for providing our workers with meals on Polling Day. Annual meeting next month, to take the form of a Social meeting; members asked to bring parcels or money to the next meeting, to be sent to Willard Home. A public meeting also, was held in St. Stephen's Church, when there were about fifty present. Mr Lopdell was in the chair and Mrs Peryman was the speaker, and spoke on what the W.C.T.U. stands for. Mr Surtees, Miss Taylor and Miss E. Noble contributed songs. Supper was served by the ladies of our Union.

MIRAMAR.—Oct. 11. Maori Day; Mrs Evans took the chair; attendance fair. Mrs Reid gave a good report of District Convention. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. At the close of the meeting, the President informally read extracts from an Australian paper, explaining the objects of the Pan-Pacific Conference, and describing the delightful entertainments offered to the delegates. Flowers were sold in aid of Union funds.

MAKOTUKU.—Oct. 9. Good attendance, presided over by Mrs Fothergill. Mrs Golley (Secretary) read an interesting report of the recent Convention held at Waipawa. Resolved to try and form branch of the L.T.L. next year, as several will be old enough to be transferred from the Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea was dispensed. (Glad to hear of L.T.L. Can't afford to lose our Cradle Roll babies.—Ed., W.R.)

MAUNGATUROTO.—Oct. 11. Special meeting to meet Mrs Lee-Cowie, District

President, whose address was much enjoyed. Public meeting held in evening, at which we had a good attendance of temperance people, but very few of the other side. Mrs Patterson, who accompanied Mrs Lee-Cowie, sang several solos, which were much enjoyed. After defraying expenses, we were able to send 10s. to District Fund. Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed school children next morning, and departed for Paparoa at noon.

Oct. 19. Good attendance. Decided to send parcel of clothing to Willard Home. As Armistice Day falls on Sunday, resolved that Minister be asked to make special mention. Mothers' Day to be held on November 21st. Much regret expressed at our President's departure, and hope expressed for her future health and happiness.

MANAIA.—Oct. Reported that the money raised by the organisation several years since for shelter sheds for the school children, has been definitely handed over to the School Committee. Decided to hold a special meeting in the Methodist Vestry, on the afternoon of Tuesday, 30th. Business, election of officers, and to make arrangements for Election Day. Correspondence included a letter from Miss Henderson about the chart for the school, and one from Miss Lovell-Smith, pointing out how much help is needed for the Organising Fund and educational work. A vote of sympathy with Mrs S. Bennett, formerly an active worker, at present ill in hospital, was passed. Attendance was small, one visitor present, and apologies for absence received from several members.

MT. ALBERT.—Oct. 11. Annual meeting; Mrs Bruce in the chair. Reports from Convention were given. Election of officers. Mrs Williams, District Superintendent of Methods, supervised this part of the meeting. Mrs Bruce, Miss Pife and Mrs Sutherland were unanimously appointed President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Mrs Broady and Mrs Kiff jointly Cradle Roll Superintendents. Mrs Sims, White Ribbon Agent. There was a good attendance, and refreshments were handed round.

NORMANBY.—Oct. 10. Annual meeting at Mrs Gane's; good attendance of members. President in the chair. A protest to be sent to the Minister of Railways, condemning the Railway Department for the desecration of the Sabbath Day, in the running of pleasure trains on Sundays. Reports of the year's work were read and adopted. Election of officers:—President, Mrs W. Bevan; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Irvine, Fletcher and Clement; Secretary, Mrs W. Gane, Box 2, Normanby; Treasurer, Mrs J. Muell; W.R. Agent, Miss Dickson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs D. Frei; Press Correspondence, Mrs Irvine. Afternoon tea served.

ONEHUNGA.—Oct. 4. As the result of personal and special efforts on the part of our officers and members, the Methodist Hall was full on this afternoon, about 150 ladies being present, among them several young mothers with their babies or little ones, to hear Miss McCorkindale. (Nothing like personal effort; all try it.—Ed., W.R.) Mrs Benfell occupied the chair and introduced Miss McCorkindale, who, in a few words, took us back about 100 years ago when the first pledges were taken to "abstain from drinking spirits." Then came the pledge to "abstain from all intoxicating liquors as beverages;" those who first took this stand were considered cranks and faddists. Mrs Benfell thanked Miss McCorkindale for her helpful talk; a hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. Collection, £3. An invitation was given to ladies to join the W.C.T.U. Afternoon tea followed. Cakes left over from the Tea given by our members, were sent to Sister Nicholls, who was giving a party to the Maori Mission children and their mothers that evening. Collection divided between our Organising Fund and the Alliance Fund.

PAPANUI.—Oct. 11. Mrs Simpson presiding, good attendance. Maori Day; Mrs Gilmour read a paper, written on behalf of the Maoris by the Rev. A. J. Seamer. Mrs Paora also spoke on behalf of her people, and Miss Wilcox sang a song in the Maori tongue. Reported that there had been one Home meeting, and four new members enrolled. Next meeting will be Cradle Roll Day, when all the members of the Roll, and their mothers, will be entertained at afternoon tea. It was decided that two prizes be given to each of the four local schools

for the best essays written on the Temperance question. A Bring and Buy effort resulted in a donation being sent to the Willard Home.

PAPAROA.—Oct. 12. Mrs J. Hames presided. A hearty welcome to Mrs Lee-Cowie and Mrs Pattison. Our District President gave a very impressive address, with realistic pictures of the suffering caused by alcohol, which she had witnessed during her work in the Auckland District. Mrs Lee-Cowie's appeal on behalf of our weaker brethren, asking us to do our utmost to abolish the drink traffic, was very touching. Mrs Pattison favoured us with three solos, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Afternoon tea was served. Many thanks were given to Mrs Lee-Cowie and Mrs Pattison for visiting the Paparua Union and giving such an enjoyable afternoon. A public meeting was held in the Garrison Hall at night, when Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a stirring address on the Temperance question, and in answering questions, gave conclusive figures, showing the increase of crime in Ohinemuri since No-Licence had been repealed. Mrs Pattison, of Auckland, sang very effectively, and her songs were very much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Lee-Cowie and Mrs Pattison.

PETONE.—Oct. 2. Mesdames Carter and Crowther were elected to try and arrange a meeting at Eastbourne. Mrs Annett gave report of District Convention. Mrs Crowther reported re wall sheets and essay competition for schools. Schoolmasters were very willing to help as much as possible. Essay subject, "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body." Three scholars; two prizes for each school.

