

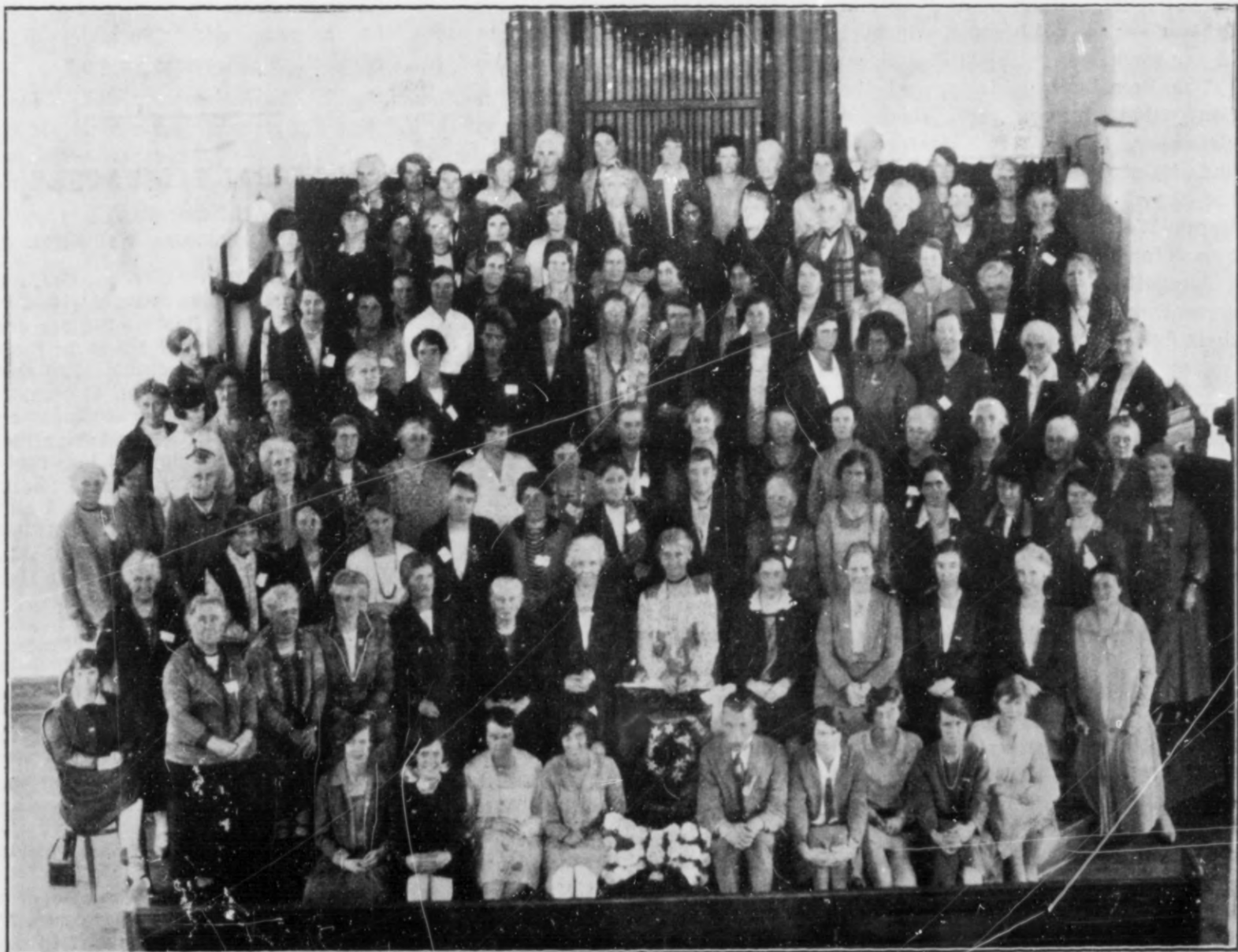


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GROUP OF DELEGATES OF WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION CONVENTION, HELD AT WELLINGTON, MARCH, 1929.

CONVENTION ECHOES.

The Convention of 1929 is now a thing of the past. Delegates gathered from all parts of the Dominion to our central capital city. The city was lavish in its hospitality, and the willingness of our friends to open their homes to receive delegates, was highly appreciated. Convention met in the Congregational Church on Cambridge Terrace, kindly lent by the Trustees.

The Convention was a very industrious one, and much business was put through. The delegates had a mind to work; and we hope that all Unions will display the same earnest spirit during the year. As related elsewhere, Convention has resolved upon a forward movement, which is to give us a National Headquarters, and we hope it will double our membership, and that every member will subscribe to and read our official organ—The "White Ribbon"—and so become educated in our work.

The President's address, and the Convention sermon are reported elsewhere. The Y.P. Conference finds its place on our Y. Page, while the report of the Conference on Maori Work will be found in its own column.

Altogether, 117 delegates were present, of whom 44 were attending their first Convention.

THE RECEPTION.

This was held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. The Mayor, in his civic robes, took the chair, and the Mayoress was with him on the platform. He warmly welcomed all delegates to the city. Rev. Pinfold spoke words of welcome on behalf of the Ministers' Association, while Mr C. R. Edmond voiced the welcome of the New Zealand Alliance, representing all Temperance bodies. Miss Kirk, President of the entertaining District Union, told how glad her district was to be hostess for Convention. Hon. A. J. Stallworthy also spoke of his pleasure to be there, and to meet so many workers in so good a cause. Mrs T. E. Taylor thanked one and all for their welcome. A very fine concert programme was arranged by Mr Clement Howe, and the city and suburban Unions provided a bountiful supper. Beautiful bouquets, the

work of Mrs Chisholm, were presented to the Mayoress and Dominion Officers.

GARDEN PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon the Johnsonville Union entertained delegates and friends at a Garden Party, in the grounds of Mr Alex. Moore, kindly lent for the occasion. Mrs Moore acted as hostess, and spoke of her pleasure at entertaining delegates, and, in the absence of Mr Moore, Chairman of the Town Board, she welcomed them to the fair suburb of Johnsonville. Mrs Halliday, President of the entertaining Union, spoke of the pleasure it gave them to meet the delegates in social intercourse. Hon. A. J. Stallworthy also spoke inspiring words, and the Dominion President thanked them for their kindly welcome.

Delegates enjoyed the fine bus ride up the charming and beautiful Ngahauranga Gorge, and the bus service was taxed to its limit to carry the crowd. So many assembled for the trip, that Mr Crichton had to borrow an Eastbourne bus to transport the visitors. Nearly 300 were entertained to afternoon tea, a real country tea, all cakes homemade.

CONCERT AND PRESENTATION OF BANNERS.

On Tuesday evening, a Concert was held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. It was well-attended, and Miss Kirk was in the chair. A fine musical programme was arranged by Mrs Sawden, President of Brooklyn Union, and rendered by a band of talented young performers.

Speech Competition was a special feature of the evening. The judges were: Miss McLean, M.A., Mr V. Evans, M.A., and Mr Allan Cousins, L.L.M. Prepared Speech Competition was won by Mrs Phillips, of Warkworth, while Mrs Cook, of Auckland, and Mrs E. C. Smith, of Gore, tied for second place. Impromptu Speech Competition was won by Mrs E. C. Smith, of Gore, with Mrs Young, of Palmerston North, second. The President presented the prizes, and also these won by the Y. delegates at the afternoon session of Convention. The Impromptu Speech Competition for Y's was won by Mr F.

Silcock, of Ashburton, with Miss Crozier, of Eltham, as second. For the Prepared Speech, Miss Watts, of Wanganui, was first, and Miss Appleby, of Auckland, second. The Banners won were presented by the Dominion President.

The Banner for the greatest increase in membership was won by Wanganui Central, with an increase of 37. The Banner for greatest percentage increase was won by Paeroa, with an increase of 250 per cent. We are confidently expecting that, as a result of our Forward Movement, every Union will do its best to beat Paeroa's record.

The Y. Banner, for greatest increase, was won by Ashburton Y's, with an increase of 53. The L.T.L. Banner again was won by Masterton, with an increase of 152, while Ryal Bush secured the Cradle Roll Banner, with an increase of 135. We should think every baby in Ryal Bush must be on that Cradle Roll, and it must be a case of: "Tremble, King Alcohol! when we grow up."

GENERAL LITERATURE.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE
W.C.T.U. NATIONAL CONVENTION,
MARCH, 1929.

In deciding upon a message to this Convention, it has proved somewhat difficult to strike a high and optimistic note, especially in the face of the poll of last November, and what that poll implies.

In any review of the past three years' work, the first impression is one of failure, failure not only of the accomplishment of our supreme aim and purpose, but failure to hold fast even that which, through long years of effort, we had gained.

To many it has been a bitter disappointment, while to some it has meant almost a complete lapse of that faith in human possibilities, without which there is no incentive or inspiration for renewed hope and effort in any cause for human uplift.

To every one in the Union it has implied that somewhere and somehow we have come short of the best that we are capable of, as well as the best that we had hoped for.

Above all, the result of the poll has come as a challenge, if ever challenge were offered to the whole Christian manhood and womanhood of New Zealand.

That such a challenge was necessary, can one of us assembled here to-day, deny? Later on, when we examine the position honestly and in detail, we may realise something of what is involved, and so find justification for a renewal of our faith and effort.

Meanwhile, it may encourage and refresh us somewhat to look away for a time from our own isolated record, and take note of what the world generally is thinking and doing on this, as well as other questions of deep import to the well-being of the human race—more particularly what the women of the world are trying to accomplish in their own fields of work. As Anna Gordon says: "We are living in a new age, an age of scientific accomplishment; an age of national and inter-racial ideals; an age also of inter-dependence among nations, of co-operation, scientific and commercial, political and intellectual, and of a new understanding, which

honestly faced, must result in the goodwill that makes for peace."

This is increasingly shown by the number of and growth of international gatherings, which are convened under all manner of auspices every year. Never before has one year been so crowded with such gatherings, all of them wide in scope, and high in aims, as was the one just closed. Of great significance to us is the fact that in all of them, the woman's contribution has taken its place alongside that of the man.

Quite evidently recognising her great opportunity and consequent responsibility, she has, both by pen and voice, played a conspicuous part, not only in big international concerns and conferences, but in the intellectual and moral life of the nations of which she forms a part.

Even in such a gathering of pure intellect as the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, women have a high place, notably amongst these being Miss Helen K. Kim, a Korean woman, who touched the high lights of the Conference by an outstanding research paper on her own country and people, thus taking her place amongst the greatest intellects of the day in Pacific countries.

In the League of Nations Secretariat, in the Labour organisation, and on several of the permanent commissions, women are still holding their own, although no woman has yet gone to the Assembly a fully-accredited delegate, nor has any woman yet appeared in the Council of the League.

We can rejoice, however, that the work of Dame Rachel Crowdy, Chief of the Opium Traffic and Social Service Section of the League, has been so appreciated, that she has been re-appointed until 1930. It is hoped that this may be extended until 1935. Strong efforts are being made in this direction.

Individually and collectively, the world over, women are doing great things and setting us in New Zealand a high standard of possibilities within ourselves, which we are still far from attaining.

In China, India, Japan, Korea, in Egypt, Turkey, Sweden, Germany, America, in Great Britain, in Austria Hungary, and the newly-constructed states of Europe, women, possessed

by a Christ-like vision of human values, and a whole-hearted desire for service, seem to place no limit to their aspirations in that service, and many are realising and achieving the success they desire.

