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## A FATEFUL PROMISE.

## CHAPTER I.

TwAS the end of a perfect day. The sun had sunk in a golden glory behind the rugged hilltops. Scarcely had his rays faded from the western sky, when, in the east, the moon rose full orbed and shed her silvery light upon the city nestling under the hills.

But the evening was well advanced when Mr Green rose from his seat in their pleasant sitting-room, laid aside his book, and, crossing the room, stood beside his wife's desk.

She glanced up at him, smiling, and then resumed her writing. He fidgetted about, lifting one thing after another and then putting it back. His obvious discomfort at length arrested his wife's busy fingers, and his words arrested her attention:

"Do you know what I heard at the Club, to-day?"

"Something that has disturbed you, I can tell," his wife replied.

"You have heard that Wilkins is giving a 'Farewell' to John Scott, who is leaving for Otago University. Well, it is to be held at the Gaiety Cabaret, and our Geoff is to be one of the guests."

"That is not surprising, is it? Geoff and Scott are friends since College days, and are members of the same football and tennis clubs. Did you hear anything more?"

"I did, Mollie!" replied her husband. "Wilkins is a leader of the fast set, and this is to be their party. The girls from 'The Revels' are to be there; it is to be hectic time and

an all-night session. Surely, you will not allow Geoff to attend."

"Walter! Geoff is not a boy now, he is 22, and must judge for himself."

"You do surprise me," said the sorely-trying man. "Do you want Geoff to get in with that set?"

"Do I want it?" said the mother, and even her husband started at the anguish in her voice. "Father, don't drive him to it by opposing him now."

"I'd better get to bed. For if he comes in, I'll be sure to speak my mind to him."

"A very unwise thing to do, father. Goodnight."

Left alone, Mrs Green could not settle to her interrupted writing. Better than her husband she knew the reputation borne by Wilkins, and from her own personal knowledge he deserved it all. She knew of his little cottage on the shores of a land-locked bay, and once she had rescued from his clutches a young and lovely girl tempted to her own destruction. Wilkins had never forgiven Mrs Green, and had told her he would "get even with her sometime." He had begun to cultivate Geoff, and the boy was flattered by the notice of the brilliant society man, years his senior. Here was a way to have revenge upon the woman who had frustrated him, and only Geoff's mother knew how he was drifting from his old moorings.

The click of the gate latch roused her, and then the key turned in the lock and her boy's step came down the hall.

"Where's Dad?" was Geoff's first query.

"Gone to bed, young man. Just you look at the clock. Have you had supper?"

"Oh, yes. I called at Winnie's and had it there. Your grandson was awake and testing his voice. Nothing wrong with his lungs. Win says he gets more like his Uncle Geoff every day."

Under his surface lightness she detected the nervousness.

"Mum," he broke out, "Wilkin's has invited some of John Scott's friends to farewell him to-morrow night, and he wants me to go with them."

"Where to?" said his mother.

"To the Gaiety Cabaret. Got any objection?" The fighting note was in his voice.

"I'm not in love with the place."

"You really are too straight-laced Mother. It's time you broadened out a bit. We are to be a select party, and can be trusted to behave ourselves."

Should she tell her boy what his father had heard. She decided not, but a word of warning she must give him.

"I'm glad to hear you are to be so select. But Wilkins has been a leader in some hectic doings."

"Don't listen to gossip, Mum! We'll be as sober as monks," laughed Geoff.

"I hope so!" But I don't like cabaret dances. Wine is apt to flow very freely there."

"Oh! a glass or two does no harm. They laugh at me because I never touch it."

"They would hardly expect your mother's son to be anything but an abstainer," she said.

Some inner sense seemed to warn her that her boy was to be tested. Placing her hand lightly upon his shoulder, she faced him squarely, and said, "Boy, I want a promise from you?"

"What is it?"

"Promise me to drink nothing but water to-morrow night."

"But why, Mother?" said Geoff. "There are soft drinks, why only water? Can't you trust me?"

"I could trust you anywhere, son, while your brain is unclouded. But I would not trust an arch-angel whose brain was fuddled with strong drink. Promise me, Geoff, because I ask you to."

Geoff hesitated. Mrs Green went on: "This is your first visit to a Cabaret; I want you to see it with clear eyes and a sober brain."

Still no reply. Geoff loved his mother deeply. But Wilkins and his set had twitted the boy about being "tied to his mother's apron strings." For a few minutes the issue was in doubt, then love conquered.

"All right, old lady, I promise. I'm strictly on the water waggon to-morrow night. Are you satisfied?"

"Perfectly, my son. You've never broken a promise. Thank you for giving me your word. And now, goodnight."

"Goodnight, Mother." Then, as he closed his bedroom door, he called out, "Don't sit up for me to-morrow night."

(To be Continued).

## ATHLETES.

Durando, returned from U.S.A. Marathon with seven gold medals and 20,000dols. won in twenty-three races, gave up alcohol because he blamed a glass of champagne for his failure the year before in the London Marathon.

Hefferson, the South American runner, who came second in the same Marathon contest, said: "The weather was just right for me, but two miles from the finish, to my great regret, I accepted a drink of champagne. It was a great mistake. I got a cramp a mile from the finish, and then I had lost my head."

## OBITUARY.

### MRS M. TREVURZA.

Once more we have to record the passing hence of an esteemed and active member of our W.C.T.U. On December 16th, Mrs M. Trevurza, of Takapuna, Auckland, left us, as the result of a severe operation, for higher, nobler service Beyond. For a number of years she was Secretary of the Devonport Branch, and was keenly interested in every phase of of the Temperance Movement and the work of our Organisation, anxious that life's pathway might be made safer and brighter for the little feet following after. The interest and zeal she manifested in Church and every other activity was wonderful, when we remember how she suffered through long years of ill-health and testing circumstances. Left a widow 14 years ago, with five young children to rear and educate, was no light task, but nobly did she fill the position of father and mother to her sons and daughters. With calmness and confidence unshaken, she passed within those "Pearly Gates" on the Sabbath evening before Xmas, to be "Forever with the Lord."

## THE NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

January 30. Miss Henderson, President, presided over representatives from nineteen Unions.

Vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Rinaldi, of Kaiapoi, in her recent sad bereavement.

Mrs C. Ferguson, a former active member of the Christchurch Union, now President of the Manawatu District W.C.T.U., was welcomed to the Executive.

Miss Henderson spoke on the necessity for extending the work to other parts of the district, and a Committee was appointed to make necessary plans and arrangements for the Dominion Organiser (Miss McLay) to visit Canterbury after the Annual Convention in March.

Miss Harband fully explained the Membership Campaign, and urged Unions to gain their quota of members before Convention. It was suggested that a syllabus be drawn up and printed by the District for the use of small Unions, situated a long way from the centres.

## GAMBLING.

(A paper read at the Blenheim "Y" Branch meeting on September 6th, 1928, by Rev. Robt. E. Fordyce, A.A.).

The Apostle Paul is frequently misquoted as having written to Timothy: "Money is the root of all evil," but he was much too sane and too practical a man to have written anything so foolish and untrue. He did write: "The love of money is the root of all evil," and those three words, "the love of," make all the difference between the semi-falsehood of the misquotation and the full truth of the correct one. It is "the love of money" which is the root of the gambling evil in all its varied forms.

At one time, gambling was usually associated mainly with the horse race and the card table or the roulette wheel, but now it has become a pernicious adjunct to many things, including the sports' field, the church bazaar, and many social functions. Nor is this evil the monopoly of adults, but it has caught within its meshes even boys and girls. One has only to study the disastrous moral, social, and economic results of this vice, to feel compelled to become its implacable enemy.

But a comparatively few years ago it was regarded as somewhat of a disgrace for a person to be known as "a gambler" or "a gamester," but so prevalent has this evil become, that few feel any sense of shame concerning it, and it is usually only the Christian portion of a community which utters its voice in protest against this practice. Moreover, it has to be confessed, that for many the voice of the Christian Churches has ceased to speak with authority, because many a church's funds have been augmented by means of gambling in some form. What other name than gambling can anyone give to all this sorry business of paying sixpence to guess the weight of a cake, in the hope of winning a cushion or a doll or something else. The principle involved is exactly the same, no matter what the amount of the stake or the value of the prize may be. In principle it is equally as much gambling, to pay a sum to guess the weight of a cake, in the hope of getting a prize, as it is to put a

pound on a horse race in the hope of winning ten, twenty or fifty pounds in return. Concerning those gambles—more politely called guessing competitions—I believe that the Lord's work can never prosper with money obtained by the use of the devil's agencies. Many a look of contemptuous, or perhaps pitying scorn has been cast upon the writer at church bazaars and other social functions, because, when asked to buy tickets for, or invest money in guessing competitions, he has dared to say, "No thank you; on principle I never gamble." How can any church which has gained money by countenancing any form of this vice, raise an effective voice against it, whether it be carried on privately or under the benediction of a government in the form of the totalisator which is already legalised, or by means of the State Lotteries which some evilly-disposed individuals are trying to legalise in this land, ostensibly for charitable aid purposes?

The sports' field, where once opposing teams met in keen yet friendly rivalry, has become the place where all too frequently teams meet almost as enemies, because of the money staked upon the matches by players and onlookers, often by both. It is well-known that much of the far-too-frequent foul play in games is due to the fact that individual players have bets on the results. The larger the amounts of the stakes, the more likelihood there is of cheating and even of brutal play. One has only to stroll along the touch-line while many a game of football is in progress, and if one listens, one may hear bets being made upon the varying prospects of the game. In a certain little South Island town at a football match, a girl about 18 years of age proudly showed to the writer the three half-crowns which she had won on the previous week's match. She seemed surprised that one was obviously not interested, nor yet enthusiastically complimentary. As some know, gambling often spoils the matches, even between the boys of some of our high schools. We always used to speak of football, and especially of cricket as clean games, but for far too many, even these noble games provide incentives to and facilities for gambling, just as a common horse race does.