Oct. 17. Red Letter Day for Union, when our Banner was carried to Eastbourne; a good number of our members made the trip. Mrs Peryman was the speaker, and explained the meaning of Women's Christian Temperance Union, for the benefit of those who had not heard or read of it. How there is an immense waste of child life through liquor. Why not, in New Zealand, such a beautiful country, build up the finest white race in the world? Rid the country of alcohol, and give the children a chance. A programme of recitation and song was gone through by the following artists:—Miss Nancy Playtor, Mesdames Hayward, Press and Jensen. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all who helped to make the afternoon such a success; thanks also extended to Trustees of Church. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

RAKAIA.—Oct. 11. President presided over good attendance. Devotions, minutes, roll call. Gift Afternoon for Willard Home. Mrs Hopwood read very interesting report of Christchurch Convention. Vote of thanks. Two new members joined the Union. Decided to send a letter to Mrs England, a member, ill in hospital. On October 16th, the President, Secretary and three members of the Union held a meeting at Te Pirita, where two new members and three new subscribers to the White Ribbon were gained. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

SOUTH BRIGHTON.—Oct. 2. Mrs Weavers presided. Letters of sympathy to sick members. A donation of 10s. sent to Willard Home. A Temperance fact was given, dealing with alcohol in Mental Deficiencies. Being Maori Day, a paper was read, and a collection was taken up for the Maori work. Mesdames Good and Weavers gave a comprehensive report on the Provincial Convention.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.—Oct. 9. An impressive address, given by the Rev. E. Gardiner on "What Have I Seen in Thine House." It set forth the greatness of a mother's influence and power in a home. Throughout the whole address, there breathed a spirit of real earnestness and true sincerity, and a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. Mrs Fairbairn presided and warmly welcomed the mothers. Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, and Mrs Garrett, who has, for a time, been laid aside through illness. It was announced that District Convention would commence on Tuesday evening, in Jed Street Hall, by a reception to Mrs Don and the representative delegates, continuing on Wednesday. Mrs Thomson and Mrs Bain sang a solo. Mrs Lee made an efficient pianist. Votes of thanks to the soloists and Social Committee.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.—Oct. 11. Good attendance, presided over by Mrs Hinton.

Invitation from Y's to their monthly meeting, when the Maori correspondence would be read, and a Dutch Auction held in aid of funds. The President reported her visit to Green Island W.C.T.U., and asked any member who could spare time to go out and help them. Afternoon tea was served. Mrs Williams rendered a solo very feelingly. The report of Convention was read by Mrs McFarlane (delegate). In moving the vote of thanks, Mrs Williams said what a good one it was. The question of buying and presenting of Temperance charts to schools was again brought forward, and it was again decided to wait for further information. Annual meeting in November.

SAWYER'S BAY.—Very pleasant social Pay-Up Evening held at the home of the President, Mrs Polson; twenty members and friends present. Mrs Allen read a very fine report of the District Convention held at Mosgiel. Mrs Don addressed the meeting, and took for her subject the "Welfare of the Child." Mrs Dodds and Miss Polson sang a duet. A very dainty supper was served. A discussion carried on re stemming the tide of drinking among our young folk, and only the personal touch could do this. Three new members enrolled.

SEDDON.—An "At Home" for mothers was held recently. There was a splendid attendance of mothers and babies. Miss McLay, Dominion Y. Organiser, was present and addressed the meeting. Seven new members were gained for the Union, and eighteen babies enrolled on the Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea was served, and a pleasant time was spent by all present.

TAURANGA.—Oct. 1. Good attendance. Two visitors, one a transfer and one new member. Mrs Christian gave a most interesting report of District Convention, and a vote of thanks was given to Mrs Christian for her report and for her many acts of hospitality. Decided we do not hold a refreshment booth on Polling Day this time. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Tobin, whose daughter is being held for ransom by bandits in China, with hopes for her speedy release. Afternoon tea was handed round, and the meeting closed with prayer. (The sympathy of all White Ribboners is with Mrs Tobin in her time of anxiety.—ED., W.R.)

WARKWORTH.—Oct. 4. Pay-Up Social; twenty women were present. Two members were initiated. Arrangements were made to receive Miss McCorkindale. Mrs W. Hamilton gave an account of her visit to the Plunket Convention. Afternoon tea was then served.

WAITARA.—Oct. 19. Maori Day; Mrs Clayton in the chair. Mrs Hingley handed in £3 12s. 6d., collected from members for the Sailor's Rest Refreshment Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Work was arranged for Polling Day. Annual meeting called for November 30th.

WANGANUI EAST.—Oct. 11. Mrs Duxfield presided over a fair attendance. Regret was expressed at the continued illness of our esteemed Secretary, Mrs Andrew. We celebrated Maori Day, when a paper entitled, "Ourselves and Our Maori Fellow-Citizens," by Rev. A. J. Seamer, was read and discussed. Collection amounting to 13s. 4d. was taken towards Maori Organising Fund. Y. branch announced October 27th for Concert towards funds. Society of Friends invited Union to participate in celebrating Armistice Day next month (D.V.). Two new members were enrolled, also one new subscriber for White Ribbon. A Pay-Up Social brought an interesting and helpful meeting to a close.

LATE REPORTS.

ARATAFU-TE KOPURU.—Oct. 11. Miss Cullen presided, sixteen present. Mrs C. N. Taylor, of Tangiteroria, gave the address on "Social Work." "Purity" being the chief item dealt with. A collection was taken up, £1 2s. being donated to the Willard Home. Afternoon tea served.

Oct. 29. Special meeting, Mrs Lee-Cowie (District President) visiting the district. Miss Cullen presided, twenty-nine present. The address of Mrs Lee-Cowie was very instructive and much appreciated. Five new members were initiated. A public meeting was also held in the evening, under the auspices of the branch; Mr Hill Taylor presided. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a splendid address to a very attentive audience, dealing

with various arguments put forward by the liquor interests against prohibition, such as unemployment and the revenue question, which was ably dealt with. A vote of thanks to the speaker was carried by acclamation.

AKA AKA.—Oct. 25. Small attendance. Decided to change meeting day to the last Wednesday; 12s. donated to District Campaign Fund.

BIRKENHEAD.—Oct. 18. Small attendance, boisterous and wet weather. Delegate gave a report of District Convention. Decided to donate £1 to Willard Home. Afternoon tea was handed round, then prayers were offered for prohibition. Special meeting for prayer on November 1st.