Take the record of such women as the Chinese Jurist, Miss Soume Scheng—lawyer and judge—her life story is a great romance, educated in Paris, she represented the Chinese Government at the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919. After her return to China she was made Judge of the Supreme Court of Kiangsu Province, and then President of the Provisional Court of Shanghai—later offered the post of Chinese Minister to France, which was declined. In extension of this attitude, we had the outstanding Chinese women delegates to the Pan-Pacific Conference—wonderful women, doing a great work in education, health, and industry, women with American and European University degrees and post-graduate qualifications. The same applies to Phillipina and Japanese women.

Go to India, and we have the wonderful story of the life and work of Sarojini Naidu, the Indian poetess, who also was President of the Indian National Congress, Indian Ambassador to South Africa, and Minister of Health for two years in an important Indian State. Mlle. Bequillon, a young French woman, has achieved the distinction of being the first woman to occupy a Chair of Law in a French University, having been appointed Professor of Law at the University of Renes. Also Gertrude Bell, Traveller, Explorer, Diplomatist, and Scientist.

In the matter of service through public life, the Swedish women up till 1924 or 1925, were perhaps the most advanced. Germany and Great Britain, as well as America, now come very close up with them, and in some cases are ahead. Swedish women are exceedingly active in all that relates to civic freedom and the industrial rights of women and children, in questions of Public Health, Poor Relief, Housing, School Boards, Higher Education for Girls, Municipal Nursing, the Care of Poor Mothers, and indeed, in all Child Welfare Institutions.

They have six women in their National Parliament, 221 Town

Councillors, and 481 Rural Councillors, and have been exceptionally well-represented on the League of Nations by able women.

England, although not till this year fully enfranchised, has had as many as eight women in the House of Commons, women belonging to various political parties, but speaking as one voice on all feminist questions.

In Great Britain there are a large and increasing number of women on all local governing bodies, on Educational and Child Welfare organisations, public as well as private. They are taking a prominent part also as women mayors, women justices and women police, thus showing that our sisters of the Homeland are slowly, but surely, making a footing for themselves in public affairs far ahead of what we are doing in New Zealand, even after 35 years of enfranchisement.

Take the German women—it may be news to some of us to hear that there are between 30 and 40 women Deputies in the Parliament of the German Republic—that in spite of tremendous opposition from the more conservative men, they have almost revolutionised the social structure in that country, and of greater importance still, these women contributed very largely and constructively to the framing of the constitution of their Republic. This is the first time in the history of the world that women have been permitted to influence the constitution of any great nation.

Surely, these are records and indications to make us open our eyes and ask ourselves whither we are trending. But time will not allow us to linger on this fascinating record—we must pass on. Neither will it be possible to deal in detail with all the Conferences that have come and gone, absorbingly interesting though they may be, but some of them we cannot pass without notice.

Notable amongst them and first in order of time, was the wonderful gathering on the Mount of Olives, the Jerusalem Conference of the International Missionary Council, when 240 men and women from the Christian communities of 50 countries came together to discuss around the Council Table the deep issues involved in modern Christian civilisation.

Basil Matthews has very vividly and very beautifully described it in his book, "Roads to the City of God."

"On the ridge of the Mount of Olives in brilliant spring sunshine, men and women of 50 nations, chosen from the leadership of the Christian community in every continent under heaven, came together through Passiontide, 1928. They came by roads that lead up from the ends of the earth to the Holy City, to face frankly and together the final challenging issue in the world to-day—the adequacy of the Christian message to transform and save men in the face of his sin-tormented life everywhere, and especially in face of the world,—conquering tides of material civilisation and the resultant maelstrom of industrial and rural revolutions and inter-racial conflict. The imagination, quickened by the influences of the place, desperately fails, and the personalities of these men and women desperately fail in striving to soar to a height of contemplation from which the wonder of the event, first as a fact, and then in its possibilities may be gathered in one comprehensive vision—a vision, first down the long roads of history leading through the centuries to this hour and place—then across the contemporary world-wide crisis of the human scene in its unique experience of upheaval and of problems confronting each in his own land, these men and women of every race; and lastly a vision into the unsearchable riches and power of the One, Who drew us all to that place, the Man, who, having prayed in agony on the slopes of this Mount, staggered under a cross up the streets of that city, whose name has become, through His life and death and resurrection there, the very symbol of the Kingdom, of God on earth, the New Jerusalem. Here then is the world standing in desperate need, at a supreme hour in the historic process. Here are the city and the Mount, once visited by the Son of God, in Whom that need can be met. Here in that place is a group of men and women from many nations, members of His Body, disciples to whom he has definitely committed the charge of giving to the world in life and word, the Good News that heralds the Kingdom of God. Those disciples have come to Jerusalem along the world's high-

ways, not of their own initiative and volitions, but under the compelling influence of the poignant, the well-nigh tragic demand of the Christian community in every part of the world for a decisive, authentic lead from God for the adventure that is to-day and to-morrow. The conviction grows that it is inconceivable that God could, by such clear compulsion, have called such a body of folks from such a background to face world need in such a day, unless He had it in His will to do creative work and to initiate a new day of advance for His Kingdom. The event sustains that conviction, strengthening it into certainty."

In August came another of these great gatherings, when the interests and trends of the World's Sunday School Movement were discussed by 8,000 delegates at Los Angeles—earnest and devoted men and women, again from every country of the world, and all deeply concerned in finding the best that Christian ethics and spiritual vision have to offer the youth of this generation to awaken the imagination and inspire the service of the citizens of to-morrow.

Two somewhat technical, but nevertheless most valuable Conferences, held in Europe this year, have been the International Labour Conference at Geneva (an annual gathering) and the International Congress against Alcohol at Antwerp. Both have added considerably to the deeper thought developing everywhere on these questions. The International Congress against Alcoholism is of special interest to us, as opponents of the Liquor Trade.

At that Congress were present, scientific authorities and research experts from practically every country in Europe, as well as from America.

These men gave exact and expert evidence of the latest findings in the scientific world with regard to the nature of alcohol, and the harm it does, especially as a racial poison. They reported upon the laws now enacted in so many countries against supplying children and young people with it. Most interesting evidence was given also as to the results and experience of Prohibition in America and Finland, and the tremendous struggle that is now taking place in

Europe and elsewhere against the vice of alcoholic drink.

This Congress was wonderfully educative, and stands for the true foundation work upon which Prohibition must be built in every country, if it is to be a permanent factor in the life of that country's people.

In July and August, White Ribboners from all quarters of the globe met in triennial Convention at Lausanne, in Switzerland.

Again time will not permit of any detailed account of the proceedings during that eventful two weeks, but all agree that it was marvellously inspiring, full of uplift and instruction, and that the contacts there made between women of every nation, will have a lasting influence upon the work of the Union in all the 51 countries of its affiliations.

The message to this Congress from the World's President, Miss Anna Gordon, is a masterpiece in its detail and summary of women's work the world over. Its optimistic tone with regard to the fields of activity covered by the Union and the projects, national and international, yet to be set going, sounds a note of solid comfort to us in New Zealand, who are still feeling the hurt of our last poll.

Here are Miss Gordon's words: "We are citizens of a new world—a world of new problems and new programmes. We are a vital section of the united womanhood that is helping to awaken this new world to its vastly-extended spiritual and social obligations and opportunities. We are helping to safeguard the travellers on the highways and skyways of this new world with a knowledge of the illuminating truth about alcohol; alcohol, the new destructive enemy of the human race, retreats before truth, and our new, bewildering, wonderful world shall be made more safe for the oncoming host.

"In our supreme moral, social, and spiritual adventure—the capital task committed to our hands—we are co-workers with God. We are a responsible division of a colossal world conflict to protect the child—the holiest investment on earth. Arrayed against us are selfish, strongly-organised financial interests, intent only on protecting their investments in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

"To be a citizen to-day—to help younger women to develop and ripen in the golden sunshine of Christian civilisation—is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and is a necessary fine art in the complex school of life. The close and constant study and practice of this fine art is essential to the stability and growth of our local branches, and will give us added power for our greater task ahead. To-day woman's responsibility as a voter is so immeasurably great that, whether she realises it or not, her ballot has become international in significance and as big as the universe itself."

Concurrently with the Lausanne Convention was the first Pan-Pacific Women's Conference, held under the auspices of the Pan-Pacific Union at Honolulu, chief city of that Paradise of the Pacific, the enchanting Hawaiian Islands.

It may be asked what is to be the outcome of all these meetings and talkings, is the sum total going to benefit mankind as a whole, or is the individual, who attends as a delegate, or a visitor, the only one who may receive uplift and enlightenment. This is not an idle criticism, but one that carries its own inference, which is that everything depends upon the type of person who is chosen as delegate to these conferences.

If such gatherings are to be of any value in bringing about a national and international conscience through the education and influencing of public opinion, then those who choose delegates must make themselves responsible for sending the right people, and when they return, see to it that they are given plenty of opportunity to report back what they have learned and what has impressed them, and to carry the message back to those who sent them. Only thus can the purpose of the promoters justify itself, and bring into being the understanding and goodwill, which alone will bring that purpose to fruition.

What that purpose in its main features really is, may be gathered by the diligent student of reports and round-table discussions.

It will be found to be a desire for mutual understanding between peoples and nations of all important questions, a desire to face up to these questions, whether they be points of

argument or points of disagreement, and to see the other persons' or the other nations' point of view, to take the best they have to give and to offer the best that we have to give—in social service, in education, in science, in industry, and in national ideals.

When this understanding and interaction has been arrived at, then and only then can permanent peace and goodwill be possible, for amidst all the varied interests that have engaged the time and attention of the men and women at these various Congresses, one common theme, perhaps never even mentioned, has lain in the sub-conscious background of all the thought and research so freely contributed, and that theme is, that universal goodwill and peace, through mutual understanding, even if that understanding does not at all times mean agreement, shall be the final outcome.

There can be no room for doubt, that in goodwill through mutual understanding lies the only road to disarmament, and through disarmament lies the only road to World Peace.

So much for what has been going on in the world around us, shall we return now to a consideration of things social and feminist in New Zealand!

Reviewing legislative progress in this country for the past few years, we seemed to reach our high watermark in 1926.

In that year women were admitted as Justices of the Peace. The Guardianship of Infants' Act was amended in the direction of giving the mother co-guardianship with the father, also some very necessary amendments were made to the Police Offences and Destitute Persons' Acts, and the somewhat futile but well-principled Family Allowances Act was passed.

Since then, if we except the amendments to the Mental Defectives Act, little progress can be reported in the legislative demands of women.

Still more disconcerting is the fact, that of four women who faced the strenuous and difficult work of a political campaign, not one succeeded in winning a seat, although three of them gained a very good vote, and all put up a vigorous fight.

This, and the somewhat allied happenings, of apparent disaster to

the Prohibition vote, are matters of the deepest significance to us. For, think what we will and excuse ourselves as we may, there is no escaping the fact that a deadly apathy and lack of faith had gripped the women of New Zealand, bringing in its train these two results.

Coming fresh from contact with women of other Pacific countries, at the Honolulu Conference, women who were simply aflame with ideals of the possibilities of their part in the regeneration of society, when fully enfranchised, to one who had been there the reaction was appalling.

It struck a chill to one's heart and brain to see how little value the women of this country were placing upon the legal power they possessed to raise the standard of social and public life in the nation.

