

FOR GOD, AND HOME, AND HUMANITY.

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OUR MAORI SISTERS.

In our city and suburban Unions we are glad to have our Maori sisters as members with us. The paper below was written by a Maori member of the Lower Hutt Union, and read at their meeting. The writer is a fine type of a noble race. Educated and talented, her heart bleeds for the degradation of her people. One cannot read without the blush of shame her indictment of the evils drink has brought to the Maori people. Sir Maui Pomare once, in replying to a deputation from the women's societies, said: 'These evils which your white race brought to my Maori people.' And one speaker for that deputation felt keenly the shame for her own people.

But the past cannot be undone; the present is ours. Surely one cannot read unmoved the plea of our Maori sister to help rid this land of the drink, which ruins white and brown races alike.

WORK AMONG THE MAORIS.

I wonder how many are there among us who are present who have really given this subject very much thought, and who have weighed the pros and cons of the uplifting of our Maori race from the vices that daily beset them. I will just give a very brief outline of the case as it presents itself to me. Before proceeding, I would like to draw a picture of the ways of the Maoris before

the white people came to New Zealand. True enough, the Maoris were living in ignorance, but they were a race that was living in health and peace from the many vices that the Pakeha brought to this fair country of ours. They were a race that was always on the qui vive, daily drilling themselves, and also the young, to be prepared for any eventuality. You could also see them preparing their food supply both on land and sea. The women folks busy either tilling the food areas, others making mats and clothes. There wasn't a drone among them. Why? Because to live necessitated them doing something for self-protection. Also justice was meted out with strict impartiality—an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth—as the Bible has it, was the rule in those days, and the lazy one couldn't exist. They had no currency in those days, and no need for exchange, which we in the present day worship more than God Himself. Also, the Maoris were not a heathen race, because they worshipped the Unseen God. In all my experience I haven't heard of any of the Maoris worshipping an idol as a god, like any of the other nations. So much for the life of the Maoris in the olden days. Now we will proceed with the life of the Maoris of the present day. What do you find? Only remnants of a once fine and noble race, both in physique and character. What is the cause of this downfall? The cause I lay it down at the feet of the Pakeha, is

first of all Greed and Gain—in other words, money, which has been truly said that it is the root of all evil. Where has all the noble traits of the Maoris gone to? It has disappeared. From what cause? Chiefly from Greed and Gain, and also Drink. These are the two causes of the downfall of the Maori race. The one we cannot rectify, but we can modify its evils; instead of making evil of it, we can turn it to an advantage. What can we do with money? We can do almost untold service, both to man and to the glory of God. We can help first in the Maori Mission fields; secondly, visiting the sick; thirdly, helping the fallen girls, organising social evenings; lastly, helping the orphans. All these we can help substantially with the first of the evils. Therefore, we cannot call money in this respect an evil, but a help, and one can do almost untold good with money in this respect. Now, as regards the Drink, it is one of the greatest of all evils. Amongst the past Maoris, as worker in the Mission Fields, and as a nurse, I have had personal experience of the evils of Drink, and I must say at the outset that it is my intention to use all my energy in stamping out this evil. I have seen at gatherings and tangis things that will make one's heart bleed to see—women and men helplessly drunk, and to think that we as a nation can calmly sanction this most detestable trade to flourish in our midst, when we have the remedy in our hands

to rectify this great evil. How many homes have been lost through drink amongst my own people I daren't make a guess. The poor innocent people who have just come out of savagery to be duped and supplied with drink, both men and women, young and old, by some of the people who profess to call us their brethren, but who are really our legalised murderers. These people are really some of our white brethren. As an instance of the hold drink has on our Maori people, I can quote one instance, where thousands of acres of land in the Hawke's Bay district were sold for a case of whisky. Also I can quote instances where drink was the cause of a crime which broke up a family, and the drink was supplied by a European. Now do you wonder why I am so antagonistic to this drink? So I say without any hesitation, "I'm down on the drink." Therefore, I appeal to you for your help in stamping out this evil with the help of our Almighty Father, is the prayer of your humble Maori sister.

THE OPTIMIST GALORE.

When you have bunions on your feet,

Bear them with resignation sweet,
For you are fortunate indeed;
Suppose you were a centipede!

Be patient when your throat is sore;
You haven't any cause to roar;
At all like these you well may laugh;
Be thankful you are no giraffe!

If rheumatism in your limbs
Your happiness at times bedims,
You haven't any right to cuss—
Suppose you were an octopus!

And if the toothache bothers you,
Consider that your teeth are few
Compared to those which you remark
Upon the jawbone of a shark!

And if this blithe philosophy,
For which I did not charge a fee,
Does not appear to do you good—
Oh, well, I didn't think it would.

—“Wisconsin Octopus.”

Wounds heal less rapidly in the average habitual drinker than in an abstainer.

WHITE RIBBONERS ON THEIR KNEES.

Some time ago a brewery license was granted at Otahuhu. These licenses are granted by the Minister, and not by Licensing Committee. The residents are never given a chance to raise a protest, even though the license in question was next to a Presbyterian Orphanage. After the license was granted, protests were made, and a deputation brought the matter under the notice of the Prime Minister, Sir Joseph Ward. The Premier said that the Minister had acted in accordance with precedent in granting the license, but had the matter come before Cabinet doubtless the license would have been refused. Admittedly the license was granted without the serious consideration which should have been given to such a matter, yet there seems to politicians no way of setting this matter right. A license has been granted, and a license must remain there, even after the protests of the residents, and after its proximity to an orphanage has been pointed out. The White Ribboners of Auckland, led by their District President, Mrs Lee-Cowie, determined to make a public protest against such an outrage upon the first principles of democracy, by planting a public nuisance and a crying evil in a community against the protests of its residents. On Tuesday, November 5th, over 100 members of the W.C.T.U. knelt in prayer in front of the brewery. From the injustice of man our sisters appealed to the perfect justice of God. It was an inspiring meeting, a “wonderful time,” as one present said. One hundred women, in deadly earnest, upon their knees, is enough to make King Alcohol tremble. The Christian women of this land giving themselves to God in prayer and service, that He may use them for the overthrow of an evil trade, will bring an answer that shall close not only one brewery, but every brewery and bar in the land. God gives royally in answer to earnest, believing prayer, and women in earnest enough to kneel in the streets, will not be satisfied or cease their pleading until the curse of strong drink is swept from our fair Dominion.

An Auckland paper says:—

“Mrs Cowie grouped her followers on a patch of rough grass between the building and the roadway, and led them in a verse or two of ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past.’ This over, she addressed the onlookers. ‘We have come

to pray that this building may be turned to a place of good and not of evil,’ she said. ‘You all know that drink is the cause of many tragedies and much poverty. We are here in the interests of all, and you will understand our opposition. We hope that God will turn this place into a flour mill, a woollen mill, a dairy factory, or a church—something good for the people. We have had no help from Parliament or man, so we have come to ask Him. Every prisoner in gaol is a mother's child. Prisoners have told me themselves that 50 per cent. of the men in Mount Eden are there through drink. We want to save the babies—the citizens of the future.’

“The women, or nearly all of them, knelt down, and Mrs Cowie offered up a fervent prayer that the brewery building might be converted to other uses, and not be a cause of injury, poverty and sorrow.

“Two men with the party, Mr E. Simon and Mr D. M. A. Bodley, asked the reporters to put their names on record as official representatives of the Auckland District Order of Rechabites.”

REVIEW.

“Ten Simple Lessons on Alcohol,” by Victor E. Stanton. Price, 3d; 2/6 per doz.

We can recommend this booklet to any one wishing to give lessons to children or young people upon the evils of strong drink. It is simple in language, gives the facts scientifically, and includes Scripture references, making it useful for Sunday School addresses. It tells what alcohol is; how it injures the body cells and the different organs of the body; how it shortens life and lessens efficiency.

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THE CHURCH AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Is this the time, O Church of Christ!
to sound
Retreat? To arms with weapons
cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne
the brunt
Of Truth's fierce strife, and nobly
held their ground?
Is this the time to halt, when all
around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront,
Stern duties wait our nation, never
wont
To play the laggard, when God's will
was found?

No; rather strengthen stakes and
lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou
elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a
time!
The earth with all its fullness is the
Lord's.
Great things attempt for Him, great
things expect,
Whose love imperial is, Whose power
sublime.

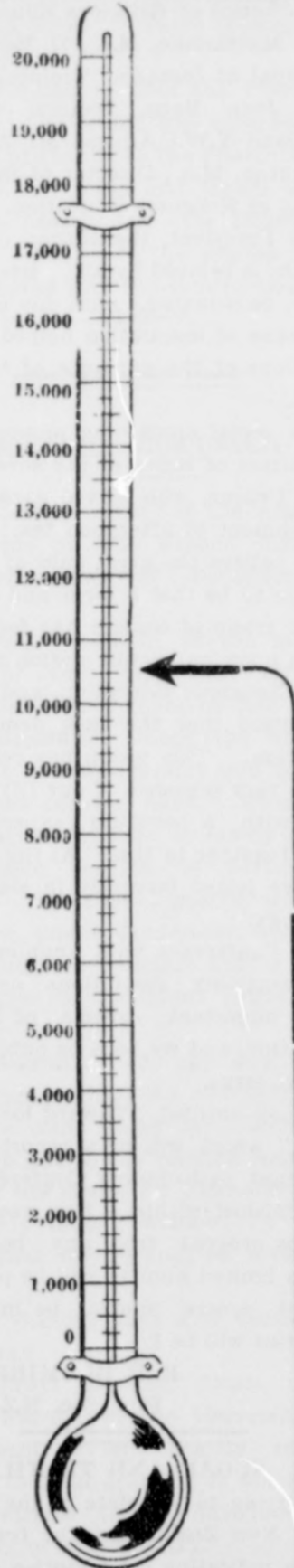
—Charles Summer Hoyt.

THE AMERICAN CHURCHES AND WORLD PEACE.

The following paragraph gives the conclusions arrived at by representatives of thirty-four religious communions and organisations at a Study Conference at Columbus, Ohio, in March of the present year;—

"We hold that the Churches of Christ should be a mighty dynamic in abolishing war. War denies the Fatherhood of God, scorns the brotherhood of man, mocks the sacredness of human life, is merciless to helpless women and children. War means everything that Jesus did not mean, and means nothing that He did mean. We therefore hold that the Churches should condemn the resource to the war system as sin, and should henceforth refuse, as institutions, to sanction it, or to be used as agencies in its support. We hold that the Churches should support and sustain with moral approval individuals who, in the exercise of their right of conscience, refuse to take part in war or in military training."—Exchange.