That gambling in a multitude of forms has a tremendous hold upon thousands in this land cannot be denied, but let us seek to discover some of the causes of this state of affairs. To what do we owe a large part of the gambling spirit now prevalent in this country? Somebody has said, "For everything which is worse than it used to be, blame the war." I believe, that in this instance, the blame is justifiable. Most people who were 10 years of age, or older in 1914, will remember that all over this country, in return for the payment of a shilling (more or less) one had a chance of winning a house, a motor car, a horse, or a farm, or, at any rate, something worth vastly more than the amount actually paid for the chance of winning. The money was being raised for patriotic funds, and I believe our men were worthy of it all, but, and here is the point, little children were taught to gamble then "for a good cause." To-day, many of those children now grown to manhood and womanhood will, and do gamble whenever an opportunity offers. Those of us who refused art union tickets and all such things during the war were sometimes told that we were mean, and unpatriotic, but we knew that the seed being sown broadcast then would yield a fearful harvest some day, and with many of us it was our love for this land which made us refuse to give even a copper to such raffles and guessing competitions. To-day our nation is reaping the harvest, and it seems as though the end of it is not within sight.

As an example of the way in which this gambling mania since the war has warped some people's sense of the fitness of things, one can mention a place where there is a church which was built mainly by money obtained from dances and raffles. What are some of the main incentives to gambling?

(1) A desire to gain with as little labour as possible. For many years now, lots of newspapers, by publishing betting news, have been telling people that there is an easier way of making money than by working for it. Thousands now believe this, with results which ought to concern us all.

(2) The love of excitement. While there are healthy causes of excitement, gambling is an unhealthy, pernicious and artificial one.

(3) The thoughtless following of fashion. If many a gambler were asked, "Why do you gamble?" he would have to answer: "Oh, well, Jack and Bill and Tom do it, so I suppose I might as well be in the fashion. A fellow doesn't like to appear singular." Now let us consider some of the arguments put forward by gamblers in support of this vice.

(4) We are often told: "For that matter, all business is a gamble." In reply, we would say, that whereas "risk" is the very essence of gambling, the sane business man endeavours to eliminate risk. He draws upon his knowledge and experience, and by a careful study of markets and of popular requirements, endeavours to buy only what he can be sure of selling again. He seeks to invest his money on "a certainty," yet the gambler who bets on what he knows to be "a certainty," is regarded as dishonourable according to the gambler's code of honour. What a strange sense of humour some folk have!

(5) We have been told: "So long as the proceeds are for a good cause, there is nothing wrong in gambling." Of course we all recognise this as the old fallacy that "the end justifies the means." Upon this principle most crimes could be and would have to be condoned. But theft is punished as a crime, although the thief may gain thousands of pounds by means of his act. A successful gamble is a sort of polite theft, because by means of it the winner has gained at the expense of loss to another, and by chance or design without returning a just equivalent. Yet a gambler considers himself to be insulted if termed a "thief."

(6) Sometimes the matter is put to us in this way: "So long as a man's money is his own, what right has anybody to say, 'You shall not gamble?'" In reply, I would say that as citizens, we have this amount of right, that while some people gamble with their own money, yet because they often draw into the gamble people who cannot afford it, and who, by their gambling, are prevented from paying their just debts, therefore we ought to oppose the practice as an anti-social evil.

Now let us consider a few good reasons why gambling should be disowned as a national means of revenue

and condemned upon every possible occasion.

J. C. Jamieson, in his booklet, "Life Problems," refers to the statement of Martineau (the French authority on Ethics) in which he says: "In gambling, the initial principle gain by another's loss is vicious and vitiating."

Ramsay MacDonald (English Labour Leader) is on record as having declared: "The gambling disease is marked by moral and intellectual unsettlement. What is this but saying that it cuts away the roots of good citizenship."

Charles James Fox, the famous politician, was a notorious gambler, and he failed mainly owing to his lack of steadiness, dignity, prudence and industry, the very deficiencies of character which his gambling inclinations accentuated. These were moral and intellectual results of his gambling.

Worldwide records of crime prove that gambling is the main cause of forgeries and embezzlements. Gambling often creates an increasing distaste for honest work. The professional gambler makes his money by duping the unwary and ignorant. Gambling is essentially selfish and therefore by its very nature anti-Christian. Christianity teaches goodwill towards and service for others, whereas gambling encourages the deliberate despoiling of others for one's own profit and pleasure. Unquestionably, the remedy lies very largely in the hands of the people of our Churches, and particularly Christian young people who work in shops, offices and factories, where betting on horse races and football, cricket, hockey and boxing matches, etc., is prevalent, can do much by consistently refusing to invest even a penny piece when asked to take part in these gambles, and by discouraging others from so doing. Of course, such refusals require moral courage, but such protests are certain ultimately to have beneficial effects upon weaker associates who often gamble only because afraid of the ridicule which a refusal might call forth. It often happens that "Jack" gambles because "Bill and Tom" do it. But, if "Bill and Tom" would only persistently refuse, "Jack" would never gamble. I would urge upon all church-going young people who have

to work in a gambling atmosphere, to ask God to give them courage to refuse to gamble under any circumstances. God will help you in this way, and it is practically certain that your example will help some younger or weaker person to avoid the meshes of the gambling net. For church-going people, another strong deterrent from gambling should be the fact of personal accountability to God. If, because of my example, someone should come to ruin through gambling, God will require that person's soul at my hands. I shall be held responsible for that brother's or sister's ruin.

How will any of us feel, if at the Judgment Day, Jesus Christ should ask us, "Where is thy brother (or sister?) and we should have to answer, "Alas, Lord, he (or she) was ruined by gambling through my example."

I believe that the best thing which any person can do concerning this nation-wide evil is to vow solemnly before God, "Believing that gambling in any and all its forms is an anti-Christian, anti-social moral evil. I resolve, God helping me, never to gamble under any circumstances, and to use my best endeavours to keep others from this evil practice." Such a resolve, made and kept by the young people of New Zealand, would safeguard thousands from disgrace and ruin, and would do much to create a social conscience relentlessly antagonistic to this evil.

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**THE 24th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE TRANSVAAL WOMEN'S  
CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE  
UNION.**

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This we held in beautiful Pretoria, one of the fairest South African cities, on November 6th, 7th and 8th, 1928. All over the city, beside scores of streets, the lovely Jacaranda trees were in full bloom, and shed a blue and mauve and purple lustre, and the exquisite blue bells on the trees, and the dainty mauve carpets of fallen bells below, proved most interesting and fascinating. Rows upon rows there were! It was an ideal time to visit Pretoria.

Our Convention was held in the delightful Committee Room of the City Hall, and was presided over by Mrs Donaldson, the Transvaal President, who has recently come from England and from the Lausanne Convention, of which she gave us interesting details and stressed the Scientific and Educational Departments of our work. Reports were given by twenty-two delegates and Superintendents, who had come from all over the province. There was a spirit of progress and advance shown, and an effort made to encourage and awaken the young to do good work in various departments. More and more are the Afrikaand branches gaining in enthusiasm, and asking for literature and for leaders, and this is very splendid for the future of our land.

The Mayor gave us a delightful reception—his very first—and Mrs Ennals, our South African President, spoke of Lausanne, and begged us to follow the lead of prohibition countries, and to discourage the sale of alcohol to black and white, and to seek for the Enfranchisement of our women, that we may have greater influence on our rulers.

A Young People's Reception was one of great interest. The gold medalist of a Recitation Contest favoured us with a selection; beautiful songs and addresses and inspiring words cheered us, and most charming bouquets of flowers were presented to every speaker.

Mrs Christie, President of the Civic Association of Pretoria, sounded a clarion bell, and begged us all to prevent some new laws from being enforced, which are planned to give municipal beer to our natives. Thus far, natives have been under prohibition regulations, and we greatly fear that the interests of the liquor sellers will prevail, and are fighting them earnestly and daily. Mrs Christie outlined practical methods which we mean to follow.

Yes, in our beloved World's President's words, "We are winning." It may not be that the founders of our Unions in the Transvaal will see the victory, but we will lay foundations, have visions and faith and trust to the youth of our land to "carry on" bravely, and to enjoy the rewards.

# MAORI PAGE.



**GREYTOWN.**—Meeting held at Presbyterian Sunday Schoolroom, Paul Eremiha presiding. £1 6s. is to be taken to Mrs Morrison, President Greytown W.C.T.U., for Convention funds, and Mrs Heke Boyd has been appointed delegate for coming Convention. There is also to be a Concert, given by Maori Union, in Presbyterian Hall, this month; date not arranged yet, and a Shop Day to help towards delegate's expenses. Mrs Boyd's address is: Papawai Road, Greytown.

## TO THE MAORI UNIONS.

Dear Friends,—

You will have noticed in the December number of the "White Ribbon" that the Annual Conference of the W.C.T.U. is to be held in Wellington next month, opening on the 12th of March. Each Union can send a delegate, and homes and hospitality will be provided.

I shall be glad to get the names and addresses of any delegates as soon as possible, so that this may be arranged for, and that I may be able to give them any further information they may need.

With New Year greetings and all best wishes in Union service,

N. F. WALKER,

Maori Dept., W.C.T.U.