It looked as though the ideals for which we stood 35 years ago, when we so earnestly sought enfranchisement, for which Oriental and Pacific women are still fighting, that those ideals had all been tried and found wanting, or worse still found utterly unattainable. And this we know is not so, from the history of women in other lands—we know the fault is ours. What has happened to us?

It is useless to excuse ourselves any longer. We have had our opportunity during the last 35 years; what have we done with it? We may rightly claim to have influenced legislation and social conditions to a certain extent, and a few of our women have gained positions on local bodies and national institutions—that only.

We are not, as many other women are, influencing the big things of our nation, or shaping its future in the highest interests of unborn generations, as we claimed we could do. Face to face with the women of other countries, who have enjoyed political freedom for a much shorter time than we have; our record is not inspiring—the women first in the world to gain our citizenship and possibly last to make full use of it.

When, as we have already done, we think of other countries, some of which we are inclined to look down upon, and compare the work of women there with our own, it must arrest our attention and give us cause for grave reflection.

Do we realise that here, where the University with its attendant High Schools was, through the work of noble pioneer women, thrown open to New Zealand women so many years ago, in the academic and scientific world, women are playing no great or ambitious part, either in the life of our own nation or in the life of the world at large, while Chinese and Japanese, American, British and Indian women are doing so much, in science, in law, in culture, and in government.

Surely we have cause for serious self-examination, living, as we do, under every condition of citizenship that the most ardent democrat could ask for, in that we never seem to rise above a standard of self-satisfied mediocrity. What is the reason for this? Is it the fault of our national standards, is it caused by our high level of physical comfort, is it that New Zealand motherhood has lowered its standard of life for the race, moral and spiritual, and concentrated upon the physical alone?

It looks very much as if we are sinking into a moral apathy, and an almost utter lack of intellectual courage and ambition, as the result of a lessening of the firm grip on spiritual realities, which once was ours. Truly, it is only the spiritual vision and understanding that can bring forth a life of high endeavour, and of higher attainment in the service of mankind.

For this we need a baptism of fire and the spirit throughout our land for which we must pray. However, it is hardly good for us to reach the stage where pessimism may stultify the will for higher endeavour and a more courageous outlook upon the future, which calls to us from the heights and also from the depths of human suffering, and we, of this division, must face the position fairly and squarely and admit that our work has not stood the test, then with renewed courage and faith face the future.

Lawrence Housman, in dramatising Mr Gladstone's final defeat on the Irish question, and as Prime Minister of England, after 66 years of unparalleled service to his country, puts into the mouth of Lord Morley these words:—

"Great causes must face and number their defeats, this is how they

come to victory. I see him now more than anything else, as a man of faith—He has given us the cause of liberty as a sacred trust, if we break faith with that we ourselves shall be broken, and we shall deserve it."

In 1898 Mr Gladstone died at the age of 89, but it was not until more than 20 years after his death, that even a measure of that liberty in which he had supreme faith was granted to Ireland, the land for whose freedom he battled so long. Our own leaders one by one have gone, as the years go by, to their long rest, with that same faith on their lips and in their hearts—faith in the ultimate triumph of our cause.

Is it believable that all of this generation has less faith than he and they?

As a testing time for the educational work done in New Zealand, the last poll is fully significant, and brings into the white light of mid-day, the fact that New Zealand people are not yet grounded in a knowledge of what the drink traffic is, and what it stands for. Until this is so, we shall neither win nor hold Prohibition in this or any other country.

Nevertheless, we must not let this fill us with dismay or hinder our future efforts—like those who have gone on before, we must have faith founded on truth and knowledge—we must take the whole world into review, and look upon our contribution as part of a universal movement, going ever onward towards the fulfillment of God's purpose in the universe.

Great encouragement comes to us from the success of Prohibition in America, but we must never forget that while on the one hand it gives us cause for rejoicing, on the other it lashes the liquor interests of the world into redoubled activity and into campaigns of misrepresentation, not to be surpassed in the history of any modern reform.

We have had bitter experience of this in New Zealand during the last year, and may expect worse as time goes on; if anyone thinks we accuse the liquor traffic without just cause, let her listen to this.

Cuttings are to hand from papers such as the "New York Times," "New York Post," "New York

World," "Washington Herald," "Philadelphia Ledger," etc. Under date Wellington, New Zealand, November 14th, an Associated Press message declares that "Prohibition was defeated by a majority of 100,000, and that the Government forces, under J. G. Coates, Prime Minister, suffered a severe setback in the triennial Parliamentary election to-day. Prohibition was on the ballot in the form of a referendum, as to whether it should be continued or whether a licensing system should be adopted. The vote was overwhelmingly against the continuance of prohibition."

A further choice example is to hand from the Minneapolis "Tribune" (another "wet" paper) which, before the poll and on September 4th, 1928, contained this: "Australia votes to end prohibition, and by a majority of more than two to one, in New South Wales and the Federal territory of Canberra. In industrial districts the women's votes were solidly against prohibition."

"In New Zealand, long ago, women voted prohibition in, then voted it out. They decided that men bringing a bottle home and drinking it all at once, were more of a nuisance than men drinking in the public house."

It will be noted, that it is declared that New South Wales in September voted to end prohibition, when we all know that New South Wales has never had prohibition. The reference to New Zealand is too rich for comment.

That implacable foe of prohibition, the Ohio State Journal, reveals the famished condition of the wet camp in an editorial appearing in that paper on November 18th. It is entitled, "A Referendum on Prohibition." The writer gives the startling information that New Zealand, after having tried prohibition three years, repudiated it at a recent election by 120,000, a wide majority in a Dominion, having a population of 1,400,000, including minors.

All these happenings, including the subterfuge of State Control, are but symptoms of the fear that possesses the very souls of those engaged in the highly profitable liquor business.

They realize, just as well as we do, or should do, that the nations are awakening to a knowledge of the true nature of alcohol and the traffic in the same. Moreover, they know full well, that so soon as the knowledge spreads, their traffic and their gains are doomed.

They are aware, probably more fully than we are, that the experts, engaged in research work on this question, are amongst the foremost scientists of the age, both in Europe and America. To crown all this they know too, that the social and economic gains in America are so great, that never once has that country looked back from nationwide prohibition.

Then again they keep in close touch with this question as viewed by the League of Nations—hence the influence of the wine-growing countries was used for all it was worth during the 1927 Assembly to prevent further discussion of the question, and great was their rejoicing when nothing definite in the nature of research eventuated that year.

The respite, however was but short lived, and at the 1928 Assembly, Poland, Finland and Sweden, seconded by Belgium and France, again brought forward their request, with the result that a resolution was agreed to, asking the Health organization of the League to collect full statistical information regarding alcoholism from an international investigation standpoint, and credits were given to cover the cost of such an undertaking.

In another branch of the League is this work to be carried on as well. The Fifth Commission is to investigate the effects of alcohol upon child welfare, and especially as a factor in heredity. And so the world-wide work goes on, and we remind ourselves of all the other agencies at work, recalling the Conference of The International Bureau and Council Against Alcoholism; The World Prohibition Federation; The World League Against Alcoholism; The World Women's Christian Temperance Union. Notwithstanding this great volume of the social and scientific trend against the use of this drug, we must not forget to bear in mind always, the tremendous advantages that this traffic has at its

command, and which it never fails to make full use of.

Interwoven as it has been into the very life of nations and individuals in social customs, business affairs, on almost every ceremonial occasion, in sickness and in health, its usage is as old as the race itself.

It has flourished in past ages through these customs and the almost universal ignorance of the action of alcohol upon living tissue and all life.

Recalling also the immense financial power of this business, and the great but easily-earned wealth that comes from its manufacture and sale, we must ask ourselves if we do realize the nature of our quest, and the significance of the background of ages and ignorance, against which this traffic leans for its very existence.

It is largely because we did not, as a group of people, realize the desperate nature of the campaign in which we were engaged, and also because we had not the knowledge of and faith in our cause that we are entitled to, that the liquor propagandists were able to swing over so many of our one-time supporters.

In face of the vast amount of reliable evidence to the contrary, and in face of the election of Herbert Hoover, for the Presidency, and all that this implies, thousands of those who voted with us three years ago, were stampeded into voting Continuance this year through untrue statements about American Prohibition, which were so industriously circulated before the poll. What are we to do to counteract all that has gone before and its developments in the future—can we do anything?

This much at least we must steel ourselves to face, and to prepare for—that the more closely do world-wide activities carry the fight against alcohol to the gates of the enemy, the more desperately will that enemy fight, resorting to every device of man or devil to throw back the advance of the armies of righteousness, and the cause of humanity.

This being so, our task is colossal, and only a deep knowledge of the facts and a burning faith in the righteousness of our cause,—only a lofty purpose resulting in patient progress, is going to forge for us the key that will unlock the doors

of national freedom from the tyranny of this age-old delusion.

Nor do we need to agonise in looking for the means to this end—the work of preparation is ready to our hands if we will only make use of it, right here in this organisation. Faithfully and vigorously carried out, nothing greater can be devised—Scientific Temperance Instruction, Cradle Roll Work, Band of Hope and L.T.L., the Y. work and the strength that comes from our Evangelistic exercises—all these and a thorough study of the physical, social and economic dangers of alcohol. These are our weapons, and so soon as we have made earnest and faithful use of them, so soon will the men and women of New Zealand put an end to the liquor trade.

Our American sisters fifty years ago set to work on this same constitution, evolved by their leaders after the Crusade—they believed unconditionally in the truth and righteousness of their cause, and what is of ever greater moment, to us as an inspiration, they believed in themselves as called and chosen to do this work.

They believed that once they had offered themselves on the altar of service for mankind, that Christ accepted them as His friends and co-workers, each with her own part to play. Now they praise Him and thank Him for accepting that service, and bringing into realization that for which through long years they valiantly strove.

In 1920 they saw nation-wide Prohibition accomplished, and again in 1928 they saw the consummation of eight years' struggle for law enforcement in the election of Herbert Hoover as U.S.A. President-elect.

In spite of all the predictions of disaster, social, moral, and economic, voiced by the liquor interests of the world, in spite of all that those same interests have done during eight years, to defy the American Constitution, to violate international agreements, to slander the character of American youth in the eyes of the world, these same women had the intense joy of seeing their labours crowned by such an overwhelming endorsement of national Prohibition, that nothing can now hinder its

march towards full realization in a still higher expression of national life, and in the character of its citizens, who will undoubtedly lead the world of the future, unless we are prepared to do as they have done and rid ourselves of that which is the bane of social life and which poisons the brain health of the race at its very source. We women must look this position in the face.

Lady Astor says: "I don't say that women will change the world, but I do say that they can if they want to."

Charlotte P. Gilman says:

Forget all the buried and welcome the born,

Those that are coming are real!

Plough for the beautiful dream of the corn—

Build the ideal!

Changeless the past, but the future is ours—

Open for us to endow;

Fruit for our purpose, proof of our powers,

Work for it now.

All we desire is for us to create—

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LETTER FROM MRS LEE-COWIE.

G.P.O., Honolulu,

March, 1929.

Beloved Editor,

I am thinking of you all at this Convention time, and praying you may have "discernment in all things," that the work of our great Union may go forward. Here it is generally conceded that the W.C.T.U. prayed the prohibition law into America, and prayed Herbert Hoover into victory. Al. Smith, Drink's Champion, and Herbert Hoover, upholder of Prohibition, contested more than the Presidential Chair of the U.S.A. They contested the powers of darkness and light, of good and evil. At first, all the weight seemed on the side of the brilliant Governor of New York, but gradually the intense and passionate prayers of God's people brought the serious solid Quaker to the fore, and the vote eventually was the most amazing History has ever recorded for righteousness. Until New Zealand W.C.T.U. members infuse that same spirit of intense and pleading prayer into our churches, we shall never win, but as soon as we "take hold of God's strength," the result is a foregone conclusion. Not money, not men, not political power or parties, can out-match Drink's deadly might, but,—“Our God is able.”