MILLION SHILLING CAMPAIGN.



Watch the Arrow rise month by month.

TOTAL LAST MONTH, 8,501 1/2 SHILLINGS.

TOTAL THIS MONTH, 10,521 1/2 SHILLINGS.

	Shillings.
Total to 10th October, 1929	8501 1/2
Te Awamutu	70
Otorohanga	10
Wairoa	20
Epsom	30
Ohai	21
Ashburton	40
Rakaia	44
Oamaru	34
Spreydon	50
South Invercargill	120
Riccarton	40
New Brighton North	58
Levin	70
Waitara	20
Seddon	30
Dunedin South	10 1/2
Pukehuia	10
Henderson	45
Lyttelton	14
Wyndham	43
Auckland	42
Tua Marina	29
Wellington Central	40
Darfield	17
Sefton	22
Russell	19
Cheviot	50
Gisborne	48
Ponsonby	15
Pleasant Point	60
Maungakaramea	10
New Plymouth	84 1/2
Rangiora	20
Oxford	100
Picton	20
Collingwood	30
Eden	40
Timaru	15
Sawyer's Bay	20
Gore	35
Christchurch	89
Te Kuiti	27
Temuka	50
Dunedin	150
Waimate	51 1/2
Masterton	20
Carterton	17 1/2
Wakefield	26
Edendale South	100
Spreydon	24

Total to date 10,521 1/2

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NATIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

A MEMORABLE CONFERENCE.

The beautiful and stately hall of Canterbury College was the scene of a memorable Conference on September 3rd, 4th and 5th. "National Religious Education" was the theme which brought together 135 persons from all parts of the Dominion. The Conference was widely representative, not only of the various churches, but of community organisations, and also educational institutions, from the University to the Kindergarten. It was a pioneer Conference, and therefore presented great difficulties in organisation and the direction of discussion, but there had been thoughtful planning and preparation by the N.Z. Council of Religious Education, and the Conference more than justified itself. It may well prove to be epoch-making in our national life.

When the Mayor of Christchurch officially welcomed the Conference to the city, he said he knew of no harder nut to crack than the problem we had to face. It was not to be expected that a solution would be found immediately. Indeed, the purpose was to create a fellowship among people working in separate educational fields, that they might discover the basic principles of educational unity with a religious motive. For some time prior to the Conference groups had been meeting in the different centres to work upon a prepared questionnaire, and had produced reports, which were printed and circulated before the Conference assembled.

The subjects for the eight sessions were as follows:—1, The Survey; 2, Religious Education; 3, The Child; 4, The Home; 5, The Church; 6, The State; 7, Community Organisations; 8, General and Constructive.

The Chairmen were, respectively, Rt. Rev. C. West-Watson, Bishop of Christchurch, President of the N.Z. Council of Religious Education; Rev. R. M. Ryburn, M.A., Presbyterian Director of Youth, Vice-President of the Council; Rev. L. B. Busfield, General Secretary of Auckland S.S. Union, President of the Auckland Branch of the Council; Rev. A. C. W. Standage, M.A., President of the Otago Branch; Mr E. J. D. Herens, M.A., M.Sc., Boys' High School, Christchurch; Mr J. Farquharson, Dunedin; and Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Methodist Connexional Secretary, Christchurch.

The persons who introduced the subjects were, respectively: Rev. R. M. Ry-

burn, M.A.; Mr G. L. Stafford, M.A., D. Educ. of the Pahiatua D.H.S.; Mr G. M. McKenzie, B.A., Chairman N.Z. Student Christian Movement; Mrs T. E. Taylor, President W.C.T.U.; Mrs West-Watson, of the Mothers' Union; Mrs J. S. Elliott, of the League of Mothers; Rev. E. P. Blamires, Secretary of the N.Z. Council of Religious Education; Mr S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., D. Educ., Vice-Principal of Dunedin Training College; Miss Jean Begg, General Secretary Auckland Y.W.C.A.; and Mr A. T. McNaughton, M.A., Director of the Otago School of Religious Education.

Our President, the Bishop of Christchurch, is beloved by all. His presence was a benediction, and his occasional messages of inspiration helped us to be conscious of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The social spirit was promoted by a committee of ladies of the several Bible Class Unions, who served each day the refreshment of afternoon tea.

We believe the great gain of the Conference to be that a large and representative group of leaders has focussed its vision upon our young nation's greatest need, Religious Education, and has also recognised that the task demands co-operation. This vision has come to us in the very presence of our Divine Lord, and with a beautiful experience of unity together in Him. At the first session we joined fervently in singing the Doxology.

The Conference with unanimity passed twenty-six resolutions as findings upon important aspects of Religious Education, and we hope to publish these in next issue.

A book entitled, "Toward Educational Unity," which will be a report of this important path-finding Conference, will be published within a few weeks, and may be ordered from any book-room. Only a limited number will be published, so that orders should be immediate. The price will be 3/-.

E. P. BLAMIRES,
Hon. Sec. N.Z.C.R.E.

SUGAR AND TEETH.

Referring to the state of the teeth of young New Zealanders, Dr. Irwin gave a table indicating consumption of sugar in various countries. In 1913, New Zealand led with 128lb. per head, U.S.A. coming second with 81lb., and Italy at the bottom of the list with 12lb. per head. In 1918-19, New Zealand reached 160lb. per head, more than 1/3lb. per head per day.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Met on October 25th at Rangiora. Mrs Richards presided. Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, in a few words of appreciation and love, presented Miss Henderson, the retiring President, with a bouquet of spring flowers. Mrs Richards was inducted as the new President, and a large amount of business was dealt with. A public meeting was held in the afternoon, Mrs Taylor giving an address, speaking on the origin of the W.C.T.U. Movement. Mrs Taylor was presented with a beautiful posy of spring flowers on behalf of the Rangiora branch. Miss Powell, one of the Union's pioneer workers, was welcomed.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

For months past Temperance workers have been greatly disturbed over a brewery being built and licensed on the Great South Road, just about the dividing line of Otahuhu and Papatoetoe, without consulting the residents of that district or bringing it before Cabinet. It was licensed simply by the Minister of Customs, the Hon. Mr Taverner, in whose power it lies to grant such licenses, and upon whom shoals of protests and demands that the license be revoked have been showered from other societies, including the National Council of Women, besides our own Unions. We have also asked that the present law be amended in such a way as to prevent a similar occurrence, but all in vain. We claim that this brewery has been erected on the main highway in order to secure the custom of passing motorists, and as the law requires that a brewery shall sell not less than two gallons of beer to any person, it is contended that this will lead to excessive drinking, with tragic results. When our protests brought nothing but the ordinary recognition of same, the District Executive decided to organise a public protest, with the aid of Divine intervention, by going out to the brewery as described elsewhere.

TIMARU SAILORS' REST.

Timaru W.C.T.U. acknowledges, with thanks, donations from Palmerston North, Mayfield, and Ashburton Unions, and comfort bags from Mrs Tilbrook, Temuka.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of the South Auckland District Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at Paeroa. Mrs J. M. Jones, J.P., presided, and called Convention to order at 10.45. After the singing of the Crusade Hymn and repeating the Crusade Psalm, devotions were led by Mrs Peryman, Editress of the official organ, "The White Ribbon." An address based on the parable of the Good Samaritan showed that in this parable three types of men were given, and it was those who passed by with indifference who were denounced. The speaker stressed the point that it was indifference which hindered the cause. If women really worked and really cared, they could do all they set out to do.

The Revs. Lowden and Baker welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

The roll call was responded to by delegates from Cambridge, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Paeroa, Thames, and Waihi branches. Greetings were received from the Wellington and Canterbury District Unions, and from Te Kuiti.

The Treasurer's (Mrs E. J. Davey) report showed a balance in hand of £3 15s 4d.

After the luncheon adjournment, the President's report was given. This dealt with the subject of women police, who are doing good work in Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, Australia and America, yet, who are not appointed in New Zealand. The speaker believed that the time was not far distant when we should have women police appointed and women in our Parliament. New Zealand could not afford to lag behind other countries which were introducing reforms.

Gratification was expressed regarding the progress of the international peace question, and it is hoped that the visit of the Prime Minister of Britain to the U.S.A. would do much to cement the bond of peace between the two peoples.

Mrs Peryman's address dealt with the forward movement of the W.C.T.U. Prohibition had had a set-back, but this had proved a challenge to women, and the W.C.T.U. is now, by the Million Shilling Fund, building up a fighting fund for next election, so that we need not sick back, hampered by lack of funds, while our opponents get the ear of the politicians and newspapers unchecked.

The following officers were re-elected:—President, Mrs Jones, J.P. (Hamilton); Secretary, Mrs Stephenson Craig (Hamilton); Treasurer, Mrs E. J. Davey (Hamilton); Vice-President, Mrs Starnes (Morrinsville).

During the afternoon, Mrs Epps recited Bracken's poem, "Thou art the vilest fiend of all," and Mrs Mitchell sang two solos. These items were much enjoyed.

An invitation to hold the 1930 Convention at Cambridge was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Paeroa Union for their very kind and lavish hospitality was passed, and the Convention closed at 5 p.m. with the singing of the parting hymn and the Benediction pronounced by the President.

COCKTAILS DISCUSSED.

At a recent session of the Academy of Medicine of the French Institute, the chief subject of discussion was cocktails.

Said Prof. Guillain, of the Medical Faculty of the Paris University: "I have found that if there be less illness due to alcoholism among the working classes, it is immeasurably due to their lack of the cocktail habit. This mixture of liquors at bars, in family circles and seaside resorts, is particularly harmful. It causes gastric troubles, depression, undue excitement, and epileptic crises, and I declare that it is the direct cause of numerous motor accidents."

Prof. Sergent: "At my own clinic, fully 80 per cent. of the alcoholic cases that have come under my observation have been due to the cocktail habit. It increases the desire for alcoholic drink, particularly among women. I would suggest that the cocktail be prohibited by law."

British doctors have also condemned the cocktail.

Sir Gilbert Barling, Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Birmingham: "The beastly modern habit of cocktail drinking is one of the most pernicious things introduced into the life of this country."