149 Fox Street, Gisborne.

A young mountain climber once said to a more experienced man: "When I have taken some whisky I can jump like a bird."

"No," said the elder, "you mean you jump like a fool!"

## THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1928.

Beloved Comrade,

The many congratulatory letters coming to us from other lands, bring us the good news that the election of Herbert Hoover as the President of our republic and the overwhelming defeat of Governor Smith of New York, who assured the nation he would do all in his power to bring about the legal sale of wine and beer, will prove a wonderful encouragement to social welfare and temperance workers in all parts of the world. This morning's Chicago papers, relating the story of Mr Hoover's reception in Costa Rica, Central America, speak of an official luncheon given in his honour, and attended by one hundred and fifty of the highest dignitaries of this Latin American republic. It thrilled us to note that no wine was served at this luncheon "as a tribute to prohibition in the United States, and because of Mr Hoover's delicate position in the presence of wine-drinking." Isn't that a superb gesture of friendship from these Latin friends? We hope the other republics our President-elect is to visit will follow this remarkable example of international courtesy and consideration.

We have just held our National Convention—the 54th—in Tremont Temple in the old City of Boston, where, in 1891, we met for the first Convention of the World's W.C.T.U. From the opening devotional service until the closing benediction, our Convention was a continuous psalm of thanksgiving for the election victory. One evening's programme was devoted to the presentation of the progress of the World's W.C.T.U., and I was privileged to preside. That night a processional of White Ribboners, carrying electrically-lighted candles, visualized to the big Convention and a great audience the number of local branches of the W.C.T.U. in many states, that during 1928 had given five dollars, or one pound, and a subscription for the "Union Signal" to make themselves "Light-Line Unions," thus substantially aiding the funds of the World's W.C.T.U. It was a joy to watch the brilliant parade of these blessed women—five hundred of them—marching to the music of stirring White Ribbon songs, their faces lighted with happiness to be keeping step in such a magnificent world-

wide cause. Some of us who had attended the 1891 World's Convention in this same Tremont Temple, presided over by Frances E. Willard, watched this line of light through misty eyes, and felt like exclaiming: "What hath God wrought." The 1891 Convention was small in numbers, but mighty in dedicated purpose and plans. Lady Henry Somerset was with us, and our first round-the-world Missionary, Mrs Mary Clement Leavitt, was welcomed to her home city after a world organizing tour of seven years.

Our 1928 Convention of the National W.C.T.U., gave to our hundreds of delegates and visitors the vision of what we can do for all the world. We felt a new determination to become better neighbours with all nations. We realized more fully what it means to be alive in this wonderful age, and to be a builder in the activities which help to bring the kingdom of God in all hearts, homes and nations.

As we enter the untried year of 1929, we have great reason to rejoice. We must work for large additions to the membership of the World's W.C.T.U. We must win the children and young people through science and precept in the public school and the Sunday School, and by rallying them in juvenile societies. Only the cause that wins and stirs the hearts of little children can be certain of a successful future. We must affirm to the millions of earth's children made in the image of their Creator, that alcohol is an arch enemy of the human race, and neither by individuals nor by governments should it be treated as a friend or a business partner.

The horizon of our hope grows wider and more glorious. The mighty oceans unite, rather than separate our beloved affiliated nations. The home is being exalted. In all the world we are helping to bring the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

In affectionate fellowship,

Yours for world victory,

ANNA A. GORDON.

Connie Mack: "All umpires together haven't put as many ball players out of the game as old man Booze."

**TARANAKI DISTRICT.**

A District Rally will be held at Ngaere Gardens on Wednesday, February 27th. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present. Tea and milk provided free. Speaker, Miss McLay.

**CONVENTION HOSPITALITY.**

Will all delegates requiring hospitality, please send their names to Mrs J. Webb, 37 Hall Street, Wellington South, as soon as possible. Hospitality is provided for delegates from Wednesday, March 13th, to Thursday, March 21st.

**CORRECTION.**

We regret that a printer's error last month crept into the Tribute to Mr Cowie. The word "Science" was used instead of "Service." The sentence should read: "We had so much in common, in Christian Service," etc.

**The White Ribbon.**

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

WELLINGTON, FEBRUARY 18, 1929.

**AGENDA.****WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN  
TEMPERANCE UNION.****FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL  
CONVENTION.**

March 13th to 21st, 1929.

**Wednesday, March 13th.**

10.0 a.m.—Meeting of Executive: N.Z. Officers, District Presidents (or failing the President, the other Officers in the following Order:—Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer), and Dominion Superintendents.

2.0 p.m.—(If necessary) Meeting of Executive.

8.0 p.m.—Public Reception and Conversazione, Concert Chamber. (To be presided over by His Worship the Mayor, G. A. Troup, Esq.).

**Thursday, March 14th.**

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

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Greetings. Appointment of Committees (Courtesies and Resolutions) of Convention Letter-writer and of Press Reporters. Report of Executive Committee. Report of Corresponding Secretary. Correspondence. Treasurer's and Organising Treasurer's Reports and Balance-Sheets. Appeal for donations to N.Z. Fund. Noontide Devotions. Letters of sympathy.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2.0 p.m.—Devotions. Minutes. Greetings.

2.45 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.

3.15 p.m.—President's Address. Adoption of President's Address.

4.45 p.m.—Report of Headquarters Committee. Invitation to Delegates to view Headquarters.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

**Friday, March 15th.**

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.

10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Round Table Conference on work of District Unions, with special reference to Plans of Work and Organisation, report to be drawn up with suggestions and resolutions to be presented to Convention in afternoon.

12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Dominion Superintendent of Literature to speak on her literature. Cradle Roll and L.T.L. and Band of Hope Superintendents to speak on their literature.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2.0 p.m.—Devotions.

2.15 p.m.—Minutes. Report from Round Table Conference on District Unions' Work. Suggestions and Resolutions.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

7.30 p.m.—Evening Session. Talk by Sir Truby King on "Alcohol and the Race."

**Saturday, March 16th.**

9.30 a.m.—Round Table Conference of Y.P. Unions and Y.P. Members on Y.P. Unions' Work, with suggestions and resolutions, and report to be presented on Monday afternoon Session of full Convention.

2.0 p.m.—Garden Party.

**Sunday, March 17th.**

Convention Service.

**Monday, March 18th.**

9.30 p.m.—Devotions.

10.0 p.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Report of "White Ribbon" Editor. Report of Business Manager. Appointment of "White Ribbon" Editor and Business Manager. Appointment of Associate Editor. Orders for Convention number of "White Ribbon." Votes of grants in connection with "White Ribbon"

12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Dominion Librarian to speak on Library. Moral and Social Hygiene Superintendent and Medical Temperance Superintendent to speak on their literature, 10 minutes' each.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2.0 p.m.—Devotions. Minutes. Report from Round Table Conference on Young People's Work. Resolutions, etc., brought up from Conference.

3.45 p.m.—Dr. Platts Mills to address Convention on "Teaching Young People the truths of life in relation to Sex." Questions and discussion thereon.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

7.30 p.m.—Evening Session: Opening exercises. Speech Competition: (a) Prepared Speech (5 minutes) on one of three given subjects; (b) Impromptu Speech (3 minutes). Separate classes for adult members and young people.

**Subjects for Prepared Speech Competition:**

- (1) How do you account for the decrease in the Prohibition vote?
  - (2) Where in the British Empire has State Control been tried, and with what result?
  - (3) The value of the Total Abstinence Pledge.
- (For exact wording, please refer to circular sent to Unions (or District Unions) by Corresponding Secretary.)

**Tuesday, March 19th.**

9.30 a.m.—Devotions. Favourite Quotations.

10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Discussions on (a) Report of Headquarters Committee; (b) Organising Work, unless completely dealt with on Friday; (c) Superintendents' Reports, any that may require special reference,

12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2.0 p.m.—Devotions.

2.15 p.m.—Minutes. Reports, suggestions and Resolutions from Round Table Conference on Cradle Roll, L.T.L. and Band of Hope Work. It is proposed that these departments arrange for a Conference on the work of their Branches, at a time or times that will be found convenient during the Convention. It should have especial reference to improved or additional plans for educative work. Resolutions.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

8.0 p.m.—Concert. Membership Demonstration (on basis of District Unions), Concert Chamber.

### Wednesday, March 20th.

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

10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Tellers. Election of Dominion Officers. Resolutions.

12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2.0 p.m.—Devotions. Minutes. Greetings. Presentation of Banners. Question Box. Resolutions. Model Deputations.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

### Thursday, March 21st.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.

10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Handing in of Notices of Motion. Appointment of Superintendents. Arrangements for next Convention. Votes of thanks. Unfinished Business. Close of Convention.

### SONG OF THE RYE.

I was made to be eaten,  
And not to be drank;  
To be threshed in a barn,  
Not soaked in a tank.  
I came as a blessing  
When put through a mill,  
As a blight and a curse  
When run through a still.  
Make me up into loaves,  
And your children are fed;  
But if into drink,  
I'll starve them instead.  
In bread I'm a servant,  
The eater shall rule;  
In drink I am master,  
The drinker a fool.

### ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Just a few lines to remind all Unions not to be late in sending in the names of their delegates as soon as they are appointed. Names must come to me, or they cannot be included in the roll, which it is much more convenient to have all ready when Convention meets. In the December number appeared instructions as to the number and required status of delegates allowed to each Union.

There are no Notices of Motion, but in the January issue of the "White Ribbon" is a list of remits, which Unions are requested to study carefully, so that delegates may know the opinion of their Unions and may vote accordingly, though on debatable points, it is sometimes preferable to give delegates a free hand, that they may weigh intelligently the arguments for and against brought forward in the discussions at Convention, and may record their vote accordingly.