Just a month since I left home. We had a pleasant voyage with "Ocean Colleges" every morning on deck, and a sewing class at night for girls and boys in the Dining Hall. These were very blessed and successful, and the grateful thanks of weary mothers were showered upon us. We had Catholics and Protestants and Nothingarians, of course, but all were treated alike and told of Jesus and His love, and nothing would keep those children away. Indeed, they wanted school all day long, to the great jeopardy of correspondence, etc.

We were met at Suva by Mrs Findlay, W.C.T.U. President, and other officers, and had a delightful meeting with Indian ladies and whites, disposing of 21 bows. I urged them to reach up to Nuie's height with 600 bows in our order.

A flowery welcome at Honolulu; and loving friends to look after everything, completed our journey.

Meetings were assailing me in all directions, and I rejoiced to find our W.C.T.U. had made great progress during the last year. Mrs Broughton, the splendid President, has returned from the Boston Convention with great good news. A gain of over 58,000 new members for America, a progressive prayerful spirit everywhere, and clever up-to-date pageants, etc., to present our cause attractively to the folk outside our ranks.

I am staying with a Scotch widow lady—a Mrs Macdonald—in a beautiful part of the town, near two tram lines, and close to the churches. I have begun to teach in a Japanese Sunday School, some twenty almond-eyed lassies, beautifully dressed, clean as new pins, and tremendously interested in their English-voiced teacher. I asked them what nation they belonged to, as my lesson on Sunday was "Teaching All Nations." Of course, I expected them to say, "the Japanese Nation," but everyone calmly answered, "We belong to the American Nation."

More and more I learn how little our British standards of thought and action apply to this great Nation. In New Zealand, we are 98 per cent. British, and can apply the same rules and laws to all, but here with the polyglot of languages, the distinct and separate classes, colours and creeds, the Buddhist Temples, the Chinese Joss houses, the multifarious crowds, we have to re-adjust our whole trend of thought and learn over again and learn anew—"God so loved the world."

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And laugh in the teeth of a gale,
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By the Pilot, Never Fail."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts, exclusive of Capitation Fees, have been received during the period 9th February to 9th April, inclusive:—

ORGANISING FUND.

Dannevirke, £2 12s 6d; Takapuna, £3 15s; Hastings, £4 4s; Wanganui "Y," £1; Levin 16s 6d; Karori, 17s; Rotowaro, 10s; Invercargill Central, £8 3s 6d; Okaiawa, £1; Ashburton, £10; Opawa, £1 5s 6d; Ryal Bush, £1 7s 9d; Pleasant Point, £2 0s 6d; Thames (Mrs Doull), 4s.

MAORI FUND.

Greytown Maori, £1 6s; Hastings, 7s; Wyndham, £1.

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Gladstone Maori, 5s; Temuka, £1; Invercargill South, £2 2s; Otahuhu, 5s; Nelson "Y," £1; Havelock North, 15s; Miramar, £1 10s; Gisborne, £1; Frankton Maori, 5s; Greytown Maori, 10s; Paeroa, 10s; Brooklyn, 10s; Mrs Miller, £1; Mrs Field, 15s; Pahiatua, £1; Invercargill "Y," 10s.

N.Z. HEADQUARTERS FUND.

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FRANCHISE DAY FUND.

Hastings, 7s.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.
 9th April, 1929.

"Y" PAGE.

CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS.

(By the Y. Male Delegate).

After a week of "Mock Battles" at a Military Camp among the hills of Waiānākara, I arrived back in Ashburton with but an hour to change and catch the boat train.

What a change after travelling in the troop train there was, when, on entering a carriage, I was greeted by several White Ribboners, who were all surprised that I was to attend Convention and represent the Ashburton Y.P.C.T.U.

While walking the deck on the ferry steamer I met several more delegates, and on the wharf in the morning they gathered to be sent away to various homes.

In the rush, the one and only male delegate was forgotten, and I strolled the wharf until someone remembered that I should have arrived, and my friend, Miss Bradshaw, came over from the group, and soon I was encircled by ladies.

The Reception Meeting in the Concert Chamber was well-attended, and I was impressed by the speeches of welcome and the reply.

During supper I was introduced to quite a number of delegates, including the "Y's," and by the time I left, it seemed as if I was due for the V.C.

Everyone seemed to think I was brave to be the first male delegate to attend Convention, and I began to wonder if I was entering a lion's den instead of Convention. However, in the days following, it proved anything but a lion's den.

From the very first, I might say, I was regarded as a sort of novelty, and perhaps I was a rare bird at a "Hen Convention."

The first morning meeting brought more bravery honours upon me, and when the President called the Convention to order, I sat with the Y. delegates, as the only man in a room full of ladies.

Most of the discussions were very interesting and instructive, while the Superintendents' reports proved to be valuable information and an education in the workings of each department.

The discussion on Headquarters was intensely interesting, and the reports from Band of Hope, L.T.L. and Y.P.C.T.U., showed some lapses, owing to lack of leaders. In our Y. Unions we must endeavour to



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train our members to be leaders, so that no lapse will occur.

Probably the most important item when writing for the Y. Page, I suppose, would be the Y.P. Conference, which was held on Saturday morning.

I was a little disappointed in the Y. delegates, rather not in the delegates present, but the fact that there were not more Y. Unions represented. Some of the older Unions might take a lesson from the three-weeks-old Levin branch, which sent a delegate. If a Union so young can send a representative, surely the older Unions could be represented.

However, seventeen gathered at Y.P. Conference on Saturday morning, including several ladies interested in Y. work.

Miss McLay, our Organiser, presided, and after I had conducted the devotions, we got down to business. Each delegate in turn spoke, telling of difficulties and giving suggestions, which were very helpful to the other delegates, especially to those from newly-formed branches.

Our Organiser gave very many helpful suggestions, and several important items were discussed, but were left over for farther consideration.

The Y's led the devotions on Monday morning, and having received permission from the President, the Y.P. Conference was continued in another room during the morning session. It was fine to be in such a meeting as the Y.P. Conference, every delegate being keen on the welfare of the young people in New Zealand, and out to make suggestions to help other Unions, and to receive information to aid their own.

During the morning some important items were discussed. On behalf of "Y's men" of N.Z., I appealed for a separate badge, as we are constantly being asked the question: "Where did you find that White Ribbon?" However, my suggestion that it be "Y's" (wise) was carried. A sample badge was forwarded to me recently, and I am sure every Y will be proud to wear one.

To change the badge is a big venture, and the delegates who are responsible for this forward more hope that each Union will back them up and endeavour to sell as many badges as possible.

The slogan, "Each for the other Y's (wise)" is a good one, and we hope each Y Branch will get a banner made and have this slogan engraved on it.

The Y Delegates were in favour of the Headquarters, therefore, each Branch should do its part in helping in the "Signature Quilts" which is the Dominion Y's effort.

Having been through the experience of attending the Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention, I was determined to make it easier for young men delegates from Y Unions to attend in the future. My suggestion that the words, "and

Y.P. Conference," be added to the name "W.C.T.U. Convention" was received kindly, and carried. I was a little surprised that the Convention should carry a suggestion from me, even to the changing of its name. Therefore, young men delegates in future will not have to attend a Woman's Convention, and be asked embarrassing questions from other people, but will be able to say they are attending the Y.P. Conference in connection with the W.C.T.U. Convention.

Unfortunately I had to leave early, missing one and a-half days of Convention, but with me I brought an honour for the Ashburton Y's—the Membership Banner and also the Membership Campaign Badge. Not only did I bring these material things, but also sweet memories of the Convention and the number of friends made during my brief stay. However, I returned with more determination to toil on in the work, and endeavour to remove the stumbling block out of the way of our weaker brethren and sisters.

Through Convention I feel I know more about the inside working of the Unions as a whole and I was strengthened to go forward.

Next year I hope every Y Branch will send a representative to the Convention at Timaru, if not to the whole Convention, to the one-day Y.P. Conference. This year Dunedin and Ashburton represented the South Island as they were the only Y Branches sending delegates. Every Branch in the South Island should be able to be represented next year and also all of the North Island Unions should endeavour to send a delegate.

We must show we are a live Department—if not the liveliest—of the W.C.T.U.

Next Convention I hope to visit, if I do not attend as a delegate, and hope to meet old friends and a crowd more Y's, including our men.

FRANK H. E. SILCOCK,

Sec Ashburton Y.P.C.T.U.

A wag, who thought to have a joke at the expense of a Scotch provision dealer, said: "Can you supply me with a yard of pork?" "Sandy," said the dealer to his assistant, "give this gentleman three pigs' feet."

W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, MARCH, 1929.

REPORT OF Y.P. CONFERENCE.

This was the first Y.P. Conference held in connection with our Dominion Y. Work, and was conducted by Miss C. M. McLay, Y. Organiser.

The Conference met on Saturday, 16th March, from 9 till 11 a.m., and on Monday, 18th March, from 10 till 12 a.m.

Devotions led by Mr F. H. E. Silcock, Ashburton. Subject: "Consecration."

The following Y. branches were represented:—

Auckland, Miss Appleby; Ashburton, Mr F. H. E. Silcock; Dunedin, Miss Ritchie; Eltham, Miss Crozier; Levin, Miss Young; Picton, Mrs Millin; Stratford, Mrs Marsh; South Canterbury, Mrs S. Smith (District Supt.); Riccarton, Mrs Pitt; Te-Kopuru, Miss Martindale; Wanganui East, Miss E. Watts.

FINDINGS.

We find that there is much cause for encouragement in the reports given by delegates. The chief difficulties reported are:—

1. Failure to keep new members in some branches.
2. Lack of interest of some members in their branch.
3. Obtaining speakers—one delegate reported this.

We find that much active work is being done by six of the branches represented, including Bible Temperance School, Band of Hope and L.T.L. work.

We find that to some extent the Y. branch is fulfilling its function of training leaders in various spheres of work. Reported that three young men have entered Missionary or Church Training Colleges to train as Missionaries; one girl is Superintendent of a Mission Sunday School; a number give addresses at Bands of Hope, L.T.L. and Bible Temperance School, and many young people are very ably conducting Y. meetings, all the result of the Y. branch training.

The following suggestions were made:—

1. That personal reminder be sent to members one week before meeting, stating subject and speaker. These may be delivered by members in Bible Class or at Church.
2. That printed or typed syllabus be prepared for the year—each branch to originate its own syllabus.
3. That there are five essentials for a Model Meeting:—(1) Personnel; (2) Programme; (3) Purpose; (4) Pleasure; (5) Pep.
4. That N.Z. National Anthem be sung at each meeting.
5. That Scientific Temperance Charts and books, "Physical Fitness," be used in all Y. Branches for educational purposes.
6. That the Training Course of The Temperance Collegiate Association of London be recommended.
7. That interchange of "Fraternal" visits be made.
8. That paragraphs of local interest and interesting essays be sent to Y. Page for publication, at discretion of Editor.
9. That Y. members visit and assist with local L.T.L.'s.
10. That, where possible, Ambulance and Home Nursing Lectures be given at meetings.
11. That Autograph Quilts be compiled to raise money as the Dominion Y's. contribution to Memorial Headquarters.
12. That, where possible, a Y.P. Temperance Parade be held on Temperance Sunday, comprising Sunday School, Bible Class, Band of Hope, L.T.L., Y's., and collection taken.
13. That Departments of Work be opened, suitable to local branches.
14. That frequent meetings of Executive be held, and separate minutes kept.
15. That Dominion Superintendent's Questionnaire be received and fully answered and returned.