CARTERTON.—Nov. 7. Mrs Every presided, twenty-two present. Fancy needlework from Mrs Pepperell, Napier, received, and vote of appreciation to Mrs Pepperell passed, also to Mr Haste for typing copies of district report sent to country members. Members attention called to Postal Voting, etc., etc. Prayer meeting arranged for November 12th, all present promising to attend. Arrangements made for refreshments and workers for Polling Day. Article on "Our Dominion's Drink Bill" read and appreciated. One new White Ribbon subscriber. Donation of £4 10s. to Willard Home passed for payment. Afternoon tea served by the hostesses, Mrs Edge and Miss Water-son.

CAMBRIDGE.—Oct. 8. Mrs Peryman addressed a good number of members. We were all pleased to have Mrs Peryman present. Her very earnest talk on "Ravages of Drink," and the scientific points touched on were very helpful. A vote of thanks was passed, and an enjoyable afternoon tea served, then we bade farewell to the speaker, who was on her way to Convention.

DARGAVILLE.—Oct. 16. Mrs Page presided, fair attendance. Mrs Reynolds gave a very interesting report of the Convention, which all present enjoyed. One new member.

Oct. 27. Mrs Lee-Cowie held a street meeting, all who listened to her being much impressed.

Oct. 30. Mrs Page presided; a large gathering of women and children. Mrs Lee-Cowie spoke to the mothers mostly, and urged them to remember the great privilege and responsibility that was theirs in training the men and women of the future. She received a very hearty vote of thanks. Social chat and afternoon tea, all feeling greatly uplifted for the time spent with such a dear woman as Mrs Lee-Cowie.

EDEN.—Oct. 17. Mrs Hayr presided over a good attendance; thirty-four present. Most inspiring addresses by Mrs Lee-Cowie and Miss McCorkindale, for which both were warmly thanked. A Bring and Buy Sale, conducted in aid of Union funds, and afternoon tea was served.

Nov. 6. Mrs Hayr presided over a good attendance. Mrs Fenton led the devotions, and members prayed for success at the coming Poll and the Pledge was repeated. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the necessity of supporting a candidate for Parliament, who will stand by the Temperance vote, and much was said in favour of sacrificing party for the candidate upholding sound Christian Temperance views.

EPSOM.—Oct. 25. Maori Day; Mrs Worsley presided, fair attendance. Much sympathy was expressed for Mrs Neal, our President, and her husband in the sad loss of their only daughter, and a letter has been sent to Mr Neal during his wife's absence in Toronto, conveying deepest sympathy from our Union. Letter read from Secretary of Tangiteroria Union, thanking us for adopting them as "country cousins," also for papers sent to be read at meetings. Paper on "Gambling" read. Mrs Fulljames gave a most interesting account of the Maori work, and later made reference to Nule Island and the fine W.R. work being done there. Afternoon tea and collection brought the meeting to a close. Annual meeting to be on 22nd November.

HASTINGS.—Oct. 25. Fair attendance; President (Mrs Banks) in the chair. Maori Day observed, collection taken. Mrs Darby conducted devotions, reading a paper on the "Friendship of Jesus." The Secretary was instructed to prepare all annual reports. Resolutions of sympathy accorded Mrs Collinge and Mrs Ramsay in their bereavement.

HAVELOCK NORTH.—Oct. 26. Twelve present, Mrs Speight in the chair. Scientific fact given. Donation and parcel received for Willard Home. Delegate was thanked for her interesting report of Waipawa Convention. Maori Day observed, paper read, and collection of 5s. for Maori Fund.

NAPIER.—Nov. 11. Pay-Up Social; Mrs Leask presided. Statement from British Medical Journal on "Medicated Wines" was read by Mrs Latchmore. Reported Cradle Roll Party held and L.T.L. formed. A paper by Mrs Wilson, of Hastings, was read. Mrs Reach and Mrs Cox sang, and Mrs Pepperell gave musical selection. November 12th to be a day of prayer.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—At Seamen's Rest, a Social Afternoon, the members of the Union being the guests of the Seamen's Rest Committee. Mrs K. Jones presided over a very large gathering. Several letters of appreciation of the Rest were read from sailors who had visited the Rest. A short and interesting speech was given by Mrs Brash, and an appeal for funds to carry on the good work was made by Mrs Douglas, in her usual gracious manner. Piano solo by Mrs Frederic and songs by Mesdames Craig and Davis. Refreshing afternoon tea was handed round. Four new members.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Oct. 18. Mrs H. Hall presided, good attendance. An interesting talk on "Helpfulness" given by Mrs O. S. Pearn, and Miss B. M. Harband was most instructive in her Scientific Temperance talk. Final arrangements were made for the annual Temperance Parade. Comprehensive report of District Convention given by Mrs Savill, who was heartily thanked for it. Two new members.

Oct. 25. Home meeting at Mrs McIlroy's, when Miss Henderson was the speaker. Two new members were enrolled, and songs sung by Mrs Mitchell.

N.E. VALLEY.—Oct. Good attendance; Mrs Anstice presided, and gave short address. Nurse Torrence spoke upon the Maori race, giving account of the manners, customs and religions of the Maori, illustrated by many stories. Nurse Torrence was heartily thanked. Special meeting on November 8th, and mothers of Cradle Roll babies to be invited.

OHAI (Southland).—Oct. 18. A meeting was held this evening in the Methodist Church, when Miss A. M. McLay, Dominion Organiser, gave a brief account of the Aims and Activities of the W.C.T.U., and explained some of the Departments of the work carried on in New Zealand. After some discussion, it was decided to form a branch, and the following officers were appointed:—President, Mrs Balneaves; Vice-President, Mrs T. McMillan; Secretary, Mrs Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs Morris; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Bennie; W.R. Agent, Mrs Lamb. Meetings to be held on 1st Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

OTAHUHU.—Nov. 1. President in the chair, splendid gathering. Mrs Pain gave a most interesting talk on the "Effect of Alcohol upon the Body," a splendid educative address. As a result of Home meeting, three new members gained.

OXFORD.—Oct. 24. Attendance fair; Mrs Hawke presiding. Letters of sympathy to President and Mrs E. Magrath. Letters of thanks from friends of late Miss Neill for many kindnesses shown by members. Miss Caverhill and Mrs Rankin gave inspiring reports of District Convention, and were heartily thanked. Arrangements made for visit of Dominion President.

PONSONBY.—Oct. 18. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Maori Day; Mrs Fulljames, District Superintendent for the Maori work, gave a very interesting address; 6s. was taken for the work.

Nov. 1. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a large attendance. Miss Braithwaite's resignation was received with deep regret. A Bring and Buy Sale was held in aid of Willard Home, at which the sum of £6 was raised; the President giving an interesting account of the origin and useful and important work ever since.