The Agenda is published in the present issue, but is subject to slight alterations and additions when certain details are determined.

Will delegates remember, before leaving their homes, to get credentials showing that they have been duly appointed? These should be signed by the President and Secretary of the Union they are representing. They should not be posted to me, but presented at the first meeting of Convention.

With best wishes for an inspiring Convention,

Yours for service,  
KATE M. EVANS.

62 Nevay Road, Miramar.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

L.T.L.

Dear Sisters,

Will you kindly come prepared to purchase at Convention, Pledges and Manuals, and all other requisites as advertised in "White Ribbon," for carrying on the work during the coming year of service.

With best wishes for a very happy, successful year in the children's cause.

Yours very sincerely,

A. BATHGATE,

Dom. Supt. L.T.L.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts, exclusive of Capitation Fees, have been received from last report:—

#### Organising Fund.

Morrinsville, 10s.; Mt. Albert, £2 9s. 6d.; Carterton, £6 4s. 6d.; Kaiapoi, £2 15s. 6d.; N.E. Valley, Dunedin, £11 6s. 6d.; Port Albert, £2 5s.; Lawrence (Special) £1 4s. 6d.; Birkenhead, £1 14s. 6d.; Warkworth, £1 3s. 9d.; Bluff, £1 2s. 6d.; Henderson, £2 0s. 6d.; Te Kuiti, £1 2s. 6d.; (Special) 7s. 6d.; Napier, £9 19s. 6d.; Waverley, £1 1s.; Granity, 18s.; Waihi, 15s.; Mayfield, £3 15s.; Feilding, £4 11s. 6d.; Mosgiel, £7 10s.; Ponsonby, £6 19s. 6d.; (Special) £1 0s. 6d.; Sheffield, 4s. 6d.; Gisborne, £2 18s. 6d.; Maungaturoto, £1 2s. 6d.; Riccarton, £4 11s. 6d.; Inglewood, £2 11s.; (Special) £1 9s.; Balclutha, £1 7s.; Aramoho, £1 2s. 6d.; Matakana, 18s.; Havelock, 10s. 6d.; New Brighton, £6 19s. 6d.; (Special) £1 1s.; Foxton, £3 3s.; Dunedin South, £3; Waipukurau, 18s.; Geraldine, £3 1s. 6d.; Hastings, £1 8s. 6d.; Hawera, £3 2s.

#### Maori Fund.

New Brighton, 5s.; N.E. Valley, Dunedin, £2 4s.; Waipawa, 10s.; Napier South, 5s.; Mayfield, 10s.; Havelock, 5s. 3d.; Waipukurau, 7s.; Dunedin, £1.

#### New Zealand Fund.

N.E. Valley, Dunedin, £5; Wakefield, £1; Oamaru, £1; Feilding, £1; Mosgiel, £2 10s.; Aramoho, £1; Christchurch, £3 3s.

#### N.Z. Headquarters Fund.

Geraldine, £1; Johnsonville, £1.

#### Franchise Day Collections.

Waipawa, 11s. 6d.

#### World's Missionary Fund.

Waipawa, 7s. 5d.

Please Note.—Maori Fund was credited last month with £1 from Blenheim, which should have been placed to N.Z. Fund.

M. B. LOVELL SMITH,

N.Z. Treasurer.

### FURTHER REMITS FOR CONVENTION.

#### From Dunedin Central.

(1) Drinking on Trains.—Seeing that many children and young people travel by train, and that inconvenience and discomfort are caused to women in general through men consuming alcoholic liquor when travelling by railway, we would respectfully urge the Railway Department to make it illegal for any passenger to drink alcoholic liquor on a train.

(2) Sunday Trains.—That, in view of the growing disrespect to the observance of the Christian Sabbath throughout the Dominion, we would respectfully ask that Sunday excursion trains be discontinued.

(3) Alcoholic Liquor Licenses.—That, in view of the evils arising from the drinking of alcoholic beverages, Government be urged that no legislation be introduced which would give facilities for granting an increase in the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

**Invercargill District Convention.**

(1) That the attention of the Education Department be drawn to the fact that in the book, "Race and Empire," sanctioned by the Department, amongst the reasons given for poverty, the main cause, viz., drunkenness, is omitted, and that this oversight should be remedied.

(2) That the time has arrived when the Government should be urged seriously to consider the establishment of a Dominion compulsory superannuation scheme, with a maximum of £300 and a minimum of £150.

(3) That in future, our Organisers should receive special training in illustrating the effects of alcohol, and that the greater part of their work should consist in visiting schools and colleges and instructing the children in the effects of alcohol.

(4) That each District President or District Secretary or District Treasurer or Delegate from the District Union should wear a badge or badges, showing the Unions that have gained new members during the year, with the number gained inscribed on them, but, in the case where a Union sends a delegate, that delegate shall wear the badge.

#### North Canterbury District.

(1) That the amount payable for each eligible child under the Family Allowances Act be increased to five shillings, weekly.

(2) That the Government be urged to establish a system of Invalid Pensions.

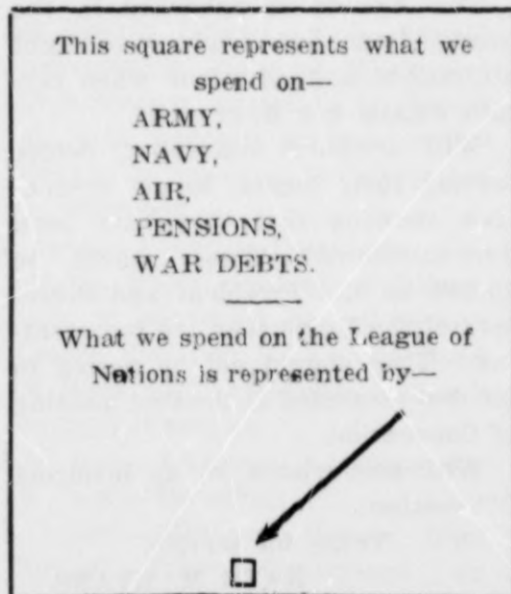
(3) That the name of Cradle Roll be changed to Little White Ribboners.

#### Correction.

Please note that the remit under the heading "North Canterbury" in January "White Ribbon" was forwarded by mistake and is withdrawn.

### THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

It has sometimes been stated that Britain is the most peaceful of the great European nations. In the light of that statement, the following diagram, published in the October number of "Foreign Affairs," possesses considerable interest:—



The "Economists" are terrified by what we spend on the League.

If the annual cost of the League to Britain were multiplied by ten, it would not then amount to one-hundredth of one per cent of what we are spending upon the Navy, the Army, and Air. Actually, the cost of the League to us is not one-thousandth of our present expenditure on the war services.

The late war cost us at the rate of about five millions sterling a day. That is to say, the cost of one day's war would pay our contribution to the League for fifty years. The cost of one week's war would pay our League expenses for three hundred years.—From "Foreign Affairs."

### THE KIND OF WOMEN NEW ZEALAND NEEDS.

Five-Minutes' Speech, given at the Southland District Convention, November, 1928, by Mrs E. C. Smith.

"What kind of women does New Zealand need?" I will ask you another question; what kind of flowers does New Zealand need?

The regal lily, or the sweet little forget-me-not, with its childhood memories?

The flaming rose with its wealth of bloom, or the modest mignonette, that will not let you forget its presence?

Why we need them all, both for the landscape garden and the quiet way-side corner. They each make the very best of their opportunities, and serve to the utmost of their ability.

Some of you may know a picture depicting several young women standing on a cliff, and scanning the distant sea. They are eagerly looking for the return of the fishing boats, bringing their loved ones home.

We need women who look as eagerly for any opportunity of service, whether high or low.

In one of her books, Miss Fowler describes married women as being enclosed within a garden; whereas single women are out on the highway of life: they never know just what may be around the corner. There are certainly many opportunities on the highway, it gives much scope for service.

In some of those home gardens are often to be found large families, where ways and means are a problem; if single women would concentrate on one family alone, helping some mothers with those future citizens, there is no telling what good might result.

Meantime, those mothers are tied, but later on they can have a wider field. I read lately an account of a spider weaving, with wondrous care, a little bag, in which to deposit its eggs. The naturalist, who watched all night, described the spider climbing down a wall, and choosing an ivy leaf, under which to



make a home for its little ones. He noted that the leaf chosen was not a deciduous one.

The spider worked with zeal, backwards and forwards, over and over, every now and again taking a rest, all through the night. After the eggs were duly deposited, she encased them tightly with her clever weaving, and lastly camouflaged the whole with a pink-coloured thread to tone in with the brick wall, and pulling down the leaf to hide her treasure.

At seven o'clock next morning a tired little spider crept away to rest. If a spider can take such infinite care, how much more do we need mothers who will care for their children, plan and scheme for their welfare.

It is said, that while the stem of the sunflower is pliable, it will follow the course of the sun throughout the day. Facing the rising sun in the morning, towards the zenith at mid-day, and after following the setting sun, it turns down at night to rest.

We need women who will so follow the Christ, the Light of the world.

Let me close with a few verses that appealed to me:

Opportunity tapped at a door

With a chance for a brother within;

He rapped till his fingers were sore  
And muttered, "Come, on, let me in;"

Here is something I know you can do,

Here's a hill that I know you can climb,

But the brother inside very quickly replied,

"Old fellow, I haven't got time."

Opportunity wandered along,

In search of a man who would rise,

He said to the indolent throng,

"Here's a chance for the fellow who tries."