The following resolutions were passed:—

1. That a distinctive Y. Badge be procured, preferably "Y's," in silver.

2. That the following be adopted as the Slogan of the N.Z. "Y's": "Each for the other Y's. (wise)."
3. That one whole day be set apart at each Convention for a Y.P. Conference.
4. That remits for Y.P. Conference be sent to Dominion Y. Superintendent, three months before Convention.
5. That, in view of the fact that young men are eligible to attend as delegates, the words "and Y.P. Conference" be added after "W.C.T.U. Convention," in notifications of Convention.

QUESTION BOX.

1. What are the duties of a Y. Superintendent? Reference to Article VI. of Y. Constitution, with special reference to words, "when referred to." Superintendent to guide, not control.
2. Should District Y. Superintendents be appointed, and what are their duties? Advisable, if right person can be found. Superintendent should visit all Y. branches in District once a year at least; communicate all suggestions or any complaints to local Y. Superintendent.
3. What is the relation of the Y. branch to the local W.C.T.U.? The Y. branch is a Department of the local W.C.T.U.
4. What is the relation of the Y. branch to the District Union? The Y. branch is linked to the District Union by a Superintendent, nominated by the Y's. and appointed by the District Union Executive. An annual levy of one half-penny per member is payable by the Y. branch to the funds of the District Union.
5. What is the relation of the Y. branch to the Dominion Union? The Y. branch becomes affiliated to the Dominion Union on payment of Capitation Fee of one penny per member, which also covers World Union Capitation. Sends delegate to Annual Dominion Convention on same basis as Adult Union. A Dominion Y. Superintendent is appointed by Annual Convention to superintend and develop Y. work.

THE "Y's" EFFORT FOR HEADQUARTERS FUND.

AUTOGRAPH QUILTS.

The Y.P. Conference adopted a suggestion that two Autograph Quilts be prepared, one by the North and one by the South Island "Y" branches.

The material will be white satin jean, cut into eight inch squares. These will be neatly ruled and distributed to "Y" branches throughout the Dominion. Members are asked to obtain the autographs of friends, written in lead pencil (not copying ink), at a minimum charge of six-pence per name. The girl "Y's" will embroider the pencilled names in white stranded cotton, and, when completed, return the squares to Superintendent in charge. Miss E. Appleby, 28 Brentwood Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, is "Autograph Quilt" Superintendent for North Island, and Mrs S. Smith, Maude Street, Temuka, for South Island "Y's." Please appoint a Superintendent in your "Y" branch, who will apply to either of these ladies for supply of squares, and return them, when completed, along with money collected. Each branch will be credited through the "White Ribbon" with amount raised. Squares now ready. To the work!

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Y REPORTS.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.—Mar. 19. Miss Taylor presided; good attendance. Mr Mugridge, Awakino Point, gave a very helpful talk on "The Great Question of Temperance," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Games and supper.

ASHBURTON.—Mar. 16. The President in the chair; good attendance. Secretary absent at Convention. Impromptu Speech Contest held. Subjects dealing with Temperance work. There were some good speeches, and the judges, who were Ministers, awarded first, second and third places.

ELTHAM.—Mar. 4. A most successful tea and initial meeting; over thirty Y.P.'s attended. We were delighted to have with us again Miss McLay, who conducted a Model meeting. For the benefit of those who did not understand the W.C.T.U. and the Y. branch, Miss McLay gave an insight into its formation and work as in the first meeting, and also gave a short address on "The Effect of Alcohol on the whole Body." Nineteen new members.

HUKARERE (Maori).—Mar. 2. Present were the Vice-President and the Secretary and Treasurer. The meeting commenced with the usual hymn and verses from the Bible. Vice-President Smith gave an address of welcome to the members who had returned after their holidays, and expressed her sorrow and regret of the absence of one of the members who had passed away, and spoke a few words of comfort to those who still mourned for her. A vote of sympathy was moved by Tina Scia Scia, and seconded by Kohu Ruwhiu. Also suggested by Kohu Ruwhiu, that a letter of sympathy be written by Secretary to the girl's bereaved father. The motion was seconded by Naere Rangl, Treasurer. Then a vote was moved by Miss Snell, the Vice-President, that Kohu should fill the place of President, as the late President had left the school. The motion was seconded by Miss Smith, the Vice-President. Then Miss Snell gave an address about the making and also evil of Alcohol.

KARORI.—Mar. Home meeting at the residence of Mrs R. Watchman, Campbell Street; a representative gathering of young people. Miss C. M. McLay, Dominion "Y" Organiser, gave an address on "The Early History of the W.C.T.U. and the work of the 'Y.'" A resolution to form a "Y" branch was unanimously carried, and the following officers elected:—Pres., Mr Max Tasker; Vice-Pres., Miss Gladys McLeod and Mr Russell Lankshar; Sec., Mr Frank Frew; Treas., Miss Goodall; Press Reporter, Miss Jean Butcher; Parliamentarian, Mr R. Watchman; Medical Temperance Supt., Miss Kitty Wood; Cradle Roll "Y" Supt., Miss Nestor Wood; Librarian, Mr Reg. Watchman; Supts., Mesdames Wilson and Watchman.

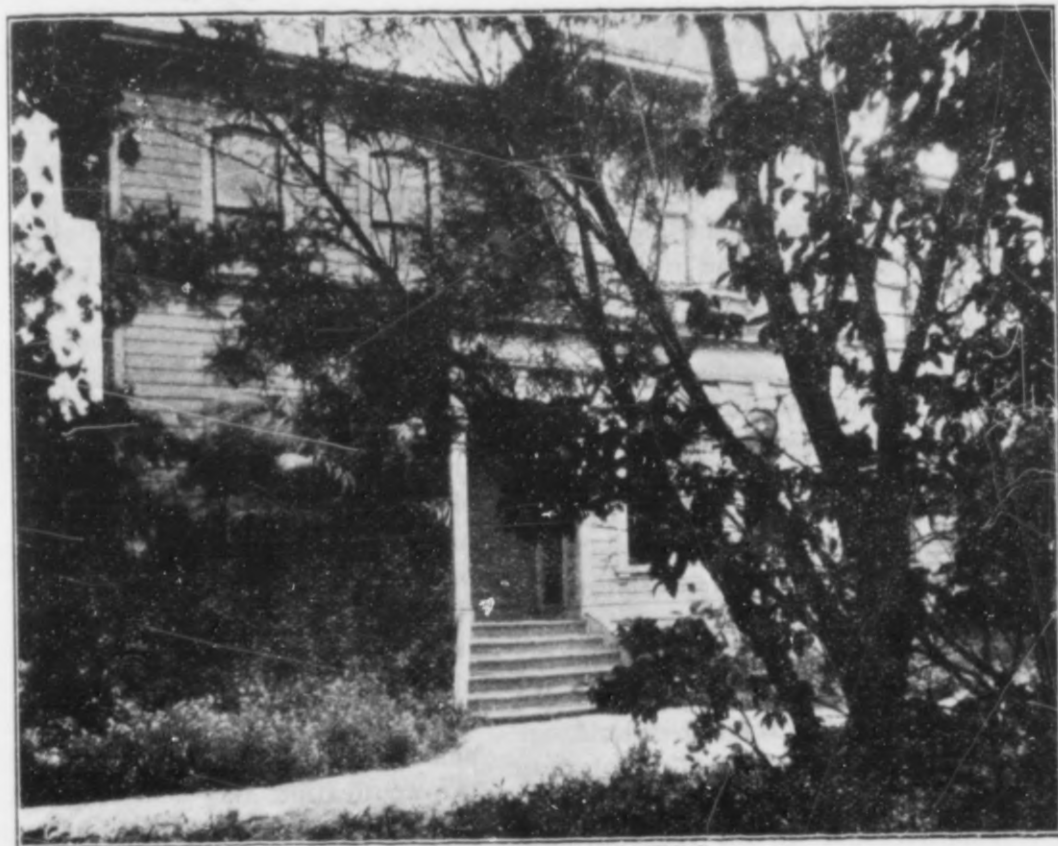
LEVIN.—Mar. 26. Attendance small; counter attraction. Officers elected:—Pres., I. E. Petersen; Vice-Pres., J. Young; Evangelistic Supt., E. Ransom; Reporter, M. S. Petersen. Miss Young gave a report of Convention. Mrs Young gave a short address. Decided to hold Social Hour after next meeting.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Mar. 8. Fair attendance. A debate on "The Indulgence of Sunday Picnics," was very keenly discussed, all present taking part. Mr A. Wayman was added to the Social Committee.

PICTON. Mar. 25. Annual meeting. Mr Head explained the work of the Y's to new members. Two new members. Officers elected:—Pres., Miss M. Noeld; Vice-Pres., Mr Noel Jacques; Sec., Miss C. J. Ireland; Treas., Miss M. Potter. Supper and Social Hour.

WANGANUI NORTH.—Mar. 12. Large attendance of members and visitors. A really splendid meeting enjoyed by everyone. Impromptu speeches received much appreciation. Miss McLay, who was with us, gave a very rich and stirring address. Supper and much hearty conversation over cup of tea.

NEED OF HEADQUARTERS.



HEADQUARTERS.

The need of a home for our rapidly-growing Society, with its expanding energies and activities, has been patent to all those in close touch with our work. The Convention of 1927 set up a Committee in Wellington to secure a suitable property. Nothing was finalised that year, properties in Wellington are expensive, and funds were limited. The 1928 Convention re-appointed that Committee, and decided that the purchase of Headquarters was a work of urgency.

The W.C.T.U., which started its Dominion career with less than a score of branches, now numbers 190 Unions, with a membership of 7997. Its departments have grown until it has 45 Y.P. branches, with a membership of 976. The L.T.L. and Band of Hope have 2834 members, while on its Cradle Roll are to be found the names of 7032 children, whose parents have promised to bring them up as total abstainers. Our coloured sisters have not been neglected, as 271 Maori members and 658 Nuie Islanders can tell. In the homes of devoted Superintendents (scattered over the whole Dominion) are to be found our literature, library, and requisites.

The need of a home, where national work could be centralised, and where could be established a radiating educational station for the

whole Dominion, was indeed a matter of urgency.

Towards the end of 1928, the Committee, with the approval of the Dominion Officers, purchased a property and paid a deposit of £1000. The property is situated at the corner of Brougham and Elizabeth Streets, with a substantial frontage to each street. The tram stops at it's very gate, and it is only two minutes' walk from the Courtenay Place tram shed. The price was £6765, of which £1765 remains on second mortgage at 7 per cent, and £4000 was raised as a first mortgage at 6½ per cent. These mortgages are repayable in sums of £500, or more, at any time, by giving three months' notice. There is a large old-fashioned house upon the property. This is now in good repair, and was at one time used as a hostel by the Y.W.C.A., and later by the G.F.S., while their own was being rebuilt.

