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Single Copy, 4d**PESSIMIST; OPTIMIST; PEPTIMIST.**

In estimating our year's work, in judging the progress of the world-wide, age-long battle of right against wrong, much depends upon the character of the observer, upon his place in the battlefield. The pessimist, after every local setback, loses sight of the larger, wider issues, and cries, "It can't be done." Have you any pessimists in your Union? They are good for us; they force us to look up facts, weigh evidence, and take the wide view.

The optimist is always hopeful, so hopeful that he often forgets he is a co-worker with God. He sits back in his easy chair, folds his arms, and as the quaint old negress said of her lazy husband, "Unc would sooner trust the Lord than work any day."

But the peptimist, realising to the full the strength of the enemy, yet knows that the final triumph of evil is unthinkable. So he takes off his coat, rolls up his sleeves, and gets to work at once.

"The nerve to tackle the hardest thing,
With feet that climb and hands that cling,
And a heart that never forgets to sing—

That's pep!"

The temporary set-back in our cause revealed at the recent Poll is a ringing challenge to deeper devotion, a more liberal giving of ourselves in service, and a more earnest faith in our Great Leader. We have a different constituency each poll, new voters coming of age, fresh voters coming into the coun-

try. But the world is surely going dry, economic pressure is forcing nations to face the waste of the Liquor Traffic. White Ribboners, starting with the child on its Cradle Roll, on through L.T.L. to adult membership, are training a constituency who have learned to do without alcoholic drinks. Get busy and see that there is no weak link in our chain. Organise and educate with untiring activity. The motto of Mary Lyon, the founder of Mount Holyoke College, was:

"Go where nobody else will go,
Do what nobody else will do,
Work harder than anybody else will work.

If you fail, tackle it again,
If you fail again, up and at it."

"Sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can."

"Challenge Thy people, Jehovah of
Hosts,

Speak as of old at this hour,
Show them their sin, lest they dare to
be proud,
Show them their weakness and shame.
Call them to conquest through fire and
flood;
Challenge Thy people to-day."

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light that I have. I must stand by any one that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and depart with him when he is wrong.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

TWO BALLOTS.

Along in November, when chill was the weather,
Two ballots were cast in a poll-box together;
They nestled up close like brother to brother,
You couldn't tell one of the votes from the other.

They were both votes for rum pure,
And sanctioned the license plan;
The one was cast by a jolly old brewer,
The other by a church-going man.

The church-going man, no man could be truer,
Kept busy all summer denouncing the brewer,
But his fever cooled off with a change in the weather,
And later in autumn they voted together.

The church-going man had always been noted
For fighting the saloons except when he voted;
He piled up his prayers with a holy perfection,
Then knocked them all down on the day of election.

The foxy old brewer was cheerful and mellow,
Said he, "I admire that church-going fellow,
He's true to his church, to his party he's truer,
He talks for the Lord, but votes for the brewer."

—'Clarion Call.'

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

May I, through your columns, express my thanks to all contributors of discarded hose? During the year parcels have arrived from donors, known and unknown, all over the Dominion, and through their liberality I have been able to send out, since January of this year, 417 singlets. To conserve space, I can only give the briefest extracts from many letters received in reply to parcels sent to several different missions in India. Miss Hastie, in Mukti, writes:—"Instead of putting the singlets under their calico frocks, our children insist on wearing them on the outside, which makes them look like rows of scarecrows, but the garments are warm and comfortable, and we are grateful for them. We remind you of the 'Inasmuch,' etc." From Miss Amy Parsons, in charge at Pandharpur: "Many, many thanks for the second parcel of singlets. Oh, the joy these will give to the children who receive them, and workers who distribute them. Many thanks for the labour of love bestowed on the garments. They are appreciated. We can utilise all you can send us. The bigger boys could wear them until leaving school, if made out of three stockings instead of two." From Dr. Ambrose, of the P. and I. Village Mission: "The dispensary has been keeping us very busy. It is the month when there are so many chest complaints, and babies are the chief sufferers. We have been glad of the woollen singlets, for the poor mites go so scantily clad, and I am sure many an one owes its life to the closely-fitting woollen garment." Mrs P. Valpy, of Coonoor, writes: "It would have rejoiced your heart to see their smiles. Any time you can send us a parcel we will gladly pay Customs. Many thanks from us, joined on to the Master's 'Inasmuch.'" Miss Viney, Hebron School, S. India, says: "I hasten to thank you most heartily for such useful gifts. These little garments are in constant demand among our Indian friends." After describing how they distribute them, Miss Viney continues: "It is so nice to have this practical evidence from unknown friends across the seas, especially as we know there is sure to be prayers behind where there is effort, and this we need continually." Other letters are on similar lines. There are several White Ribboners in

the Dominion who make singlets and send them on their own account, but this letter is meant for everyone who sent stockings or made garments, and helped me with cost of postage and Customs.

Please do not destroy discarded stockings or use them for any menial purpose, when they can be used to clothe the naked and comfort sick and ailing little ones. Save them up and send to my address.

On behalf of several missions and needy children in India, I am, gratefully and affectionately yours,

RACHEL DON

5 Bellevue Street, Roslyn, Dunedin.

December 3rd, 1928.

A WHITE RIBBONER—WHY NOT?

WHY NOT?

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

Your article in the November issue, "A White Ribboner—Why?" made me realise anew that our organisation, after Missionary Associations, is the greatest international combination of women for the moral and social uplift of the world. I am more and more convinced that every woman whose heart goes out in loving sympathy to needy fellow-women and to little children being robbed of their birthright to health, and the ordinary comforts of daily life, that we associate with the joys of childhood, should seriously consider the question, Why am I not a White Ribboner? You say our Dominion Treasurer reports our paid-up membership to be 7000. We claim to be a very much alive organisation. Where there is life there necessarily follows propagation. Some years ago I planted a root of clove-scented pinks, and this summer I have two long borders, with thousands of pink blooms making the air of my garden redolent with their delicate fragrance.

We have been in existence 40 years, and to-day there are only 7000 women out of our population of one and a half million people breathing out the sweetness of lives pledged till death or victory for Prohibition, Peace and Purity.

We are being taunted with defeat at the poll, and we know that the majority vote in New Zealand has been registered for the open bar for the sale of alcohol, like a demon with greedy, wide-stretched jaws and red lolling tongue, is hungry for the lives of every mother's boy and girl. Knowing this, our S.O.S. has already been sent out, and over the Divine Wireless the answering signal

flashes: "Hold on, the mighty forces of the Mighty Ruler of the Universe are on the move," and with this message vibrating through our whole being, we too must move, fall into line, and march steadily on, with unwavering purpose and unfaltering feet. In the Great War, Kitchener's Contemptibles proved their mettle, but it was not the original contemptibles, but the great army of eager recruits that, following in their steps, have turned the enemy's sneer into a glorious name. We must have recruits, we must have reinforcements, we must wave our banners, and the steady tramp, tramp of our feet must sound up and down New Zealand as our members swell, till we become a mighty army enlisted against the Continuance enemy.

Where shall we look for our reinforcements? Our Lord sent His messengers into the highways and the byways of life to find guests for the wedding feast. We shall find our recruits for our new army just where we look for them as earnestly and persistently as the diggers search for gold. They will be found waiting for the White Ribbon invitation in sports clubs, the workroom, the street we live in, the tram car we travel by, in church, guilds and choirs, in the office, the college, and the university; in every sphere of life where our 7000 women come in contact with other women. Let each White Ribboner become a recruiting officer for her own Union, or for somebody else's Union. There are eleven District Unions in New Zealand, claiming 7000 women in membership with them. That gives an average paid-up membership of 636 per District. Canterbury has 2000 names on her roll; the other nine Districts have 5000 to be accounted for.

When Mrs T. E. Taylor became Dominion President in 1926, her slogan was "Ten thousand members before next poll," but where are the three thousand that have not joined up? Will our seven thousand strong bring them in before Convention, 1929? If they will to do this big thing, they can.—Yours, etc.,

BEATRICE M. HARBAND,
Hon. Secretary,
North Canterbury Union.

In my interview with the King of France he stated that the drunkenness of the French was occasioned by wine.—Hon. E. C. Delaven.

OFFICERS' MEETING.

The Dominion Officers of the W.C.T.U. have just met for two days in Wellington to discuss the position of the Union work in New Zealand, and to make plans for the future. After reviewing the results of the recent Licensing Poll in all aspects, the following resolution was passed: "We express our gratification that America, by such a large majority, has elected Herbert Hoover, a bone-dry President, thus confirming the verdict already given in favour of National Prohibition.

"Realising that the Liquor Traffic is a national and an international menace to all that is highest and best in our civilization, we urge our members to continue their efforts for the protection of their homes and their children from its deadly power. The war against this traffic is worldwide, our Referendum but a battle in its long campaign. With unfaltering faith in the righteousness of our cause and with courage undaunted, we move steadily forward to our goal—the abolition of the beverage use of alcohol, and the outlawing of the Liquor Traffic. Victory, though delayed, is sure to come."

An important suggestion was made that Unions should arrange to hold business meetings from time to time in the evening, instead of always in the afternoon. Many keen, intelligent women were thus debarred from taking an active part in the business of Unions, because the prosecution of their daily occupations precluded their attendance at afternoon meetings, and thus much valuable co-operation was lost.

Stress was laid also on the necessity for carrying on unceasing educative work with the new voters, both young and adult, and among the children. Starting with the Cradle Roll, for which the more distinctive English name of "Little White Ribboners" might be adopted with advantage, the children are enrolled for total abstinence while still babies. Then, passing successively through the L.T.L.'s and the Y.P. Societies, they are trained for efficient service as workers and leaders in every good and righteous cause.

Various arrangements were made for the Annual Convention to be held from March 13th to 21st in Welling-

ton, final details being of necessity left in the hands of the entertaining District Union.

A silent vote of sympathy was passed with the Rev. W. J. Williams on the lamented death of his son, Dr. Harold Williams, news of which had just been received from Europe.

The Treasurer furnished an interim statement of the finances, showing a credit-balance in all the working funds.

Many matters of internal organisation were discussed, with a view to their being brought up later before the Annual Convention.

PEACE ON EARTH—GOOD-WILL TO MEN.

It came upon a midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harp of gold.

But man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring;
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

A PRAYER FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE.

"Oh, God of Love and Infinite Compassion, help us to cleanse our hearts from every unkind thought, and so perfectly to love Thee and our fellow-men, that Thy Peace may reign throughout the world, and Thy Will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven."

Will you form in your neighbourhood groups of people who will use this prayer and further the formation of similar groups wherever possible?

GONE HOME.

Mrs Annie Morrison, an honoured member of the Warkworth Branch of the Women Christian Union, was called to higher service on November 29th, at the age of 77 years.

She will be greatly missed by her fellow-workers and friends, as she has been a sincere and earnest worker in our Union, in the Church, and all social work for the uplift and betterment of humanity, right up to the time of her passing, after only a few hours of illness.

Mrs Morrison was our first President,

and I can well remember the day when Miss Powell and I called on her to talk over the probability of forming a branch of the W.C.T.U. in our district, with the hope that she would accept office as President.

From that time her interest and work never flagged—ever in her place at the meetings, ever enthusiastic and ready to help with good advice or practical sympathy in any appeal from the Union.

Her wonderful optimism that right would conquer and her loving charity to all things and all people were an inspiration to all who knew and loved her.

She was a devoted wife and mother, but found time during the war to work unceasingly for the Red Cross, and gave two sons for the cause of freedom.

"Well done! good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

1929 CONVENTION.

The next Annual Convention will be held in Wellington from the 12th to the 21st of March, the Executive meeting being held on Wednesday, the 12th. Those entitled to attend are the Dominion officers, the District Presidents, and the Dominion Superintendents of Departments. If the President of a District Union is unable to attend, the Vice-President is to take her place; failing her, the District Secretary (or one of them, if two are appointed), or the District Treasurer.

Every Union of 100 members or under is entitled to send one delegate. For larger Unions, one delegate is allowed for every 100 or fraction of 100 members, all of whom must be financial—i.e., must have paid up fees to date. No proxies are allowed, but if any Union cannot send one of its own members, it may appoint a member of any other Union in the same District. No delegate may represent more than one Union. As soon as delegates are appointed, the name and address and status should be sent to me for the preparation of the Convention Roll, and to the Wellington District Secretary, if hospitality is required.

