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## MINUTES OF Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of the N.Z. W.C.T.U.

Held in the Methodist Church, Baring St.,  
Ashburton, March 9th to 17th, 1921.

(Abridged.)

Opening exercises led by the President; Crusade Hymn, and responsive reading of Crusade Psalm.

### MEMBERS OF CONVENTION (83).

**Dominion Officers.**—Mrs Don, President; Mrs Crabb, Vice-President; Miss Henderson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs A. R. Atkinson, acting-Recording Secretary; Mrs Lee-Cowie, World's Missionary; Mrs Peryman, Editor of "White Ribbon."

**District Presidents.**—Mrs Wright, Wellington; Mrs Lill, Ashburton; Mrs Norrie, Timaru; Mrs Hiatt, Dunedin; Mrs Venables, Napier; Mrs T. E. Taylor, Christchurch; Mrs Goffe, Gisborne; Mrs Scott, Hawera.

**District Secretaries.**—Mrs. Thompson and Miss Trevurza, Ashburton; Mrs Macartney, Dunedin; Mrs Minifie, Timaru; Mrs Chellew, Napier; Mrs

Hodder, Palmerston North; Mrs Mason, Greymouth.

**District Treasurers.**—Mrs Brown, Ashburton; Miss Taun, New Plymouth; Mrs Allan, Dunedin.

**Dominion Superintendents.**—Mrs Walker, Maori Work; Mrs Neal, Medical, Temperance, Cradle Roll, and L.T.L.; Mrs Upton, Rest and Refreshment Rooms.

**Organisers.**—Miss Mayo, Miss Earnshaw.

**Delegates.**—Mrs J. Baker and Miss Fechney, Ashburton; Mrs Welsh, Carterton; Mrs Hopwood, Tinwald; Mrs Murray, Greytown; Mrs Hall, New Brighton; Mrs Moore and Miss J. C. Smyth, Oamaru; Mrs Pratley, Sawyer's

Bay; Mrs Nash, Waimate; Mrs Hunter, Richmond; Mrs D. Hawke, Oxford; Mrs McDonald, Wellington Central; Miss Birss, Mrs Matheson, Mrs Walker, and Miss Dewar, Invercargill and South Invercargill; Mrs Bennett, Winchmore-Greenstreet; Mrs Densem, Hamilton; Mrs Bates and Mrs Mowlem, Wellington; Mrs Martin, Kaikorai; Miss Hall, Edendale; Miss Begg and Mrs Sanders, N.E. Valley; Miss Bischoff, Normanby; Mrs Gain, Dunedin; Mrs G. Wilson, Lyttelton; Mrs Murgatroyd, Petone; Mrs Hansen, Manaiā; Mrs Dowling, Auckland; Mrs Brierley, Blenheim; Mrs Liddell, Gore; Mrs Hunter, Onehunga; Mrs Grant, Wanganui; Mrs Watson and Mrs Field, Nelson; Mrs England and Miss Lovell-Smith, Christchurch; Mrs Pack, Feilding; Mrs Lewins, Takapuna.

**Y Unions.**—Miss Leigh, Nelson; Miss Finlayson, Mrs Young, Invercargill; Mrs Bathgate, Aramoho.

**Proxies.**—Hastings, Mrs Trott; Picton, Mrs Pearson; Lower Hutt, Mrs Moller; Wakapuaka, Mrs Kidd; Kaia-poi, Mrs Peters; Pahiatua, Mrs Moore; Ngaere, Mrs McKay; Ormondville, Miss Watson; Woodville, Miss Moore.

Roll call, 73 present.

Appointments made—Committee on Courtesies, Mrs John Moore; Postmistress, Miss Hardy; Convention Letter-writer, Miss Trevurza.

District Presidents were requested to arrange for press reports in their districts. Miss Lovell-Smith was appointed to report to Ashburton papers, Mrs Lee Cowie to the Outlook, Miss Trevurza, Methodist Times, Miss Smith, of Oamaru, N.Z. Baptist, Mrs Moore, of Oamaru, War Cry, Mrs Neal, Vanguard. Thirty members were attending a Convention for the first time.

The Corresponding Secretary was appointed to attend the Australasian Triennial Convention, to be held in Melbourne in May.

Resolved that £5 be sent as a donation to the World's Missionary Fund.

Motion to send an additional £5 was lost, Mrs Peryman stating the extra £5 per member paid by New Zealand above the capitation demanded by the World's Union amounted to over £15 per annum.