The report of this Committee was presented to Convention on Thursday, its first day of meeting. Delegates were given time to inspect the property and to make enquiries. The Committee, when purchasing, were convinced, that if Convention did not approve of the purchase, there would be little difficulty in selling it again, without loss to the Union. On the Tuesday morning, Convention discussed the question of

whether the property should be retained by the Union, or again be placed upon the market. Delegates stated that they had made enquiries from business men, and all agreed that the price was a fair and even a moderate one, and that the property was rapidly-increasing in value. When the vote was taken it was for the retention of the property, only nine dissentient votes being recorded, and of these several stated that the vote was a Union one and not a personal one. After hearing all particulars, they personally were in favour of the resolution. Thus, by its own vote, Convention representing the Dominion W.C.T.U. has approved of the purchase, and has undertaken the responsibility of financing it.

A Committee of Management was set up. A caretaker is in charge, and the house is being let out to tenants. This is being done to raise funds to pay the rates, insurance, and interest, which are approximately £492 per annum.

The Convention also recommended that an effort be made to raise a substantial sum to reduce the mortgages, and so reduce the interest charges. Mrs Taylor suggested that a canvass be made for subscriptions in all towns. This is the first time that our Union has appealed directly to the public for help in financing its great work.

Another speaker urged that the whole sum be raised before next Convention, and that our Headquarters be then opened free of debt. "You have not tested the resources of God until you have attempted the impossible." Though we must let rooms now to pay expenses, it was unthinkable that this should continue indefinitely. A building, free of debt, and used entirely for Dominion work, was our aim.

Eventually, all literature and requisites, our official organ, our Library, would be centralised there with a capable officer in charge. Then could any White Ribboner passing through Wellington, call there and get all information, inspect all literature and requisites, and go home fully-informed to report to her Union. Dominion officers would have a home in which to hold their meetings, and the Dominion Executive could meet there if required.

In addition to this, work could be

done among the young folk. Some of the rooms could be used for writing rooms, for lectures, for socials, for reading rooms, for the large number of young people from all over the Dominion, who have no home in the Empire City, and too often go to pictures and cabarets because they have nowhere else to go. To these it might be a resort, a home, an educational centre.

We hope to see a Headquarters in every district, but we must start with what we can afford. A good work started in one place will grow and spread. Thus did our own movement start in Hillsboro, Ohio, U.S.A., and in less than half a century it had encircled the globe. Are we too optimistic if we pray and believe for a spiritual movement to start among the young at our National Headquarters, and to be its consecration to its work. From the Capital City, as a centre, it will spread through the length and breadth of the Dominion, and then will the Liquor Trade be overthrown by voters who have learnt that "alcohol is useless as a medicine and harmful as a beverage." To this knowledge will be added the vital spiritual force that must be behind every great moral reform.

For such a work we confidently appeal to all who wish to hasten the time when God's Kingdom will come upon earth, by out-voting the great hindrance to the coming of that Kingdom—The Licensed Liquor Bar. Will you help us by your prayers, and by your pounds of donations?

(Part of the above article, with photo of Headquarters, has been printed in leaflet form, and signed by Dominion President and Secretary. These leaflets will be supplied to Unions, free of cost, upon making application to the Editor, Mrs Peryman, Johnsonville.)

OUR FORWARD MOVEMENT.

A MILLION SHILLING FUND.

"Women are the practical, single-minded sex. They know what they want, and every minute they live, they are doing everything they can to get it."

The delegates at the Convention just concluded, have made up their minds, that they want a Headquarters for the Dominion, and knowing they

want such a home for the W.C.T.U., they are doing everything they can to get what they want, and what they want most of all at this juncture is a million shillings, to launch an aggressive forward movement to place the whole work of the Union on a firm, financial basis, and to start an educational campaign amongst every section of the community. In all the years of its splendid service to New Zealand, the W.C.T.U. has never made an appeal to the public for monetary help.

Now the time seems opportune for advertising our work, and for giving business men in both islands an opportunity of showing, in a substantial way, their appreciation of all the W.C.T.U. has done in the past, and is planning to do in the future for the uplift of the folks who live in this favoured land.

It was a momentous decision to retain the premises acquired by the Committee set up for that purpose, as a Headquarters for the Dominion W.C.T.U. The decision of the delegates to launch out in faith and to be obedient to the Heavenly Voice to go forward, comes back to every White Ribboner for ratification. Really, there can be no going back, because the Headquarters property has been bought, and it is going to be work, prayer, and pains, on the part of each individual member to provide the means of payment.

A million shillings fund is being opened at once. Cards of bricks, each worth a shilling, are being prepared for distribution as soon as this issue of the "White Ribbon" is in the hands of our readers. The Unions are to be distributing agents for these cards, each worth one pound, and to get them on the market, it will be necessary for each Union to appoint at its next meeting a "Shilling Fund" Treasurer, who will obtain the perforated cards from Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton, Christchurch.

Our Dominion Shilling Fund is going to give all practical women of our organisation the chance of doing everything they can every minute they live to get the thing they know they want.

The Dominion Officers have set apart Miss A. M. McLay as Organiser of this Forward Movement, and Unions can get all particulars by writing to Miss A. M. McLay, C/o. Miss Henderson.

CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE

Convention Sermon, preached by Rev. J. R. Blanchard, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, March 17th, at 7 p.m.

"Every man who striveth for the mastery, is temperate in all things." 1 Cor. 9:25.

The word "temperance" means "self-control," and denotes an inner attitude which covers and engages the **whole** life. It expresses a principle which governs every aspect of one's being, and is not to be thought of merely as applicable to this or that particular thing. That being so, it is necessary at the outset to make clear to ourselves the general principle of temperance. Only then shall we be in a position to say what the application may be to any given thing. That is important in the light of the words of our text, which clearly enjoins temperance or self-control on those whose purpose it is to live the Christian life.

For centuries the noblest minds have regarded temperance as essential to the best life. The classic expression of this is in the philosophy of the great Greek thinker, Aristotle. His main ethical principle was: "Virtue is the just mean between two contrary extremes." He held that deficiency and excess are equally fatal. Too much gymnastic exercises or too little, he affirmed, were equally fatal to strength. Similarly, excess or deficiency of meat and drink are fatal to health. He applied this principle to moral qualities also. A person who avoids and is afraid of everything becomes a coward: a person who is not afraid of anything, but is ready to face everything, becomes rash and foolhardy. The man of courage, therefore, is the man who so controls himself—or is so temperate—as to avoid both these extremes. In like manner, liberality lies between avarice and prodigality, modesty between impudence and bashfulness, sincerity between self-disparagement and boastfulness. The man who so controls himself as to keep the mean between these two sets of extremes is, according to Aristotle, the temperate man. His is the mind that is perfectly poised: his the character that is perfectly balanced.

But Aristotle did not mean that the temperate man would never have to say "No" to himself about anything. "The man of perfected self-mastery (i.e., the temperate man,)" he says, "does not take pleasure in the things which delight the vicious man, or at all in improper objects." Thus Aristotle viewed temperance as the self-control which, in keeping a perfect balance between deficiency and excess, abstains from what is stamped with impropriety.

So it is clear that to the pre-Christian mind, temperance or self-control had a principle of abstinence at the heart of it. The temperate man would do nothing in excess; but some things he would not do at all. He would so control himself as not to go too far in any one direction; but there were some directions he would not go at all.

When Christianity came it did not negative this classic ideal of temperance or self-control. The Divine Lord of Christianity did not emphasise it in as many words as Aristotle. He did not need to do so. He lived it. Controlled by the twin powers of love for God and love for man, He trod that perfect way of virtue which lies between lack and excess. He was always strong, never weak or rough, always brave, never cowardly or rash, always merciful, never indulgent or harsh; always sympathetic, never callous or a snivelling sentimentalist; always helpful, never aloof or officious; always fervent, never cold or fanatical. The balance of His character was never disturbed. There were no extravagances to prune and no poverties to make up. He did nothing too much; but there were some things he would not do at all. He would never go too far in any direction; but there were some directions He would not take at all. For an understanding of Christian temperance or self-control, we have to appreciate that fact concerning Christ Himself.

We come now to the words of our text: "Every man who striveth for the mastery, is temperate in all things." The apostle was writing to men and women who were imperilling their souls by indulgence in certain of the customs of the world about them. Not only were they in danger of losing the prize of life themselves,

but through their example of causing others to lose it. The apostle warns them that they will be safe only as they disciplined themselves, and drives his warning home with an illustration from the famous athletic games. The young men who sought to contest in those games went in to win. For ten months before the contest they were required, under oath, to follow a prescribed diet and regimen. They were put under a rule of temperance—so Paul says—which involved them in total abstinence from what the prescribed diet excluded. They were not to take too much of anything; but there were certain things of which they were to take nothing. That was what was meant by their being temperate men. And Paul adds: "If these young fellows did that for ten months of the year, in order to compete in games that were over in a short while, should not you do likewise always, seeing that the game of life is always on! If they did it for the corruptible crown of a few leaves, should you not do it for the crown of life!"

Thus, from the example of our Lord's character, and from the principle enunciated by His apostle, we conclude, that under a Christian scheme of things, temperance carries a principle of abstinence at the heart of it. The Christian, as a temperate person, will not go too far in anything, but there are things in which he will not indulge at all. That is the principle of Christian temperance. What is its application to the question of alcoholic beverages?

Here we face divided opinions. One party says that temperance in this matter means being able to take a drop and to leave it at that. Another party says, that in this matter temperance means so to control oneself as not to take it at all. I believe that the second is the correct application for the Christian to make.

Objections are made immediately. We are told that the Bible is not a total abstinence book as far as alcoholic beverages are concerned. In the Old Testament, wine is used in certain religious observances; it is a regular commodity of trade and industry; it is an article used in payment of services rendered; drink-

ing it was a recognised social custom; it was looked upon with high favour as making glad the heart of God and man; disobedience of God is often punished by the loss of wine and crops, and restoration to the favour of God is accompanied by the restoration of vineyards and wine-press.

To all of these things, one naturally replies that we are seeking to follow, not the Jewish idea of temperance, but the Christian. At the same time, it is necessary to emphasise the fact, that in the Old Testament alcoholic beverages are mixed up with some of the foulest acts of immorality and some of the vilest acts of treachery. They are also denounced by more than one writer, and sometimes prohibited. All of which goes to indicate that in those far-away days the conscience of mankind was struggling with the problem, and to raise the question, was it not the higher conscience of the Old Testament that counselled their avoidance?

When we turn to the New Testament, we find that the words, "let your moderation be known to all men," are often quoted in support of moderate indulgence in alcoholic beverages. But the word "moderation" means "forbearance," or "gentleness" or "considerateness." Indeed, the word is better rendered by the phrase, "do not be too insistent on your just dues: think of others, their rights and their needs." Apply that word to the problem of indulgence in alcoholic beverages, and the result is an injunction to abstain rather than otherwise.

Then there is Timothy's stomach! "Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake." Many people, other than Timothy, seem to have been troubled with that stomach. Paul is here laying down for Timothy a prescription for a certain physical ailment. His prescription need not be taken notice of by anyone until he has Timothy's stomach, and then he will not go to Paul for medical advice, but to a properly qualified medical practitioner. In this connection it is interesting to note, that in medical practice, alcoholic beverages are gradually vanishing. The following table is illustrative of their use in certain hospitals in the world:—

London—

Year 1900—10 ozs. per patient.

Year 1923—1.5 ozs per patient.

Scottish—

Year 1900—6.2 ozs. per patient.

Year 1923—0.76 ozs. per patient.