There are no Notices of Motion to come before the Convention.

The Agenda of Convention will appear in the February issue of the "White Ribbon," and further details, as may be necessary, will be given either there or earlier.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.**NORTH CANTERBURY.**

Dec. 5. Twelve Branches represented. Miss Henderson spoke words of cheer on U.S.A.'s victory in electing a dry President; of our own House with so many "dry" members, and of the reduction in consumption of spirits in Great Britain.

Reported 80 home meetings had been held during the campaign.

Mrs Harband stressed need for Membership Campaign.

AUCKLAND.

Dec. 3. Misses McLay reported on their work, and Miss Hartnell on her work in the Auckland District. Mrs Lee-Cowie reported splendid meetings during her campaign in the North; all travelling expenses paid by collections, and 30/- left over to be donated to Dominion Organising Fund. Pleasing reference made to fact that Mrs K. M. Evans, M.A., one of our Dominion officers, had been so eulogised at a recent Wellington function. Miss Kent Johnston appointed Y Superintendent.

WORLD'S WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

September 29th, 1928.

Dear Mrs Taylor,

With very great pleasure, we welcome you as a member of our Advisory Administrative Committee of the World's W.C.T.U. The General Officers will be glad at any time to receive advice or suggestions from you on methods of pushing forward our great programme of activities in your own land and in other countries.

No doubt, by this time, you have heard from Miss Agnes Slack of your election as a member of this Committee, but I wanted you to know of my personal happiness in the closer relationship with you which this brings about.

We are receiving delightful letters from Mrs Parks, who is still in Honolulu, and she writes in glowing fashion about you and your helpfulness in connection with the meetings that have recently been held. I wish you could have come over to see us in Evanston before returning to New Zealand, but your big Campaign is on, and no doubt, you feel somewhat in haste to be in the thick of the fight.

We feel so sorry about New South Wales. We hope and pray our election in November will result in sending Mr Hoover to the White House as our next President. We are sparing no effort towards this end.

With loving good wishes,

Affectionately,

ANNA A. GORDON.

N.Z. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts, exclusive of capitation fees, have been received since last acknowledged:—

New Zealand Fund.

Waimate, £1; Wellington Central, £1; Auckland, £3 3s; Invercargill North, £1; Temuka (collection), £2; Wanganui East, £2 10s; Eden, £1 1s.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund.

Wanganui East, £2; Rangiora, 10s.

Franchise Day Collections.

Riccarton, 10s; Dannevirke, 17s; Whangarei, 8s; New Brighton "Y," 3s.

World's Missionary Fund.

Auckland, £1 1s; Invercargill, £1.

Organising Fund.

Wakefield, £2; Kaikorai, £2; Wellington Central, £6 1s 6d; Lawrence, £2 2s 6d; Invercargill "Y," £2 2s; Sawyer's Bay, £1 17s 6d; Auckland, £16 13s; Lytton, 19s 6d; Havelock North, £1 4s, (special) 10s; Sheffield, £2; Otautau (special), £2; Wellington, £11 5s; "Interested," Timaru, £2; Otahuhu, £3 6s; Auckland "Y," 10s; New Brighton South, £1 11s 6d; Edendale South, £1 14s 6d; Waimate, £7 10s; Invercargill "Y," £2 10s; Grey Lynn, £1 16s; Turakina, 16s 6d; Balfour, £1 13s; Gore, £8 14s; Whangarei, £3 4s 6d; Dunedin, £26; Auckland District Union, £1 16s; Riverton, £2 15s 6d.

Maori Fund.

New Brighton South, 3s 3d; Styx, 4s; Wanganui East, 13s 9d; Otahuhu, 11s; Spreydon, 15s; Sawyer's Bay, 10s; Ponsonby, 6s; Auckland, £1; Wairoa, 12s; Ashburton, 15s; Havelock North, 5s; Lower Hutt, 5s 3d; New Brighton North, 4s 6d; Belfast, 3s; Riccarton, 10s; Gisborne, 9s 6d; Invercargill North, £2; Auckland "Y," 10s 1d; Takapuna, 12s 2d; Hamilton, £1; Richmond, 6s; Rangiora,

9s 3d; Invercargill "Y," 10s; Otaki, 19s 4d; Pahiatua, 7s 6d.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,

N.Z. Treasurer

December 8, 1928.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT UNION.

Calling! Calling! Calling!

"Is that you, White Ribboner?"

"Yes." Standing by.

Listen.

"North Canterbury District Union is calling for 3000 women recruits for the White Ribbon Army in New Zealand. It is an urgent call. They are wanted by March 1st, 1929."

"Are you there?"

"Yes."

"Well, will you bring in your quota? Each District is levied for 300 whoe-hearted, true-hearted women to join up immediately."

"What! did you say 300 more for our District?"

"Your voice has a note of alarm. When the bugler sounds 'Advance! Charge!' you will have to 'go.'"

"Are you there?"

"Yes."

"Well, listen."

"The General is in Christchurch over the Christmas holidays. She trusts you to respond to the call from her Canterbury Division."

"What did you say?"

"You'll do it. That's fine. We can confidently expect the 300 women from your Division. Good! I'll pass your assurance on to Headquarters."

Our challenge is—

1. 3000 new members by Convention.
2. Every member of every Union in each District to work for the increase by giving a personal invitation and following it by getting the pledge card signed and the new member initiated at the February meeting.
3. The Secretary of the Union should send a pledge card to each member in readiness for her recruit's signature.
4. Number gained in each Union to be sent to Mrs Taylor for publication in "White Ribbon."

North Canterbury pledged to her quota of 300.

MAORI PAGE.



HUKARERE SCHOOL (Maori Y's.)

Meeting took place 13th. Present were: Mrs Leask, Miss Holder and a Mr Hadden. Addressing the members, Miss Holder expressed her pleasure at seeing so many young members, and seeing so many Girl Guide badges worn by them, too. She said that they were both world-wide Movements, and that both worked for the general good of mankind. She told of many of her experiences while travelling in U.S.A., one of which was she never once saw a man or woman under the influence of alcohol. She urged members to keep on firmly in the work. Then Mr Hadden, a half-caste Presbyterian speaker, spoke to the members in Maori, and then in English. He begged them not to touch alcohol, and spoke of its evil effect on the Maoris. He said, first the Maoris were a noble race with fine instincts. The early Missionaries came with the Gospel tidings; they were received gladly. Then the whalers came, and with them brought the drink called "Red Rum," which, when spelt backwards, spells "murder," and so it proved with the Maoris. At first the Maoris disliked it and called it "Wai-piro," which means in English "rotten water," but the younger generations tried it "for fun" and then liked it, and finally became the victims of it. How that noble race has sadly diminished. Mr Hadden then ended his address by urging members to learn while they could all about alcohol, and so be able to fight against it when they return home, and so be the means of uplifting their people.

Nov. 10. Treasurer read members a chapter out of "Physical Fitness," and then asked them questions, which were answered by members. A very beneficial and enjoyable evening was ended by singing the Doxology.

GREYTOWN.

Itu to matou hui ite 2.30. Pane Eremita Timuaki, i whakahaere. 16 nga mema itae mai, Kote moni i te Kaitiaki monie e pupuri ana, £5 18s. 9d., moni aroha 2s. no reira Kote £6 Pauna kua Kawea kite Pouta-peta Kahuihui Katoa ai te moni Kei reira £10. Kia-ora enga hoa me nga Ropu ote W.C.T.U. ia wahi ia wahi, tae noa kia Hinerangi Simons, Meri Kirihimete mete Hapi Niuea to all from the officers and members of the Greytown Maori Union.

Just a verse from your White Ribbon sisters.

Ah, beware, lest they find you asleep
at your post,
Like a thief they slip in unawares,
Rob you of treasures more precious
than gold;
God will help you, will answer your
prayers.

GLADSTONE.

Nov. 29. President in the chair; fair attendance, including five members of the Greytown Maori Union, and also friends. Mr Jury, of Carterton, gave a short address: "I wish you officers and members will try and do your very best in your callings, and also I wish to be in your meetings at all times." President, Mrs Pane Eremita, of Greytown, gave a short address on her behalf, in helping the Gladstone Union. Bring and Buy was held; money was £1 5s. 6d. Meeting was closed by prayer.

Nov. 28. Maori sisters were invited by Mrs Every, of Carterton, to their annual meeting at the Army Hall, of their re-organised Union, and also we are very sorry of missing Mrs Kennerly, Secretary of the Carterton Union, as she was well-known to the Maori members of Gladstone.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Nov. 7. On the previous Sunday a parade of members, numbering 100, assembled at First Church, where the Rev. J. L. Robinson preached a most inspiring sermon on "The Call to Women," taking as his text, "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

A social gathering to welcome delegates was held on Tuesday evening, an interesting feature being a competition for a prepared speech, entitled "The Kind of Woman New Zealand Needs."

The Convention was opened on Wednesday morning, Mrs Fairbairn (District President) presiding over a large attendance of members. Delegates were

present from Balfour, Edendale, Gore, North, South and Central and Y's, Invercargill, Orepuki, Otautau, Ryal Bush, Winton, Lumsden, and Ohai Branches.

The annual report, giving a detailed outline of the year's work, was presented, and adopted.

A large and varied number of remits and resolutions brought forward by the various Branches, were discussed and carried.

The Rev. Renwick, of Lumsden, gave an interesting address on "State Control." Having spent a number of years in Canada, he had first-hand knowledge, and could speak with authority of the failure of State Control in that Dominion. He said that Government Control had proved itself to be no control. The use of cocaine and opium was forbidden in New Zealand, and the use of alcohol should also be forbidden.

Election of office-bearers: District President, Mrs E. C. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs Beattie; Recording Secretary, Mrs Mirams; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs H. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs D. Stevenson. All these ladies reside in the Gore district, and, for the ensuing year, the headquarters of the Southland District Union will be in Gore.

Glewing tributes were paid to the retiring President, Mrs Fairbairn, who has occupied that position with marked ability for three years. The work of the other retiring officers was also favourably commented upon.

Mrs Don, of Dunedin, gave an interesting and inspiring address on "What of the child?" explaining how birth, environment, early training, and belief influenced the life of the child, and also depicting the drastic effect that alcohol has on the mind and body.

An anonymous donor presented a beautiful banner for Cradle Roll, which is to be competed for each year. Ryal Bush holds it this year, the Superintendent, by her wonderful efforts, gaining 146 members.

A successful Convention was brought to a close by singing "God be with you till we meet again," and the Benediction.

SCOTLAND.

Lieut-Col. A. B. McHardy, C.B., Chairman of the Prisons Commission for Scotland in 1909, said, "I do not know of anything that could be put in the place of strong drink which would approach it as a crime-producer."

NOMINATIONS FOR N.Z. OFFICERS.

From Ashburton W.C.T.U.

Pres.: Mrs T. E. Taylor, J.P., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch.

Cor. Sec.: Miss Henderson, B.A., J.P., Straven Road, Riccarton.

Rec. Sec.: Mrs Evans, M.A., Wellington.

Treasurer: Miss Lovell-Smith, Christchurch.

Editor and Business Manager: Mrs S. H. D. Peryman, Johnsonville, Wellington.

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"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

WELLINGTON, DECEMBER 18, 1928.

GREETINGS.

The Editor sends loving greetings for the festive season to all readers. May the angel song of love and goodwill sound in our hearts, and "in blessing those around may we ourselves be blest."

To all who have helped us during this year of stress and strain we send our heartfelt thanks, and may the holiday season help us to re-charge our batteries so that, with energy and determination, one and all may face the next year's long campaign.

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

PERSONAL.

Mrs Neal, one of our earliest members, was called to Canada by the serious illness of her only daughter, who passed away a few days before her mother reached her bedside. The sincerest sympathy of her White Ribbon sisters will go out to Epsom's President in her time of sorrow and bereavement.

THE KING.

As we go to press the news from the palace is a little more hopeful. But our beloved king is battling for his life with the forces of disease. One and all, from our hearts we pray as we sing:

"God save our King."

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

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SPECIAL.

BY DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Early in the month Miss C. M. McLay commenced a series of meetings and visits in Rai Valley, where she was warmly welcomed. The "Y" rally was most enjoyable, and Miss McLay expressed herself very pleased with their progress. On Sunday, the 21st, Miss McLay delivered a beautiful address to the St. Mark's Sunday School children, and also assisted with the service at Carluke Church.