Professor Dixon: "This form of drinking is particularly pernicious for young people of either sex. Not only does it impair their stomachs, but cocktail drinking helps to promote the habit of excessive drinking more than any other type of beverage."

PUBLIC MEETING.

Hamilton East held a public meeting in the Methodist Church on the evening of October 30th, Mrs Stephenson Craig presiding. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a most encouraging and heartening address, tracing the cause of Temperance from its very small beginning a century ago, showing that it had really made phenomenal progress, in spite of organised opposition all along the line. A startling feature of the proceedings was the exhibiting of a column of printed matter, **Fifteen Yards Long**, composed of clippings from the Auckland "Star," recording accidents and crimes directly due to the liquor traffic during one month—August 1st to 31st. A reporter was present, but no mention of this awful record was made in the report which appeared in the local paper next day. Such a record should convince the most indifferent of the necessity for "fighting on.")

Mrs Boal sang "Rock of Ages" very sweetly, and Mrs Morton gave a fine rendering of "The Lost Chord." Mrs Mears recited Fay Inchfawn's beautiful poem, "The Gospel According to Mother."

Mr Matthew Henry proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Lee-Cowie, and voiced the pleasure of all present at meeting the beloved missionary once again.

Meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology. Benediction pronounced by the District President.

SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER.

(By Cora Frances Stoddard).

Alcoholic fermentation changes good food into injurious drinks.

Even moderate amounts of beer, wine, or other alcoholic drinks have been found to impair ability to do good work.

Alcohol impairs the skill and precision required in doing fine work.

The drinker's power of self-control is diminished by alcohol.

Beer may disorder a man's thinking or acting without making him drunk.

The normal man thinks before he acts. The man with alcohol in his brain is likely to act before he thinks.

Alcohol is not a stimulant, but a narcotic.

MEMBER



CAMPAIGN.

ADULT UNIONS.

N.E. Valley, Dunedin	---	---	4
Waimate, Temuka—1 each	---	---	2
Ohai, Tua Marina, Dargaville, Christchurch, Makotuku, Carter-	---	---	6
ton—2 each	---	---	6
Darfield	---	---	7
Gore	---	---	12
New Brighton	---	---	1
Hamilton	---	---	4

Nineteen Unions reported.

Y BRANCHES.

Pleasant Point	---	---	9
Rai Valley	---	---	1
Lower Hutt	---	---	4
Auckland	---	---	3
Carterton	---	---	2

Five Unions reported.

OUR WOMEN.

(Contributed)

Like Rachel Mary, whose letter I trust you have all read, I sometimes cannot sleep for thinking and wishing I knew how to make good people put themselves out to help our members and non-members to get brightened up a bit, and not flattened out.

This morning I have been thinking, and I am afraid I have been criticising, but we have to do that too, sometimes. There's something wrong with our women—at least, with a great many of them. I am reminded of the story of a little girl who got converted at a camp meeting, and she said she was going back to her home town to pray "that all the Christians would get converted!" I once heard a preacher say that there were a lot of Christians who needed to get their faces converted!

Talking about faces makes me wish I had the pen of an artist, so that I could sketch a few. I had the privilege of being an onlooker at a recent District Convention, and this morning, reviewing the scene, the Family Picture Gallery, presented by the President recalled to mind some of the impressions of that Convention.

There was an odd fascination in sitting hour after hour looking at the scene. All the faces were more or less interesting. I suppose each Convention has its own atmosphere. We had in this one Mrs Greatheart, Mrs Faint-heart, Mrs Despondency, Mrs Honest, Mrs Standfast, and Mrs Obstinate, Mrs

Willing-to-do, Mrs Think-I-am-incapable, Mrs Too-much-to-do, and so on. There were quite a number of noble white-heads, and I am sorry to say quite a few hard, inscrutable faces, so quick to show displeasure, and so slow to show appreciation. But here and there a face so sweet, so quick to light up with a smile of appreciation and approval, so quiet, so restful, so gentle, so refined, that one cannot doubt but that daily and hourly the inner vision sees God. We have a few wonderful women in our ranks. What an unique one is this particular President! What a gracious personality! "She loves everybody," someone said to me some time ago. "I wish I could, but I find it very hard to love some people."

In the middle of the proceedings at an evening meeting the two Secretaries were asked to come to the platform. It might have been for a vote of censure, or instant dismissal, if one had judged by the expression on their astonished faces, but their faces had changed as they turned towards the audience, each carrying a magnificent bouquet as a small token of appreciation for services faithfully rendered.

Another "helper" was the astounded recipient of a beautiful Japanese coat. The graciousness in the bestowal of these little unexpected tokens of appreciation and encouragement on the part of this beloved President reveals the large-hearted generosity of a nature that is above everything that is small and petty and mean and unworthy!

In the earlier part of the day a mallet, made of olive wood from Jerusalem,

was presented by the President to the District, and another "helper" was the recipient of a handsome scrap album, not from the organisation, but from the President!

And (but perhaps I was too busy studying faces), I don't remember that one word of appreciation or thanks was voiced to this magnificent leader (one of the few in our ranks), who is untiring in her devotion, in her zeal, who gives unstintedly of her time, her money, and her energy for God and Home and Humanity.

Love founded our work, and Love alone can revolutionise it.

Alcohol impairs the qualities constantly needed by the driver of an automobile, such as steadiness, caution, ability to recognise danger and to act correctly and quickly.

Modern high power machinery cannot be safely managed by a brain even slightly dulled by alcohol.

Alcohol is a habit-forming drug which has the power of setting up the craving which makes the drunkard.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR VACATION ACTIVITIES.

God's soldiers are never off duty, and all the rest a White Ribboner can expect is a change of employment. By the end of the year one wearies of the constant meetings. Said a weary President to her husband, "Do you think there will be meetings in Heaven?" "Yes, of course there will," he replied. "Then," said his wife, "I don't want to go there." We all feel more or less that way. But the holiday season is at hand, and we can rejoice in holiday

tasks and forget meetings, and speeches and socials. As we go to our various holiday resorts, don't forget that we are White Ribboners. Wear our bow, and explain to the curious what it stands for. Take a pledge book with you, and secure new members. Take copies of the "White Ribbon," and sell or give them away. Advertise our work, secure new subscribers.

Be in earnest. Take bricks with you, and "bump up" our Million Shilling Fund, and rejoice the heart of our Treasurer. Keep your eyes and ears open, and as you keep holiday in our lovely land, note how the trail of the demon Strong Drink lies all over it. Keep a record of every crime and every accident during the holiday season to which drink was a contributing factor. You'll be astonished, so will your friends when you show it to them. Then ask yourselves and them why such an evil is not voted out at once.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

This is one of the chief problems in world politics to-day. It is an old problem—older than recorded history—and extremely controversial. What shall be the rules of war at sea? Who shall draft them? Who shall see that the rules are enforced? Ages before the Christian era there were disputes in the Mediterranean Sea when, at different times, Athens, Rome, Venice, Genoa, and later Spain, Holland, and England claimed the sovereignty of the seas.

The voyages of Vasco di Gama and Columbus opened new trade and the Spanish and Portuguese discoverers, claiming that "findings is keepings," obtained bulls from Pope Alexander VI. confirming them in their rights to a monopoly of commerce. Raleigh, Drake, and Hawkins were to the Spaniards only pirates, but to Englishmen they were the first assertion of Freedom of the Seas in times of peace.

Every nation bordering on the sea has a sea frontier of three miles, because originally it was supposed to be a gunshot from the shore, and guns then had a range of only three miles. The rest of the seas were free in peace time.

From the time of Queen Anne till 1914 England's naval power was supreme, but the old margin of British

dominance at sea has been slowly dropping. A hundred years ago it was absolute, three, four, or five times that of any rival. Toward the end of the nineteenth century the rule was to have twice as many ships as the next naval Power. Later the two-Power standard was adopted, i.e., to have as big a navy as the next two Powers put together. Early in the twentieth century the standard became 60 per cent. over the next Power. To-day the problem is the equality or otherwise between Britain and the United States.

It is this problem of the Freedom of the Seas that is to a great extent preventing the partial disarmament of the Powers. During the Great War, when the Allies were blockading Germany, they claimed the right to search neutral shipping, knowing full well that cargoes sent to Holland found their way to Germany. The United States resented this so strongly that there was grave danger of a break between the two countries, and in a future war, the same trouble might arise. This is assuming the possibility of another war, whereas both Powers have signed the Kellogg Pact and so renounced war as an instrument of rational policy.

President Wilson, in the second of his fourteen points, claimed "Freedom of the Seas in peace or war, except as seas may be closed in whole or part by the international enforcement of international covenants." The British Government declined to consider this, and nearly caused trouble, till Lloyd George promised that the British Government would discuss it later. The question has remained a source of dangerous controversy, a submerged reef, ever since. The sooner the problem is solved the sooner will permanent peace be possible, and President Wilson's second point seems to be the natural solution.

"It would be simply impossible for a man who drinks to be a Scout. Keep off liquor from the very first; make up your mind to have nothing to do with it."—From "Scouting for Boys." Lt.-Gen. Sir Baden-Powell.

"It is to the motorist or the aeroplane pilot that a single glass of any intoxicant may make the difference between life and death."—Bernard Shaw.

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

"AN ARMY OF PEACE."

A leading article in a recent edition of the London "Sunday Times" deals with the birthday of the Boy Scout Movement, and sets forth a hope that lies in every heart—that there may some day be on earth not many armies—armies for war—but one army, an army of peace. The "Times" says:

"In the binding of the youth of the world into a common comradeship, inspired by a single conception, the Boy Scout Movement has behind it an idea, and before it an ideal, that might grow to be momentous in history. The Chief Scout has spoken of the movement as the world's greatest army, an army of peace. That is what it could become. But peace must have firmer foundations than a flood of sentiment. It is too easy to throw our caps in the air and talk as if youth had already established impregnable bulwarks against war. To behave like this is to deceive youth and do a disservice to peace. The work has as yet hardly begun. Whether it proceeds depends on bigger factors than the gathering of international boyhood under a common spread of canvas for a few day's happy celebrating. It depends on how the movement is to be handled as it grows, whether the international outlook and a genuine hatred of war are to be bred in the young mind. Properly handled, Scouting can become a big movement for peace, and a deep responsibility rests on those whose privilege it will become in the future to direct it. For it is equally true that no movement could so easily be set to the service of a narrow patriotism or misused as a basis of military upbringing. The youthful love of adventure to which Scouting so imaginatively responds turns all too easily into military channels. To keep the Scout Movement clear of this everywhere and in all countries will not be easy; even to foster this tendency deliberately might in conceivable instances become a temptation."