Australia and New Zealand—

Year 1900—4.5 ozs. per patient.

Year 1923—1.8 ozs. per patient.

It is often said that our Lord laid down no rule of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, therefore, it cannot bind the Christian. The reply to that is obvious. The fact that our Lord laid down no rule forbidding the use of such liquor is no proof that He approves of it now, any more than the fact that He laid down no rule prohibiting slavery is a proof that He would approve of slavery now.

There are certain Christian principles by which this matter is to be judged. There is the Christian doctrine of the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. That doctrine is verified in experience. There is within every human being a spirit which warns against the evil and feels the tug of what is good. That is Holy Spirit, and the business of all is so to live that every aspect of his life is governed by that spirit within. The body is its temple. But alcoholic beverages are detrimental to that temple. Modern scientific investigation has put it beyond all doubt that alcohol is a poison and not a food; that it is prejudicial to muscular efficiency, interfering with the tone and co-ordination of the muscles and diminishing the quantity and quality of muscular work; that its effect upon the heart and the digestion is deleterious; that it is the cause, direct and indirect, of much impaired health and many serious diseases; and that taken in small doses it impairs memory, and diminishes intellectual judgment. That being so, and the Christian view of the body being that it is the temple of the Holy Spirit, abstinence rather than moderation is the true application of Christian temperance.

Further, there is the principle that the life of the Christian is an abundant life. Less than a hundred years ago, an insurance company actually refused to accept the lives of the total abstainers on the usual terms, as they thought the risk too great.

To-day, the abstainer is regarded as a better risk than the moderate drinker. The British Institute of Actuaries, making an estimate on 125,000 lives covering a period of over 60 years, recently declared, that on the average, the death rate among moderate drinkers exceeds that among total abstainers by over 40 per cent. Abundant life, taken in its narrowest sense of mere longevity, being therefore more possible to abstinence than to moderation, the course for Christian temperance seems most clear.

Once again, there is that definite principle laid down by Christ warning against causing others to stumble. In this connection, Dr. A. E. Garvie has some forceful things to say. He points out that the moderate drinker does undoubtedly lead others to underestimate the dangers of the use of alcoholic beverages, and encourages their use by others. It may be that for himself the danger is not very great. But there are others, whom the craving is already making slaves, who are led by him to make light of or laugh at their own danger. There are certain facts which, taken in this connection, seem to point the way most clearly. During the years 1925 to 1927, inclusive, thousands of people were arrested and convicted of drunkenness in New Zealand. Not a day passed during that period, but it happened to nineteen men and one woman. Every ninth day it happened to somebody under the age of 20, and every ninth hour to somebody under the age of 30. Every sixth hour during that same period, a prohibition order was taken out against somebody or other.

But people say to me, "I am not responsible for that." In a community where the right and opportunity is given the people to say whether the sale of alcoholic beverages shall continue or not, it seems to me impossible for anyone to absolve himself of the responsibility for the evil which follows the consumption of those beverages. The moderate drinker, however, cannot possibly absolve himself from responsibility. It is obvious, that if boots were not worn, boots would not be sold. It is equally obvious, that if alcoholic liquors were not consumed, they would not be sold; and if they were not sold, this Dominion would not have the harvest of drunkenness which its statistics reveal. The

moderate drinker keeps the trade of retailing alcoholic beverages going. Therefore he is responsible for the evil harvest, which has to be reaped upon its operations.

The Prophet Zechariah, warned a certain people in his day that God was sore displeased with them, because they "helped forward the affliction." Is it not a matter for divine displeasure, when men and women help forward in the community the affliction of drunkenness and related ills? On the other hand, there is Christ, in whom God is well-pleased. Life in the sphere of Christ will then exclude attitudes and activities which help forward the affliction of drunkenness and the other ills which attend the consumption of alcoholic beverages. All of which means, I am sure, that Christian temperance in its application to the question of alcoholic beverages, is to be interpreted and practised as being abstinence and not moderation.

IT CAN!

There're a thousand "Can't-be-don-ers"

For one who says, "It can!"

But the whole amount of deeds that count

Is done by the latter clan.

For the "Can't-be-don-ers" grumble,

And hamper, oppose, and doubt,

While the daring man who says, "It can!"

Proceeds to work it out.

There isn't a new invention

Beneath the shining sun,

That was ever wrought by the deed or thought

Of the tribe of "Can't-be-done."

For the "Can't-be-don-ers" mutter,

While the "Can-be's" cool, sublime,

Make their "notions" work till others smirk,

"Oh, he knew it, all the time!"

Oh, the "Can-be's" clan is meagre,

Its membership is small,

And it's mighty few see their dream come true,

Or hear fame's trumpet call;

But it's better to be a "Can-be"

And labour and dream and die,

Than one who runs with the "Can't-be-dones,"

Who haven't the pluck to try!

—Berton Braley.

News of the Union.

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

BALFOUR.—Mar. Met at residence of Mrs Orr; good attendance. Greeting from District President. President reported visiting Lumsden branch. Paper on "Frances Willard" and a story, "The Inn-keeper," were read. Four new members. Supper and vote of thanks to hostess.

CARTERTON.—Apr. 3. Good attendance. Our delegate, Mrs Hurley, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her excellent report of Convention. Progress of our Union is marked by the possession of a beautiful Banner, artistically worked by Mrs Pepperill, of Napier. Hostesses for afternoon were the Misses Waterson.

DARGAVILLE.—Mar. 19. Decided that members go to friends' houses outside the centre and hold Home meetings. Reported 64 names on Cradle Roll. Paper read on "Temperance."

HENDERSON.—Mar. 20. Mrs Fountain was welcomed, and spoke on Campaign work, especially urging youth work and through children reaching their parents.

HAWERA.—Mar. 22. Decided to change day of meeting to last Thursday. Secretary to send letters inviting all members to next meeting to hear delegate's report.

HAVELOCK NORTH.—Mar. 22. Good meeting. Scientific facts given. Report of Convention read. Protest to be sent re Sabbath desecration.

INVERCARGILL.—Mar. 4. Inspiring address by Mrs McBean. Remits for Convention discussed.

KUMEU.—Mar. 4. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Addison; also Cradle Roll Supt.; Sec., Miss Brambley; Treas., Mrs Brambley; W.R. Agent, Miss Barnes.

LOWER HUTT.—Mar. 27. Arrangements made to deliver Temperance charts to seven schools. Comprehensive report of Convention was read, and by request is to be repeated at Moera Union. Decided to continue Bring and Buy Sales at each meeting, proceeds to Headquarters Fund, also to donate Birthday League donations to same fund.

LEVIN.—Mar. 8. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Sale and a Competition Afternoon during the year, to increase the funds of the Union.

LAWRENCE.—Mar. 19. Mrs Edie (Chair). Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Edie; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hurworth; Treas., Mrs J. McKinlay; Librarian, Mrs Hurworth; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bowie; Organist, Mrs Clark. Correspondence read from Miss Gray, Social and Moral Hygiene and Peace and Arbitration Department. President expressed regret at the removal of Mrs Stokes to Napier. Secretary to write to Mrs Stokes, and draw up a suitable minute.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Mar. 20. Secretary read circular by Mrs Lee-Cowie, "What is the W.C.T.U.?" also accompanying letter from Mrs Williams, asking if our Union would arrange to distribute copies in our district. Members agreed circular would be a great help in gaining new members. Secretary instructed to write for a dozen copies. Secretary reported presentation of Temperance charts to Maungaturoto and Brynderwyn Schools, and teachers' appreciation of same. Afternoon tea kindly provided by Mrs T. Flower.

MAKOTUKU.—Mar. 2. Cradle Roll Picnic very successful, only one Cradle Roll child absent. Games, lunch, afternoon tea, and a gift to each child. Mrs Golly gave a short address.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Mar. 21. "Waist Line" Social Evening was very successful, owing to the work of the Committee, who had the arrangements in hand. Mrs H. Hall welcomed visiting "Y" members and friends, and outlined the work of the Union. A pleasing and well-varied programme was submitted. A number of new members who had been gained during the month were initiated by the President. A hearty

vote of thanks was accorded the performers, and supper was served.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Mar. 27. Miss Drew delegate to Area Conference of New Zealand Alliance. Good wishes extended to Mrs Griffin, who is leaving for England and America. Mrs Jemison gave very interesting report of Convention, and suggestions invited for raising funds for Headquarters.

ONEHUNGA.—Mar. 13. Cradle Roll Picnic. Good attendance; races for children; balloons and lollies distributed. Mrs Benfell, in her address, urged mothers to vote for women on School Committees. Weather splendid; Jellicoe Park beautiful. Six new members.

PAPAROA.—Mar. 8. Reading by Vice-President. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs J. Hames; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Wilson; Sec., Mrs C. T. Brittes; Treas., Miss Wilson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Roigard. Home meetings to be held.

PAPANUI.—Mar. 14. Reported enrolment of 12 new members. Mrs Drury spoke on "No More War" Movement. Bring and Buy Sale brought in 13s.

PUKEHUIA.—Mar. 17. Mrs Sage, Vice-President, gave a talk on "Helpfulness." Mrs and Miss L. Findlay were farewelled; good workers, who will be missed. A wonderful spirit of love and fellowship found expression at afternoon tea hour.

OTAHUHU.—Apr. 4. Mrs W. Taylor gave a report of Convention, to which members listened with interest and enjoyed.

PONSONBY.—Mar. 7. Decided to present Temperance charts to the Ponsonby Schools. There was quite a good discussion re picture films and indecent books, as appearing in the newspapers at the present time. Decided to write to the newspapers, thanking them for the attitude they have taken up in this matter.

Mar. 21. Letters from "Herald" and "Star," thanking Union for letters sent re indecent books, etc. Members had written to the proprietor of a shop, in whose window a bottle of whisky was exposed, objecting to same. A most courteous reply was received, saying it was an act of thoughtlessness on part of his window-dresser, and would be removed at once. Reply sent thanking the proprietor. Paper on "Cross of Christ" read.

PETONE.—Mar. 5. Charts to be placed in three schools. Clothing and £2 0s. 3d. sent to Willard Home. Delegate instructed to vote for remit against Sunday Excursions.

Mar. 12. Successful Jumble Sale. All donors and workers heartily thanked.

PLEASANT POINT.—Mar. 27. Annual meeting. Decided to get various speakers on our Syllabus, to deepen interest in the work. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs McNeur; Sec., Mrs R. Crombie; Treas., Mrs Waugh; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews; W. R. Agent, Miss Neilson.

SHIRLEY-ST. ALBAN'S.—Mar. 12. Address on "Citizenship" by Miss Blackwell. Four new members gained.

SYDENHAM.—Mar. 7. Letter of thanks to Mrs Odell. Convention remits discussed, and Mrs Cartwright Smith appointed delegate. Miss Blackwell spoke on "Need of Women on School Committees." Nine new members enrolled.

TAURANGA.—Mar. Met at our President's home. Next meeting at Mrs A. Ferguson's, 1st Avenue.

TE KUITI.—Mar. Good attendance. Balance-sheet, read by Mrs Cole, showed credit of 1s. 7d. Special prayer for Convention. School charts inspected. 10s. sent to Willard Home. Paper read.

WAIROA.—Mar. 12. Bring and Buy Table realised 13s. 10d. Charts received and examined.

WANGANUI.—Mar. 7. Willard Day. Reports on our World work. Mrs Irwin appointed delegate. Mrs Boot Superintendent for Good Citizenship.