There was a large and interested audience in the Rai Valley Hall, when visitors from Bleheim joined with Miss McLay, and provided a very good evening's entertainment, and a public meeting in Opouri Hall was well attended, where the N.Z. Alliance Organiser, Mr Ward, gave valuable assistance in conveying Miss McLay to and from the meeting, and also gave an address on the Temperance work.

An evening home meeting, held at Mrs Hewetson's, Ronga Valley, was enjoyed by all, and we rejoiced to have Mr Hewetson join the Union.

Miss McLay gave her final address at Rai Falls, where she took the address for the service held by the Rev. Mr Jenkins, and three new members were gained for the "Y" Branch. It was a delightful ten days, and much good work was done.

DUNEDIN.

A half-day of prayer was held on November 12th in First Church Schoolroom on behalf of poll, to which all interested were invited. Scripture readings and short addresses were given by leading ministers, our President (Mrs Hiett), and others, which were helpful and inspiring. The meeting was well attended, and a spirit of prayer prevailed throughout. Although the victory hoped for was not given, all received a real spiritual uplift, and are going forward with fresh courage.

A SPRING EVENING.

On Tuesday, November 13th, a novel evening was spent in Gore, when some hundred young ladies, in response to an invitation from Mesdames T. Landels and G. C. Smith, attended the Gaiety Hall to participate in what was aptly termed a Spring Evening. The hall is charming at any time, and the flower

decorations added to the effectiveness of the scene. The guest of the evening, whom the girls were asked to meet, was Miss McCorkindale, a lady of much travel and wide experience, who gave a delightful and helpful talk. It was a treat to have such a capable speaker with us. Right from the commencement the speaker had her hearers captivated. Her choice of language and the intensity of her appeal, as she counselled her hearers in the "spring time" of life to hold the torch high, will long live in the memory of those fortunate enough to be present.

The address, which obviously created a deep impression, was listened to with rapt attention, and at its conclusion Miss McCorkindale received an ovation, and was presented with a pretty flower spray.

A delightful programme of recitations, instrumental and vocal items, added greatly to the charm of the evening. A dainty supper terminated a most helpful and inspiring evening, which was pronounced a great success.

The girls were enthusiastic over the pleasure the evening had given them. Many expressed themselves as delighted with Miss McCorkindale's address—"they could have listened all night." If she ever comes South again we can give her a very hearty reception, and we hope that may occur before long.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL "CRADLE ROLL PARTY."

About one hundred children and fifty mothers were entertained at a very successful and enjoyable "Cradle Roll" party held in the Vivian Street Baptist Schoolroom on Friday afternoon, November 23rd. The day was so fine that the smallest members were able to be present and enjoy the fun made for them by Mr Denton with all sorts of weird and wonderful toys he had gathered on a recent world tour. Several of the children recited very nicely, and Mr Denton gave a short address on always being cheerful, illustrating by drawings on the blackboard, which delighted the little ones. Tea was served at long tables, laden with good things, which were heartily enjoyed. Members of the Union assisted the Cradle Roll Superintendents in seeing that the mothers were well looked after, and a very happy afternoon was spent by all.

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AKA AKA.—Nov. 28. Mrs Anderson presided, six present. The article, "A White Ribboner! Why?" was read, and a report of District Convention given. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Anderson; Sec., Mrs J. K. Hull; Treas., Miss D. Shuker; W.R. Agent, Miss Marion Sedgwick; Cradle Roll, Mrs Anderson.

ASHBURTON.—Nov. 7. Ensign Mrs Moore presided, moderate attendance. Prayer on behalf of the coming Poll. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs W. Bennett, Mrs A. Lloyd, and Mrs Staples in bereavement, also with members who are sick. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all those who took part in the Refreshment Booth at the Gala on Labour Day, especially to the members of the Y. Branch, also to those ladies who undertook the decorating of the Car for the Procession. Arrangements were made to assist on Polling Day, and to cater for the workers. Tea was served, and Miss E. S. Gaarder submitted a splendid report of Christchurch District Convention, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for her interesting and comprehensive address.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting, Ensign Mrs Moore presided; good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs T. Lush in the loss of her sister. The Gala Committee wrote acknowledging receipt of Resolution forwarded re Drink in Domain on Labour Day, also enclosing balance-sheet, and cheque for £24 12s. 8d., half proceeds Quick Lunch Counter, at the Gala. Decided to acknowledge same with thanks. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Mr W. H. Robinson for his valuable assistance. A donation of £10 was forwarded to the Y. Branch, in recognition of their splendid services. Officers and Superintendents' reports were submitted, revealing much work done. Treasurer's report showed a credit-balance and increased membership. The "White Ribbon" Agent reported 106 subscribers paid up to date. The reports were adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the Officers and Superintendents. Resolutions were passed, strongly protesting against the running of Sunday trains, and the granting of a Brewery License in Ashburton. Election of officers as follows:—Pres., Ensign Mrs Moore; Treas., Mrs A. Saunders; Sec., Miss E. Trevurza; "W.R." Agent, Miss A. Watson. The present Superintendents were re-appointed with the exception of the "Social," when Mrs Thornton was appointed Co-venor, and the Cradle Roll and Rest Tent Departments were held over until next meeting. The Vice-Presidents were also re-appointed, the name of Mrs A. J. Petrie being added thereto. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies who were in charge of Rest Tent at the A. & P. Show, to Mrs Robinson, representative for the Union on the S.C. District Executive, to Mrs E. M. Begg for collecting donations to A. & P. and Winter Show Prize Funds, and to the Press. Letters of cheer and Xmas greetings were directed to be sent to a number of members, unable, through various causes, to attend the meetings. With an exchange of the season's compliments, the Benediction was pronounced, and the meeting closed till 1929.

AUCKLAND.—Nov. 13. Annual meeting, good attendance. Message from the Dominion President read to the meeting. The election of Mr Hoover to the Presidency of U.S.A., gave an optimistic tone to the meeting. A special season of prayer was held, asking for victory on the Licensing Poll. The report of the Secretary showed a year of steady work. The Treasurer's report and balance-sheet was satisfactory. Interesting reports were received from the following Departments: Evangelistic, Maori, Prison Work, War Memorial Library, Bible-in-Schools, Press, Cradle Roll, Peace and Arbitration, "White Ribbon." A letter of thanks was received from the Treasurer of the Willard Home, thanking the Union for their parcel and donation to the Home. The officers were re-elected. Miss Maunder was elected a

Vice-President in the place of Mrs Hutchinson, who has returned to Australia. One new member was initiated. Votes of thanks were passed to the Officers and Superintendents for their work during the past year.

BLLENHEIM.—Dec. 4. The annual meeting, Mrs Smith (President) presided. Large attendance. Reports from each department and balance-sheet were read and adopted. Twelve prizes are being awarded for Temperance Essays to children in the Fourth Standards and Junior High School. Four of our members gave five-minutes' prepared speeches; the subjects were: "Our Motto," "Why we Wear the White Ribbon Badge," "Friendship," "The Story of the Crusade." On account of ill-health, our very beloved Treasurer, Miss T. Pike, has had to retire. The election of officers:—Pres., Mrs W. M. Smith; Sec., Mrs W. Jackson; Treas., Not appointed; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Braddock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. D. Pike.

BLACKBALL.—Nov. 8. Very pleasant and well-attended Home meeting at the residence of the Secretary, Mrs J. C. Sneddon. Mrs Richards, of Christchurch, gave a very interesting address, which was listened to with interest. Five new members joined and were initiated. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

All members and a great number of friends met in Presbyterian Church in the evening, to hear Mrs Richards give a most inspiring address on "Evils of Drink," all feeling greatly uplifted by such an interesting and earnest talk. She received a hearty vote of thanks, members expressing the wish that she may be able to visit us in the future. A short programme of solos and recitations was given.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Mrs Richards presided. Votes of sympathy with Rev. and Mrs Armour, Mrs Israelson, Rev. and Mrs Williams in bereavement, and with relatives of Mrs Fleck. Congratulations to Mrs T. E. Taylor on her appointment to the Advisory Committee of World's W.C.T.U. Mrs Richards gave interesting account of her visit to the West Coast.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting, Miss Henderson presided; attendance good. Vote of sympathy with King to be forwarded to Governor-General. Votes of sympathy with Mesdames Adkins and Turner. Yearly report showed good work done, chiefly in connection with Licensing Poll. Members had helped at Unemployment Depot. Departmental reports showed good work. All the officers re-elected.

CARTERTON.—Nov. 28. Annual meeting, Mrs Every presided; large attendance. Reports of different departments read and adopted. The annual report showed the branch had had a busy year, in all, 40 meetings and a Street Sale had been held. Seventeen new members had been gained, making the present membership 103, with 59 babies on the Cradle Roll. A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs W. E. Gallon, also with Mrs Williams, whose little daughter was very ill. Rev. Liddell gave a short address, bidding members not to be discouraged at the result of the poll, for right must ultimately win the day. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Every; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Welch, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Jansen; Rec. Sec., Mrs Madden; Cor. Sec., Mrs Raine; Treas., Mrs Hurley; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Sayers; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson; Press Reporter, Mrs Janson; Organist, Mrs C. Jones. On behalf of the members, Mrs Every presented Mrs Kennerley with some stainless cutlery, a rose bowl and two beautiful bouquets, and wished her God-speed in her new home in Levin. A dainty afternoon tea provided by the members.

CAMBRIDGE.—Nov. 21. Annual meeting; a busy afternoon. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Social at the opening meeting next year, as a means for raising funds for Willard Home. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Easter for mounting ten Temperance charts, and a Sewing "Bee" was arranged to bind these before having them placed in the school. A good year's work has been done, and eight new members are reported. The President expressed disappointment at the defeat of prohibition at the poll, but all are agreed that we will win yet.

COLLINGWOOD.—Nov. 30. Ten members present. Letter read acknowledging donation of £1 2s. to Willard Home. Balance-sheet read and passed. President read an address re work done, and to be done. Election of officers:—Mrs Jamieson unani-

mously elected President; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Corney and Holland; Sec., Mrs Brown; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corney. Afternoon tea served.

DARGAVILLE.—Nov. Meeting held; Mrs Page presided. Elected officers for coming year. Decided to hold next meeting in February.

DUNEDIN.—Nov. 5. The first half-hour was spent in prayer. Mrs Heitt occupied the chair, and explained at length the new methods relating to the Postal and Absentee Voting. Mrs Dick reported a very successful Y. meeting, commenting favourably on the ability of the young women to conduct their meetings. Miss Powell gave a brief report of Miss Every's address on "Maternal Welfare," given at the Otago Women's Club. The Treasurer (Mrs Garden) gave a successful statement of a Bring and Buy Sale, held at Mrs Wright's residence, "Kew," which augmented the Organising Fund considerably.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting, good attendance of members. Mention was made of the passing away of one of our earliest members, Mrs E. B. Millar, who joined our Union when Mrs Mary Leavitt visited New Zealand in 1885, passed away on Monday, at the age of 84 years. Mrs Don represented our Union at the grave. Mrs Millar was the Instructress of the Technical Schools inaugurated by the W.C.T.U., and later taken over by the Government. The Secretary, Mrs Douglas, reported 306 paid-up members, 204 babies on Cradle Roll, 20 homes visited by Superintendent Cradle Roll, 11 Home meetings held during the year. White Ribbon report showed a loss of five members for the year. Decided to consider ways and means for raising money for Headquarters next year. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Hiatt; Rec. Sec., Mrs Alexander, and Mrs Douglas, Cor. Sec. Adjourned until February, meetings to be held in the evening.

DANNEVIRKE.—Nov. 8. Twelve members present. Decided to order fifty Young People's Supplements, to be distributed to our young people. Letter received from Mrs Leask, District President, asking that we pray, especially on Monday, November 12th, for success at the poll; we decided to pray at 6-7, 12-2 and 6-7 in the evening. For Willard Home we sent 30s., also parcels of clothing. Afternoon tea. Election of officers:—Mrs Walker being unanimously elected President; Mrs Walker, with Mrs Sharpley Assistant, Treasurer; Mrs Nicholson, Secretary; Mrs Wright, W.R. Agent; Mrs Chote, Cradle Roll Supt., with Mrs McKenzie, Assistant.