Greetings were received from Normanby, Christchurch, Masterton, Nelson, Aramoho Y, Auckland District and Branches, South Invercargill, Eden and Takapuna Unions, from the N.Z. Alliance, Miss Roberts and Mrs Carvosso inviting New Zealand to send a fraternal delegate to their Australasian Convention.

Carried—That Australia's greetings and invitation be reciprocated.

Letters were received from Miss Anna Gordon, the Railway Department, Australasian W.C.T.U., Minister for Agriculture and the Medical Director of Schools.

Corresponding Secretary's report was read and adopted.

Organising Report read and adopted, general members speaking warmly of Miss Earnshaw's work.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 10.

Devotions, led by Mrs Crabb, assisted by Mrs Wright. After a solo by Mrs Matthews, "Rock of Ages," Mrs Lee Cowie spoke on the "Power of Thought" Roll call; 83 present.

Minutes read and confirmed.

The President then delivered her address, which was warmly received.

Letters of sympathy were ordered to be sent to Mrs Nimmo in her illness; to Mrs X. Jones, Mrs Wagstaffe, Mrs Ryde, Mrs Jackson, and to the relatives of Mrs Hansen, Mrs East, Mrs Lowe, and Mr Knowles-Smith in their bereavements; to Mrs Marion and her family in their sad loss. Letters of greeting and sympathy also sent to Nurse Chappell, Sister Moody Bell, and to Miss Pennell, World's Superintendent of Flower Missions, now aged and crippled.

Mrs Field moved the motion, of which notice was given last year: "That officers of Provincial Convention shall have a seat in the Annual Convention. Seconded by Mrs J. L. Wright, and carried by an overwhelming majority.

Mrs Wright gave notice of motion to amend the Constitution to provide:

That Provincial Presidents shall ex-officio be members of the N.Z. Executive; in case the President shall be unable to attend, her place may be taken by the Secretary, or failing her, by the Treasurer.

Resolved that the warm congratulations of Convention be telegraphed to our honoured and long-tried friend and helper, A. S. Adams, Esq., on his elevation to the Supreme Court Bench.

Reports of Departments of Evangelistic and Home Meetings, Narcotics and Work Among Seamen were read and adopted.

Convention closed with the benediction.

#### MORNING SESSION, MARCH 11th.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs Lee Cowie, who spoke on Prayer.

Roll was called; 82 present.

Minutes read and confirmed.

The President spoke earnestly, advising Unions always to see that every meeting is thoroughly provided with "tools of the trade"—a Bible, a "White Ribbon," copy of Constitution and Initiatory Service, and an ample supply of white ribbon badges.

Greetings were received from Mrs Lovatt for Wanganui Union; Mrs Pirritt, Y Superintendent, Wellington Central Union; Mrs Watson for Cambridge Union Mrs Gilling for Avondale Union; Mrs White for Napier Union, and from Palmerston North, Sawyer's Bay, Feilding and Greytown Unions.

Reports of Maori work and balance-sheet was discussed and received.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Convention be sent to Mr Gleave, of Gisborne, for auditing the accounts of Maori work.

Resolved: That the Convention send a letter to Te Ratana, the Maori healer, expressing pleasure at his discouragement of drink.

Resolved: That a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow of the late W. D. Powdrell, M.P., for Patea.

Report of Good Citizenship Department was received.

Mrs Peryman read the Treasurer's report and balance-sheet, which was discussed and adopted.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Convention be conveyed to the Auditor of the New Zealand balance-sheet, Mr Polson, of Auckland.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 11th.

Devotional exercises, led by Mrs Wright.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Telegram was received from A. S. Adams, Esq.; also greetings from Mrs Gaskin and Palmerston North, Wellington, and Wanganui Unions.

Mrs Lee-Cowie urged an increased allowance to Superintendents of Departments.—Consideration deferred.

Mrs Peryman made the annual appeal on behalf of the N.Z. Fund, £73 being given or promised.

Miss Moore, of Palmerston North, was appointed proxy for Woodville.

Reports on Educational Bureau and Notable Days were discussed and adopted.

Resolved: That the Minister for Railways be urged to frame and put in force his promised by-law to stop the practice of drinking intoxicating liquors on trains.

Mrs Driver, of Dunedin, was welcomed to Convention.

A greeting was received from Mrs Evans. A letter of regret and loving reciprocation was ordered to be sent.

Miss Henderson read a paper on "Woman in the Administration of the Law."

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### MORNING SESSION, MARCH 12th.

Devotions were led by Mrs England, who spoke on the Daughters of Zelophehad.