But each of them said, with a smile,

"I wish I could do it, but I'm busy to-day,

Very busy to-day, and I'm sorry to say,

That I really haven't got time."

At last Opportunity came

To a man who was burdened with cares,

And said, "I now offer the same

Opportunity that has been theirs;

Here's a duty that ought to be done:

It's a chance if you've got time to take it."

Said the man with a grin, "Come along, pass it in,

I'll either find time or I'll make it."

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#### HOME AND MOTHERS' MEETINGS DEPARTMENT.

February 5th, 1929.

Dear Sisters,

My heartiest greetings for a New Year full of prayer and work. We are starting another year. Let us start this year with prayer for more strength and understanding, for we have an awful foe to fight, for according to what we hear and read and see, the liquor traffic is stealing our lads and lassies. Something must be done to stop this. I often hear: "Oh, it's the home training." Mothers! what are you doing. There is no doubt children and boys and girls just out of school have far too much liberty, they seem to go very much as they please, and that is why such a great number of the young folk of to-day are living such fast lives. Mothers! it is time you woke up to your duty. A parent's duty to their child is not only to feed and clothe them. No, they have a greater duty, and that is to teach them true love to God and man, also respect and obedience.

I am very pleased with reports I have received re the Home meetings. Unions are giving it a try, and those that have tried them, find they get more members beside being helpful and sociable.

I hope to have even a better report at the end of this year; I may not be in office, but whether I am or not, I shall always be willing to give any help to Unions that I can. I have heard very little about the Mothers' meetings, but as I have already pointed out several subjects, I hope to hear something during this year.

Yours for service,

M. OLSEN, Supt.,

Norsewood.

#### WHITE RIBBONERS' IN CONFERENCE.

The Sixth Triennial South African W.C.T.U. was held in the Minor Hall of the City Hall in Cape Town, and was presided over by Mrs Ennals, our South African President. There were present forty-one delegates from all the Provinces of South Africa, and many of the general officers. Mrs Ennals had been to the World's gathering in Lausanne, and her two addresses, one at a Reception, given by the Mayor, and her opening address to her comrades, were rich with the inspiration received abroad. She stressed, at many of the Conferences, the necessity for increased activity among the young people. The gatherings of the young people and the spirit shown, indicated that good seed had been cast upon good ground. A delightful drive to some of beautiful Cape Town's specially beautiful spots will not be forgotten. Much was said in the reports of the work carried on all over South Africa, and the interest shown by visitors and kindred societies was marked.

The necessity of World Peace and accounts of our efforts to obtain the Enfranchisement of our women occupied part of one session. Altogether, a Convention of power and strength and progress was ours in Cape Town, and one not to be forgotten. We greatly missed Miss Emilie Solomon, one of our World's Vice-Presidents, and one of our most gifted and warmly beloved comrades, and also Mrs Shennan, who has recently been appointed the World's Superintendent of Social and Moral Hygiene. We noted with deep sympathy, that since we last met, three years ago, seventy-two of our members have "passed on." For ourselves we grieved, for them we rejoiced at our Memorial Service at their "promotion," but we keenly miss them all.

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George Brown, Manager Boston Athletic Association:

"I positively know from experience in 15 Marathon races in America and in England, that alcohol used in any form in a race of this kind is a great detriment."

### A FEW FACTS CONCERNING E.R.A.; OR ABRAMS TREATMENT.

First, it is a demonstrated fact that human energy, i.e., the energy given off by the human being, can be carried along a wire in a similar way to the carrying of an electric current. Also, deviations of human energy, or, in another word, disease, can be similarly conveyed along a wire. Thus human energy, whether normal or diseased, can be conveyed along a wire.

A second fact demonstrated is that it is possible to produce areas of congestion (dullness on percussion) in various parts of the body of a healthy human being, by carrying energy through a wire to the nervous system of that healthy person.

A third fact demonstrated is that every disease investigated has its own particular inductance, or wave length, or, in other words, will only travel along a wire when there is either no appreciable inductance, or where the inductance is in tune with the wave length of the disease condition.

A fourth fact that has been demonstrated is that different disease conditions cause different areas of congestion on the body of a healthy person used as a reagent, so that by this agency a very valuable aid to the diagnosis of disease has been discovered, and it is now possible to say positively whether a case is cancer, tuberculosis, typhoid, diphtheria, etc. The diagnosis is definite, and the results are positive, and do away with speculation as to what might be the trouble.

For the purpose of diagnosis, the energy may be conveyed from the actual person who is sick, or from a few drops of his blood, taken and preserved under proper conditions. The saliva of the sick person, or even his handwriting, serve as well, provided they are taken under proper conditions.

The fact that reactions do occur was settled by the Herder Commission in England. The members of that Commission were Sir Thomas Herder, Dr. C. B. Heald, Medical Adviser to the Civil Aviation Department; Major H. P. Lefroy, Head of the Wireless Research at the Air Ministry; Mr. M. D. Hart, engaged on physical research on behalf of the War Office; and Mr Watley Smith, engaged on similar research at the Air Ministry. Amongst other conclusions, this was demonstrated: "Beyond any reasonable doubt" that

"changes in the abdominal wall of the subject or reagent, of a kind which may be detected by percussion" do occur. "This is tantamount to the statement that the fundamental proposition underlying in common the original and certain other forms of apparatus designed for the purpose of eliciting the so-called Electronic Reactions of Abrams (E.R.A.) is established to a very high degree of probability."

Thus, by an independent committee of English scientists, the fundamental facts have been demonstrated to be true.

As to treatment. Abrams has, after years of experiment, introduced an instrument that will, when in operation and tuned to the proper wave length, obliterate in the reagent or subject the reactions. He has found that if sick people are treated over a period of time at this rate wonderful recoveries from disease take place. Treatment is individual, and not only has every disease its own vibratory rate, but each sick person has his own special vibratory rate, and the best results are obtained when this rate is used.

E.R.A. diagnosis and treatment is no new thing. It has been in existence in New Zealand for the last eight years. It is well known in all the countries of the world. The antagonism which greets every new discovery is waning, and it will not be long before this method of healing is established in every hospital. It is already in some of the great hospitals of England, and the famous Central Hospital of Philadelphia has been completely equipped with everything necessary for E.R.A. methods, at an expense of over three-quarters of a million dollars. The result in health, and consequent lessening of expenditure for the sick, is already worth it.

(The above article has been written at the request of several readers who, having heard of benefit derived from "Abrams Treatment," have asked, "Can you tell us about Abrams treatment?")

### FOUR WISE RULES ABOUT FOOD.

1. Eat a variety of food
2. Eat plenty of vegetables, fruits, and salads.
3. When food is cooked, let it be done as simply as possible.
4. Never be greedy, and eat more than you need.

### STATE CONTROL IN CANADA.

"If all the drunks were arrested, there would be no room for them in the jails."—Police Commissioner C. F. Burton of Manitoba.

"Arrests for drunkenness increased 125 per cent. in the first eight months."—Saskatchewan Liquor Board.

"All records for inebriates were broken to-day when 89 Labour Day celebrants faced Magistrate Cohen."—Toronto Star.

"Our greatest problem is moonshine in the country districts."—Alberta Liquor Board.

"Bootlegging increased 111 per cent. in the first year."—Saskatchewan Liquor Board.

"As much liquor is sold by bootleggers as is sold in the government stores."—British Columbia Liquor Board.

In view of these statements, it would seem that government control has not been an abundant success.

### MEMBERSHIP DEMONSTRATION.

Last year we celebrated our Membership Demonstration with flowers, but this year it is to be celebrated with badges. So please, every District President, bring along number of increases in your district and each delegate in her own Union.

It is proposed to have three grades of badges, to be presented and worn during the rest of Convention.

1st Grade.—A badge of white ribbon with disc attached, on which is printed the name of the Unions and their actual increase of members, in order for each district according to their increase.

2nd Grade.—A badge of blue ribbon with similar disc attached, for each local Union in a district that has gained the largest increase.

3rd Grade.—A plain, blue badge for every Union that has increased its membership during the year.

# News of the Union.

Report Promptly—Write in Ink—On  
One Side of Paper.

**ASHBURTON.**—Feb. 5. Sister Mildred, Vice-President, occupied the chair; fair attendance. Votes of sympathy were passed with the following in bereavement:—Mrs H. Sutton, Mrs G. Holmes, Mrs Lee Cowie, Mrs Staples, Mrs Harwood and Mr G. W. Andrews. Letters of cheer and sympathy were directed to be sent to several members who are sick. Report of Executive meeting held on January 9th was received, and decisions endorsed. Sister Mildred reported that a Petition, signed by 500 residents of the Borough, had been forwarded to Headquarters, and a Deputation of No-License and W.C.T.U. members waited, the following week, on the Hon. Mr Taverner, Minister of Customs, as he passed through Ashburton, protesting against a Brewery License being granted in Ashburton. The Deputation was well received. A warm welcome was accorded to Commissioner N. Smith, of Salvation Army, who was present, and briefly responded. Tea was served, and a very interesting address by Mrs W. Grigg, Willowby, was given on the "Social and Political Work of Miss Frances Willard," whose memory we were delighted to honour. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Grigg. Mrs C. S. Matthews was appointed delegate, and Mrs Grigg substitute. Remits for Convention were considered, and the delegate instructed how to vote thereon. Mrs W. Grigg unanimously elected President. Decided that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mrs Moore, for splendid services rendered during the past year as President of the Union. Collection taken up in aid of W.M.F. Mrs W. T. Lill was thanked for donation of £1 to procure Constitutions, etc., for the Union. Next meeting to be "Constitution Afternoon."