EPSOM.—Nov. 22. Annual meeting; Mrs Benfell presided over a good attendance of members. Letter of greeting received from Mrs Neal; one in reply to be sent to her in Toronto, also to Mrs Bendeley for Xmas time. Reports of year's work were read by Secretary, Treasurer, Cradle Roll Supt., and W.R. Supt. Each Department has done satisfactory work, and as a Union, we feel encouraged to begin the New Year with all that it may bring us. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Pirritt; Vice-Pres., Mrs Neal, Ryan, Judson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs McKillop; Sec., Mrs Carr; Treas., Mrs Armstrong; Birthday League, Mrs Beaumont; Evangelistic, Mrs Worsley. Afternoon tea, followed by collection, brought the year's work to a close.

EDEN.—Nov. 28. Annual meeting, Mrs Hayr presided; small attendance. Mrs Lee-Cowie, with her ever-encouraging remarks, advised us to be like the boy who learned to skate well "by just getting up and going on again." Satisfaction was expressed in the victory of certain dry members for Parliament, over two wets in Auckland electorates. Annual report was read, showing that willing workers had been busy during the year; the financial membership stands at 73; of these, 23 joined since Convention. The usual dues were passed for payment and the balance-sheet read, showing a small credit-balance. £2 was donated to Willard Home. Afternoon tea. Election of officers conducted by Mrs Lee-Cowie:—Pres., Mrs Hayr; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clark; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnston; Treas., Mrs Evans; W.R. Agent, Mrs O. Donnell; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Ramsay.

EDENDALE (Auckland).—Nov. Annual meeting, Mrs Pine presided. Arrangements made for Polling Day. The election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Mackay, Dominion

Road; Sec. (pro. tem.) Mrs Kiff; Treas., Mrs May. Good attendance.

FENCOURT.—Mrs Simpson in the chair. Attendance fair. Convention reports read, and a vote of thanks passed to the delegate. Literature (three kinds) were given out to the members for distribution. 12th, a special prayer meeting was held in the Church, in connection with the Polling Day.

GREYTOWN.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting, nine present; four apologies from sick members. The President expressed regret at result of election, but determination to work hard and keep a good heart. Mrs Anker reported on L.T.L. Department. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs H. Morrison; Vice-Pres., Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Norrie and Miss Oates; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; L.T.L. Supts., Mrs Anker and Mrs Norrie; Evangelistic, Mrs J. Allan; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates. Mrs Every spoke words of help and uplift.

GORE.—Nov. 27. Our new President, Mrs Harper, presiding. A resolution was passed, deploring that the Angling Club had advertised and arranged a Sunday picnic, also that the Railway Department was running an excursion train to Dunedin next Sunday. The following District Officers were welcomed:—Pres., Mrs E. C. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mrs F. M. Beattie; Cor. Sec., Mrs Henry Smith; Rec. Sec., Mrs Mirams; Treas., Mrs D. B. Stevenson. Mrs E. C. Smith responded and related some items of interest from the District Convention held in Invercargill, and also spoke of the "Spring Evening" for business girls, to enable them to meet Miss McCorkindale, the results being gratifying. Mrs Mirams handed in £5 15s. for Willard Orphanage, as the result of L.T.L. Concerts. The Bring and Buy Sale resulted in £3 16s. 4d. for the Organising Fund, which will be increased through promises of absent members.

HAVELOCK NORTH.—Nov. 23. Annual meeting, good attendance; Mrs Speight presiding. Annual report read and adopted; very satisfactory. Treasurer's report showed a small balance. Afternoon tea. Votes of thanks recorded to officers for faithful work during past year, and determination expressed to carry on until victory. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Waugh and Miss Elliott; Cor. Sec., Miss Hill; Rec. Sec., Mrs Gloyne; Treas., Mrs Webb; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Fraser.

HENDERSON.—Nov. Annual meeting, Miss Duncan in the chair. Secretary's report showed that interest had not flagged during the year. Treasurer's report was read and adopted, showing the Union still financial in spite of extra donations, £1 1s. to Organising Fund and £1 to Convention. During the year, a Birthday Is. Fund was started, this to be quite optional. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Platt; Vice-Pres., Miss Duncan, Mrs Perkins, Mrs Yearbury; Sec., Mrs McKay; Treas., Mrs W. Williams; Cradle Roll, Mrs Yearbury; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan; Look-Out Member, Mrs Forsen Stuart; Reporter, Mrs W. Williams. Mothers' Day to be held in Methodist Church, 2nd Wednesday in December. Secretary asked to send a letter of sympathy and congratulation to our President, Mrs Platt. Much regret was expressed at result of Poll; we can only be thankful that restoration was not carried in our electorate.

Nov. 30. Social Evening: Mrs W. Williams was in the chair, eighty present. Mrs Kasper's address to children was splendid, and showed how very important it is for our children to make a good start in life. The essays were read by Mr Haythornthwaites, Chairman of School Committee. They were very good essays, and showed the children had a very fine grasp of the subject. Mrs Kasper then presented prizes with cheery, suitable remarks. Musical items, recitations, songs and competitions followed, children taking part in them all. Supper was served by W.C.T.U. ladies, and a very pleasant evening closed by singing "God Save the King" soon after 10 p.m.

HAWERA.—Nov. 30. Annual meeting, Mrs Exley presided; good attendance. Much regret was expressed at the resignation of our President on account of ill-health. Mrs Hill also resigned as Evangelistic Superintendent, and Mrs Hayward as Secretary. Members spoke of the worth of these sisters, and of the great help they had been to the Union. Reports were received from different

branches of work. Report re "Shop Day" held during the month. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Curtis and Hurrell, after which Mrs Curtis presented a posy of flowers to the retiring President, Secretary, and Evangelistic Superintendent. The election of President was held over till next meeting in January, also Secretary and Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Squire consenting to act as Secretary at next meeting. All other officers re-elected.

INVERCARGILL NORTH.—Nov. 26. Annual meeting. Mrs Fairbairn presided, and gave a stimulating address based on the text, "Have Faith in God." The reports read by the Secretary, the Treasurer and Cradle Roll Superintendent, all showed that good work had been done, and that the branch is in a flourishing condition. Mrs Martin gave an interesting account of District Convention held on November 7th, at which she was a delegate. It was agreed to donate prizes to three of the Primary schools in Invercargill for a Temperance Essay to be written by Standard Five pupils, the subject being, "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body." The officers for the ensuing year are:—Mrs Chalmers, President; Mrs Martin, Vice-President; Miss Langskail, Secretary; Mrs Laytham, Treasurer; Mrs Holmes, Evangelistic Supt.; Mrs Fraser, Cradle Roll; Mrs Walker, Notable Days.

KAIAPOI.—Nov. 28. Mrs Vickery (Pres.) in the chair. The reports of the various officers were received, and the following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Vickery; Vice-Pres., Mrs Slade, Mrs Brighting, Mrs Hurcus; Sec., Mrs Rinaldi; Asst. Sec., Mrs Blackwell; Treasurer, Miss Evans; Supt. Band of Hope, Mrs Chapman; Treas. Band of Hope, Mrs Keetley; Supt Cradle Roll, Mrs Warren; Supt. W.R., Mrs Phillips; Supt. Hall Committee, Mrs Rinaldi; Hall Committee, Mrs Stocking and Mrs Warren.

LAWRENCE.—Nov. 27. Mrs Haworth presiding. Remit from Mr Wilson, Hastings, endorsed by Union. Decided to send congratulatory letter to Mrs Don and Mrs J. B. McKinlay. Annual report read and confirmed on motion of Mrs Bowie and Mrs J. McKinlay.

LOWER HUTT.—Nov. 28. Annual meeting, Mrs Lopdell presiding. Reports for the year's work were given, and were very encouraging, showing an increase in members and also an added interest in the meetings, subjects being taken by individual members. We have 158 babies on the Cradle Roll, and a very energetic Superintendent in Mrs Heyes, Snr. Credit-balance of £3 16s. 11d. for the year. White Ribbon Agent reports several new subscribers. Meetings have been reported in Hutt News, and White Ribbon. Increasing advantage has been taken of Library. Sick visiting has been carried out and appreciated by those visited. Mrs Tait gave a recitation, and solos were sung by Mrs Aldersley and Mrs Spencer. As our Secretary, Mrs Aldersley, was retiring from office after a good many years' service, the members took the opportunity of showing their appreciation of her splendid work by presenting her with a dinner-waggon and a bouquet of flowers. Another presentation was made to our retiring Treasurer, Mrs Heyes, Jr., who has always been at her post and ready to do anything to help, the present being a vase and bouquet of flowers. After afternoon tea, the election of officers took place:—Pres., Mrs Anderson; Sec. left over till New Year; Treas., Mrs Turner; W.R. Agent, Mrs Shearer; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Snr.

LEIGH.—Nov. 29. Annual meeting at Mrs Grigg's residence; small attendance. Officers elected are:—Mrs Grigg, Pres.; Mrs Gozar, Sec. and Treas.; Mrs D. A. Matheson, Vice-Pres. and Supt. of the L.T.L.; Miss R. Matheson, Cradle Roll Supt.; Mrs J. Torkington, Reporter. Mrs J. C. Wyatt resigned as W.R. Agent. Arrangements were made to hold a Cradle Roll Picnic during the holidays. Afternoon tea.

LINWOOD.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting, over 30 present. The Secretary's annual report showed a good year's work, members having given assistance to the local Relief Depot, the Linwood Band of Hope, and the Linwood Prohibition League, and also helped on Polling Day. Two Home meetings had been held. Union commenced with twelve members. Report showed 31 all paid-up. W.R. Agent reported five new subscribers. An excellent report of the District Conven-

tion was given by Mrs Mackie. Afternoon tea was then served by the Executive, a feature of it being the Birthday Cake to celebrate our 1st Birthday. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs J. Richards; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Sharpe; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Palk; Treas., Mrs F. Fuller; W.R. Agent, Mrs Black; Pianist, Miss Snell; Superintendents: Cradle Roll, Mrs L. A. King; Evangelistic, Miss G. Buchanan; Scientific Temperance, Mrs F. Grigg; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs C. Mackie; Notable Days, Miss A. Buchanan; Good Citizenship, Miss Vinicombe; Social Committee, Mesdames Coates, Boch, Mackie, Sussex, Wealleans; Misses Vinicombe (2) and Miss Kearn. A collection was taken up for the Willard Home. Four new members were initiated, and more have expressed their intention of joining next year. An invitation was given to members to attend Home meeting, to be given by Mrs Mackie.

LEVIN.—Nov. 9. Mrs Cummins (Pres.) presided; fair attendance. Discussion took place re the catering for Polling Day; it was brought to a very satisfactory issue, all members were quite willing to help. Decided that a prayer meeting be held on Monday, November 12th; pleased to say the fifteen members were present on that date, most of them taking part in petitioning the Throne of Grace for help and guidance on Polling Day.

MANAIA.—Nov. Mrs Robinson presiding. Reports showed that though the number of active members had been small, it had been possible to carry on the year's work, which had ended with a credit-balance financially, and promises of increasing membership. The Union's work on Election Day, in providing meals for scrutineers and voters, had been particularly successful. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Robinson; Sec., Mrs Hansen; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Payne; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mercer; Sick Visitors, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Payne; Press Reporter, Mrs Hansen. It was agreed to attempt to encourage Maori interest during the coming year, and that each member should make a special effort to bring with her either a new member or a visitor to the first meeting, to be held on the second Tuesday in February, at the Methodist Vestry.

MAKOTUKU.—Nov. 13. Fair number present; annual meeting. All officers were re-elected. Mrs Fothergill presided, and, during the election of officers, Miss Heaton took charge and gave an interesting little address. A box is to be sent to Willard Home Adjourned till February. Afternoon tea.

N.E. VALLEY.—Nov. Good attendance; Mrs Peart in the chair. Sympathy expressed with Mrs Moss in her illness, and Mrs Bruce, of Timaru, welcomed. Remit re Organisers to be sent to Headquarters. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Peart; Sec., Miss Beggs; Treas., Mr Sanders. Mrs Don gave most interesting address on "Early Days of W.C.T.U."

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Nov. 21. A special meeting to hear Superintendents' reports for the year; twenty members present. Letter read from League of Nations, reminder of sub. due. Decided to link up with the local branch. A great work has been done amongst the Maoris and seamen, many services have been held with good attendances. Country Band of Hope, Cradle Roll and White Ribbon, all show signs of activity with good membership.