Roll was called, 75 present.

Reports on Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance, Domestic Science, Hygiene and Thrift, Flower Mission and Relief Work, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Prison and Rescue Work, were received and adopted.

Resolved: That the thanks and congratulations of Convention be conveyed to the Hon. C. J. Parr on the great advance in Temperance teaching made under his Ministry.

The President read her report of the World's W.C.T.U. 10th Triennial Convention, held in London, 1920. Mrs Lee-Cowie spoke in amplification of Mrs Don's report.

Resolved: That a letter be sent to Mr Don, conveying the thanks of the White Ribbon workers for his services to our cause, especially for his self-sacrifice of so many years in sparing our



beloved President to the service of our glorious organisation and kindred good works.

Greetings from Miss Maunder and Miss Powell. The President moved that replies be sent.

Convention closed with hymn and prayer.

#### MORNING SESSION, MARCH 14th.

Devotions were led by Mrs Hiatt, with an address on "Jesus as a Man of Joy."

Roll was called, 78 members present.

Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

Brief and encouraging reports of various deputations on Sunday afternoon to Bible Classes, Sunday Schools, Homes, the Hospital, etc., were received.

Mrs Peryman, Editor and Business Manager of "White Ribbon," read the report and balance-sheet of the paper, which were adopted.

Delegates and members of Convention ordered 1230 copies of Convention number.

Report of sub-committee on Superannuation, with minority report from Mrs Bendely, was presented by Miss Henderson.

**Resolved** (on the recommendation of the Executive): That the Treasurer be authorised to transfer to fixed deposit, or make some approved investment of moneys accumulating in the N.Z. Fund, and that a vigorous attempt be made to strengthen the fund by appealing for donations, subscriptions for a fixed term of years, and for testamentary bequests, so that the Executive may be in a position to provide suitably for allowances to Organisers at their discretion, if possible out of income: also that the N.Z. Fund may be prepared when a suitable time arrives for opening a Headquarters Building.

**Resolved:** That the District Unions which do not already offer to the children in our public schools prizes for essays on Temperance subjects, be urged to do so, and to secure the co-operation of their auxiliary Unions in order to extend the competition to the country schools; that instead of offering the prizes to individual schools, the schools compete as a whole, greater honour being thus won by the successful competitors; and that with a view to giving the competitions the importance they deserve, the N.Z. Union offer either a gold and silver medals, or prizes for the best essay or essays from the whole of the primary schools of the Dominion. (The suggestion is that a gold medal be offered as first prize, and a silver medal as second prize.)

**Resolved:** That the Minister for Justice be urged to pass into law what amendments may be necessary to make the Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act, 1915, workable, so that officers to collect maintenance dues may be appointed forthwith.

Mrs Walker, Superintendent of Maori Work, conducted a discussion on the work.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 14th.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs Bathgate and Miss Birss.

Roll was called, 77 members present.

Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

Greetings were received from Dunedin W.C.T.U. and Dunedin Band of Hope Union, the Chief Ruler of the Otago Rechabites, and from Richmond, N.E. Valley, and Devonport Unions.

Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to the family of the late Mrs Beckingsale and to Miss Hardy on the illness of her father.

**Resolved:** That the hearty thanks of the Convention be conveyed to the Rev. F. Guise Brittan for his admirable and most helpful sermon preached in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning, March 13th.

Reports on Legal and Parliamentary, Anti-Gambling, Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy, and Y. Department were received and adopted.

**Resolved:** That a letter of loving greeting be sent to Mrs Duxfield, an old and most effective L.T.L. worker.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### MORNING SESSION, MARCH 15th.

Devotions were led by Mrs Upton. "Favourite quotations" occupied the last ten minutes.

Roll was called, 80 members present.

Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

Mrs Peryman was unanimously elected Editor and Business Manager of the "White Ribbon," and she nominated Mrs Judson as Associate Editor.

**Resolved:** That the N.Z. Union pay £35 towards the printing of Convention minutes.

**Resolved:** That an honorarium of £25 be paid to the Editor, and that the Business Manager be authorised to draw £15 as honorarium.

**Resolved:** That £5 be paid for the Editor's telephone, and £4 towards the cost of the President's telephone.

Reports of Hostels, Rest and Refreshment Rooms, Backblocks and Work Among Railwaymen, Medical Temperance, Press, and Literature, were received and adopted.

**Resolved:** That legislation be placed on the Statute Book making it compulsory for the father of an illegitimate child (the mother being a single woman) to contribute not only to the support of the child, as provided by existing law, but also of the mother, to such extent as the Court may decide. Further, that the child, where paternity is proved, be registered under the name of the father, thereby enabling it to in-

herit property along with legitimate children.