**BALFOUR.**—In spite of a very wet night there was a good attendance of members and friends. We were very pleased to welcome three Lumsden sisters, who braved the elements to be present. A pleasant time was spent with competitions, solos and recitations, etc., prizes for the competitions being donated by members. An interesting report of the recent Convention was given by the President, Mrs Orr. An enjoyable supper was handed round, and a pleasant evening terminated by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

**FEILDING.**—Feb. 7. Mrs Pack presided; fair attendance. Circular from Miss Henderson re Convention, read and discussed. Mrs Kendall appointed delegate. Resolved, that in future, each member take it in turn to provide a scientific temperance fact, the President leading with one to-day. Mrs Wilton volunteering to bring one for next meeting. The President appealed to all members to visit the sick and aged in their immediate neighbourhood and report at each meeting. Mrs Whisker to prepare a paper for next meeting. This being Frances Willard Day, collection to go to Missionary Fund.

**HAWERA.**—Jan. 25. Mrs Exley presided; fair attendance; Mrs Squire acting as Secretary. Mrs E. S. Emmitt elected President and Mrs W. G. Simpson Secretary for the coming year. A vote of sympathy as passed to Rev. and Mrs Oxbrow in their recent sad loss. Mrs Ollernshaw, Snr., was elected delegate to Convention. Decided to hold a Garden Party on 25th of February. Mr and Mrs Corry, of Glover Road, lending their grounds for the occasion, Frances Willard Day to be observed on that day.

**LOWER HUTT.**—Jan. 23. Mrs Spencer conducted devotions. Letter from Dominion President, urging each and all to do their best to gain new members before Convention, and to work at education on the liquor question. The Cradle Roll mothers' meeting is to be held on February 6th. Hospitality Committee formed in connection with forthcoming Convention. Miss Page was appointed a delegate to the Executive meeting with the President. Our President

then gave us some instances from the book, "O'er Moor and Fen," being the story of an evangelist travelling through New Zealand. Frances Willard Day next meeting.

**NEW BRIGHTON.**—Good attendance; annual meeting; Mrs H. Hall was in the chair. A comprehensive report of the year's work was given by Secretary, showing that a number of departments had been worked and the membership increased by 17 during the year. The Cradle Roll reported an increase of 55 names. Members expressed their appreciation of the report, which was adopted. Mrs Hall thanked all who had so faithfully helped during the year. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs H. Hall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McLean, Pearn, Bellamy and Moses and Miss B. M. Harband; Sec., Mrs F. M. Mitchell; Treas., Mrs N. Fraser; Asst. Treas., Mrs Thompson; W.R. Agent, Mrs H. M. Ilroy; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Hastings; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs O. S. Pearn; Scientific Temperance Instruction Supt., Miss B. M. Harband; Notable Days Supt., Mrs Renner; Good Citizenship, Legal and Parliamentary and Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Moses; Press Reporter, Mrs F. M. Mitchell. A presentation was made to the retiring Secretary, Mrs Moses, who had held that office for eight years. Many members eulogised her work during the long period she had been Secretary.

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**—Jan. 23. Special meeting to bid farewell and God-speed to our newly-elected President, Mrs J. Craig, who is leaving for Auckland. About thirty members were present. Musical items were given by Mrs Frederic, Mrs R. Hawkins and Miss Kidson. Several of the members spoke in appreciation of Mrs Craig's services for the Union, and her great interest and enthusiasm for the Seamen's Rest. Mrs Connell, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs Craig with a beautiful brass vase, saying how much we regretted her departure, and expressed our best wishes for her future. This was endorsed by Mrs Jemison. Mrs Craig, in reply, thanked the members for their gift and kind wishes, and said her work for the Union had been a great pleasure to her. She intends uniting with Mt. Eden Union. Mrs Dickson and helpers served a very dainty afternoon tea.

Jan. 30. Fifteen present. Decided to keep Frances Willard Day on Wednesday, February 13th, at the Seamen's Rest. The resignations of Mrs Craig as President and Mr Craig from the Advisory Board were read, and accepted with regret. Proposed that a letter of appreciation for services rendered be sent to Mr and Mrs Craig. Report of Seamen's Rest showed 1,039 visits made during December and January. Gifts for that period include magazines, papers, plants, records and a new window. Mrs Jemison asked that nominations for President should be sent, in writing, at our next monthly meeting. Attention was drawn to the remits to be brought up at Convention.

**OXFORD.**—Jan. 16. President in the chair. Letters were received from Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, and Miss Harband, urging the necessity of increasing the membership of the W.C.T.U. A discussion took place as to the best means of attaining this end. The Secretary of the Domain Board wrote regarding the dates allotted to the W.C.T.U. for afternoon teas. These were considered quite satisfactory. The Secretary was requested to make arrangements with Mrs T. E. Taylor regarding her proposed visit to Oxford. One new member was initiated.

**PORT ALBERT.**—Annual meeting; small attendance. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Grindlay; Vice-Pres., Mrs Kruse and Mrs Hartnell; Sec., Mrs Phillips; Treas., Mrs Gubb; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hartnell. All agreed to try and each obtain one new member during the next few months. Afternoon tea was served.

**STRATFORD.**—Jan. 25. Arrangements made for Cradle Roll Picnic and Hospital Tea Day. Delegates appointed for Convention. Miss Lilley read the balance-sheet for 1928, which was very satisfactory.

**STYX.**—Annual meeting. Reports of officers read and adopted, showing satisfactory progress. President thanked officers for loyal support during the year. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Blain; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Tennant, Peters, Johnston and Hill; Sec., Mrs Marwick; Rec. Sec., Mrs

Harding; Cradle Roll, Mrs Johnson; L.T.L., Mrs Tittridge; W.R. Agent, Mrs Collison. Afternoon tea served.

**TEKUKA.**—Feb. 1. Mrs Tilbrook presiding, fifteen members present. Discussion on erecting iron fence round Ladies' Rest Room. Decided to meet Plunket Society for half the cost, and decided to erect fence. Cradle Roll Afternoon for the little ones on February 21st, also Garden Party and Sale to be held at Mrs Blackmore's on March 1st, to raise funds. Arranged for delegate to go to Convention.

**WELLINGTON.**—Fair attendance. A letter was read from the Dominion Corresponding Secretary, asking for which Primary Schools in Wellington the Union had donated charts for Temperance instruction. It was agreed that the five sets of charts should be assigned to the following schools:—Newtown, South Wellington, Berhampore, Island Bay and Lyall Bay. Arrangements for the forthcoming Annual Convention, which is to be held in Wellington, was discussed, and Mesdames Port and Harris were appointed members of the Hospitality Committee to assist in finding homes for delegates, working in conjunction with the Convenor, Mrs E. J. Webb. The Union presented the President, Mrs Mowlem, with an Honours Badge, in recognition of her many years of faithful service in the cause of Temperance, as Organiser, in active work for many election polls, and in numerous spheres of labour for Prohibition. She made a fitting acknowledgment of the honours done her, saying she had always delighted in doing whatever she could for Temperance and kindred causes, regarding time spent thus as recreation. Afternoon tea was served, a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Bradshaw, and a remit dealing with amendments in the Mental Hospitals' Act was passed to be forwarded to the Annual Convention for consideration. The Secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy, on behalf of the Union, to Mrs Lee-Cowie, for the death of her husband that took place recently.

**WANGANUI CENTRAL.**—Feb. 7. Mrs Irwin in the chair. Mrs Wilson appointed local Superintendent of the Social, Moral and Hygiene Department. Decided to send a delegate to Convention. Letters of condolence to be sent to Mrs Sutton on the death of her husband, and to the friends of the late Mrs Barron. An interesting address on the "Working of Prohibition in America," was given by Mrs Rutter. Mrs Moreton was thanked for her kindness in holding a Garden meeting in January, when Mrs Rutter gave an account of her experiences in the States. Decided to send copies of remits, to be considered at Convention, to all members who do not subscribe to the White Ribbon. The Bring and Buy Stall is to be continued this year, and the funds raised from it are to be used for the work of the local Union.

## RECIPE FOR IDEAL LOCAL UNION.

- Level measure of officers.
- Heaping measure of members.
- Generous sprinkling of visitors.
- Place the above in a pleasant room.
- Mix well with cordiality.
- Add: Many hearts full of devotion and faith.
- Interesting program; season well with prayer.
- Let rise in warm air of inspiration.
- This will serve as many women as you have faith to reach.—"Southern California White Ribbon."

# "Y" PAGE.



Muna Lee, a Mississippian, wife of Luis Munoz Marin, Porto Rican writer and economist. She is a poet, and the author of "Sea Change," editor and translator of the Spanish-American Anthology number of "Poetry;" translator of Gen. Rafael de Nogales' "Four Years' Beneath the Crescent;" frequent contributor to Latin American, Spanish and North American magazines.

Director of the Bureau of International Relations of the University of Porto Rico. Has received leave from her University to help in the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women, created by the Sixth Pan-American Conference.

Muna Lee—as she is known in the United States—was one of the group of the National Woman's Party, U.S.A., who went to Havana to ask the Sixth Pan-American Conference for a treaty granting equal rights. She spoke before the plenary session of the Conference at the hearing on Equal Rights.



Miss Elsie Ross Shields, Executive Secretary to the Inter-American Commission of Women, Brazilian by birth; has spent much time in Europe and Spanish America; has just arrived from Cuba to assume her duties.

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## WOMEN AT WORK.

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We who live in these lovely but lonely isles in the Pacific Ocean, are apt at times to miss the throb and vibration of the large world-wide movements. For many years women were fighting for the franchise, each in her own land. But now we welcome a wider international movement for the complete equality of the sexes.