Nov. 28. Annual meeting, over fifty present; Mrs Jones presided. Report of Seamen's Rest showed 442 visits during the month, making a total of nearly 5,000 visits from seamen during the year. Miss Sole reported visiting the Hospital twice every month, and also visiting sick members. The Secretary's report was read and adopted. Treasurer's report, adopted, showed a credit-balance in both general and Sailors' Rest funds. A vote of thanks to Mrs X. Jones, retiring President. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs J. Craig, "Craigneuk," Powderham Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hughes; Cor. Sec., Mrs Jemison, Pendarves Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chapman, Leach Street; Treas., Miss Drew; Sailors' Rest Committee, Mesdames Douglas, Brash, Griffin, with officers.

NORTH BRIGHTON.—Nov. 20. Annual meeting, Miss B. M. Harband, J.P., presided; large attendance. President thanked members for assistance at pre-Poll Rally and

Parade. Annual report most satisfactory, showing membership of 69. Cradle Roll membership, 43. Satisfactory reports from all departments of work. Deputation appointed to wait on local School Committee re Bible-in-Schools Movement. Reported that talks on Scientific Temperance delivered to this Union by Miss Harband, had been typed and sent to other Unions. Following officers elected:—Pres., Miss B. M. Harband; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Beaton, Leaver and Goring; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Henry; Bible-in-Schools, Sabbath Observance and Devotional Supt., Mrs C. Dixon; Philanthropic, Mrs Pepperell; Cradle Roll, Mrs Taylor; Press Reporter, Mrs Leaver; Y. Supt., Mrs Leaver; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Scott; Notable Days, Mrs Lawson; Sec. (pro. tem.) Mrs Goldman; Treas., Mrs J. F. Eames. President farewelled Mrs R. Parker, who has been Secretary of the Union since its inception, but is leaving shortly to reside in Ashburton, and presented her with a bouquet and a small gift for her children. A song was contributed by Mrs Goldman.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Nov. 15. Very well-attended; Mrs Hall in the chair. A report of the recent Sunday Parade was given by the President, who thanked all who had worked to make this function a success. Thanks were also due to many members who had worked at the polling booths on Election Day. A motion of sympathy was passed with four members, who had recently suffered bereavement. An excellent reading from F. W. Borehan's book, "The Angel and the Iron Gate," was given by Mrs Hall. A Committee comprising Mesdames Wilson, Borgelty and Miss Bailantyne, were elected to wait on prospective officers re their nomination for election at the annual meeting.

NORMANBY.—Nov. 7. At the residence of Mrs Bevan; good attendance of members; President in the chair. Correspondance from Mrs Peryman and Alliance read. Plans for the coming election were arranged. Afternoon tea served by our hostess, to whom was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

NAPIER.—Dec. 6. The annual meeting. The Secretary's report read and received. All departments of our work are steadily growing, most noticeable being the Cradle Roll (Mrs Saunders, Supt.), now 72 members; she has paid 95 visits to homes; a hearty vote of thanks accorded her. Mrs Saunders is also Superintendent of Prison Work Department; money and clothes have been sent, also personal help given to discharged prisoners; clothes are badly needed for both men and women. Six Home meetings have been held, resulting in the addition of 25 new members. Loyal Temperance Leagues are regularly meeting, both at Taradale and at Willard Hall; Taradale has 35 members. Hospital visiting is in the capable hands of Mrs Ball; vote of thanks passed. A special vote was accorded Mr Wilson, who grows flowers, especially for the hospital visiting. Gifts of books, jam, etc., was gratefully acknowledged. £2 was voted to Mrs Ball to help in getting things for the sick folk. Decided to finish the year in November in the future. "White Ribbon," our official paper, has 62 subscribers, an increase of seven. The year 1929 will begin by a Garden Party, to be held in February; this being Frances Willard Day, a suitable paper or talk will be arranged later. Election of officers:—Mrs Leask, Pres.; Mrs Brocklehurst, Rec. Sec.; Mrs Hull, Cor. Sec.; Mrs Wilkinson, Treas.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, McAllister, Hull, Cox and Saunders; Literature, Mrs Donnelly; Railway Box, Mrs Ingram; Cradle Roll and Prison Work, Mrs Saunders; L.T.L., Mrs Ranecht, Supt. for Taradale; Mrs Pepperell for Napier; Mrs Oliver, Home Meetings; Mrs Mens, W.R. Agent; Mrs Leask, Maori, Evangelistic, Scientific and Moral Hygiene; Mrs Brocklehurst, Press. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr Oldham for his untiring help in all affairs of our work; as Trustee and Auditor his help is invaluable and ever ready. Mrs Wilson was also given a vote of thanks for her assistance and words of advice and encouragement.

OTAHUHU.—Dec. 6. Annual meeting; the President, Mrs Greenwood, in the chair. We have gained through the year nine new members, five of those through the Home meeting, which is a new department of our work. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Greenwood; Vice-Pres., Mrs Venables and

Mrs Muir; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor; Treas., Mrs Hall; Cradle Roll, Mrs Handerside; W.R. Agent, Mrs West; Home Meetings, Mrs Johnston; Birthday League, Mrs Redshaw (this is a new department); Evangelistic, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Muir and Mrs Venables. Proposed that we either start an L.T.L. or a Y. Branch, Mrs McArthur to be in charge. The year has been very encouraging, the members are taking more interest in the Union, and our meetings are made interesting and profitable, and, as time goes on, we hope to start other departments of our work.

ONEHUNGA.—Nov. 8. Miss Holden addressed our meeting, and told us of what she had heard and seen during her four years' stay in America. All thoroughly enjoyed her address, and a hearty vote of thanks was given. Arrangements were made for helpers on Polling Day.

PONSONBY.—Nov. 15. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a large attendance, and spoke hopefully of the future, and emphasised the great victory of prohibition in America as shown in the election of Mr Hoover as President. Mrs Stanton gave an interesting talk on the "Mission Work in Japan." Decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr A. J. Stallworthy, our Band of Hope Organiser, who has just become a Member of Parliament.

Dec. 6. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided. Miss C. M. McLay presided over the election of officers. Our much loved President having to resign, a resolution was passed making her a Life Member, and a letter of appreciation and much regret be sent to her. The following officers and Superintendents were elected:—Pres., Miss L. M. Read; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lee-Cowie, Kasper and Williams; Cor. Sec., Mrs Farrand; Rec. Sec., Mrs Joiner; Treas., Miss T. Pyle; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews; Evangelistic, Mrs Bragg; Social and Tea, Mrs Logan; Sabbath Observance and Anti-Gambling, Mrs Farrand; Bible-in-Schools, Mrs Paterson; Sick Visiting and Flower, Mrs Stewart; Prison and Mental Hospital Visiting, Mrs Wakelin; Good Citizenship, Mrs Joiner; Press, Mrs Turnbull; Birthday League, Mrs Miller; W.R. Agent and Notable Days was left over until next meeting. The attendance was good, and strawberries and cream provided by Mrs Lee-Cowie, were much appreciated.

PLEASANT POINT.—Nov. Presided over by Mrs McNeur; a wet day, few present. Sent £1 to the Willard Home. Arranged to hold Street Stall at the beginning of December. Literature was handed round. Afternoon tea.

PUKEHUA.—Two extra meetings held at the Poll was so close; all well-attended, also the Band of Hope meetings, which have been most encouraging. October 26th a great pleasure; a visit from Mrs Lee-Cowie, who gave of her best, and proved a real uplift. Five new members. On Sunday night also, she spoke to a large and appreciative audience, two more new members, bringing our membership up to 19.

Nov. 8. Twenty-five present; Mrs C. N. Taylor, President of the Tangitoria Branch, gave an address on "Social Purity," and pleaded with the mothers not to leave their boys and girls ignorant of those things they ought to know for their own protection. A vote of thanks was passed to the Y.M.C.A. Secretary for free use of hall.

PAPANUI.—Nov. 8. Mrs Simpson presided; good attendance. Cradle Roll Day, a good many children present and their mothers. Letter from Mrs T. E. Taylor, urging members to observe a day of prayer before the coming Poll. Appeal made for scrutineers for Polling Day. Mrs Lowry gave interesting address on "Influence of Parents on the Character of their Children;" a hearty vote of thanks to speaker. Afternoon tea, and each child presented with a basket of sweets.

PETONE.—Nov. 6. President presided; many members absent through sickness. Members offered to help with refreshments on Election Day, also go out with cars.

Nov. 21. A very pleasant afternoon spent at the residence of Mrs Corner, a good number of members and friends being present. Miss Kirk, J.P., District President, being the speaker, urged us not to be downhearted at the results of the election. We must just go on working and praying and educating and trust in God, and He will give us victory. Mrs Battersby also spoke. Songs

were given by Miss Battersby, Jr., and Mrs Caldwell. Afternoon tea was served. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the hostess, speakers and singers.

RANGIORA.—Nov. 30. Annual meeting; good attendance, Mrs Thwaites presiding. Report and balance-sheet showed that a successful year's work had been accomplished. The Superintendents of the various departments reported 39 subscribers to "White Ribbon," an increase of six for the year; 103 names on Cradle Roll, an increase of 40; 80 members in Band of Hope; 34 in Y. Branch; and 34 in the L.T.L. at Southbrook. New office-bearers elected were:—Vice-Pres., Mesdames C. S. Ayers, C. J. Rosevear and F. B. Lane; Treas., Mrs W. Keir; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs L. James; W.R. Agent, Mrs S. A. Ayers. The remaining office-bearers were all re-elected. The meeting endorsed the resolution adopted in Wellington by the Dominion Officers of the W.C.T.U., in respect to the election of the American President, etc. Prizes were again donated to the Southbrook, Fernside and Rangiora Borough Schools, for essays on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body."

RICCARTON.—Nov. 15. Annual meeting; attendance good. President (Mrs Barrell) read from Isaiah, chapter 40, conveying message of comfort confirming promise of God to down-trodden people of Israel. Reported that about 15 of our members had assisted in various ways on Election Day. Letter read from Superintendent Social and Moral Hygiene. Decided to send for pamphlets for distribution. Secretary's report read, and proved a very satisfactory year. Reports of Superintendents of the different departments worked were given, each one showing that good work is being done. Election of officers resulted in present officers being re-elected. Owing to Mrs James leaving, Mrs Pitt was appointed Devotional Leader. Donations amounting to about £5 were authorised to be distributed among charities and relief organisations. £1 be sent to Trustees Clarence Road Church. Resolved to place wreath on Mrs Fairbairn's grave at Xmas. Next meeting February.

RUNANGA.—Nov. 8. Mrs Robertson (President) in the chair; good attendance. Election of officers:—Mrs Robertson, President; Mrs Rafferty, Vice-Pres.; Mrs Flood, Sec.; Mrs Rae, Treas.; Mrs Long, Cradle Roll; Mrs Downes, W.R. Agent. Decided to hold our meetings second Wednesday in the month in the afternoon, instead of evenings; expect more members to attend.

SOUTH BRIGHTON.—Dec. 4. Mrs G. W. Weavers presided over a good attendance. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted, the latter showing a credit-balance of £2 10s. 5d. Vote of thanks to Mr Milne for auditing the books. The election of officers resulted in:—Pres., Mrs G. W. Weavers; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Good; Sec., Mrs F. Trainor; Treas., Mrs L. Good; W.R. Agent, Mrs Milne. Votes of thanks passed to retiring members. Adjourned until March.

SHIRLEY (St. Alban's).—Nov. At the house of Mrs Jones. Mrs T. E. Taylor spoke other experiences in Honolulu. Eight new members joined.

Nov. 7. Two Maori Deaconesses sang duets in their own tongue, and gave a Poi action, and then gave an address on "The Evil of the Drink Traffic," saying how hard it was for them to fight against the evil, having no voting power. Closing meeting on December 6th. One new member joined. Afternoon tea.

SEFTON.—Nov. 29. Annual meeting, Mrs Thorne presiding; good attendance. Yearly reports were read and adopted. 10s. was donated to Willard Home, and 5s. for use of schoolroom. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs P. J. Thorne; Vice-Pres., Mrs Farrar, Mrs Ford and Miss McLean; Treas., Mrs G. Robertson; Sec., Mrs Withers; W.R. (pro. tem.) Mrs Thorne; Philanthropic and Press, Mrs Withers. Hearty vote of thanks to officers. Afternoon tea.