**Resolved:** That Convention thanks Hon. G. J. Anderson for his decision to enforce a stricter censorship of picture films in the direction of preventing the screening films likely to incite to vice or crime.

After the noontide hour Mrs Lee-Cowie explained the provisions of the old C.D. Acts.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 15th.

Devotions were led by Mrs Peryman, who gave an address on "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Roll was called, 82 members present.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

Mrs Don introduced Miss Ballantine, of the Public Health Department, who attended by invitation to explain the provisions of the Social Hygiene Bill.

After questions and a full discussion, a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Ballantine was passed by acclamation, on the motion of Miss Henderson and Mrs Field.

**Resolved:** That the heartiest thanks of this Convention be conveyed to Lady Stout for her generous gift of literature, and for her great service in preparing the leaflets.

**Resolved:** That the thanks of Convention be conveyed to the Hon. C. J. Parr for his kindness in making it possible for Miss Ballantine to attend and explain the compulsory clauses of the proposed Social Hygiene Bill.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### MORNING SESSION, MARCH 16th.

Devotions led by Mrs A. R. Atkinson, who spoke on John vii. 37.

Roll was called, 79 members present.

Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

Greetings were received from Invercargill and Simonstown (South Africa) W.C.T.U.

**Resolved:** Whereas there is, so far as we know, no evidence that any compulsory measures have ever been found effective in the treatment and stay of venereal disease; and whereas, on the contrary, all forms of compulsion have been or are being given up by nations that have used them; and whereas the principle of arrest upon suspicion and compulsory examination contained in the proposed Social Hygiene Bill embodies the worst feature of the old C.D. Acts—

**Resolved:** That this Convention respectfully urges the Minister for Public Health, before attempting any such enactment, to extend as quickly as possible facilities for free treatment of all patients voluntarily presenting themselves by opening clinics at convenient places and hours, and to carry on with vigour and persistence the campaign of education in sex hygiene in every suit-

able way; and to improve, wherever possible, the provisions for public cleanliness and decency.

**Resolved:** That this Convention learns with pleasure that at the recent Conference of Educational Authorities the question of education in sex hygiene in our public schools was given serious consideration; and further, that the Convention urges the Education Department to adopt the suggestions made by Dr. Wilkin, Medical Director of Schools.

**Resolved:** That, as ignorance on matters relating to sex relations on the part of young people is the cause of much of the social evil that exists among us, Convention suggests that, if possible, a lady possessing the necessary qualifications should be appointed to travel throughout New Zealand to give addresses to women and girls, and interviews on the subject.

**Resolved:** That Convention respectfully urge the Minister for Justice to devise an effective scheme whereby prisoners and persistent defaulters in the matter of maintenance may be employed upon compulsory reproductive work, and that the money so earned be devoted to the support of their dependents.

**Resolved:** That a cordial invitation to Miss Anna Gordon to visit New Zealand during 1922, if possible during Convention, be sent.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 16th.

Devotions were led by Mrs Driver.

Roll was called, 80 members present.

Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

**Resolved:** That Mrs Mary Harris Armer be cordially invited to visit New Zealand in 1922 if possible.

**Resolved:** That enquiry be made as to help in defraying the cost of Mrs Armor's mission being available from the 1,000,000 Dollar Fund.

In response to a letter from Mr Dawson, a collection was taken up as a token of sympathy with Mrs Marion.

A letter was received from Miss Roberts.

**Resolved:** Seeing that among the persons convicted in the Courts and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, there are some whose mental condition, while not justifying their committal to a mental hospital, makes it advisable that they should be placed under special observation and treatment, this Convention urges upon the Minister for Justice the necessity for the establishment of an institution for the reception and treatment of such cases.

**Resolved:** That the W.C.T.U. heartily supports the Teachers' Institute in their request that free medical and dental treatment be granted to all school children.

**Resolved:** That the Convention convey to the Minister of Railways its satisfaction at the admirable work of the nurse-attendants on two of the Main Trunk trains, and respectfully hopes that the other long distance

trains may soon be similarly staffed.

**Resolved:** That a letter of regret be sent to Rev. J. Dawson on his inability to attend the Convention on account of ill-health, with hopes for his speedy recovery; also that the collection for Mrs Marion be enclosed.

**Resolved:** That a new "Department of New Zealand Members" be formed to embrace members too far from a Union to become members of a local branch; also that Mrs Lee-Cowie be appointed the first Superintendent.