The Sixth American Congress in Havana, created by resolution an Inter-American Commission of women, composed of one woman from each country. They are to investigate the laws of each of the twenty-one Republics, in order to determine just what is the legal status of women in each and every one of the American Republics. A report of its findings is to be made to the Seventh Pan-American Conference, when it meets in Montevideo in 1933. Miss Doris Stevens is Chairman of the

Commission and Representative of the United States.

The Colombian Representative, Dona Elena Capina de Capina, famed alike for her beauty and her work for social betterment, is a member of one of the most patrician families of Colombia, her father having been President of the Republic just before the present incumbent. Born in the lofty Andean Capital, more Spanish than the cities of old Spain, she speaks English perfectly, having been educated in this country and in Europe while her father was serving as Minister to Washington and to Brussels. During her last visit to Washington, in 1922, she was entertained at the White House by the late President and Mrs. Harding. Olive-skinned, dark-haired and graceful, with large dark eyes, the Srta. Capina is one of the most charming and talented women of South America.

Dr. Ernestina A. Lopez de Nelson, the Argentine member of the Commission, is distinguished as author and educator, and has been a professor in the University of La Plata. She has served, on several occasions, as delegate to International Conferences, either alone or with her equally-distinguished husband. She is also well-known for her interest in Social work, and was for a long time President of the important **Club de Madres** of Buenos Aires, which, among other activities, conducts an annual children's week with conspicuous success. As President of this latter organization, Dr. Lopez de Nelson is ex-officio a member of the Argentine Government Commission of Child Welfare.

An extremely modern young woman, vivid and brilliant, is Venezuela's Representative, in the person of Dona Luciani de Perez Diaz, who, in spite of her youth, is in the forefront of the women intellectuals of her country. She is editor of a magazine, author of a number of short stories and a novel, and reported the proceedings of the Latin Press Congress, to which she was a delegate, in a series of stirring articles, which have been widely praised.

The Srta. Clara Gonzales, LL.B., Representative of Panama on the Commission, is slender and vivacious, with a sparkling wit and great charm of manner. Although several years

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Coach "Hurry-up," Yost: "Nothing tries a man's staying power like football. I will not waste my time trying to train a drinker."

under thirty, she has already achieved distinction as feminist leader, which would do credit to a veteran. Miss Gonzales was the first woman to be admitted to the bar in Panama. She specialized in education and law, has pursued graduate work in Columbia, and is preparing to take her Master of Laws Degree at George Washington University. She was first President of the National Feminist Party of Panama, and has carried out several important Commissions for her Government. Some three years ago she organized the first school for adult women in Panama, and gathered about her a staff inspired with her own idealism, which volunteered its services to the women who came in flocks for instruction. The success of the school and its popularity, induced the Government to take it over and make it a permanent feature of the national educational system.

Mrs Charles Dube, member for Haiti, has long been interested in feminist activities, in which she has played an important part, not only in her own country, but also internationally. She was Haitian delegate to the Pan-American Conference of Women in 1922, and has been deeply interested in work for social betterment. She is a woman of fine poise and judgment, thoroughly modern in training and interests.

The two ladies whose photos are at the head of this column, are also special workers.

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My Dear Y.P's,

I know you are always looking out for attractive programmes for your meetings. Why not widen out and try to get the whole Dominion interested in our questions. I'm sure the enclosed letter which I received from a friend in U.S.A., will be of interest to you all.

Dear Mrs Peryman,

I wonder if the New Zealand papers have considered oratorical contests for high school students. For more than several years, a number of newspapers here and in other countries have sponsored contests. Students compete in their schools. The winners compete with other winners in the town, and that

winner competes with others in an area until about six or eight area winners compete for the National Championship, held here in Washington. Besides a trip to Washington, the "finalists" are given a European tour during the summer. Last Saturday night, in our large Auditorium, seating 6,200 persons, the International Contest was held. Eight countries sent their National winners, Mexico, Canada, Argentina, Cuba, England, France, Germany and United States. I was fortunate to get a ticket (exercises were broadcast). The stage was hung in dark velvet curtains and palms, and the eight boys (no girls this year) sat on either side.

After formal presentation of each one and a short address by the Minister of Mexico (chosen because Mexico won last year) each contestant was introduced by his National Anthem, played by the Marine Band Orchestra and a chorus of 300, while two Marines ran up the National Colours in front of the velvet draperies—a breeze was supplied. It was a "send off" to each boy to have his own anthem ringing in his ears as he stepped forward for his ten minutes. The five judges came from Harvard, University of Virginia, a Paris University, etc., and all knew Spanish, French, German and English, so the boys used their mother-tongue without a handicap in decision. Each of the five judges sent in a decision for a different boy, so the judges had to confer and take in the first five points, resulting in France receiving the Cup. Immediately the old Professor (reminded me of the loveable character in the Student Prince) ran up and greeted the boy on both cheeks. The seven other contestants caught the spirit and they did likewise to the delight of all. Ballots were allowed the audience, but that decision will never be known. I know French and German and understand Spanish a bit (I also had the English translations) and I voted for England. His topic was the "English System of Government" (ours are always on the Constitution and Government. His text was splendidly comprehensive, his delivery fine, his composure natural, and I can't see why Argentina and Canada came for 2nd and 3rd places. Most of the audi-

ence, I understand, was with England (but I was not officially told that); Canada didn't get anything from me. He was a "know it all smarty"—in my opinion, starting out with a statement like: "The 20th century is for Canada. Canada excels in this and that, etc." However, he had other points no doubt, which over-shadowed that.

Monday, I had the thrill of a life time. A friend phoned from the State Dept. to watch for the zeppelin which had left Germany—as it was due in five minutes. Everyone I told laughed at me, as the morning's paper reported it crippled and barely crossing Bermuda. It was just 12.30, lunch time, and our office is in a huge park by the Washington Monument. As I rushed out, there it was. We could see the cabin windows, the torn fin, and as it went overhead, saw the cable holes and read the name and number plainly. It circled the Monument (a 555ft shaft) then went over the White House and dipped a greeting. The President, who was shaking hands with tourists excused himself, ran to the front concourse and watched until the blimp turned and headed the other way, when he hurried through the offices to the rear grounds and stood waving there. Mrs Coolidge had gone early to the roof.

In the dirigible were 20 passengers and 40 crew, only one being a woman, Lady Drummond Hay, who has written beautifully about it.

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## Y REPORTS.

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**NEW BRIGHTON.**—Annual meeting; well-attended; Mrs F. M. Mitchell presided. The President gave a summary of the year's work, and the Treasurer's report and balance-sheet, showing a credit-balance, was adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows—Pres., Mrs F. M. Mitchell; Vice-Pres., Dr. McLean, Rev. O. S. Pearn, Miss E. Langley and Mr R. Buxton; Sec., Miss Doreen Evans; Treas., Miss Olive Gibb; Press Reporter, Mr Edwin Scott.

**WANGANUI.**—Jan. 8. Opening meeting for 1929; eleven members and three visitors present. Meeting opened with chain prayer. Four splendid impromptu speeches were given by four members. The Superintendent read a fact on "The Evils of Smoking;" following this, an enthusiastic discussion took place. Two members volunteered to write papers for next meeting. (I like to hear of "enthusiastic" discussion.—Ed., W.R.).

**ACKLAND.**—Feb. 4. Miss E. Appleby presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Five new members were initiated. The meeting was handed over to Miss Evans and Mrs Grinlinton, and took the form of a rehearsal for a concert, to be given at a Farewell Evening to Mrs Lee-

Cowie. A vote of thanks was passed to those who were arranging the concert. Miss Appleby was appointed delegate to Convention.

**WEST END.**—At a recent meeting in the New Brighton Presbyterian Church, it was unanimously decided to form a Y. Branch of the W.C.T.U. Miss Harband, who presided, addressed the gathering on "The Aims and Work of a Y. Branch." Among those present were: Dr. McLean, Ph. D., Mrs. Hall (President New Brighton W.C.T.U.), Misses M. and E. Norrie (North Brighton Y. Branch), Mr. G. Kemp (New Brighton Y's), and many members of the New Brighton W.C.T.U. Miss M. Norrie was deputed to act as Secretary for the meeting. The election of officers was as follows:—Pres., Miss Margaret Kemp; Sec., Mr. B. Bernstein; Treas., Mr. Ian Carson; W.R. Agent, Press Reporter, Miss B. McFadziea; Supt., Mrs. Duncan. The name of the Union was discussed, and it was decided to call it the "West End Y. Branch." Miss Eileen Nome congratulated the new branch on its successful inauguration, and, on behalf of the W.C.T.U., Miss Hall also spoke. Supper was served by the ladies.

**RICCARTON.**—The first meeting of the Riccarton Y. Union was held on Saturday, 26th January; thirteen members present. Officers elected as follows:—Supt., Miss Lovell Smith; Pres., Mr. L. Brighting; Vice-Pres., Misses Price and McClelland; Mr. J. James; Sec., Miss M. Clements; Treas., Miss D. Clements; Reporter, Miss N. Buckley. It was decided that the next meeting take the form of a Social. Supper was served, and brought the pleasant evening to a close.

### THE LITTLE WHITE RIBBON.

ADAPATED FROM THE "UNION SIGNAL"

(With apologies to James Whitcomb Riley.)

Our bonnie White Ribbon's come to our town to stay,  
To brightly clean our ideas up and brush the clouds away,  
To tell us what we ought to do and how to keep alive—  
Why, it's jes' full of good things to make a union thrive.  
An' it's the very bestest thing, when you've nothin' else to do,  
To set down in your easy chair and read it through and through.  
Folks around the whole world it tells us all about,  
And the little White Ribbon

Is the  
Best  
Thing  
Out!