TIMARU.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting. Sympathy with two sick members. Letter of thanks for refreshments on Polling Day. Reports of District Convention, District Executive and Mrs T. E. Taylor's meetings. Fifteen shillings handed in for Campaign Fund. Report and balance-sheet adopted, and well discussed. Several suggestions

offered for improvements in New Year's work. Decided to have syllabus drawn up and posted to members before Christmas. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs. Norrie; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gordon, Butcher, Trotti, Low, Brown, Don, Seward; Sec., Mrs. Minifie; Treas., Miss Pearson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Cave; Superintendents:—Cradle Roll, Mrs. Klag; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Low; Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Gordon; Notable Days, Mrs. Butcher.

TE KUITI.—Nov. Very good meeting; Captain Allison presided. Mrs. Cole read a report of the Taumarunui Conference, and Mrs. Duncanson of the W.C.T.U. Convention. Special prayer offered for success at the Poll. New officers for 1929 were appointed:—Sec., Mrs. Elliott; Treas., Mrs. Cole; Rest Room, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hardy, Miss Sutherland; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hill; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Duncanson. Afternoon tea provided.

TE AWAMUTU.—Nov. 22. A very interesting meeting. Mr. De la Mare, of Hamilton, addressed a mixed audience upon the "Mental Defectives Bill." Questions were asked and answered. Two vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. C. H. Atkey and were much appreciated. The chair was taken by Mrs. Bright-Wilson, President. The following officers were also present:—Mrs. Enticott, Evangelistic Supt.; Mrs. B. McGeachie, Cradle Roll Supt.; Mrs. J. McGeachie, W.R. Supt.; Mrs. W. Alexander, Treas.

TUA MARINA.—Nov. 13. Mrs. Fordyce occupied the chair, good attendance. Miss McLay and friends from the Blenheim Branch of the Union present. Miss McLay gave an interesting and helpful address on "The Work and Aims of the W.C.T.U." Mrs. A. Burroughs was elected Vice-President, and one new member was initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

TURAKINA.—Nov. Annual meeting at the Manse; Mrs. Catherwood presiding. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer read, showing small balance. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported 11 on Roll. Mrs. Catherwood was appointed President, with Mesdames Gabites and Govenlock, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Gabites, W.R. Agent and Cradle Roll Supt., and Mrs. R. J. Glasgow, Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Catherwood and daughter entertained with afternoon tea.

TANGITERORIA.—Nov. 14. The fifth meeting of the Society; President, Mrs. C. N. Taylor, in the chair. Our adoption by the Epsom Branch was received with pleasure; discussion then took place as to the procuring of new members, Mrs. Taylor promising to visit as many of the homes in the district as was possible. After Devotional Service, the meeting then closed until February, 1929. Afternoon tea.

TAURANGA.—Attendance small. Though disappointed in one way with the result of the election, we feel very well satisfied in another, owing to our President's cheering point of view and superior knowledge. Afternoon tea. Decided we re-commence our meetings in February.

WAITARA.—Nov. 20. Annual Meeting; Mrs. Clayton presiding; fair attendance. Secretary, Treasurer and Cradle Roll reports were read and adopted, showing a fair year's work; 33 members, 36 Cradle Roll, and a credit-balance of £2 12s. Election of officers resulted in:—Pres., left over; Sec. (pro. tem.) Miss A. Bicheno; Treas., Mrs. Hughson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Smart; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Carrick; Captain of Salvation Army nominated Vice-President. Votes of thanks were passed to all the officers of the past year. Mrs. Carrick and Mrs. Smart, and Mrs. Hingley for past faithful services as W.R. Agent for a number of years and as Supt. of the Sailor's Rest Fund, also to the New Plymouth Union for organising a successful Social Evening for sailors, on behalf of the Waitara Union. Next meeting February 15th 1929.

WAIROA.—Band of Hope Tea; eighty children and several adults present. Items by the children and text recanted.

Nov. 13. Annual meeting. Officers:—Pres., Mrs. Stewart; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Pomfret; Sec., Mrs. Alexander; Treas. and Cradle Roll, Mrs. McDonald; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Telford. Two new members. Report and Balance-sheet read and adopted.

WHAKATANE.—Inaugural meeting held June. Miss Bradshaw gave address. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs. A. Waugh; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. Wilkinson, B.A.; Treas., Mrs. R. Turpin; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Brewster. Five very well-attended meetings have been held; we number about a dozen.

Papers given on "Frances Willard," by Mrs. Brewster, and "John B. Gough," by Mrs. Thompson. A Band of Hope has been formed, and has met with great support. Miss Preston Stanley spoke here, and was the guest of our President, Mrs. Waugh.

WARKWORTH.—Nov. 7. Mrs. Lee-Cowie presided. She gave a talk about "Alcohol as a Cell Poison," and some most interesting reminiscences of her work. Mrs. Ray Civil reported 23 White Ribbon subscribers. Officers elected:—Mrs. H. J. Phillips, Pres.; Mrs. Hamilton, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Geo. Civil, Treas.; Mrs. Herbert, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Thompson, Reporting Sec.; Mrs. Ray Civil, W.R. Agent.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.—Nov. 23. The annual meeting; the President, Mrs. Harry, in the chair. Satisfactory reports from Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendents of Departments. Appreciation of the work of the Union was mentioned by the President on Election Day, the Scrutineers in twelve booths being catered for. Death has removed two members during the year, Mrs. Russell, one of our first members, and Mrs. Hurley, both loved and esteemed by all. Sincere regret was felt in the loss of Miss Anderson as Cradle Roll Superintendent through ill-health, also of Miss Hamilton as W.R. Agent, through illness in the home. Both ladies have done great service in each of their Departments. A musical programme by the Misses Harry and Thawley was much enjoyed. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Peryman, who stressed the necessity of whole-heartedness and constancy in the work of educating the people in the matter of the evils of the liquor traffic. A Bring and Buy Stall, in charge of Mrs. Remington, was very successful.

WINTON.—Nov. 20. Annual meeting; the President, Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, occupied the chair; good attendance. Our membership is 43. Mrs. T. A. McWilliam gave an interesting report of District Convention. Officers elected:—Mesdames T. Walker, Pres.; J. P. McWilliam, T. A. McWilliam, J. Brown and P. Tait, Vice-Pres.; J. A. Wilson, Sec.; J. D. Campbell, Treas.; S. Smith, Cradle Roll Supt.; H. Hogg, Evangelistic Supt.; J. P. McWilliam, L.T.L. Supt.; and Dr. M. Gow, W.R. Agent. The retiring President thanked the members for their loyal support during her term of office, and a vote of thanks was passed to her. We gained six new members this year. Visits were paid to us by Mrs. Fairbairn and Miss McCorkindale. Collections were taken up for Frances Willard Day and T. E. Taylor Day. We held several Bring and Buy Sales. Donations sent to Willard Home and the Organising Fund. An Essay Competition for school children. "A Picture of New Zealand Under Prohibition" was held. Master James A. Pearce, Gap Road, being awarded first prize. Several excellent papers were read. Mrs. S. Smith, Cradle Roll Supt., reports a membership of 37. A Social Afternoon was held, and over 100 mothers and children were welcomed and spent a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Hogg, Evangelistic Supt., gave a splendid address to the mothers. Our L.T.L. membership is forty; bright and happy, also profitable meetings have been held. To all the office-bearers, our thanks are due for untiring efforts and to members for loyalty in attending meetings.

WYNDHAM.—Nov. 15. Annual meeting; Mrs. Adams presiding; good attendance. Secretary reported a good year, there being 22 paid-up members. Donations to Willard Home, Maori Mission and Organising Fund, amounted to £10, leaving a credit-balance of £1 2s. 1d. Mrs. Hopkins, delegate to District Convention, gave a full report of same. Members expressed regret that parents had failed to avail of the opportunity of voting out the curse of strong drink. The election resulted as follows:—Mrs. J. E. Adams, Pres.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. Shaw; Sec., Mrs. J. D. Hopkins; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Geo. Wilson, who reported five new subscribers. Miss Ayson reported a roll number of 56 for Band of Hope.

WAIPIKURAU.—Nov. 7. Annual meeting; Miss Burdett presided; good attendance. Election of officers:—Pres., Miss Burdett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Gore and Smiles; Hon. Sec., Mrs. Reid; Hon. Treas., Mrs. Dixon; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gilchrist; Cradle Roll Supt., Mesdames Smales and McKane. The President moved a very hearty vote of thanks to our retiring Hon. Treasurer, a record of her long and faithful service to be recorded in the minutes. Mrs.

Robinson, in replying, said she had always, during her 16 years' office done what she could, but felt that a woman with more time to put into the work, could do a great deal more for the local Union. 10s. was collected by a member from non-members, who were in sympathy with our Movement, but unable to attend meetings. A collection was taken for the Maori Fund.

Nov. 8. Special meeting to meet Mrs. Leask, of Napier, the District President. Miss Burdett occupied the chair and welcomed Mrs. Leask, who gave us an inspiring address on "The Power of Prayer;" the speaker quoted many instances of answered prayer taken from the Old Testament, and finally urged everyone to believe in our Lord's word in John 14:13, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that Will I do," especially in regard to the great Prohibition question. Decided to hold an united prayer meeting on Monday next, in accordance with the Dominion day of prayer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker. Afternoon tea.

WANGANUI EAST.—Nov. 7. Mrs. Duxfield presided. A silent vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Wight and family in their recent bereavement; letter to be sent Decided to obtain from Social and Hygienic Department, literature for distribution. The President reminded the members of the Peace meeting on Sunday night, and also that Miss Stanley, of Australia, would speak at After-Church Rally. An initiatory service was held, one new member.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting; Mrs. Duxfield presided. The Secretary's report was read and adopted, as was also the Treasurer's report, which showed a credit-balance of £6 14s. 4d. The Secretary's report showed that there were 92 financial members and one honorary member. Mrs. Melvin reported 43 White Ribbon subscribers, an increase of two. Miss Sutton reported that the Cradle Roll was now 65, an increase of 1-2. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the officers for their work during the past year, and it was decided to procure literature from the Social and Morals Hygiene Department for distribution. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Pres., Mrs. A. H. Duxfield; Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Andrew; Treas., Mrs. F. Brown; Vice-Pres., Mesdames King, Rimmer and McLeod; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Melvin; Notable Days, Miss Wallace; Cradle Roll, Miss Sutton; Evangelistic, Miss Sanson; Flower Mission and Philanthropic, Mrs. Goodacre; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs. Andrew; Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs. Larking; Hostel and Rest Room, Mrs. Duxfield; Home Meetings, Mrs. Goodacre. The following donations were allotted:—St. Alban's Trustees, £1; New Zealand Fund, £2 10s.; Headquarters Fund, £2. Decided to forward letters of thanks to the St. Alban's Trustees for the use of the Church and Schoolroom, and to the "Chronicle" and the "Herald" for their courtesy in reporting the meetings. It was decided to hold an Afternoon at Mrs. Goodacre's, 20 Jellicoe Street, on Friday next, December 7th, to farewell Miss Brine. The next meeting will be held on February 12th.

LATE REPORTS.

BALCLUTHA.—Oct. 2. Small meeting. Mrs. Stephens gave her report as delegate to the Mosgiel Convention. It is proposed to help children of Band of Hope to have their picnic on December 1st. Mr. Gibbs, as their President, has worked exceedingly well to strengthen them and uplift members, also getting others to join. To him we wish every success.

FIELDING.—Dec. 6. Annual meeting; good attendance; President in chair. Reports of the various departments showed that although we have lost several members this year by death and removal from the district, newly-joined members have enabled us to maintain our strength. The Treasurer reported a sound financial position. The Funeral Service was read in memory of Mrs. Emmerson and Miss Brown. Resolved that letters of sympathy be written to the relatives of the deceased ladies. All former officers re-elected.