PAEROA.—Nov. 8. Mrs Cocks presided; fifteen present. The President's report of the District Convention at Ngaruawahia was read. Annual reports of Secretary, Treasurer, White Ribbon and Cradle Roll Superintendents, read and confirmed. The branch was asked to arrange for the refreshments for helpers, etc., on Polling Day.

United prayer meeting to be held on Saturday, 10th, also on Monday, 12th, followed by an open-air meeting for Prohibition at 8 p.m.; speaker, Rev. E. P. Blamires. The Honours Star Badge received by Secretary for gaining over twelve new members during the year was handed round, and much admired. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and White Ribbon Superintendents were re-elected; Mrs Darbyshire was elected Cradle Roll Superintendent. Decided to purchase two dozen White Ribbon hymn books and one music copy. Three new members. A vote of thanks passed to Rev. W. B. Pickering and wife for the use of the Hall, also Methodist hymn books. Afternoon tea was served.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Nov. 3. Mrs Ferguson presided over a good attendance. A visitor from Feilding was welcomed. A letter was received re the White Ribbon paper, and discussed. Ways of increasing the sales were brought forward. Mrs T. Young gave an interesting account of the Alliance Area Convention. Mrs Birdsall gave a report of Willard Home, stating that the grounds had now been put in good order. Decided to donate £5 to the funds of Willard Home. Members to be reminded of the annual meeting next month.

RICCARTON.—Oct. 18. Attendance good; Mrs C. Barrell presided. Cradle Roll Day, several mothers and children present. Reading, "The Sense of Touch," given by Mrs R. Brighting. Strong exception was taken to an advertisement appearing in the daily paper re "Jesus Turning Water into Wine." It was resolved to hold a Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Barrell's on October 25th, to hear report of District Convention. Resolved to hold Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Prices' on November 13th. Ministers of the three Churches to be asked to hold prayer meeting after service on Sunday previous to Polling Day. Miss Jamieson gave an interesting address, speaking of her work among backward children, and emphasised the necessity of smaller classes in schools. Vote of thanks passed to speaker, and collection taken up for Maori Fund.

Oct. 25. Social Afternoon held at residence of Mrs C. Barrell, when report of District Convention was given, and many items of interest brought forward were discussed. Letter from Mrs Peryman read re White Ribbon subscriptions, and an appeal made for new subscribers. One gained. Vote of thanks passed to hostess.

RAETIHI.—Nov. Good attendance; Mrs Griffin, President, in the chair. Mrs W. H. Scarrow read an article dealing with the Revenue question. Mrs Godby read a paper on Post Natal influence. One new member. Volunteers were asked for to work on Polling Day; six ladies volunteered.

STRATFORD.—Oct. Pay-Up Social; President, Mrs Phillips, in the chair. Decided that we help with the refreshments on Election Day. A musical programme was much enjoyed; hospital tea was arranged for. Afternoon tea was handed round. One of our new members read a paper on the "Economic Situation in England," showing that there was no waste like money spent on intoxicating liquor. Mrs Phillips told us the old story of the three engines. Moral, I'll Try. Three new members.

TIMARU.—Oct. 30. Mrs Norrie in chair, fair attendance. Votes of sympathy with Mr and Mrs Woodward, Mrs Tavener, Mrs Weavers and Mrs J. Smith. Correspondence read about Polling Day, also from Miss Henderson about work among Seamen's Department; Union delighted with the good news. Decided that the Union as usual, arrange for refreshments for No-License scrutineers on Polling Day. Arrangements were made for Mrs Taylor's visit to Timaru on November 8th and 9th. A number of annual donations for the Sailor's Rest received, and votes of thanks passed. One new member initiated. Report of Convention unavoidably held over.

TAKAPUNA.—Nov. 1. Good attendance. Our President spoke a few words on "Get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding." Annual meeting. Reports, election of officers. Steady progress has been made this year; seventy-eight members, 123 on Cradle Roll, 22 paid-up subscribers to White Ribbon; a balance of £7 17s. 1d. in funds. Mrs Lewis, our Secretary, conducts a successful L.T.L. Mrs Fulljames spoke on Cradle Roll and Maori work in New Zealand

and Nuie Island, connected with the W.C.T.U. A sum of 12s. 6d. (box collection) was voted for the Maori Fund.

TUATAPERE.—Oct. 29. Miss McLay visited Tuatapere and addressed a meeting in Presbyterian Hall. A branch was formed and twelve members initiated. Officers elected (pro. tem) were:—President, Mrs A. A. C. Lion, "The Manse;" Vice-President, Mrs F. Harrison; Secretary, Mrs T. Ballantyne; Treasurer, Mrs R. Winter. Meeting day, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Church.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.—Nov. After an Executive meeting, the devotional exercises were led by Mrs Upton. Her subject was "Courage." Mrs Irwin was in the chair. Arrangements were completed for supplying refreshments to the Polling Booths. A Street Sale is to be held in December for the Willard Home funds. A prayer meeting was arranged for the afternoon before the Election. Special prayer was offered for our Maori sisters. Miss Christie sang and Mrs Goodey recited, after which afternoon tea was enjoyed. The Bring and Buy Stall was again a successful feature of the meeting.

AN APPRECIATION.

130 Forbury Road,

St. Clair,

5th November, 1928.

Dear Mrs Peryman,

Please allow me space for the following extract from a letter which reached me last week. Such marks of appreciation are greatly valued by our workers:

"I return herewith paper, 'Work of the W.C.T.U.' We have found the papers a great help, and feel grateful to the ladies who have been so kind as to write them."

I may say the paper was written by our late beloved New Zealand Treasurer, Mrs Bendely.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours for victory on 14th,

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"The Flower of Youth never looks
so lovely as when it bends before
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The Westinghouse Electric Company have a saleswoman, who demonstrates quite clearly, that women can act successfully as "salesmen" in this highly-specialised electrical business.

When asked if there was any resentment on the part of the customer doing business with a woman, Miss Johanning replied: "On the contrary, I have always enjoyed the most cordial reception by my customers. Among these are some of the largest accounts in the country, including the American Smelting and Refining Company, the Chile Exploration Company, the Braden Copper Company, and other large organizations doing business in South America."

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Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,
If the others won't do it,
The Secretary must.

Moonshine in plenty, no doubt;

Yes! you can get it, that's true.

Just seek a bootlegger out,
He'll sell his poison to you.
Still, booze is passing away,
Though there is many a leak;

Rum wasn't built in a day,
Rum can't be smashed in a week.

THE SECRETARY.

If he writes a letter, it is too long.
If he sends a postal card, it is too short.