On'e't there was a union that took it not at all—  
Said it didn't need it, an' didn't feel no call,  
An' it kept-a-gettin' weaker and a-shrinkin' every day  
Until it turned up missin', for it jes' shrunk plumb away.  
They seeked it in the meetin' place an' in the daily press,  
They seeked it all around the town an' everywhere, I guess,  
But they never found a trace of it not anywhere about.  
It didn't take The Ribbon,

So it  
Jes'  
Died  
Out!

An' once there was a union, they took it every one,  
Yes, every single member underneath the shinin' sun.  
They didn't only take it, but they read its message, too,  
An' that sturdy little nion, how it grew and grew and grew,  
An' finally got so very big they had to rent a hall  
To 'commodate the people an' make room for one an' all.  
An' if you are a-wonderin' how it all came about,  
Jes' read the White Ribbon  
An' you'll  
Soon

Find  
Out!

An' what I want to say is when you're feelin' mighty blue,  
An' things all look so very black you don't know what to do,  
An' you think the whole world's growin' worse and worsen every day,  
An' all your little efforts is as good as throwed away,  
You'd better read the Ribbon, an' you'll quickly change your mind.  
For this good old earth is busy leavin' Satan way behind,  
An' what is sure a-helplin' to bring it all about

Is the little White Ribbon,

The  
Best  
Thing  
Out!

Ladies visiting Auckland should patronise the

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**APITI**, 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, Cumbræe 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** third Saturday, 7.30 p.m., Baring Square Hall. Pres., Mr J. W. Beck, 64 Beach Road; Vice-Pres., Misses L. Tucker, V. McLauchlan; Sister Mildred, Mr W. C. Bishop, Rev. C. S. Matthews; Sec., Mr Frank H. E. S'cock, 36 Moore Street; Asst. Sec., Miss M. Lewis, 99 Wills Street; Treas., Mr W. T. Corbett, 11 Cameron Street; W.R. Agent, Miss E. Thompson, Beach Road.

**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, Pampalier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pampalier 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, 8 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 Cations, 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, Hine-moa 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 V. 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 Street; Mrs F. M. Mitchell, 383 Park Road, N.B.; Treas., Mrs N. Fraser, River Road, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs 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 Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Raine, Vicarage, High Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. E. Madden; Treas., Mrs Hurley, Wyndham Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Sayers; Press, Mrs Jansen; Organist, Mrs C. Jones; Evangelistic, Mrs Tyler.

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

**DANNEVIRKE**, meets 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Act. Pres., Miss Heaton; Vice-Pres., Mrs Daniel; Sec., Mrs T. Nicholson; Treas., Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, 227 High Street.

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

**DUNEDIN**, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 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 Williamson, 42 Beach Street; Sec., Miss M. Ford, Burke Street, Mornington; Treas., Mrs Williams, Cr. Burns and Neville Streets; 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. Planny; 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs Sangster, Kimbell; Rec. Sec., Mrs White, Allandale; Treas., Mrs Vallance; W.R. Agent, Mrs Barwood.

**FEILDING**, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Paek, 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; Roc. Sec., Mrs J. Baldey; Cor. Sec., Miss Robertson, 33 Coutts Road; Treas., Mrs McAskill; Cradle Roll and L.T.L., Mrs G. F. Mirams; W.R. Agent, Mrs T. Stevenson, Canning Street.

**GREYTOWN**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs 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 pm., 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, 62 Te Aroha St.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Dixon; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. G. Johnson, Ruakiri Rd.; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Rd.; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Watson, Clifton Rd.; Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury, Stanley St.

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

**HASTINGS**, 4th Thursday, Meth. Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Banks, Southampton Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Darby, Thompson and Paul; Sec., Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs Emmett, Avenue Road, White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

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

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

**INVERCARGILL Y's** meet the first Monday in each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Tay Street, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street; Sec., Miss G. Fraser, C/o Fraser's Store, Elles Road; Treas., Miss Dawson, 283 North Road; Supt., Mrs Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindsfarne; W.R. Agent, Miss Blake, 45 Teviot Street.

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

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

**INVERCARGILL NORTH**, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. alternately, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Pres., Mrs Chalmers, Jed Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Martin, 29 Antrim Street; Sec., Miss Langskall, 88 Melbourne Street; Treas., Mrs Laytham, 91 George Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Holmes; Cradle Roll, Mrs L. Fraser; W.R. Agent, Mrs Martin, 29 Antrim Street.

**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, Jelliooe 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.

**MASTERTON**, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Mrs S. J. Smith, High St.; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Rd.; W.P. 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, 167 Seaton Heights Road; Treas., Mrs Foothead, Miramar Avenue; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. L. Eggers, Karaka Bay.

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

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

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

**NAPIER SOUTH**, 3rd Thursday, in Wesley Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Dunstall, McVay Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Walker, 145 Nelson Crescent; Sec., Mrs Williams, 112 Vigor Brown Street; Treas. Pro. Tem., Mrs Walker.

**NAPIER**, 1st Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Lusk, Fitzroy Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Macalister, Cox, Hull and Saunders; Rec. Sec., Mrs Brocklehurst, 88a Marine Parade; Asst. Sec., Mrs Oliver; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, 66 Chaucer Road, North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Evangelistic, Mesdames Dodds and Wilkinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent; Cradle Roll and Prison Work, Mrs Saunders; Purity, Mrs Dunstall.

**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. Game, Box 2; Treas., Mrs J. Meuli, P.O., Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs Beaton; W.R. Agent, Miss Dickson, Little Waihi Road, Hawera.

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

**OAMARU**, Methodist Lecture Hall, Eden Street, every 2nd Monday in the month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss A. Webb, 22 Wye Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clarke, Reid, Hall, Hutchinson and Misses Wilson and Milligan; Rec. Sec., Miss Cowan, Rother Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Scott, 60 Eden Street; Treas., Miss R. Day; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, Eden Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Williamson.

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

**OTAHURU**, 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; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Miss Waterman; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs J. Baxter; Notable Days, Mrs G. Jones; Home Meetings, Mrs T. Gainsford; Band of Hope, Mrs C. W. Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Roi; Y.P.'s., Mrs R. Conyns; Legal and Parliamentary, Miss Caverhill.

**PAHIATUA**, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. Paterson; Sec., Miss H. Ross; Treas., Mrs O. Johnson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie, Riccarton Road, Pahiatua.

**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 Carter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Battersby, Murgatroyd, Corner, Jones, Crowther and Miss Collie; Cor. Sec., Mrs Silberry, Richmond Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Cole, C/o. 89 Nelson Street; Treas., Mrs Doneghue; Asst. Treas., Mrs Woolford; Cradle Roll, Mrs Murgatroyd; Notable Days, Miss Collie; Scientific and Literature, Mrs Young; Evangelistic, Mrs Jensen; Librarian, Mrs Playtor; Sick Visitors, Mrs Jones and Mrs Crowther; Socials, Mrs Young and Mrs Woolford; W.R. Agent, Mrs Caldwell, 47 Buick Street.

**PICTON**, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Millett; Vice-Pres., Miss Harris; Sec., Mrs Tobell; Treas., Mrs Wells; Band of Hope, Mrs Powell; Cradle Roll, Miss Potter; Y's., Mrs Head; W.R., Mrs Potter.

**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.

**POUNSONBY**, meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday in St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Jervois Road, Pounsonby, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Read, Fern Bank, Whitaker Place; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie; Vice-Pres., Mrs Kasper and Mrs Williams; Rec. Sec., Mrs Joiner; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. B. Farrand, 8 Stokes Road; Treas., Miss S. S. Pyle, 8 Stokes Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews; Bible-in-Schools, Miss Pyle; Mothers' Meetings, Mrs Stewart; Notable Days, Mrs Bragg; Prison and Reformatory, Mrs Wakefield.

**RAKAIKA**, meets on the 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Bang; 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 Saunders.

**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.

**REETON**, 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 Fawcett, Juliet Street, South; Vice-Pres., Mrs McCallum and Mrs Gordon; Treas., Mrs A. Dickensen, Regan Street; Sec., Mrs March, Orlando Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gaze, Rosalind Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Wendelborn, Juliet Street, South.

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

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

**SYDENHAM**, 1st Thursday in the month, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs Gilmour; Rec. Sec., Mrs Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Stewart; Treas., Mrs Gillard, Brougham Street East; W. R. Agent, Mrs Johnson.

**TE KUITI**, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs G. Hall; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott, Seddon Street; Treas., Mrs R. B. Cole, Mangarino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

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

**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. Pres., Mrs Tilbrook, Hayhurst Street; Sec., Mrs Allenby, Main North Road; Treas., Miss Greaves, King Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss M. Elder, King Street; W.R. Agent, Miss I. Hewson, Hamilton Street.

**TIMARU**, last Tuesday, 2.50 p.m., Salfers' 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 A. Roy, Hunter R.D.; Sec., Mrs R. B. Hurst, Naylor St.; Treas., Mrs W. Simpson, Waituna; W.R. Agent, Mrs Graham, Rhodes St.; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Johns and 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 Parlour. Pres., Mrs Irwin, 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, 26 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.

**WAVERLEY**, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.50 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. Wall; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Nicholls; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. J. Davis; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Johnstone.

**WELLINGTON**, 1st Thursday, 2.50 p.m., 35 Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Mowlem; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Brierley, 103 Hanson Street.

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.35 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 Fryberg Street, Lyall Bay.

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

**WINTON**, meets 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs 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 Ayson.

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