HAMILTON.—Dec. 6. Thirtieth annual meeting; the President, Mrs. J. M. Jones, presided. The Secretary's report showed ten monthly, three Drawing-room, one Cradle Roll and two special meetings at

connection with Miss McCorkindale's work had been held during the year. The Literature Superintendent reported having sent out sixty periodicals with Temperance Facts each month to women in the Back Blocks. The Cradle Roll had an increase of 93 for the year, making a total of 343 on the Roll. The election of officers resulted in Mrs Jones, J.P., being re-elected as President; Mrs Johnstone, Rec. Sec. (re-elected), and Mrs Seale, Cor. Sec.; Mrs E. J. Davey, Treas. (re-elected); Mesdames Craig and Gilmour, Vice-Presidents; Mesdames Watson and Caldwell, W.R. Agents; Mrs Robertson and Literature; Miss Ambury and Mrs Mitchell, Cradle Roll; Mrs Moore, Press Reporter; Mrs Blakewell, Anti-Gambling; and Mrs Amos, Sabbath Desecration. A dainty afternoon tea was served. Three new members initiated.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Dec. 5. Mothers' Day, in connection with Cradle Roll held at Manse. Good attendance, many being prevented from attending, owing to distance. Musical programme carried out in Church. Mrs Knightbridge, Miss Edna Cullen and Miss Hazel Campbell contributing solos, which were much enjoyed. Papers were read by Mrs H. Flower and Mrs Pasley. Afternoon tea was dispensed under the trees, and much enjoyed by all present, especially the young folk. After a social chat meeting dispersed. With this meeting we close for 1928, and meet again in February, 1929.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.—Dec. Regardless of the set-back to National Prohibition admitted by Temperance workers in the recent election, members assembled in gratifying numbers. Election of officers as follows:—Pres., Mrs Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fairbairn, Mrs Macgregor and Mrs Parkin; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; Cor. Sec., Mrs Macgregor; Rec. Sec., Miss MacCallum; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs McKinnon; W.R. Agent, Miss McLauchlan; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Crozier; Good Citizenship, Mrs Parkin; Notable Days Supt., Mrs Parker; Maori Department Supt., Mrs Sharpe; Musical Supts. and Pianists, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Lea; Press Reporter, Mrs Reidy. Final arrangements made for the carrying on of the Tea Rooms and Rest Room at the A. & P. Show. Adoption of annual report.

THAMES.—Nov. 7. Mrs Richmond presided; fine attendance. Report of Convention read by Secretary.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting; Mrs Lambert presided; fair attendance. Mrs Cocks, of Paeroa, gave a very fine address. Two new members. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Singleton; Vice-Presidents (re-elected); Secretary (re-elected); and Mrs Richmond, Treasurer; Cradle Roll Supt. (re-elected); W.R. Agent, Mrs Scown. Two much-appreciated solos were rendered. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON.—Dec. 6. Annual meeting; fair attendance. In response to an invitation from the Mayor, several members contributed to the National Memorial and Art Gallery. A letter was received from the Dominion Treasurer, with reference to the proposed Headquarters for which the Union is now negotiating, and for this, Mrs Peryman urged members to work loyally so as to provide an educational centre for the younger generation. In love for the children, we must go forward in trust, knowing that God will give richly when we use His gifts for others. Each can give personal service, and help spread a knowledge of the facts as to which there is at present so much ignorance. America had just shown unmistakably, what she thought of Prohibition and of the Carlisle system of State Control the British Commission had shown disapproval by refraining to recommend the extension of the system. The annual report was read and adopted with hearty thanks to the Secretary, Mrs Webb, for faithful and devoted service. The Reserve Fund balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £1 15s. 7d., and the ordinary fund receipts to the amount of £42 12s. 11d., with a balance in hand of £1 13s. 4d. These were adopted, and, when afternoon tea had been dispensed, the election of officers was held, resulting as follows:—Pres., Mrs Mowlem; Sec., Mrs Webb; Treas., Miss Boxall; Asst. Treas., Miss Eileen Webb; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Chisholm and Murray. The President then wished members all happiness for the festive season and renewed vigour for the ensuing year, and the meeting closed.



Special For Our "Y" Members.

My Dear Y's,—

A very Happy Christmas to you all, and the Brightest of New Years. May you give royally of your time and talent in the service of others, and may the joy of service be yours.

Your Editor is rejoiced because this column is almost entirely contributed by our Y. members. Thank You! Do it again.

THE CONQUERING LIFE.

The voice of old by Jordan's floods
Yet floats upon the air;

We hear it in beatitude,
In parable and prayer.

And still the beauty of that life
Shines star-like on our way,
And breathes its calm amid the
strife
And burden of to-day.

Spirit of Jesus, still speed on!
Speed on thy conquering way,
Till every heart the Father own,
And all His will obey!

—A. L. HOSMER.

FACT.

Old lady on roadside on Sunday afternoon. Presbyterian Minister came along; old lady signalled him to stop; asked for a lift. After she had settled herself, she remarked, "I am a Methodist, you know, but, seeing that it was too far to walk to my own Church, I thought if I came with you, it would be better than nothing."—Told by the Minister with great glee.

FACTS FROM ASHBURTON Y's.

On Labour Day, a Gala was held in Ashburton, and great crowds assembled from as far as Timaru and Christchurch, to see the procession and the sports, etc.

A party of Maoris visited, and occupied one of our tents, giving entertainments. They also cooked a bullock in native fashion. When the oven was being opened and the cooked meat removed, one of the Maoris was speaking on the old customs of the tribe, telling how cooking, etc., was done in days gone by.

Now, on this special Gala Day, liquor had been brought in our dry district and the Maoris had been supplied with some, with the result that several of the young Maoris were drunk. When this man was speaking concerning how things were done in olden times, a man in the crowd shouted, "How did you make your home brew?"

A fine young Maori, stripped to the waist, well-built, and with fine features, looked straight at the speaker and said, "We brought our Maoris here to-day to meet the better class of Pakeha."

Recently, a Steam Roundabout and Chair-o-plane visited Ashburton, and before the managers left, one of them told a leading business man that Ashburton was among one of the few towns where he found well-dressed children and no ragged ones.

He said, in other towns, ragged children wait about the merry-go-round, and having no money ask for rides, but in Ashburton, he had not seen many ragged children, and all those who came had money.

Work on till victory comes. Prohibition is a success. Where men are not spending money on drink, the children are better off.

Mr A. L. Silcock, Graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, recently returned to his home at Ashburton.

In speaking to the Y's. at their meeting, he said that he had travelled by bus with the Institute Men's Glee Club, across America, visiting sixteen different States and all the largest cities, and that he had come back a prohibitionist. He believed that America was better off for being "dry," and said that in his travels in America, he could not recollect having seen it sold or having seen it being drunk.

Not long ago, Mr Hodder returned and told us practically the same thing. Are we to believe these men or the newspaper advertisements? Surely, our own young men.

SERVICE.

A PAPER PREPARED BY A LEVIN Y. AND READ AT THEIR MEETING.

For the few minutes in which I have to speak, I should like to say something about that which makes life really worth while—that which brings true happiness—happiness, not for a day, a week or a year, but a deep abiding joy which will run right through life here, and be with us when we stand before our Maker on that last great day. Something will cause Him to say, "I was anhungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Once, it seems to me religion meant to many people the getting of their own souls into Heaven. So busily were they living and praying for their own salvation, that the plight of other souls never entered their thoughts. To-day, everywhere the idea and ideal which is gripping the minds of men is, that once the soul and the life have been surrendered to God, to forget them in loving service for others is the only true way of life. Was it not Wilberforce, the great man who did so much for the abolition of slavery, who, upon being

asked by a lady of enquiring mind: "Mr Wilberforce, what of your own soul?" replied: "Madam, I had forgotten that I had a soul." I think we know what he meant. He had given his soul unreservedly into God's keeping and knew it saved, and now his life was one passion for the saving of other lives, other souls. To accept all the gifts of God and then fail to use them in the building of strong characters and in helping our fellowmen, is a sin. Yet, how easily we fall into that path. Taking God's great mercies, healthy bodies, clear brains, good homes, love of friends, books, music, etc., and making no effort to repay, very often forgetting to say "Thank you," much less to act "Thank you."

"But," we often say to others or to ourselves, "We are not all called to serve. If God definitely called me to go to India, Africa, China, the Home Mission Field, or to be a nurse or a doctor, how gladly I would go; but the call does not come, and realizing that without that inward urge it is useless to go, I stay at home feeling I am not meant for service." **You are; I am.** There are things to be done in New Zealand, in Levin, that God is waiting for you and for me to do. And all the missionaries, doctors, nurses, professors or scientists in the world cannot do these things if they are our appointed tasks. It is an arresting, a startling thought, isn't it! That there is work, that left undone by us must remain forever undone. To think that God is waiting for you and for me to hear and to heed the small voice, not the clarion call, but the quiet voice which says, "Son, go work to-day in My vineyard," we are hearing every day. The thought that perhaps we should be teaching in the Sunday School, the thought that we might have spoken a friendly word to that disagreeable looking girl, the thought that perhaps we should give a hand to that chap in difficulty, although we know he's not much of a sport. Oh! in all those little whispers within, God is speaking. We hear. Do we always heed? And perhaps, if only we proved faithful in the lesser things the call would come to greater work; but whether we die renowned, or unhonoured and unsung by men, the Supreme joy and peace within can only come from the knowledge that

we have been of use. Riches, knowledge, all the things for which men strive, will be as nothing when gained if the heart be empty of love for fellowmen.

"Are you not lonely here?" asked a visitor of a lighthouse keeper on a lonely reef. "Not since I saved my first man," came the swift reply.

To be of use to our fellows, to see them saved from sin and misery, to remember the truth which Clement of Alexandria, spoke so long ago: "At all times, God, the lover of men, clothes Himself with man to the attainment of the salvation of men," is one of the greatest joys of life.

I am sure that in joining this "Y" Branch we are taking a step, a very definite step to new service and to wider service. There are so many avenues open to us. May we prove faithful to the work we have accepted in the acceptance of the White Ribbon Bow. I do not think any one who has served in any way for any length of time will attempt to tell a young worker that the task will prove easy. It will not. Great things, good things are not easily gained. And so often the noble causes are the unpopular causes. It is not easy to go quietly on when friends are trying to convince us we are mistaken; **friends**, I say. If it be someone who does not touch our lives closely we can answer and go on undisturbed, but when those we love and who love us are telling us we are making a mistake, we sometimes feel shaken. It is not easy to attend "Y" meetings when pals are calling us to play. It is not easy to prepare addresses and to speak in public, to do those things required of us. Parties, pictures, long, lazy evenings at home, are so much easier. But, if only we will remember that the difficult way is always the right way, and that the easy paths bring us to no lasting things, but that when we have paid the price of serving we will have gained something of everlasting worth, I don't think we will find it hard to keep our faces steadily toward the goal. Just now we are feeling elated. We have joined, we **belong** to a world-wide movement for good. A movement organised in over fifty nations and numbering half a million members. It is **great** to **belong**. Let us strive to keep this feeling when the newness has gone

and helpfulness sometimes will look a little like drudgery. When Florence Nightingale was sailing up the Bosphorus with her first corps of nurses, going to deal with the horrors of the Crimea, the glow of adventure excited the young women's thoughts. Miss Nightingale silenced them: "Young women," she said, "the strongest will be needed at the wash-tub." Let us go cheerily on, even when we find it our turn at the wash-tub. It is such a splendid cause we have set out to serve. Why! to know we had brightened one home, given a man back his self-respect and brought gladness to the sad heart of his wife, and smiles and songs to the lips of her children, that would be reward enough for any work we might have done, any sacrifice we might have made. But, when Prohibition comes bringing gladness to thousands of homes, how glad we will be if we can say, "I did not stand by and let others do all to bring this great thing to pass. I did my bit."

We may be very sure our cause is worthy. When women like Frances Willard and men like T. E. Taylor give their whole lives to it, we need have no doubts.

And so many of the wonderful workers have had to "cross over" without seeing the victory, without realizing that for which they toiled with aching hearts. We, with all their consecrated service behind us, have victory in sight. Let us miss not even the tiniest opportunity to serve, lest we be the cause of the prolonging of the coming of the day which will see the removal from our land of this evil bar to the coming of His Kingdom.

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EVENING PRAYER FOR MEMBERS OF W.C.T.U.

Keep us always neath Thy care,
Ever unto Thee we pray:
Evening's darkness round us falls,
Peaceful may we sleep 'till day.

Young and old, to Thee we bring,
Open wide Thine arms of love,
Useless all our strife and fears,
Rest must come from Heaven above.

Pledged abstainers are we all,
Longings deep fill every heart,
Eagerly we seek to serve
Doing each a Soldier's part.
Grace shall triumph—Drink must
fall—

Exit terror—evils all—enter Peace
at Christ's sweet call.

—From "Auckland Y's."

THE WHITE RIBBON.