If he edits a pamphlet, he's a spend-thrift.

If he goes to a committee meeting, he's butting in.

If he stays away, he's a shirker.

If the crowd is slim at dinner, he should have called the members up.

If he calls them, he's a pest.

If he asks a member for his dues, he is insulting.

If he doesn't collect them, he's crazy.

If a meeting is a howling success, the entertainer is praised.

If it's a failure, the Secretary is to blame.

If he asks for suggestions, he's incompetent.

If he doesn't, he's bull-headed.

Y REPORTS.

ARANUI.—Oct. 19. Social Evening; members entertained their parents and friends, with the idea of enlarging the membership. An address, "Prohibition in America," was given by Dr. McLean. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and musical items. Supper was served, after which the evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Oct. 27. Meeting held at Mr Dean's. A suggestion was made that each member on his or her birthday, should pay 3d. to the Treasurer. The President gave an account of the Y. Evening held during the Convention. One or two leaflets were read, dealing with "Alcohol as a Stimulant."

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.—Oct. 16. The President in the chair, good attendance; twenty-seven present. Mr Mugridge gave a splendid address on the evils of the liquor



traffic. One new member. Social hour and supper.

ASHBURTON.—Oct. 20. The President, Mr N. W. Corbett, presided over an attendance of over seventy. Made arrangements for Rally on World's Temperance Sunday. Misses M. Lewis and L. Robinson delegates to Convention, gave reports. The subject for the evening was impromptu speeches on Temperance subjects; quite a number took part. Mr J. Beck, speaking on "The Serpent in the Glass," received first place with 59 marks, while Mr R. Spillerberg, speaking on "Abstinence for One's Own Sake," and Mr W. Judd, speaking on "The Great Life Destroyer," tied for second place with 49 marks each. Nine new members were initiated.

Nov. 3. Special meeting for first-time voters and members; sixty present. Mr N. W. Corbett and Mr A. L. Silcock (who has recently returned from America) spoke on "The Election and Our Responsibility." World's Temperance Sunday Rally—A Young People's Temperance Service was held in the Domain on November 4th. Mr A. L. Silcock, graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, spoke from the Rotunda. Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Temperance Union and others were present. The Salvation Army Band led the singing.

AUCKLAND.—Miss Appleby presided; good attendance. Decided that a Bring and Buy Social be held in December in aid of Willard Home. Mrs Lee-Cowie explained the origin and work of the Home, and showed us our responsibility with regard to the support of same. Musical items were rendered by Mrs Kasper, Misses Evans, Johnson, Jones and Hullah; recitations were given by Miss Eileen Geary (our youngest Y. member) and Misses Reed, Lees, Adams and Brown; Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address on "When We Get Prohibition." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the friends who contributed items.

CARTERTON.—Oct. 6. Present, fifty-six. Special for parents of members, who were addressed on the subject of Prohibition by the Masterton District Organiser. Several items (some humorous and some Temperance) were rendered by members during the evening. The meeting was followed by a Social.

DUNEDIN.—Oct. 15. A very enjoyable Social Evening was spent, a number of

adults being present. Being Maori Night, the Maori correspondence was read. A Dutch Auction was held in aid of funds.

KOHIMARAMA.—Oct. 3. Miss Betty Clarke, President, presided over a good attendance. Devotions, Pledge and Mottoes repeated; five members read Temperance facts. Superintendent gave a short address on "The Good Samaritan."

Oct. 17. Miss Clarke presided over a good attendance. Devotions, Pledge repeated, three Temperance readings. Superintendent gave a Medical Temperance address.

LEVIN.—Oct. 15. Fair attendance, Mr J. Astridge presiding. A very interesting address by Mr S. Kingston on "The Dangers of taking Alcohol into the Human Body," who was accorded a vote of thanks. Decided to hold a Social for Miss McCorkindale. Between sixty and seventy attended this Social. Rev. Beckett presided, and Miss McCorkindale gave a most interesting address, and was heartily thanked. Supper followed.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Oct. 12. A well-attended meeting, presided over by the President, Mrs F. Mitchell. A very good report of the District Convention, dealing chiefly with items of interest to the Y. branches, was given by Miss M. Diehl, the delegate, who was accorded a vote of thanks.

PICTON.—Oct. 29. At Mrs Head's. An interesting address on "Alcohol, which removes Stains," was given by Mr Head. Reported a visit from Miss C. M. McLay, who gave an interesting address on the "River of Life."

RAKAI.—Oct. 16. The Vice-President, Rev. J. Boothroyd, presided over an attendance of about 22 young people. Mr Cyril Burton gave us a very interesting address on "Temperance Work." Social followed, enjoyed by all.

RICCARTON.—Oct. 27. Eighteen members present. An interesting address was given by Mrs T. E. Taylor on "Prohibition in America," giving positive proof of its success, and was accorded a vote of thanks. Supper was served. The next meeting and last for the year on November 13th, to take form of Social, at the residence of Mrs Price.

SYDENHAM.—Oct. 15. A small but successful meeting; Mr F. N. Cornwell occupied the chair. Mrs Gilmour gave the Devotional Service, and later a very interesting address on the "Maoris." Games and refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting. An interesting incident is the recent engagement of the President to the Reporter, Miss Mary Wilson.

WANGANUI EAST.—Oct. 9. Eleven present; Miss R. Gill presided. Mr C. Tucker read a paper entitled, "A Purpose in Life." Decided to hold another Concert on October 27th, in aid of the New Zealand Alliance funds. Two visitors were present. A Temperance fact as given by Mr G. Tucker. Miss Sanson read a paper for Maori Day. The next meeting is to be the election of officers and the Pay-Up Social Evening.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS AS PEACE MAKER.

(Continued).

(8). **Britain v. Turkey.**—The dispute arose as to whether the Province of Mosul should belong to Iraq or Turkey. They appealed to the League of Nations, and both promised to abide by its decision. The verdict went against Turkey, who then refused to be bound by it. It was referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice, and the verdict again went against Turkey, and Mosul was to be part of Iraq as long as Britain had a treaty with Iraq.