"The splendid vision of an army of peace must be brought into reality. Whether it is brought there depends quite as much on other things as on the wise direction of the Scout Movement itself; it depends quite as much on the old and middle-aged as

on the young. The work for peace is slow and long, and we deceive ourselves if we think otherwise. That is why, on the fifteenth anniversary of the outbreak of the greatest war in history, and in a world still suffering from its effects, but moving yearly further away from the remembrance of its worst horrors, and surrounded still by arms, we have chosen to stress the responsibilities rather than the very considerable achievements of the Boy Scout Movement. The world must make sure that never again will the youth of the nations meet face to face, not at a jamboree, but across the stricken field of No Man's Land."—From the "Eden Gazette," September 19th, 1929.

The Taranaki Seamen's Rest Committee acknowledges, with thanks, donations to the funds of 10/- from the Otaki W.C.T.U., and from Ohau W.C.T.U. 6s 10½d.

DO YOU VOTE?

You say your taxes are too high,
But do you vote?

About extravagance you sigh,
But do you vote?

How long, you wail, must we endure
This state of things which keeps us
poor?

How long? I do not know, I'm sure;
But do you vote?

The lights are bad, the streets a
mess;

But do you vote?

Your indignation you express,
But do you vote?

You say the bosses rule the show,
That graft is reaching high and low,
And doubtless all you say is so,
But do you vote?

You growl at rotten politics,

But do you vote?

You howl at bosses and their tricks
But do you vote?

You say, O Decent Citizen,

(We've heard you, time and time
again)

But do you vote?

"We want things run by business
men!"

Unless you do (I wonder, DO you?)
You've got just what is coming to
you!

—Berton Braley.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts, exclusive of capitation fees, were received during the period October 11th to November 11th, inclusive:—

N.Z. Fund.

Blenheim, £1; Invercargill North, 10s; Johnsonville, £1; Ohai, 9s.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund.

Gift, Mrs Fulljames, £25.

Organising Fund.

Blenheim, £5 14s; Wanganui East, £7; Cashmere, £1 10s; Waimate, £8 0s 6d.

Maori Fund.

Otaki, 18s 3d; Wairoa, 10s; New Brighton North, 4s 6d; Invercargill North, £1; Te Kopuru, 5s; Eden, 9s 6d; Ashburton, 10s; Wyndham, 17s; Darfield, 18s 6d; Waimate, £1; Hamilton East, 6s 6d; Gisborne, 12s; New Plymouth, 11s; Hastings, 7s 6d; Havelock North, 3s; Oxford, £1; Napier, 10s; Greymouth, 7s 6d.

Franchise Day Collections.

Ponsonby, 10s; Darfield, 14s; Hastings, 7s 6d.

World Missionary Fund.

Invercargill North, 10s.

"Y" Autograph Quilt Fund.

£3 19s 6d.

M. B. LOVELL SMITH,

N.Z. Treasurer.

YET ANOTHER DRINK CASE.

A correspondent sends the following. We quite agree with her, and can only wonder why the care of the man was refused by the police and left to a private individual:—

A man called at a home and asked for work and food, which he was given. Later it was noticed that he was suffering from delirium tremens, and he asked my daughter if it was there "where they killed all the children," etc. They rang up the police, and were told that the man was harmless, and to send him on. It was then night, so our son took charge of him, and shut him up in a room, where he talked and raved all night, and threatened to take his life. In the morning he was seemingly sane, and proceeded on his way. This seems to me to be a dreadful thing that the police will arrest a man who is helplessly drunk, yet refuse to act when a man is mad through drinking.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.**GOOD CITIZENSHIP.**

Dear Comrades,

You will remember that at last Convention the Prison and Reformatory Department was linked up with that of Good Citizenship. As the Christmas season draws near, may its true spirit, that of "peace and goodwill toward men," take possession of us all. At this time, especially, our thoughts and hearts go out to those who are less fortunately placed than we are—the inmates of our reformatories and prisons. Where possible, let our Unions organise in some way, either by social functions, letters and gifts, to provide some Christmas cheer and enjoyment for those within these institutions. I know some Unions are already engaged in this good work—all honour to them—and others could do the same. It is a department of our W.C.T.U. that provides a fine field of service at all times, and particularly, I think, at this time, when the spirit of Christmas renders hearts more susceptible to good impressions. Let us hold out the helping hand and show to the inmates of our institutions that our Dominion W.C.T.U. takes an active and practical interest in their welfare. Not only at the present time, but later on, when facing the world again, let us follow them with our practical sympathy, our letters, and our prayers. Let us co-operate, wherever possible, with all organised agencies to secure better laws and improved conditions, which may be helpful in turning men and women away from wrong-doing to righteousness. With Christmas and New Year greetings to all,—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

NELLIE BLACKWELL,

Dom. Supt. Good Citizenship Dept.

ANTI-GAMBLING.

Will any Unions who have done work in this Department since last report, and who have not received questionnaires this year, please report to me not later than 31st December, 1929, to enable me to complete my Report by the end of January, 1930?—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

MARGARET PIRRETT,

Supt. of Anti-Gambling.

13 Panama Street, Grey Lynn,
Auckland.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Dear Comrades,—

Will all Secretaries of Unions who have not received the questionnaire paper for Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance kindly send, as early as possible, replies to the following questions:—

Bible in Schools.

1. Name of Union.
2. How many schools in your town or district have weekly Bible lessons?
3. If no Primary Schools are being instructed in your town or district, what steps has your Union taken to remedy this want?

Sabbath Observance.

4. In what respect is the Sabbath most infringed in your district
5. What has been done by your Union in the way of protest or appeal?

MARGARET C. COOK,

Dom. Supt. Bible in Schools and
Sabbath Observance.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—

My auditor has expressed a desire that I close my financial year in December, as February is his own stock-taking, and it will suit him better to have my books before then.

May I ask for all accounts to be settled by December 31st? There are some outstanding accounts from last year; kindly let me have these, without waiting for a reminder from me. It will save a little time when I am so busy.

Trusting you are helping that Headquarters thermometer to rise more rapidly. No ship that was ever launched drifted into harbour. You have got to work to get it there.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.—Yours in servicee,

E. F. CHISHOLM.

Berhampore, Wellington South.

ASHBURTON STILL DRY.

We heartily join with our Ashburton sisters in rejoicing that the Court of Appeal has upheld the decision of the Licensing Committee to refuse a license to the hotel in Ashburton. A three-fifths majority vote by electors has no right to be set aside by the simple process of putting those electors into a wet electorate. The judgment of the Court will prevent licenses being restored that were wiped out by the electors under the Local No-License clause of the Act, and is therefore far-reaching.

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT IN SERVING ALCOHOL.

Since 1908, legislation has been passed concerning women's employment in serving alcohol as follows:—

In Italy, young persons under 18, unless members of the publican's family, may not serve alcohol.

In France, girls under 18 may not serve alcohol unless in their parent's establishment.

In Czecho-Slovakia, no woman in Prague, the capital, may serve on licensed premises.

In Northern Ireland, no girl under 18 may serve alcohol.

In Southern Ireland, no girl under 18 may serve alcohol unless in her parent's establishment.

In New Zealand, no woman may serve alcohol except those so employed before 1911.

In the State of South Australia, no woman may serve alcohol except those so employed before 1908.

In the State of New South Wales, Australia, no woman under 21 years may serve alcohol other than the wife or daughter of the license holder.

In the State of Tasmania the law is the same.

In the State of Victoria, Australia, no woman may serve alcohol except those so employed before 1918.

In the State of Western Australia no women under 18 may serve alcohol; a barmaid may not work more than eight hours a day; time worked beyond this must be paid for at overtime rate.

A general agreement that a Liquor Bar is no place for a woman.

OFFICERS, PLEASE READ!

Will all Unions please send corrections to their advertisements, so that they may be up-to-date?

We shall be thankful if "White Ribbon" every month? Find out, and order their subscriptions before the books close in January.

How is your Union getting on with the campaign for our 5000 subscribers? Have you got your quota, or are you a quitter?

How many members in your Union will undertake to sell one "White Ribbon" every month? Find out, and order copies required. Spread the knowledge of our principles and advertise our work in this way.

WARNED, YET WRECKED.

CHAPTER III.

Later on in the evening Jack stood alone in the entrance hall. For a short time he had surrendered his fair companion to another partner. Many girls would have been only too willing to be his partner, but Jack was not a society boy, and deep within his consciousness was a feeling that this brilliant scene was but the froth upon a pool, whose waters were not so clear and pure as the waters of life should be. The training of years, the heredity of ages, could not be lightly cast aside. When directly under the spell of his fair charmer, this feeling slumbered, but when alone he was conscious of a feeling of deep repugnance. The dance was over, and he moved aside to allow a group of men to pass by. One whispered low to him, "Come on, old chap!"

He followed them to the door, and as they passed out a tall figure whispered, "You'll find it in the third car along there."

Bewildered, Jack wondered what was to be found there. Too soon he knew. Drinking in cabarets had been drawn into the limelight lately, and proprietors were keeping a sharp look out for any such breaches of the law. Therefore, thirsty gents, who wanted alcoholic refreshment went to the friendly car for their supply. Already its effect was apparent in the idle babble, the sparkling eye, the inane giggle.

Returning to the hall, Jack recalled some words he had heard his mother speak. "It is not only in Prohibition America that the law is broken; in our own Dominion the licensing law is openly flouted, especially the clause forbidding the sale to young people."

Maude was ready for the next dance with him, and happily the time passed, until Maude suggested it was time for her to leave. Too well she knew the orgy such scenes were wont to end in, and she had no mind for Jack to see the stark, naked tragedy that underlay these brilliant surfaces. While awaiting her return from the dressing room, Jack heard a voice raised in protest. He entered a side room. Upon a couch sat Walter Fisk, and on his knee, her arms around his neck, was a dainty girl. Both had been sampling the winecup freely, so freely, indeed, that they had lost all sense of propriety, and the young maiden, who in her sane senses would have scorned to allow any familiarity, under the debasing influence of strong drink was behaving without re-

serve, or even decency. But the voice of protest came from an inner room, and on entering Jack saw a young couple, the man obviously intoxicated, was trying to caress his companion, who was struggling for freedom. It was Elsie Baker, an old schoolfellow, who, on catching sight of Jack, said, "Oh, Jack, take me home from this."