There's a tiny emblem, you will see
it every day:

You're quite sure to come upon one
as you go along your way,
For ladies old—and ladies young—
all wear this badge with pride,
A spotless bow of ribbon white—as
lover's knot 'tis tied.

This ribbon white upon our breast,
a sign of love, we wear,
For Purity, and Temperance, that
little badge is there,
Those who wear it, to One King,
allegiance all do owe,
Throughout the world to show that
fact, we wear this little bow.

We pledge ourselves against strong
drink, united do we stand:
And every year we'll wage our war
to drive it from this land.
We'll struggle hard in many ways to
get this measure through,
It is not for ourselves alone, but
weaker brethren, too.

We want recruits to join our ranks,
—the "W.C.T.U."

Sixpence will buy a dainty badge,
may we sell one to you?

"For God, and Home, and every
Land" our motto,—Drink, our
foe;

Our badge, which we so proudly wear,
this little snow-white bow.

—M.K.J.

CHRISTMAS.

"To men of goodwill—Peace."

The Advent promise, not yet all fulfilled,

Because man in his wilfulness
Has not so willed.

But still the promise stands:

"To men of goodwill—Peace."

Luke ii.

Through all the centuries the fact that the Lord of life and glory was born as the poorest of the poor has touched the hearts of men. It has proclaimed in trumpet tones the dignity of honest poverty and the sympathy of heaven with the downtrodden ones of earth. The first men to whom the great event was announced were lowly shepherds watching their flocks at Bethlehem.

Though Mary and her baby were so poorly housed, and to all appearance so obscure, yet the choirs of heaven came near to earth that night to sing, for God was glorified in Love incarnate.

The greatest solo the world has ever heard pealed in the ears of listening shepherds, "Unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Good tidings of great joy, indeed; God's glory revealed in the birth of the lowly Babe in the stable, His mercy and love made manifest. While the good men listened in wonder and awe, they saw around them a host of angels praising God for the great gift of His love, crying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." The birth of that wondrous Babe reconciled man to God; it made man at peace with God, and thereby at peace with his brother-man. May it be ours to hasten the day—

When peace shall over all the earth

Its ancient splendours fling,

And the whole earth send back the song

Which now the angels sing.

Now God be thanked that our dear

Lord became

Man, like us men!

Subject to man's infirmities,

But without stain.

He suffered in our frail humanity

The cross, the pain,

To teach us that from earthly loss

Comes heavenly gain.

Dear Elder Brother, to our succour sent,

Light clothed in Love,

For our souls' full enfranchisement

To joys above!

—John Oxenham.

Y REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.—Dec. 3. Miss Appleby presided; fair attendance. Miss F. Allbon gave an address on "Something More Than Gold." Mrs Lee-Cowie also gave a short address. A Bring and Buy Sale was held for Willard Home. Annual business meeting held, Miss C. M. McLay presiding. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. A parcel of toys was sent to Sister Nicholls, Maori Deaconess, for distribution at Christmas time.

ASHBURTON.—Nov. 17. Miss L. Tucker presiding; sixty present. Miss Bradshaw welcomed. Balance of collection at Temperance Rally (£1 5s. 6d.) also 17s. was devoted to Allenton L.T.L. funds. Proceeds from Hampstead Band of Hope Concert (£3 4s. 6d.) put in the Union's funds until next winter. The Secretary's report showed a successful year, the membership now being 155. The Treasurer's report showed a credit-balance of £4 18s. 8d. The election of officers resulted:—Pres., Mr J. W. Beck; Vice-Pres., Misses L. Tucker, V. McLauchlan, Sister Mildred, Mr W. C. Bishop, Rev. C. S. Matthews; Sec., Mr Frank H. E. Silcock; Treas., Mr W. T. Corbitt; Supt. of Medical Temperance, Miss D. Glassey; Pianist, Miss D. Craighead; W.R. Agent, Miss E. Thompson; Bow Agent, Miss M. Bell. Devotional Superintendents and various Committees were also elected.

DUNEDIN.—Nov. 19. Mrs Alexander was welcomed as our new Superintendent. Being our last meeting for year, annual minutes and reports read, and officers elected for coming year:—Pres., Miss J. Armit; Vice-Pres., Miss A. Douglas, Miss V. Dray; Sec., Miss L. Armit; Treas., Miss D. Ritchie. Meeting closed in the usual way.

LEVIN.—Nov. 8. Good attendance; Mr Astridge presiding. Two new members welcomed. A very creditable first attempt at public speaking was made by Miss Evans on "Total Abstinence," for which she received a hearty vote of thanks. Social followed with games, musical and vocal items, and a supper to close.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Nov. 16. The President, Mrs F. Mitchell, presided; attendance good. Two visitors. Mr O. S. Pearn spoke on the "Rocks We Encounter Through the Voyage of Life." A social hour spent in games and competitions, and supper was served.

RAI VALLEY.—Oct. 19. Sixty young people assembled to hear an excellent address given by Miss McLay, Y. Organiser. Entries were asked for a Speech Competition, but with no response, so Miss McLay gave some excellent reasons "Why she had joined the Y. Branch." The usual social followed, and the Benediction ended a very good and happy evening.

SYDENHAM.—Nov. 20. Miss Gainsford and Mrs Gilmour gave the Devotional service and address. The chair was taken by Mr F. N. Cornwell, with Miss Dorothy Withell as Secretary. A gold medal, given by President for enrolling the most members, was won by Miss Isobel Northcote, of 108 Colombo Street.

Dec. 1. A very enjoyable picnic; owing to bad weather, all members went to the Lyttelton Picture Theatre, but as the sun was shining warmly when the picture show was over, the members proceeded to Corsia Bay as originally intended, where everyone enjoyed themselves.

WANGANUI.—Nov. 7. Superintendent presided, and gave an interesting reading and talk on "The First Y. Club," as told in the first book of Daniel. Journal Evening; each member read his or her contribution, and it was decided that a type-written journal should be formed. Arranged to hold a Concert on the 15th of December.

WANGANUI EAST.—Nov. 20. Thirteen present. Miss N. Marshall gave a fine helpful talk. A donation amounting to £5, raised through the Concert held on October 27th, was sent to the N.Z. Alliance. Two new members were initiated. The Pay-Up Social was postponed till the next meeting.

THE SEEKER.

Poverty asked, "Will it cost too much?"

Mammon asked, "Will it pay?"

And Scholarship, "Is the measure wise

And are you sure of the way?"

Statesmanship, "Can we find the time To finish before the night?"

But when the Seeker had heard them all,

He only asked, "Is it right?"

Poverty said, "I cannot help

For my pockets are not filled."

Mammon said, "That land must wait

Till my own broad fields are tilled."

Scholarship, "If I lend a hand

Too much, I fear, I shall miss;"

And Statesmanship, "There are other things

Of as large import as this."

But the Seeker, poor and of little power

All untried and untaught,

Bearing only the knowledge proud

That his heart could not be bought,

Turned his face to a rugged path,

Far from the world's delight,

And only said, "Come death, come day,

Profit or loss, I fight!"

When is a horse like an artist?

When it draws a cart.

Why are sheep like ink?

Because they go into a pen.

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.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU, 2nd Tuesday, Odd-fellows' Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Morgan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stallworthy, Senr., Bickers and Arnold; Sec., Mrs Hill Taylor; Treas., Mrs Dewberry; W.R. Agent, Miss Taylor; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Wordsworth, Senr.

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, Cumbrae Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Ensign Mrs Moore, Cameron Street East, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs A. Saunders, Kermode 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, 35 Moore Street; Treas., Miss D. Glassey, 45 Havelock Street; W.R. Agent, Mr J. W. Beck, 64 Beach Road; Supt., Mrs C. S. Matthews, Wills 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, Sentinal Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND "Y's." 1st Monday at 7.30 p.m., in Christian Alliance of Women and Girls' Room, Upper Queen Street. Supt., Miss M. Kent Johnston, 8 Stokes Road; Pres., Miss E. Appleby, 28 Brentwood Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mr A. Turley, 61 Murdoch Road, Grey Lynn; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hullah, 3 Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Miss E. Raw, 9 Ligar Street (near Grafton Bridge); W.R. Agent, Miss E. Appleby.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Nations, James Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Clarke, View Street; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale.

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 Cramner 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 Sayers, 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, Mangawhare; Treas., Mrs Noble, Awakino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradley, Muir Road.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 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. Punny; 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, at Dominion Road Methodist Hall, and 1st Tuesday at Presbyterian Schoolroom, Mt. Eden Road, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hayr, 25 Gordon Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton, Auld, Clark and Hudson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clark, 129 Balmoral Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnston, 85 Balmoral Road; Treas., Mrs Evans, King Edward Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs O'Donnel, Grange Road.

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, 18 Sandilands Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hughes and Campbell; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street, Treas., Mrs Kendal, Awahuri Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Tremain; W.R. Agent, Mrs Martin; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs H. Whisker.

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 Coult's 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 H. Morrison; Sec., —; Vice-Pres., Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Norrie and Miss Oates; Treas., Mrs A. M. Haigh; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs Anker; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs J. Allen; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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.

HAUNGLAND, 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, 170 Fraser's Store, Elles Road; Treas., Miss Dawson, 233 North Road; Supt., Mrs Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindsfarne; W.R. Agent, Miss Biske, 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. Lillcrap, Glencoe R.D., Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. T. Ayson, Deveron St.; Cor. Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs O. E. Johnston, Dor. St.; Treas., Mrs L. Lennie, Janet St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brae-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. Callum; 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 Lauskaill, 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 Linwood Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Sharpe, 88 Linwood Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Palk, 344 Worcester Street; Treas., Mrs F. Fuller, 20 Buckley's Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Black, 42 Cranley Street.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, Church of Christ, Queen Street, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Anderson, 16 Copeland St.; Sec., —; Treas., Mrs Turner; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Shearer; 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. Shirkey, 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.

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

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

MIRAMAR, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church, Devonshire Road. Pres., Mrs Evans; Sec., Mrs Berry, 110 Tauhina 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, Ingils 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, 56 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 J. Craig, Powderham Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hughes; Cor. Sec., Mrs Jemison, 119 Pendarves Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chapman, Leach Street; Treas., Miss Drew, M.A., J.P., Gilbert Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Carrington Road.

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. Gane, 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., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs M. Downey; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hambly; 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 Roi; 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, Chellwood 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 Doneghue, C/o. R. R. Howe, Jackson Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Woolford, 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, Sutherlands; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Neilson.

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

PONSONBY, meets 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 Rd, Mt. Eden; Treas., Miss S. S. Pyle, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; W. R. Agent, Miss S. S. 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 Saunders; W.R. Supt., Miss Amy Oakley.

RAETHI, 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.

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 Cook; 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 E. 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.

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; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. J. Lewis (Croydon) Victoria Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Hames, Ewen Street; Treas., Mrs Colvin, Earnock Avenue; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan; Cradle Roll, Mrs Winstone.

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, Warre Street; Sec., Miss A. Bicheno, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Beach Cottage; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Smart, Cameron Street.

WAIKAWA, 4th Wednesday in each month, 2.30 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson and Bott; Sec., Mrs J. Bibby, Rose Street; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Miss T. Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIKURAU, 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., Sec., Mrs Alexander, Box 61; Treas. and Cradle Roll, Mrs McDonald; W.R. Agent, Mrs Telford, Lahore Street.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Perour. Pres., Mrs Frwin, Maxwell Av.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Goodey, 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, meets 2.30 p.m., 2nd Thursday, in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. H. Duxfield, Okoia; Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 3 Halswell Street; Treas., Mrs F. Brown, No. 3 Line; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. Melvin, 20 Young Street; Cradle Roll, Miss Sutton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames King, McLeod and Rimmer.

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

WAVELEY, 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 Mowiem; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Brierley, 103 Hanson Street.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.35 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Mrs Peryman; Vice-Pres., Miss Kirk; Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Crescent; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. C. Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 338 Oriental Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, 19 Freyberg Street, Lyall Bay.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall, Demis 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 Hilford, Bank Street.

WINTON, meets 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs T. Walker; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson; Treas., Mrs J. D. Campbell; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs H. Hogg; W.R. Agent, Dr. M. Gow; Cradle Roll, Mrs S. Smith; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs J. P. McWilliam.

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.

WYNDHAM, Pres., Mrs J. E. Adams, The Manse; Vice-Pres., Mrs S. Shaw; Sec., Mrs J. D. Hopkins; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs Geo. Wilson; Sec. Band of Hope, Miss Aysoun.

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