(9). **Greece v. Bulgaria.**—In

October, 1926, Greece accused Bulgaria of shooting a Greek sentry, and presented an ultimatum for an apology, indemnity and punishment of offender. Greek artillery and aeroplanes penetrated Bulgaria, and there was firing for several days. Bulgaria appealed to the League on a Friday. The Secretary General of the League, Sir Eric Drummond, summoned a meeting of the Council for Monday, and the representative from Sweden had to travel by aeroplane in order to be in time. M. Briand, who was President of the Council, telegraphed to both parties, emphasising their obligations to the League. The Council called on Greece and Bulgaria to declare, within 24 hours, that an order for the withdrawal of troops had been given, and in 60 hours that withdrawal was completed. British, French and Italian officers in the Balkans were asked to report to the Council. On Tuesday the two countries agreed to withdraw the troops, on the Wednesday they did so. The Council then appointed a Commission of five to go to the Balkans and investigate. They found that Greece, not Bulgaria was to blame, and she was ordered to pay a large sum of money to Bulgaria.

This gives an idea of the way in which the League acts in these disputes.

(10). **France v. Turkey.**—A French mail steamer, "Lotus," collided with a Turkish collier, cut it in half, and eight of the latter's crew were drowned. At Constantinople, the French officer on watch and the captain of the collier were arrested. The French officer was kept under arrest for five weeks, then sentenced to imprisonment and a fine. The French Government protested, so the case was brought before the Permanent Court of International Justice. The verdict was for Turkey and France loyally accepted it. This will probably influence Turkey favourably towards the League.

APIITI, 1st Thursday in Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murray, "The Manse;" Vice-Pres., Miss Leslie and Mrs E. Miller; Sec., Mrs W. Wilson, "Parsonage;" Treas., Mrs L. Gould; W.R. Agent, Miss K. McKenzie.

ARAMOHO, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres. (Acting) Mrs Duxfield; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. C. Good, Robert's Avenue; Treas., Mrs Coddington, Robert's Avenue; W.R. Agent, Mrs Suddaby, Cumbræ Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Ensign Mrs Moore, Cameron Street East, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs A. Saunders, Kermodie Street West, Ashburton; Sec., Miss E. Trevurza, 169 Peter Street East, Ashburton; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss A. Watson, 84 Cameron Street West, Ashburton.

ASHBURTON "Y's." 3rd Saturday, 7.30 p.m., Baring Square Hall. Pres., Mr N. W. Corbett, 47 Racecourse Road; Sec., Mr F. H. E. Silcock, 36 Moore Street; Treas., Miss D. Glassey, 45 Havelock Street; W.R. Agent, Mr J. W. Beck, 64 Beach Road; Supt., Mrs C. S. Matthews, Willis Street.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, in the Club Room, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen 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 Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Monday, at 7.30 p.m., in France Street Methodist Mission Hall. Supt., Miss Pyle, 8 Stokes Rd., Mt. Eden; Pres., Miss Appleby, 28 Brentwood Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 8 Stokes Road; Rec. Sec., Miss L. Adams, 50 Collingwood St., Ponsonby; Cor. Sec., Miss F. Hullah, 8 Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Mr S. Smith, Church Street, Avondale; W.R. Agent, Miss Appleby, 28 Brentwood Avenue.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Cations, James Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. Stephens, James Street; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshivale; Cor. Sec. and White Ribbon Agent, Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m., Methodist Classroom. Pres., Mrs Todd, The Crescent; Sec., Mrs Brodie, Seddon Street, Chelsea; Cor. Sec., Miss Toyer, Hinemoa Street; Treas. and W. R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, 6 Lytton Street, Devonport.

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. M. Smith, Middle Renwick Rd.; Sec., Mrs V. Underhill, Yelverton, Treas., Mrs T. Pike, "The Laurels;" W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Pike, Main St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs A. Braddock, 86 Maxwell Rd.; Literature, Mrs W. Chuck, Bomford St.; Libraries, Mrs Lane, Dashwood St.

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

BRIGHTON UNION, 3rd Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs H. Hall, Wainui St., Bexley; Rec. Sec., Mrs M. Moses, 140 Lonsdale Street, N.B.; Cor. Sec., Mrs F. M. Mitchell, 387 Park Road, N.B.; Treas., Mrs N. Fraser, River Road, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs H. McIlroy, Breezes Road, Aranui.

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., Miss Thomas, 34 Crammer Square, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Street, 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 Hurley, Pembroke St.; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson, Pembroke Rd.; Evangelistic, Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Savers, Kent Street.

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 Geo. Carter, Victoria Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. James, Grosvenor Street.

DANNEVIRKE, meets 2nd Thursday, 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.

DARGAVILLE, 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in members' homes. Pres., Mrs. Page, Awakino Point; Sec., Miss Andrews, Manga-whare; Treas., Mrs. Noble, Awakino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Bradley, Muir Road.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hamover Street; Pres., Mrs. Hielt, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Alexander, 6 Constitution Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Douglas, Littleborne; Treas., Mrs. Garden, Market Street; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Blakely, 2 Epsilon Street, Roslyn; Juvenile Work, Mrs. Gain; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs. Hutton.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs. Hinton, 221 Bay View Road; Sec., Mrs. Williamson, 42 Beach Street, St. Clair; Treas., Mrs. Williams, 39 Nelson Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine Street, Caversham.

DEVONPORT, 2nd Wednesday, Congregational Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Burnett, 16 Parnell Road, Auckland; Sec., Mrs. G. F. Day, 27 Hinemoa Avenue; Treas., Mrs. J. Jarvis, Hanlon Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Watson, 15 Kerr Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll, Miss Bishop, Cheltenham, Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lamont, North Avenue, Devonport.

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs. Morrison; Sec., —; Treas., Mrs. L. Piny; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, London Street.

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 p.m., in Baptist Church, Inverness Avenue. Pres., Mrs. Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Sec., Mrs. Carr, Senr., 27 Fernley Avenue, Epsom; 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. Hayr, 25 Gordon Road, 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. Merzon, 552 Mt. Eden Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Cartwright, 315 Dominion Rd.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Gaulton, Elizabeth St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Ramsay, 26 Gordon Rd., Mt. Albert.

FAIRLIE, meets every second Wednesday of the month in Presbyterian Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs. Wilcox; Sec., Mrs. Holland, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sangster, Kimbell, Fairlie; Treas., Mrs. Riddle, Mt. Cook Road.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Pack, 13 Sandilands St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Tuaniciff, Beattie, Burnley and Hughes; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey St.; Treas., Mrs. McIntyre, Box 11, Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Tremaine; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Martin, 157 Manchester St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Whisker, Kawa Kawa Rd.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Harper, Denton Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. W. D. Stewart; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Baldey; Cor. Sec., Miss Robertson, 33 Coutts Road; Treas., Mrs. McAskill; Cradle Roll and L.T.L., Mrs. G. F. Mirams; W.R. Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Canning Street.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. D. McKenzie; Sec., Mrs. H. Morison, Morison's Bush; Treas., Mrs. A. M. Haigh; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Collins, Oates and Morison; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs. Anker; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. J. Allen; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Roche.