"Oh! no you don't," said her companion, "I am your escort."

"You're not fit to escort any girl," said Jack.

The youth began to bluster.

"Now," said Jack, "don't make any disturbance and land yourself in the Police Court. That won't make you popular here."

Jack's sensible words acted as a cold douche, and partly sobered, he released his companion, who left the room with Jack.

"What's in that room?" said Jack.

"Oh! they have cocktails hidden there, and the boys take their partners in for a drink."

"I thought you were a teetotaler, Elsie," he said.

"So I was," she replied, "but one does get laughed at, and so I just take a drop sometimes, not to look peculiar."

"Well, you'd better not do that in future, particularly in scenes such as these."

"You're right, Jack. I won't. Can I come home with you? My escort is clearly incapable."

"Yes; get ready."

As Elsie left him, he joined Maude, as she emerged from the cloak room. He

explained to her about Elsie, and Maude, though inwardly annoyed, outwardly yielded quite pleasantly. They dropped Elsie at her home, and having bidden Maude a lingering farewell, Jack drove home. So ended his first introduction to a cabaret. "The end of a perfect day," murmured Jack, and with a smile, he added, "Not quite perfect; even in Eden the serpent lurks amid the flowers."

(To be Continued.)

When the State of Wyoming had enjoyed the suffrage for twenty-five years, the House of Representatives passed the following resolution: "That the possession and exercise of suffrage by the women in Wyoming for the past quarter of a century has wrought no harm, and has done much good in many ways; that it has largely aided in banishing crime, pauperism and vice from this State, and that without any violent or oppressive legislation; that it has secured peaceful and orderly elections, good government, and a remarkable degree of civilization and public order; and we point with pride to the facts that after twenty-five years of woman suffrage not one county in Wyoming State has a poor-house; that our jails are almost empty, and crime, except that committed by strangers in the State, almost unknown; and, as the result of experience, we urge every civilized community to enfranchise its women without delay."



A group of visitors at the "At Home" in Headquarters, held last month. They are taken in the grounds just in front of the house.

News of the Union.

Write in ink; on one side of paper. Don't send newspaper reports. Don't send reports 2 months old; they only go in waste paper basket.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.—Oct. 8. Decided that the November meeting take the form of a Bring and Buy Social, proceeds to be devoted to the Willard Home. Mrs. Dewberry gave a splendid paper on "Woman's Influence," which all enjoyed. Collection taken up for Maori Fund. Afternoon tea kindly served by Mesdames W. Searle and Martin.

AUCKLAND.—Oct. 8. Maori Day celebrated and collection for Maori work taken. Six young Maori women sang sweetly, both in Maori and English. Mrs. Cole gave many incidents taken from her work among the Maoris. Report of District Convention read. Grant passed for Willard Home. Mrs. Cook spoke on "Importance of Bible Teaching in Schools."

BLENHEIM.—Oct. 1. Good attendance. Usual donation voted to Willard Home. Report of District Convention given by Mrs. Girling. Prepared speeches by Mesdames McFadden and H. Braddock on "Service" and "Temperance and Children," were much enjoyed.

BLENHEIM.—Nov. 5. A well-attended meeting. Rev. S. Saunders gave a very fine address on "The Attitude of the Church Towards the Liquor Traffic," which was much appreciated by those present.

BALANCE.—Oct. 28. A woman's meeting, presided over by Mrs. Paterson, Pahiataua's President; 30 present, Miss C. M. McLay gave a very stirring address. It was decided to form a branch of the W.C.T.U. Fifteen new members, and five transferred from Pahiataua; others are ready to join, and it should be a strong branch, and the promoters are to be congratulated upon their efforts. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs. J. Hancock; Vice-Pres., Mrs. L. Holdaway; Sec., Mrs. J. Gibson; Treas., Miss S. Foster; Cradle Roll, Mrs. D. Brown; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Polglase. Dainty afternoon tea and musical items by Misses K. Miller, T. Jones and M. Corlett. Hearty vote of thanks to Miss McLay.

BALFOUR.—Oct. 18. Annual meeting; good attendance. Scattered member from Queenstown announced 4 new members. Reported 19 members on roll; ten scattered members. £1 sent to Willard Home, and £2 to Headquarters Fund. Executive for year:—Pres., Mrs. D. McDonald; Vice-Pres., Mesdames A. Alexander and Orr; Cradle Roll, Mrs. R. Grant; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. R. Church; W.R. Agent, Mrs. D. McDonald.

BLUFF.—Nov. 1. Small attendance. Gifts received for the Willard Home. Members urged to attend District Meeting in Invercargill on November 13th. Decided to hold special Afternoon early in the New Year to entertain mothers of members of the Cradle Roll, and provide a stall for garments for sale. December meeting will be the Annual Meeting.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Oct. 9. Miss Henderson welcomed Sister Agnes McMillan, transferred from Auckland. Decided to send donation to Willard Home. Mrs. Richards was appointed to receive donations from members who wished to subscribe to the permanent Memorial to the late Mrs. Herbert. Reports received from Superintendents of Departments, which proved satisfactory.

Oct. 23. Members were invited to subscribe to and attend an Evening Social, to be held at the Jubilee Home, in honour of Mrs. Toms, one of the inmates, attaining her 100th birthday. To celebrate Maori Day, Mrs. W. J. Williams gave an interesting address on "Mission and Temperance Work among the Maoris in the North Island." Miss Wilcox, a Maori student at the Methodist Deaconess House, sang a song in Maori, and spoke for a short time on the "Drinking Habits of the Young People of her Race," also testified to the good work being done in a number of districts where

Unions had been organised. One new member.

CHEVIOT.—Nov. 1. Annual meeting; good attendance. Agreed to send donation of £2 to Willard Home. Mrs. Morgan read an interesting account of Convention at Waimate. Annual report and balance-sheet read and adopted, showing satisfactory progress. Membership, 28. Election of officers as follows:—Pres., Mrs. Gordon; Hon. Sec., Mrs. Alex. Hyde; Treas., Mrs. Morgan; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Stevenson.

CARTERTON.—Nov. 6. Splendid attendance. Miss McLay gave a most instructive lecture on "The Harmful Effect of Alcohol," giving us some practical evidences from a scientific standpoint, which were most convincing. This was followed by an inspiring address on "Praise and Prayer," being her remarks on Isaiah 40:31, enthusing her audience with a spirit of optimism and certain victory because God is on our side. Rev. Liddell spoke most appreciatively of Miss McLay's work. Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Rodgers hostesses. Two new members.

COLLINGWOOD.—Nov. 1. Annual meeting; eight members present and two others initiated. Balance-sheet read and adopted. Mrs. Corney, W.R. Agent, reported that there were thirteen subscribers to "White Ribbon." Decided to ask local Constable to do his best to prevent drinking at the dances. Mrs. Jamieson was re-elected President, Mrs. Corney and Mrs. Stallard as Vice-Presidents, and Mrs. Brown as Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Mears sang a solo, also Miss Exton. Afternoon tea was served by members.

DARFIELD.—Oct. 24. Good attendance. Mrs. Pearn gave a much appreciated address on "The Life of Esther." Seven new members, 18s. 6d. collection for Maori Fund. A Bring and Buy Afternoon realised £4 16s. Decided to meet at Greendale every third meeting. President to be Treasurer of Million Shilling Fund.

DARGAVILLE.—Oct. 15. A very good attendance. Miss A. M. McLay gave a most interesting and instructive address, and was heartily thanked. Two new members. Decided that members would each bring a gift to next meeting for Willard Home.

EPSOM.—Oct. 24. Fair attendance. Mrs. Pirritt gave a most helpful talk on "Gambling," quoting figures to show its rapid increase during the past few years. Mrs. Kasper's account of the District Convention held last month at Onehunga was listened to with much interest, and received many thanks. Annual meeting next month.

FIELDING.—Nov. 7. Annual meeting. Reports showed a membership of 69, 41 subscribers to "White Ribbon" and 30 on Cradle Roll. Resolved to send a donation of 10s. 6d. to the Seamen's Home at New Plymouth, and 10s. 6d. to the District Executive Fund. Mrs. Paek gave a report of an Executive meeting held at Palmerston North, and made several suggestions for gaining new members. All former officers re-elected, with Mrs. Spencer as Vice-President, in place of Mrs. Campbell, deceased. Votes of thanks were passed to all the officers for the work done during the year.

FOXTON.—Oct. 24. Social Afternoon; very good attendance, Mrs. Stone presiding. Had a very welcome visit from Mrs. Peryman, who gave very inspiring address, and also explained to us fully the help and assistance needed for the Forward Movement Fund. Musical items were much appreciated, given by Mrs. W. Howe and Mrs. Captain Matheson. Afternoon tea served.

GERALDINE.—Splendid attendance; Mrs. Neutze, President, presided. Able address delivered by Ensign Board. Musical items rendered by Mrs. Wallach and Miss Molly Bell. Interesting report of a "Y's." Impressions of the Waimate Conference given by Miss Marion Fyfe.

GORE.—Oct. 22. Good attendance. £1 voted for Temperance work among the Maoris. A resolution was unanimously passed, that this branch of the W.C.T.U. voices its protest against desecration of the Lord's Day by way of Sunday picnics and angling competitions, believing that these violations of the Christian day of rest are seriously undermining the moral and spiritual well-being of the community. The annual Bring and Buy Sale was held for

Domion Organising Fund. A successful Band of Hope Concert, in aid of Willard Home, was held in the Salvation Army Hall on the 25th, the programme being given by scholars from the Methodist, Baptist, Congregational and Salvation Army Sunday Schools.

HAVELOCK NORTH.—Oct. 25. Devotions read by President; subject for discussion, "Confessing Christ." A letter was received from Mrs. Pepperill re District Table Cloth. Decided to help, and several signatures received. Mrs. Milner sent us some very interesting Temperance facts in regard to Scotland. An invitation was accepted to join Hastings Union for Mothers' Day on November 13th. A paper on "Gambling" was read, and collection for Maori Day Fund received.