WAIPIKURAU.—Mar. Special meeting; delegate's report. Members greatly interested in Headquarters. Resolved to do their utmost to have property free of debt by next Convention.

WELLINGTON.—Apr. 4. Fair attendance. A report of the New Zealand Land Settlement and Development League was given by Mrs Hirst, who had attended as a delegate from our Union. A short discussion took place regarding the migration scheme and the unemployment in this Dominion. Superintendents for departments were ap-

pointed. A very comprehensive report of Convention was given by Mrs Webb, who received a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation.

LATE REPORTS.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.—Mar. 12. The Temperance charts to hand, and sent to the Aratapu and Te Kopuru Schools. Mrs Page, of Dargaville, addressed the meeting, and took for her subject, "Partnership," showing how we are all partners, one with each other. A vote of thanks to Mrs Page for her splendid address. Afternoon tea.

LINWOOD.—Apr. Mrs Grigg read the scientific fact. Mrs W. Adie was appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. The President appealed for support of our member, Mrs Gilbert, as candidate for the Linwood School Committee. The different departments of the Union and their work were explained to new members. Agreed to form a Library Circle.

STRATFORD.—Mar. 22. Mrs McAllum presided. Two members were nominated for School Committee. Hospital Afternoon Tea was arranged for. Social Afternoon arranged for next meeting, to welcome the delegate from Conference.

TEMPLETON.—Apr. 4. Small attendance. Members discussed different business matters. Afternoon tea. Next meeting May 2nd.

WAITARA.—Mar. 15. Mrs Lawrence was welcomed as President. The scientific Temperance chart on view, was studied and discussed.

Apr. 4. Social Afternoon for the parents and children of the Cradle Roll. Plunket Nurse Castles, addressed the Mothers on "The Influence of Parents," urging abstinence from alcoholic drinks, as it would impair their health and later on affect the lives of their children. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Castles for her instructive address. Good attendance rewarded the efforts of Mesdames Carrick and Hughson, Superintendents of the Cradle Roll.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.—Good meeting; good attendance. Mrs Turner gave a very full and interesting account of Convention. Motion of appreciation of the kindness of the many hostesses who entertained delegates. Decided to send a letter of thanks to those who gave donations, as well as to those who entertained. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Priestley, our member of the Hospitality Committee, for the great amount of very successful work she did. The value of wearing our White Ribbon Bow was emphasised, when a visitor passing through the city on her way to England from Tasmania, met one of our members in the street, saw the bow and spoke, and so was brought to the meeting where she was warmly welcomed and found some members she knew. A very fine service was held, when two new members were initiated. Each member was urged to try and win one new "White Ribbon" subscriber, as it is such a valuable paper for the members. Mrs Webb was appointed to represent the Union on the Chinese Famine Relief Committee. The meetings to begin at 2.45 p.m. in future, instead of 3 p.m.

WARKWORTH.—Apr. 4. Mrs Phillips gave an interesting account of Convention, briefly outlining the work of all the meetings, putting special stress on the "Y" discussion. We were delighted with her success at the Prepared Speeches Competition.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.—Mar. Miss McLay gave inspiring address on "Prayer," and after the business was concluded, an address on "Y Work." Temperance charts have been sent to Castlecliff, Gonville, and Queen's Park Schools. Gonville asked for charts for each room, and three members present immediately subscribed the funds to purchase them. Mrs Irwin gave an interesting report of the Convention. The Banner, won from Dunedin for increase in membership, decorated the room. The Bring and Buy Stall was in evidence, and is to be continued during the coming year.

MAORI PAGE.



MAORI REPORT.

Mrs Walker, Superintendent of this Department, stated that much good work had been done this year, in spite of their having no regular Organiser at work, and urged the Unions to appoint local Superintendents in all those districts where there were Maoris, and also that these Superintendents would report to the "White Ribbon" and also to the Annual Report for Conference. The excellent work done by Mrs Tuffrey in New Plymouth and by Sister Nicholls in the Waikato District had been received too late for inclusion in her report. She suggested that two official visitors be appointed in each district—Mrs Jones and Mrs Downes for the Waikato, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Morrison for the Wairarapa, and Mrs Fulljames for the Auckland District. Each Union would be able to decide the best methods of working (of which a few examples were given) according to the special needs and conditions of their district. Mrs Boyd (Maori delegate from Greytown) and also Mrs Downes (Maori delegate from Frankton) supported this, and agreed that the work against alcohol and for the home was good for the Maori. Mrs Boyd reported having visited the Waiwetū Pah at the end of last week, and put before them the work of the W.C.T.U., and that especially amongst the younger people there was a wish to join up. They would like the Wellington Union to visit them later and to explain this work to them. One important point brought forward by her was that the Maori people have no vote against alcohol, and so cannot assist to remove from this land that which has proved such an evil and a curse to them, and they wished to ask the W.C.T.U. to assist them in getting on to the Electoral Roll of New Zealand. The sympathy of the Union

to them in this matter was expressed, and they were urged to join up as members, so that all may work together to this end.

GREYTOWN.—Mar. 27. President in chair. Roll call, also minutes read. Report from delegate that went to Convention. Main subject discussed in our meeting was the buying of a section for a Hostel in Wellington, for W.C.T.U. purposes. Members willing to help for same purpose. Thanks to all kind friends for their kind hospitality to our delegate, and also President.

POUTO.—Meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Pouto Hall, after a period of twelve months. Members present were five. Mrs Kena read the letters received from Sister Nicholls and W.C.T.U. sisters. It was in this meeting that all the members decided to close this Union, on account that there were no increase in members, and more particularly the Union finds it impossible to increase money. The Union had tried their utmost to secure ways to help with funds, but the people living in the vicinity is of a very small number, that every way was impossible. Though this Union has come to a close, every member will not forget the good rules that were learnt, and will not forget the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Perhaps, in days to come, we may be able to get more members and hope to have our positions back. God's blessing be upon us all and upon our White Ribbon sisters, who are fighting for the good work. Our best wishes to all the Unions.

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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., Meadames Stallworthy, Senr., Bickers and Arnold; Sec., Mrs Hill Taylor; Treas., Mrs Dewberry; W.R. Agent, Miss Taylor; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Wordsworth, Senr.

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

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Ensign Mrs Moore, Cameron Street East, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs A. Saunders, Kermode Street West, Ashburton; Sec., Miss E. Trevarza, 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. Silcock, 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, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND "Y's." 1st Monday at 7.30 p.m., in 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, Hinemoa Street; Treas. and W. R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, 6 Lytton Street, Devonport.

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. M. Smith, Middle Road; Sec., Mrs W. C. M. Jackson, Burden Street; Treas., Mrs W. J. Girling, Stephenson Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Pike "Honiton;" Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs A. Braddock, 86 Maxwell Road; Literature, Mrs W. Chuck, Bomford Street; Libraries, Mrs Lane, Dashwood Street.

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 Mellroy, 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. B. 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, Grosvener Street.

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

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

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

DUNEDIN SOUTH, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs 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. Pinny; 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 Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Grey Lynn; Sec., Mrs Carr, Senr., 27 Fernleigh Avenue, Epsom; Treas., Mrs Armstrong, 7 Mapau Road, Green Lane; 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, 2a East Avenue; 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'Donnell, 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 Pack, 18 Sandilands Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hughes and Campbell; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs Kendal, Awahuri Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Tremain; W.R. Agent, Mrs Martin; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs H. Whisker.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. Harper, Denton Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Rhodes and Mrs W. D. Stewart; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. Baldey; Cor. Sec., Miss Robertson, 33 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. Aiden; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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

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

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Hayward, 37 Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

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

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Road; Sec., Mrs L. McKay, Gt. North Road; Treas., Mrs W. Williams, Gt. North Road; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. Hickmott; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thompson, Darby, and Banks; Hon. Sec., Mrs J. Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs L. Baumgart, P.O. Box 322; W.R. Agent, Mrs H. Fawcett.

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; Treas., Mrs Mossman.

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

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

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, meets 1st Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, in the Baptist Church, Esk Street. Pres., Miss Smith, 165 Yarrow Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brass, 115 Avernall Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs Ayson, 91 Deveron Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Johnston, 135 Don Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Cole, McMaster Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Crawford, 52 Don 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. Ser., Mrs McGregor, 266 Crinan Street, Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Callum; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Miss McLauchlan.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., alternately, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Pres., Mrs Chalmers, Jed Street; Sec., Miss Langskail, 88 Melbourne Street; Treas., Mrs Laytham, 91 George Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Martin, 29 Antrim Street.

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

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday, in Linwood Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Sharpe, 88 Linwood Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Palk, 344 Worcester Street; Treas., Mrs F. Fuller, 20 Buckley's Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Black, 42 Cranley Street.

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

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

MAUNGATUROTO, 3rd Wednesday, in Forester's Hall. Pres., Mrs T. Flower, The Manse; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Pasley, Station Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs H. Flower, North Road; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Pasley, Station Road.

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

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

MIRAMAR, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church, Devonshire Road. Pres., Mrs Evans; Sec., Mrs Berry, 167 Seatoun 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., Miss 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 Leask, Fitzroy Road; 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 F. W. O. Smith, 10 Shelbourne Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Sec., Mrs F. W. O. Smith, "Brookleigh," Brook Street; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs Moyes, Grove Street; Y's., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Holloway, 77 Wainea Street.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.45 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Miss Drew, M.A., J.P., Gilbert Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Hughes, Courtenay Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs X. Jones, 89 Pendarves Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chapman, Leach Street; Treas., Mrs Jemison, Pendarves Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Carrington Road.

NORMANBY, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs W. Bevan, Waihi Road, Hawera; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Box 2; Treas., Mrs J. Meuli, P.O., Normanby; 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 3.30 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, 69 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.

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Greenwood, Station Road; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas.,

Mrs Hall, Weka Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs West, Panmure Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Handerside; Home Meetings, Mrs Johnston.

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

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; 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. Comyns; 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, Pahiataua.

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, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs C. A. E. Ferguson, 124 Lyndhurst Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Jamieson, 146 Albert Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wakeham, 60 Chellwood Street; Treas., Mrs McIver, 7 Argyle Avenue; W.R. Agent, Mrs Burrell, 28 Bourke Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Ritchie; Cradle Roll, Miss Astbury; Visitors, Mrs Doreen and Mrs Watson; Willard Home, Mrs Birdsall, 243 College Street.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carter; Cor. Sec., Mrs Silberry, Richmond Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Cole, C/o. 89 Nelson Street; Treas., Mrs Donehue; 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; W.R. Agent, Mrs Caldwell, 47 Buick Street.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Millen; 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 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Waugh; Sec., Mrs R. Crombie, Waitohi, Temuka, R.D.; Treas., Mrs Crombie, Waitohi; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, Sutherland; 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, Dalv St.

PONSONBY, meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday in St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, 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 Wake-
lin.

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

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

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

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

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

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Fawcett, Juliet Street, South; Vice-Pres., Mrs McCallum and Mrs Gordon; Treas., Mrs A. Dickenson, 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 Poison; 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 Mac-Millan; 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. 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, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o. A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs Minifie, 30 Evans Street; Treas., Miss A. A. Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, Grey Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs B. H. Low, 12 Preston Street; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Gordon, 190 Otipua Road; Notable Days, Mrs Butcher, 50 Arthur Street; "Y." Pres., Mrs Gordon, 190 Otipua 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.

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

WAIPUKURAU, 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, 20 Young Street; Cradle Roll, Miss Sutton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames King, McLeod and Rimmer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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