GREY LYNN, meets 2nd Wednesday, in St. Columba's Hall, Surrey Crescent. Pres., Mrs. Hobday, 32 Dryden Street; Sec., Mrs. Hawkey, 52 Dryden Street; Treas., Mrs. Lewis, 5 Stanmore Road.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Road; Sec., Miss Spence, 186 Codden Street; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Morris, Clifford Street.

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-Presidents, Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Dixon; Rec. Sec., Mrs. E. G. Johnson, Ruakiwi Rd.; 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 Darby, Thompson and Paul; Sec., Mrs. Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs. Emmett, Avenue Road; White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

HAVELOCK NORTH, 4th Friday, 2.30 p.m., at Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. H. Speight; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Waugh and Gilbertson; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Miss G. Hill, St. Andrew's Road, Havelock North; Treas., Mrs. Mossman; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Gilbertson.

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. President, Mrs. Simpson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Mackinder; Treasurer, Miss Young, Waitoriki; Rec. Sec., Miss Johnston; W.R. Agent, Miss Simpson.

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 A. Matheson, Rugby Street; Sec., Miss G. Fraser, C/o Fraser's Store, Elles Road; Treas., Miss Dawson, 283 North Road; Supt., Mrs. Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindisfarne; W.R. Agent, Miss Blake, 45 Teviot Street.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, meets 1st Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, in the Baptist Church, Esk Street. Pres., pro. tem., Mrs. A. H. Lilliecrap, Glencoe R.D., Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. T. Ayson, Deveron St.; Cor. Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. O. E. Johnston, Don St.; Treas., Mrs. L. Lennie, Janet St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Brass Lowe; Cradle Roll, Mrs. F. Cole, 160 McMaster Street.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Garrett, Macgregor and Pryde; Cor. Sec., Mrs. McGregor, 266 Crinan Street, Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Cullum; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Miss McLaughlan.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. alternately Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. President, Mrs. Macartney, 18 King St.; Sec., Miss Langskail, 88 Melbourne St.; Treas., Mrs. Laytham, George St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Martin, 29 Antrim St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Fraser, Ellis Rd.

KAIAPOI, meets in W.C.T.U. Temperance Hall, High Street, last Wednesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Vickery, Fuller Street; Sec., Mrs. Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Sewell Street; Treas., Miss Evans, Fuller Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Phillips.

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday in each month, in the Methodist Church, Olivier's Road. Pres., Mrs. Richards, 14 Morris Street, Avonside; Cor. Sec., Mrs. F. Grigg, 200 Rolleston Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Palk, 344 Worcester Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. F. Fuller, 20 Buckley's Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs L. A. King, 201 Linwood Avenue; Scientific Temperance, Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, 194 Rolleston Street; Notable Days, Mrs. Bock, Russell Street.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, Church of Christ, Queen Street, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Anderson, 16 Copeland St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Heyes, Pilmuir Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Spencer, Belmont; Librarian, Mrs. Crawford, Waterloo Road.

MARTINBOROUGH, meets in Parish Hall, 1st Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. W. J. Martin, Huangarua; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. Tyler, Jellicoe Street; W.R. Agent Mrs. J. Shirley, Grey Street.

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

MARLBOROUGH, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 2 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 Kuapura and Mayfield. Pres., Mrs. Williams, Anama; Sec., Mrs. J. D. Murdock, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs. W. Millar, Mayfield; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

MIRAMAR, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church, Devonshire Road. Pres., Mrs. Evans; Sec., Mrs. Berry, 110 Tauhinu Road; Treas., Mrs. Foothead, Miramar Avenue; W.R. Agent, Mrs. E. L. Eggers, Karaka Bay.

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

MOSGIEL, 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Bedford, East Taieri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Prentice and Logan; Sec., Mrs. M. H. Wilson, Inglis Street; Treas., Mrs. A. Lennox, Gordon Road; Cradle Roll, Miss McLeod, Gordon Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Morton, Forth Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. S. Johnstone.

MOTUEKA, last Wednesday in month, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Miss O. Cresswell, Lower Moutere; Rec. Sec., Miss V. Glover, High Street; Treas., Miss R. Boyce, Poole Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs. F. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.

NAPIER, 1st Wednesday in Willard Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. M. Leask, Fitzroy Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Macalister and Saunders; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Brocklehurst, 11 Raffles St.; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hull, 66 Chaucer Rd., North; Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Evangelistic, Mesdames Dodds and Wilkinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Saunders, Macdonald St.; Purity, Mrs. Dunstall; Railway Box, Mrs. Ingram.

NELSON Union, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Watson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Sec., Mrs. F. W. O. Smith, "Brookleigh," Brook St.; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner St.; L.T.L., Mrs. Moyes, Grove St.; Y's, Miss K. Moyes, Grove St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Holloway, 77 Waimea St.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.45 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. X. Jones, Pendarvis St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Griffin, Lizard St.; Sec., Mrs. Craig, Powderham St.; Treas., Miss Drew, M.A. 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. Pres., Mrs. W. Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Irvine, Fletcher and Clement; Sec., Mrs. W. Game, Box 2; Treas., Mrs. J. Meuli, P.O., Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Beaton; W.R. Agent, Miss Dickson, Little Waihi Road, Hawera.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Treas., Mrs. Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 57 Selwyn Street; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 57 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Gray, 32 Grey Street.

OAMARU, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Miss A. Webb, 22 Hye Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Cowan, Rother Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Scott, 60 Eden Street; Treas., Miss Smyth, Hull Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clarke, Reid, Hall and Misses Milligan and Wilson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Corlett, Eden Street; Evangelistic, Mrs. Williamson; Band of Hope, Miss Hilliker; Sick Visitor, Miss M. Milligan; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Twose and Mrs. Edgar.

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

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Greenwood, Station Road; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs Hall, Weka Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs West, Panmure Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Handerside; Home Meetings, Mrs Johnston.

OTAUTAU, meets 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Harrington; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brooker; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs A. Harrington.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt, East Oxford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Miss H. Waterman and Mrs R. Turner; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs J. Baxter; Notable Days, Mrs G. Jones; Home Meetings, Mrs T. Gainsford and Mrs C. W. Brown; Band of Hope, Mrs C. W. Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Aoi; Young People's Branch, Mrs R. Comyns; Legal and Parliamentary, Miss Caverhill.

PAHIATUA, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson; Treas., Mrs H. Paterson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie, Riccarton Road; Hon. Sec., Mrs Ada Willis, 15 Cambridge Street.