HAMILTON.—Oct. 31. Mrs. Lee-Cowie was the centre of interest. Mrs. Jones introduced her to a good gathering of ladies and two gentlemen. It was thirty years since Mrs. Lee-Cowie was in Hamilton and formed the branch of W.C.T.U. Mrs. Lee-Cowie took for her text, "Labourers together with God." The lesson was beautiful, and those who were privileged to hear her will long remember her words of encouragement and inspiration. One new member. Stall-holders were arranged for the Headquarters Shop Day. At the close of the meeting the Executive entertained Mrs. Lee-Cowie to tea.

HAWERA.—Oct. 31. Cradle Roll afternoon. Good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs. Emmett told that beautiful story of "Hannah and Her Son." Musical and elocutionary items rendered by Mesdames Ching, Robb, and Miss Doris Gilmore, were much appreciated. Afternoon tea was partaken of. Mrs. Williams gave a splendid address to mothers, dwelling on the sacred privilege of a mother, and creating the right influence in our home life.

HENDERSON.—Oct. 16 present. School Committee granted use of School for Bible lesson once a week if consent of parents obtained. Decided to try and arrange to start after Xmas holidays. District Superintendent wrote, asking that all notable days be observed. Decided to ask scholars for Temperance essays. Mrs. Freeman gave report of District Convention, most inspiring. Annual Meeting next month.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.—Oct. Maori Day. Mrs. Park gave informative address on "Maoris," and was heartily thanked for her address. Mrs. Fairbairn gave devotional address. Essays have been received from different schools, and will be judged in December.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.—Nov. 5. A very interesting paper entitled, "Present Day Problems," written by Miss Every, Matron of the Dr. Batchelor Hospital, Dunedin, was read by Miss Arnold to a large attendance of members, visiting members from North and South Unions and friends also present; several members spoke on the paper. Five new members.

KAIAPOI.—Oct. 30. Reported final meeting of the Band of Hope. About 180 children and adults assembled to enjoy the good things supplied by the ladies of the W.C.T.U., and afterwards at the entertainment, which took the form of a Concert programme for one hour, given by the children, and then lantern views, etc., given by Mr. Eagle. Mrs. Keetley read report of the District Convention, followed by the report from the "White Ribbon" read by Mrs. Burnett. Miss Powell then addressed the meeting, who mentioned among her remarks that she was at the opening of the Kaiapoi Union in 1899. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speakers.

KUMEU.—Oct. 9. Fair attendance. Decided to have collection for Organising Fund at next meeting.

Oct. 16. Maori Day. Mrs. Wilson gave an interesting talk on "Her Work at Maori Mission Stations, Matahau and Waimana," and it was much appreciated.

LEVIN.—Oct. 11. Good attendance. Decided to send £2 to the Willard Home, also clothes. Mrs. J. W. Gibson also gave a donation to the Home. A Garden Party for raising funds, to be held third week in November. Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. Kennerly read of the W.C.T.U. work in different countries all over the world, which proved very interesting.

Oct. 22. Special meeting in honour of Miss McLay's visit; about 30 present. Mrs. T. F. Gibson gave a very appropriate recitation. A dainty afternoon tea was served, after which Miss C. M. McLay gave a very instructive and interesting address, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to her. Five new members.

LOWER HUTT.—Oct. 23. President in chair; Maori Day. Mrs. Katene gave an excellent address on "The Early Days of the Maori and their Traditions." Mrs. Park read a fine paper on "How to Help the Maori Work." These ladies, being Maoris, gave an added interest. Vote of thanks, and several members expressed their warm appreciation. One new member. Several of our local workers are laid aside, and we are trusting to the less active members to come forward and help.

LINWOOD.—Oct. 29. Maori Day. The President explained the work of this department, and a collection was taken up for it. Mrs. Richards reported on the District Convention. She was thanked and congratulated on her appointment as District President. One new member.

MAKOTUKU.—At the residence of Mrs. Mann, and presided over by Mrs. Fothergill. Seven members and two visitors present. After the meeting was over, the members sewed for the Willard Home. A dainty afternoon tea was served by the hostess.

MOTUEKA.—Nov. 2. During the quarter the members of the Motueka W.C.T.U. invited the Cradle Roll mothers to an Afternoon Tea at the Methodist Hall. The Superintendent, Mrs. Parkinson, is working hard for the young ones. Mrs. Clay, the Mayoress of Motueka, was the speaker for the afternoon, and gave a helpful address.

MOSGIEL.—Oct. Good attendance. Reports of District Convention given by delegates were much appreciated. Two new members. A very pleasant Drawing-room meeting at Mrs. S. Johnstone's. Mrs. Brown gave a stirring address, and Miss Begg, Dunedin, sang very sweetly. Two new members. Afternoon tea provided by hostess, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

MIRAMAR.—Oct. 10. Mrs. Peryman spoke on "Social and Moral Hygiene," pointing out the wrong of the "double standard" of morality for men and women, and stressing the need for the latter to insist on their menfolk attaining the same high standard of morality as has always been demanded of themselves. She also touched upon the wisdom of holding up to the young ones a bright and high ideal of life and morals, and of teaching them from a very early age the truth about themselves and their origin. Hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Oct. 20. At Manse; good attendance of members and several visitors. Miss A. McLay gave a very interesting account of her work and travels, stressing the need for prayer and faith in our work, also explained the aims and objects of Million Shilling Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Miss McLay. Mothers' Day in connection with Cradle Roll, fixed for November 21st.

Oct. 22. Miss McLay took morning service in Congregational Church, and gave a stirring address on "Discipleship."

MT. ALBERT.—Oct. 10. Second annual meeting. Annual report read and adopted, also Superintendents' reports were read. Retiring officers were unanimously re-elected. New branches of work started L.T.L., with 106 on the roll. The membership has increased from 39 to 52.

NORTH BRIGHTON.—Oct. 15. Good attendance. Mrs. Lovell-Smith thanked Union for kind message on 36th Anniversary of Woman's Suffrage becoming law, and regretted we had no women in Parliament. Letter sent to Mrs. Leaver, welcoming her after her illness. £1 10s. donated to Trustees for use of Church to meet in. Receipts: Freewill offering, 10s. 8d., Sale of goods, 12s., £1 from Philanthropic Department. Mrs. Scott gave a concise and interesting report of District Convention. Prayer meeting last Thursday in the month.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Oct. 30. Twenty-three present. Temperance fact read, dealing with the decrease in liquor licenses in England. Letter from Miss McLay, requesting a visit to be paid to a hospital patient. Letter of thanks for sympathy received. Appeal from Willard Home; 10s. donated, and Committee formed to receive and forward parcels of clothing. Report

of Sailors' Rest; £5 granted to the fund. Letters of sympathy to be sent to sick members and to Mrs. Cobb, Senr., Auckland. Invitation given to League of Nation meeting. Attention drawn to Annual Meeting in November. Nominations for officers invited. Mrs. Waipapa, of Rahotu, spoke and sang, asking help to keep intoxicating liquor from her people, and wishing the W.C.T.U. every success. Collection for Maori Fund.

NEW BRIGHTON.—Oct. 17. Attendance good. A Sick Visiting Committee was elected for the ensuing month. Donation of £2 2s. to Willard Home. Decided that the annual Temperance Parade be held on Sunday, November 17th, at the Methodist Church, and a special Cradle Roll Afternoon on October 31st. Mrs. O. S. Pearn gave an excellent report of the Canterbury District Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. One new member.

Oct. 31. Special Social Afternoon in connection with the Cradle Roll Department. Mrs. Moses welcomed the mothers and babies. A short talk to the mothers was given by Mrs. O. S. Pearn, and a bright programme of children's items was greatly enjoyed. Afternoon tea was served, and a vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Hastings, Superintendent Cradle Roll Department, who had arranged the function.

NAPIER.—Oct. Annual meeting well-attended. Suggested motor drives for patients was thought an excellent idea; decided to form a fund for that purpose. This hint might be taken up by other Unions. Secretary's report dealt mostly with the young folks' work. Little or no progress in Union work. Decided to hold a series of Home meetings, the first to be in February. L.T.L., Napier, has grown from 13 to 96; looks as if the Banner might be their's. L.T.L., Taradale, 35, Cradle Roll, 94. "White Ribbon," 60 subscribers. All reports good. Finance on the right side. Mrs. Speight, Hastings, gave a helpful talk on "Bearing the Cross." Our desire to let it lie; not Christ's way, He carried it. Officers elected:—Mrs. Hull, President; Mesdames Macalister and Milner, Vice-Presidents, with our veteran member, Mrs. Dodds; Sec., Mrs. Brocklehurst (re-elected); Cor. Sec., Mrs. Oliver; Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson (re-elected); Home Meetings, Mrs. Oliver; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Donnelly and Milner; Prison Work, Mrs. North; Maori Supt., Mrs. Pepperill; Evangelistic and Scientific, Mrs. Milner; Moral and Social Hygiene, Mrs. Rupecht; Railway Box, Mrs. Ingram; L.T.L. (Napier) Mrs. Pepperill; L.T.L. (Taradale) Mrs. Rupecht; "White Ribbon," Mrs. Mens. Votes of thanks to Mr. Oldham, Mrs. Speight, all retiring officers, all who had helped in any way.

OTAHUHU.—Nov. 7. Good attendance of members to hear Mrs. Pain, one of our own members, give an address on "Alcohol as a Cell Poison," after which a discussion took place. One new member. Business discussed.

OXFORD.—Oct. 28. Fair attendance. Mrs. T. E. Taylor wished the Union many happy returns and many years of usefulness. She also gave interesting account of Honolulu Conference, and urged the members to remember that they belonged to a world-wide organisation. A handsome Birthday Cake, made by Mrs. T. Gainsford, and iced by Miss I. Gainsford, decorated afternoon tea table.

ONEHUNGA.—Oct. 10. Mothers' meeting. Sickness and other causes affected the attendance. Decided to send letters of sympathy to Mesdames Stacey and Fordyce, junr., in their illness. Pianoforte solo by Miss Nash, and songs by Mrs. Craig. Mrs. Lee-Cowie addressed the gathering, bringing a message of cheer to all. She gave much valuable information regarding the gradual, but steady progress of Temperance work during the past century, and concluded with an earnest appeal to all present to work and wear their badges. Afternoon tea concluded a pleasant afternoon.

OAMARU.—Oct. 14. Opening devotions led by Mrs. Cations, Balclutha. Miss Day spoke briefly on the "Example of Ruth." Reports were given by Mrs. Bridgeman and Miss R. Day of the District Convention at Lawrence, at which they represented Oamaru. Both speakers were warmly applauded for their interesting and helpful talks.