PAPANUI, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Girls' Bible Classroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. Simpson, 160 Idris Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Merrin, 278 Harewood Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Wright, 57 Aorangi Road; Treas., Mrs Bond, Vagues Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Carr.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs C. A. E. Ferguson, 10 Lyndhurst St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Singh, 16 Andrew Young St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wakeham, Cheilwood St.; Treas., Mrs Kingston, Box 236; W.R. Agent, Mrs Burrell, 28 Bourke St.; Evangelistic, Mrs Ritchie; Cradle Roll, Miss Astbury; Literature, Mrs Doreen; Visitor, Mrs Cobb; Willard Home, Mrs Birdsall, 243 College St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murgatroyd, Nelson Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Battersby, Corner, Jones and Cole; Sec., Mrs Cole, C/o. Mrs Corner, 89 Nelson Street; Asst. Sec., Mrs Silberry, Richmond Street; Treas., Mrs Donoghue, C/o R. R. Howe, Jackson Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Woodford, Beach Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Carter; Librarian, Mrs Playtor, Koro Koro; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Jensen, 7 Buick Street; Sick Visitors, Mrs Jones and Mrs Aitken.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Miss Harris; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brewer; Sec., Mrs Tobell; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Smith; Treas., Mrs Wells; Band of Hope, Mrs Powell; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; Supt. Y's., Mrs Head; W.R. Agent, Mrs Fowler, Wellington St., Picton.

PLEASANT POINT, meets 4th Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. McNeur; Sec., Mrs R. Crombie, Waitohi, Temuka, R.D.; Treas., Mrs Crombie, Waitohi; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, Sutherland; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Neilson.

FORT 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 every 1st and 3rd Thursday in St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hayr and Kasper, Miss Read; Rec. Sec., Miss Read, "Fern Bank," Whitaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Farrand, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Miss T. Pyle, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; W.R. Agent, Miss T. Pyle, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer Rd.; Bible-in-Schools, Miss Pyle, 8 Stokes Rd., Mt. Eden; Anti-Gambling and Sabbath Observance, Mrs Farrand, 8 Stokes Rd., Mt. Eden; Mothers' Meetings and Flower and Sick Visiting, Mrs Stewart; Notable Days, Mrs Bragg; Evangelistic, Miss Braithwaite;

Prison and Reformatory, Mrs Wakelin; Good Citizenship, Mrs Joiner; Social and Press, Mrs Hunter.

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.

RAETIHI, 1st Friday, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Griffin, Seddon Street; Sec., Mrs Sandford, Duncan Street; Treas., Mrs W. Scarrow, Valley Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Ford, Seddon Street.

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.

REEFTON, 1st Tuesday, at 3 p.m., in Knox Church. Pres., Mrs Webb; Sec., Mrs Willis, Box 17; Treas., Mrs Duff; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell.

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

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Presbyterian Vestry, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce, Mrs Philip and Mrs Prosser; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agent, Mrs Duthie, Church Street.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs M. T. Phillips, Brecon Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fawcett and McCallum; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet Street, North; Sec., Mrs McCallum, Orlando Street, North; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Wendelborn, Juliet Street, South.

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

SUMNER, meets first Wednesday, in the Presbyterian Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. McCombs, Clifton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McAra, Wilson and Sherrard; Sec., Mrs G. A. Alexander, 90 Nayland Street; Treas., Mrs J. A. Booth, Clifton; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Ogier, Dryden Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs F. G. Carter; Evangelistic, Mrs MacMillan; Anti-Gambling, Miss Cock; Musical, Mrs H. W. Heslop.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday in the month, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs Odell, Brougham Street West; Sec., Mrs Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street; Treas., Mrs Gillard, Brougham Street East; W.R. Agent, Mrs Vincent, Colombo Street.

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs G. Hall; 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, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith, "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road; Evangelistic 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, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. President, Mrs T. Tilbrook, Hayhurst Street; Secretary, Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonard's; Treasurer, Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss M. Elder, King Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wilson, Factory Road.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs Minifie, 30 Evans Street; Treas., Miss A. A. Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, Grey Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs B. H. Low, 12 Preston Street; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Gordon, 190 Otupua Road; Notable Days, Mrs Butcher, 50 Arthur Street; "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, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Roy, Deep Creek; Waituna; Acting-Sec., Mrs Simpson, Waituna; Treas., Mrs Simpson, Waituna; W.R. Agent, Mrs Graham, Rhodes Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Johns and Mrs Vigers.

WAITARA, in Knox Church, third Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Clayton, Warren Street; Sec., Miss A. Bicheno, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Beach Cottage; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Smart, Cameron 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. Bilby, Rose Street; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Miss T. Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIPIKURAU, meets 1st Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Miss Burdett; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Harding, Major and Taylor; Sec., Mrs Reid; Treas., Mrs Robinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gilchrist.

WAIROA, H.B., St. Andrew's Hall, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Capt. Daisy Laskey; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs Alexander, Box 61; Treas., Mrs Johansen, Marine Parade; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Glass.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Irwin, Maxwell Av.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Goodley, 26 College Street, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 215 Guyton Street, Wanganui; Rec. Sec., Miss Christie, Fordell; Treas., Mrs Heatley, Carlton Av., Gonville; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place, Wanganui; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth Street.

WANGANUI EAST Y's., 2nd Tuesday, at Mrs Gill's, 98 Duncan Street. Pres., Miss Gill; Treas., Mr Hoffman, C/o Mrs McDonnell, Putiki; Sec., Miss Sutton, Okoia; Supt., Miss Sanson, Okoia.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.50 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, 2.45 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Mrs Harry, 52 Ellice Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs Priestly, 35 Moana Road, Kelburn; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Crescent; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 335 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Miss Hamilton, 9 Atiawa Street, Petone.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall, Dennis Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Adj. Vyle, Mrs Wright and Mrs Lovatt; Sec., Mrs W. Hills, Norfolk St.; Treas., Mrs R. Hughes, Mair Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, King St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt, Bank St.; Asst. Sec. and Treas., and Notable Days, Miss Hillford, Bank Street.

WINTON, meets 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs J. R. Hamilton; Vice-Presidents, Mrs T. A. McWilliam, Mrs J. P. McWilliam, Mrs D. Wildy and Mrs Brown; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson; Treas., Mrs J. D. Campbell; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs H. Hogg; W.R. Agent, Dr. M. Gow; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs S. Smith; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs J. P. McWilliam; Social, Mesdames H. Pierce, McDougall and W. Hamilton.

WOOLSTON, meets 2nd Wednesday, in Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Sec., Mrs T. W. West, 57 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; Treas., Mrs W. G. P. Ingley, 28 Ford Road, Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; Reporter, Mrs Simpson.

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