PUKEHUIA.—We have been very pleased and much helped by a visit from our Organiser, Miss McLay. She makes us feel eager to do our bit in this little corner. She also took a service, arranged by the Union, on Sunday night at the Y.M.C.A., and had a very appreciative audience. Our November meeting is to be a Bring and Buy, in aid of the Willard Home. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Dunn served afternoon tea.

PAHIATUA.—Oct. 31. Special meeting, 35 present. Miss McLay gave an address. Six new members and two "Y." members. Miss McLay has done fine organising work during her twelve days' visit. Meeting arranged at Woodville and special at Pahiatua for her to address the children.

PAPANUI.—Oct. 10. Fair attendance. Miss Sargent gave a very interesting address on "Privileges, Opportunities and Responsibilities," and was heartily thanked. Next meeting Cradle Roll Day, all children on the Roll to be entertained at afternoon tea.

PUKEKOHE.—Nov. 5. Annual meeting. Mrs. Crosbie gave a Bible reading. President read some very interesting papers. Mrs. Williams, from Auckland, conducted the election of officers. Mrs. Musk reported another 16 babies on the roll, making a total of 31 in two months. One new member. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs. Escott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Crosbie and Mrs. Brownlee; Sec., Mrs. Moncrief; Treas., Mrs. Richards; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Musk; Mothers' Meetings and Social Supt., Mrs. Curnow; Birthdays, Mrs. Horne; W.R. Agents, Mrs. Moncrief and Mrs. Beattie.

PONSONBY.—Oct. 4. Good attendance. On behalf of Willard Home, it was decided to hold a Bring and Buy on October 31st. The delegates to the recent District Convention gave their reports. Being Franchise Day, Miss Read read a very interesting paper on the subject, "How the Women of New Zealand Won the Franchise."

Oct. 19. Mrs. Lee-Cowie presided, and gave a talk on "Springtime." Miss Read reported on having visited the Baptist Women's Missionary Union and conveying to them the greetings of our Union. Being Maori Day, Sister Ivy Jones, Methodist Deaconess among the Maori women, gave a very interesting talk on her work.

PAPAROA.—Oct. 17. A pleasant afternoon at Methodist Parsonage. Miss A. M. McLay gave a splendid address, an inspiration to the members, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her. A solo by Rev. Ford. Miss Hames invited the members to her home for their next meeting.

PLEASANT POINT.—Oct. Good attendance. Mrs. H. B. Low spoke on "Franchise Day," also on the "League of Nations," also of the "National Council of Women." Mrs. Bishop sang sweetly. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Low for instructive and interesting address. A Concert, held on behalf of Million Shilling Fund, realised £3. £1 donated to Willard Home.

PORT ALBERT.—Oct. 21. Special meeting to meet Miss McLay. Mrs. W. Payne introduced Miss McLay, who then took charge and gave an interesting and instructive address. Good attendance. Two new members. Several members took cards of Bricks to sell in aid of the Million Shilling Fund.

RAI VALLEY.—Oct. 16. Annual meeting; good attendance. Report of the year's work, also report of District Convention was read, both being very encouraging. The Secretary was instructed to write to the President of Humane Society, and bring under his notice the action of Miss Hedley, who endeavoured to save a young man from drowning recently, and Mr. K. Douglas, who was instrumental in saving the life of a child. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs. Leov; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Wells; Sec., Mrs. Moore; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Wells. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers. Mrs. Proctor received a small gift, with best wishes for her happiness in her new home. Mrs. Proctor, in reply, assured the members that her work amongst them had given her great pleasure. Mrs. Wells then congratulated Mrs. Leov on the four years' work of the Union in the district, and asked her to accept a small gift as a token of goodwill. Mrs. Leov expressed great appreciation of their thoughtfulness, and the meeting closed.

RANGIORA.—Oct. 25. Members of the North Canterbury District Executive, about 20 in number, were present; large attendance. Mrs. Thwaites welcomed all the visitors, especially Mrs. T. E. Taylor, and, on behalf of the local Union, Master W. Keir handed Mrs. Taylor a posy of flowers. Mrs. Taylor gave a stirring address on some aspects of the work of the Union, and a vote of thanks was accorded to her.

RICHMOND.—Oct. 15. Pay-Up Social. After tea President welcomed all members and friends, 35 in number, especially three gentlemen and two Nelson visitors, one being our new District President, Miss Cooke. Rev. Rollings addressed the meeting on "Programme of W.C.T.U." Miss Cooke dealt with aims, standards and ideals of W.C.T.U., "a great name, a great cause, a great ideal and a great pledge." Rev. Haslam entertained the meeting with violin solos and songs.

RICCARTON.—Oct. 17. Attendance Good. Votes of sympathy to bereaved members. Temperance fact. £1 donated to Willard Home, and members asked to send clothing. Clothing also sent to Women's Reformatory. Vocal solos by Mrs. Hay. Cradle Roll Day. President heartily welcomed the mothers, and Mrs. T. E. Taylor gave a very fine and suitable address.

SPIREYDON.—Oct. 8. Fair attendance. A Bring and Buy Afternoon. Mrs. Walker gave a report of the Provincial Convention. £2 handed in for Campaign Funds.

STYX.—Oct. 9. Cradle Roll Day; good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs. T. E. Taylor gave a very inspiring address to mothers. Musical items and recitations by L.T. Legioners. Each child received an apple, a bag of sweets and a balloon. Mrs. Johnson, Cradle Roll Superintendent, was thanked for her work among the children. Four new members. On Labour Day, W.C.T.U. members and children spent a very enjoyable day in Mrs. Mulcock's beautiful garden.

TIMARU.—Oct. 29. Meeting held at Highfield, well-attended. Maori Day celebrated by special devotions and reading of appropriate paper. Sunday Tea and Service arranged by Highfield members—a great treat to sailors. Remits from meeting of National Council of Women endorsed: (1) To ask for legislation, making it illegal for boys to sell papers in bars of licensed houses; and (2) To recommend the use of woollen goods in preference to artificial silk goods, and to regulate the duty on these goods. Three new members enrolled.

TAURANGA.—President in chair. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy afternoon meeting, 3rd Friday in November, our closing meeting for the year.

TUA MARINA.—Oct. 15. Fifteen present. Mrs. Wood elected Scientific Temperance Superintendent. An interesting and helpful address on "Am I My Brother's Keeper," by Rev. Fordyce was much appreciated, and he was heartily thanked. Duty of the Church stressed; she could carry prohibition if she would.

TE AWAMUTU.—Oct. 23. Attendance smallest we have had, on account of very bad weather. President in the chair. Mrs. Peryman gave a most interesting and instructive address on "W.C.T.U. Work, its Aims and Forward Movement." Many questions were asked. After Benediction, tea was served.

TEMUKA.—Nov. 1. Fair attendance. Musical item in Maori given by Miss Stewart and Miss Hampstead. Rev. Mr. Verco, South Canterbury Area Secretary of the New Zealand Alliance, gave a most interesting address, first of all speaking a few words on our motto, God, Home, and Humanity. He also spoke on three texts, "Fear not little Flock," etc., "For Ye shall reap if you faint not," and "Lo, I am with you always."

WYNDHAM.—Oct. 1. Ten present. Mrs. Shaw gave a report of District Quarterly Meeting. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. G. Wilson read a paper on "Woman's Franchise." Street Stall held and realised £4 10s. 7d.

WANGANUI EAST.—Oct. Sympathy to sick members. Reported that a new Union formed at Ohakune, and congratulations sent to it. Mrs. Duxfield read her Presidential Address on "Women's Work and Influence," and was heartily thanked. Sale of cakes and sweets realised £3 11s. 6d. for Organising Fund.

WOODVILLE.—Nov. 8. Evening meeting held in Borough Council Chambers, to con-

sider formation of local Union. Mrs. Richards presided. Several visitors from Pahiatua. Miss C. M. McLay addressed gathering on "The Women's Crusade and our Aim." Miss Edmed, District Secretary, also spoke. Resolved to form Union. Officers elected:—Pres., Miss Warboys; Sec., Mrs. Hurley; Treas., Miss Harding; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Forrest.

SUMMER DRINKS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

The warm weather will soon be with us again, and we will be thinking of different refreshing drinks that we can make for our families. Some of us have to depend on tank water, and when supplies are getting low and the water tastes warm and stale, one feels they must have something beside plain water. But we want something that will not harm our children or ourselves, something without the least taint of alcohol in it. Hop beers and drinks fermented by putting yeast in, or letting juice fruit ferment, are too risky to give our growing boys and girls. The very fermentation is the rotting of the ingredients, and causes alcohol to form, and as alcohol is a poison, and the very thing our W.C.T.U. came into existence to fight, every member can feel their responsibility, and leave these fermented drinks completely alone. Which of us mothers in the years to come could bear the thought that we were the ones that created the craving for strong drink in our own child?

Sir Thomas Barlow, Bt., M.D., says: "The most tragic thing that can happen is the stirring up of the alcoholic craving in children and young people."

Some think that because bread in the making is fermented with yeast, therefore drinks fermented with yeast must be all right, but the hot oven kills all the alcohol in the bread.

I have thought it might be helpful if members could send receipts of wholesome, pleasant drinks for use in hot weather. The following is one that I have found very useful and easy to make:—3lb. sugar, 1 ounce citric acid, 2 teaspoons essence of lemon, $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon boiling water. Water must be boiling, and essence added when cold, then bottle.

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Just read these few opinions from the daily press and the Liquor Boards.

"Ontario is buying liquor at the rate of 1,000,000dol. a week."—Ontario Liquor Board.

"In Alberta, 4,000,000 gallons of liquor was sold in the second year of 'control.'"—Alberta Liquor Board.

"Sales of beer increased 1,000,000 gallons over last year."—Quebec Liquor Commission.

"The seven Provinces having 'Government control,' with a population of 10,000,000, spends 160,000,000dol. a year for liquor."—Reports of the seven Liquor Boards.

"Since the opening of the beer parlours, the sales of 'hard' liquors has increased 50 per cent."—British Columbia Liquor Board.

"Sale of 'hard' spirits increased 32,275 gallons in one year."—Quebec Liquor Commission (1924-5).

"Sale of 'hard' liquor increased 33 per cent. in last two years."—Saskatchewan Liquor Board (1927).

"Alberta issued 60,000 permits the first year; two years later she issued 144,000 permits."—Alberta Liquor Board.

"In Ontario, 220,440 permits were issued in the first four months."—Ontario Liquor Board.

"Drunkenness among women increased 53 per cent."—"Montreal Star."

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

NOT BOOTLEGGING.

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

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

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

Some Canadians are discovering, instead of liquor being controlled by the Government, the Government is being controlled by liquor.

Alcoholic drink is dangerous to one exposed to cold.

MAORI PAGE.



GLADSTONE.—Oct. 29. President in the chair. Five members present, and also friends. Scientific facts given.

HUKARERE Y's.—Meeting of Hukarere "Y" Branch took place on October 5th, 1929, in the schoolroom. After a hymn and prayer, Secretary read minutes of the last meeting. Then President, Tina Seia Seia, read a piece out of the paper about the late Mrs Leask, and to which the members listened sadly. Following that, one of the members, Puna Tamoana, gave a piano solo, called "Rustle of Spring," which was greatly appreciated by the members. The Treasurer, Miss Naere Rangī, then gave an address on "Health," on which she afterwards asked questions, some of which were answered humorously and sensibly by members. Community singing was started by two of the members, Misses Clytie Stewart and Mary Brown. Maori and English melodies were sung, into which the members entered heartily, and enjoyed. Miss Polly Hakiwai offered to form a choir from the members who were willing to join, for future community singing in our meetings. Her offer was gratefully accepted by the officers and members. Enjoyable meeting closed with singing the Doxology.

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Even a moderate amount of alcohol impairs the drinker's ability to judge correctly the quality of his own work.

THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE meets in the Temperance Society's Room, Unity Buildings, Upper Queen Street, on the 1st Monday in the month, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards, Takapuna; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Johnston, 85 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Taylor, Station Road, Otahuhu.

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

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

ARAMOHO, last Thursday, at 2 o'clock, Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs Gilmour; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Walker; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs E. Coddington, 39 Robert's Avenue.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. Grigg, Parsonage, Willowby; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Saunders, Kernode Street West; W.R. Agent, Miss Watson, 84 Cameron Street West.

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 Willis 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 Murdock Road, Grey Lynn; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hullah, 8 Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Miss E. Mathieson, 685 Manakau Road, Epsom; W.R. Agent, Miss E. Appleby.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Catons, 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 Tozer; 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; Sec., Mrs F. M. Mitchell, 383 Park Road, N.B.; Treas., Mrs N. Fraser, River Road, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs McIlroy, Breezes Road, Aranui.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Rec. Sec., Miss Thomas, 34 Crammer Square, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Street, Avonside; W.R. Supt., Mrs R. Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Every, Garrison Street; Lec. Sec., Mrs. R. B. Madden; Treas., Mrs. Rogers, High Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sayers; Press, Mrs. Jansen; Organist, Mrs. C. Jones; Evangelistic, Mrs. Tyler.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th 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; Treas., Mrs Geo. Carter; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. James.

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 D. L. Bradley, "Gifford;" Cradle Roll, Mrs Wordsworth.

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.

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

EDENDALE (Auckland).—1st Tuesday in Presbyterian Schoolroom, Balmoral Road, at 2 o'clock. Pres., Mrs Mackay, 635 Dominion Road; Sec., Mrs Kiff, 9 Sadgrove Terrace; Treas., Mrs May, 40 Calgary 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.

GERALDINE, meets 1st Tuesday, in Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Neutze; Vice-Pres., Mrs Southern and Mrs Loach; Sec., Mrs Wallach; Treas., Mrs D. Macdonald; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Prattley; Cradle Roll, Mrs N. McGregor.

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. Allen; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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

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

HAWERA, meets last Thursday at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Emmett, Methodist Parsonage; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs W. G. Simpson, 1 Grant V.C. Street; 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-Pres., Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Dixon; Sec., Mrs Seal, Te Aroha Street; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Watson, Clifton Road; Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury, Stanley Street.

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 Elliott; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Miss G. Hill, St. Andrew's Road; Treas., Mrs Webb, Napier Road.

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Simpson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Mackinder, Mt. Pleasant, Junction Road; Treas., Miss Young, Waitoriki; Cradle Roll, Mrs Young; 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, 183 North Road; Supt., Mrs Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindsfarne; W.R. Agent, Miss Blake, 45 Teviot Street.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, meets 1st Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, in the Baptist Church, Esk Street. Pres., 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; Treas., Mrs Stevens, 94 Baird 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, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fairbairn, McGregor, Parkin; Cor. Sec., Mrs McGregor, 266 Crinan Street; Rec. Sec., Miss McCallum, 35 Venus Street; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; Evang. Supt., Mrs McKinnon; W.R. Agent, Miss McLaughlan; Press, Mrs Reidy; Maori Supt., Mrs Sharpe; Cradle Roll, Mrs Crozier; Social, Mrs Richards; Notable Days, Mrs Parker.

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 Black, 42 Cranley Street; Treas., Mrs F. Fuller, 20 Buckley's Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Adie, 57 St. Hellier's Street.

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

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, Mt. Albert Road. Pres., Mrs Bruce, 100 Calliope Road, Devonport; Sec., Miss M. W. Fyfe, 29 Belmont Road; Treas., Mrs Sutherland, 64 Richardson Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Brodie; W.R. Agent, Mrs Sims.

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, 7 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 Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church, Devonshire Road. Pres., Mrs Evans; Sec., Mrs Berry, 167 Seatoun Heights Road; Treas., Mrs Millar, Rotherham 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 Garlick, Studholme Street; Treas., Mrs Wills, Allen Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Oates, Thames Street.

MOSGIEL, 3rd Wednesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bedford, East Taieri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Prentice, Logan, and Morton; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, Inglis Street; Treas., Mrs A. Lemox, Gordon Road; Cradle Roll, Miss McLeod, Gordon Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Smith, Ayr 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 Waimea 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; Supt. L.W. Ribboners, Mrs Ellis.

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 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss A. Webb, 22 Wye Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clarke, Reid, Hall, Hutchinson and Misses Wilson and Milligan; Rec. Sec., Miss Cowan, Rother Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Scott, 60 Eden Street; Treas., Miss R. Day; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, Eden Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Williamson.

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

OWAKA, 2nd Wednesday, at 2.15 p.m., in Presbyterian Church Vestry. Pres., Mrs Ryley; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Buchanan.

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.

PAEROA, 2nd Wednesday, Centenary Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. R. Hubbard; Sec., Mrs. Evans (D.); Treas., Mrs. W. Harrington; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Darbyshire.

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

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

PAPAROA, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., at Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs J. Hames, Paparua Railway; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Wilson; Sec., Mrs E. T. Birtles; Treas., Miss J. Wilson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Roigard, Matakoho.

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; Evangelistic and Scientific Temperance, Mrs Ritchie.

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, 33 Wakefield Street, Lower Hutt.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Millem; 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 McNeur; Sec., Mrs Crombie, Waitohi, Temuka, R.D.; Treas., Mrs Waugh; Cradle Roll, Mrs Chapman, Ophi; W.R. Agent, Miss Neilson.

PORT ALBERT, 2nd Tuesday every other month, 2.45 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. W. Payne; Sec. Mrs. C. Phillipps; Treas., Mrs. E. M. Guss.

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

PONSONBY, meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday in St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Read, Whitaker Place; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie; Rec. Sec., Mrs Jo'ner; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. B. Farrand, C/o. View Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Miss S. S. Pyle, 8 Stokes Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Andrews; Bible-in-Schools, Miss Pyle; Mothers' Meetings, Mrs. Stewart; Notable Days, Mrs. Bragg; Prison and Reformatory, Mrs. Wakefield.

PUKEKOHE, 1st Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. Pres., Mrs. E. S. Scott, Tuakau; Sec., Mrs. Moncrieff, Prospect Terrace; Treas., Mrs. Richards, Tobin Street.

RAKAIA, 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 Tuesday, in Presbyterian Vestry, at 7.30. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Philp and Mrs Prosser; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Mrs J. Cassels; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. H. Gray, Palmerston St.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Fawcett, Juliet Street, South; Vice-Pres., Mrs McCallum and Mrs Gordon; Treas., Mrs Daris, Brecon Road; Sec., Mrs Marsh, Orlando Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gaze, Rosalind Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Wendelborn, Juliet Street, South.

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

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

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

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs G. Grindlay; 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 L. 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, 174 North 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, 30 Woodlands Rd.; Notable Days, Mrs Butcher, 50 Arthur Street.

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. Gillen, Harris Street; 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 B. C. Lawrence, High Street East; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clayton, and Adjutant Sansom; Sec., Miss A. Bicheno, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. E. Smart; Cradle Roll, Mrs Carrick.

WARKWORTH, 1st Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. I. Phillips, Puiham's Road; Sec., Mrs U. Hamilton, "The Grange;" Treas., Mrs G. Civil; W.R. Agent, Mrs Roy Civil; Supt. L.T.L., Miss McGregor; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Alma Grimmer.

WAIKAWA, meets 4th Wednesday in each month, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hooper; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Robertson and M. T. Bott; Sec. (pro. tem.) Miss Johnson; Treas., Miss Johnson; Rec. Sec., Miss T. Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIKURAU, meets 1st Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Miss Burdett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Smales, and Gore; Sec., Mrs Elmslie Reid; Treas., Mrs Dixon, Racecourse Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gilchrist; Little White Ribboners', Mesdames McKane and Smales.

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 Y's., 3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Mathieson Street Hall. Pres., Mr C. Sucker; Sec., Miss N. Bathgate, 106 Somme Parade; Treas., Mr G. Sucker, Brunswick Road, Aramohe; 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, 52 Russell Terrace; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hart Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Perry, 2 Millward 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.

WEST END Y's., New Brighton, 2nd Monday, at 7.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Bible Classroom. Supt., Mrs J. S. Duncan; Pres., Miss M. Kemp; Vice-Pres., Miss D. Hooker; Sec., Mr B. Bernstein; Treas., Mr I. Carson; Press Reporter, Miss B. McFadzien.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall, Dennis Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Adj. Vyle, Mrs Wright and Mrs Lovatt; Sec., Mrs W. Hills, Norfolk St.; Treas., Mrs R. Hughes, Mair Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, King St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt, Bank St.; Asst. Sec. and Treas., and Notable Days, Miss 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. Moses, 140 Lonsdale Street, New Brighton; Sec., Mrs. T. W. West, 67 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; Treas., Mrs. T. Fee, Aynsley Terrace; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Turner, Aynsley Terrace; Reporter, Mrs. Simpson.

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