The election of N.Z. Superintendents then took place.

Question Box was then opened, and questions dealt with by the officers.

Invitations for next Convention were received from Palmerston North, Dunedin, and Hamilton Unions.

**Resolved:** That Convention, 1922, be held in Hamilton.

**Resolved:** That hearty thanks be given to all inviting Unions.

The Y banner was presented to the Invercargill Y's for largest increase of new members by the President.

The New Zealand banner, for largest absolute increase (108), and that for largest percentage of increase (116 per cent.), were both won by Takapuna Union, and were presented by the President.

Votes of thanks were passed to the hosts and hostesses; to Mr Griffiths, tea merchant, Christchurch, for generous gift of tea; to Rev. Matthews and Mr Long; to all the ladies who kindly provided afternoon tea and supplied fruit; to the decorators of platform; to the givers of bouquets, buttonholes, and cut flowers; to the singers and performers; to the managers of St. Andrew's Church; to the Trustees of the Baring Street Methodist Church; to the caretaker; to the ladies who attended to the mail and the courtesies of Convention; to Mrs Lill and the whole Ashburton Union; to the Press; to the reporters, Miss Lovell-Smith and her assistants; to Miss Hardy; to the Salvation Army Band; to Mr Ferriman for souvenir; and to all who have helped to make Convention so thoroughly successful.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

#### MORNING SESSION, MARCH 17th.

Devotions were led by the President, who spoke earnestly on the Secret of Prayer.

Roll was called, 79 members present.

Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

Mr Ferriman briefly addressed the Convention, and received its thanks through the President.

**Resolved:** That Mrs Peryman, Mrs Crabbe, Mrs Wright, Mrs McDonald, and Mrs Atkinson be a deputation to the Minister for Public Health on the proposed Social Hygiene Bill.

The election of New Zealand officers then took place.

Cable of congratulations ordered to be sent to Mrs Cowen, first woman M.P.

for West Australia.

Convention closed by singing hymn 55, prayer, responsive reading, and Benediction pronounced by the President.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear White Ribboners and Friends,—

I am glad to be among you once more, and grateful for journeying mercies, which in answer to your prayers followed us every mile of our long journey. A great deal has happened since we last met in Convention. I have not seen you face to face since our last Campaign, when we were only 3262 votes short of victory, and I congratulate you that, in spite of defeat, you have gone steadily on with the work, and accomplished much during the year. New branches have been organised, and new members added to the ranks. At the welcome social so hurriedly arranged on our arrival by the Wellington Union, the Rev. Mr Dawson, speaking for the Alliance, told us that during the year £17,000 had been collected, and every penny of the Campaign debt paid. We heartily congratulate our kindred Society for such an achievement. The fact that so many have given money in princely fashion on a scale that this Dominion has never known, shows a determination to win victory at any cost. In the same speech Mr Dawson informed us that the Government had at last decided to have Scientific Temperance taught in the schools. This is one more illustration that agitation means education, and often legislation, for the good of the people. For over a quarter of a century we have appealed and demanded the teaching of the science of alcohol in our schools. Now we are to have definite up-to-date teaching on the subject, and so with thankful hearts we congratulate the Hon. C. J. Parr for his part in securing this great advance in the teaching of our young people.

#### SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

I have seen a copy of the Education Department's special report, "Alcohol in Relation to the Human Body and Mind," which is to be the text book for teachers, and find that the facts our organisation have been teaching for years are all embodied in it, viz., that alcohol is not a food, but a poison; that it is prejudicial to muscular efficiency; that its action on the heart is exhausting; that the habit of taking spirits leads to chronic gastric catarrh, and ultimately seriously impairs the digestive function; that it has no protective value in cases of exposure to infection; that it is a cause of disease; that it produces insanity; that venereal disease is largely due to indulgence in alcohol; that it is a narcotic, and not a stimulant. Its evil effects on racial physique, the economic importance of the problem, and finally, the brutalising effect in the services among soldiers and sailors. Teaching that the total abstainer has the greatest power of endurance of cold and exertion, and the



greatest resistance to disease. An eminent English leader is quoted as saying: "If Temperance had been taught in our schools fifty years ago, we would be a better nation to-day." The liquor traffic in America was doomed when the Women's Christian Temperance Union secured State laws requiring scientific temperance instruction in the public schools of the nation. The motto inscribed on their banners, and used as their slogan, "Tremble, King Alcohol, we shall grow up," has literally come true, and as Anna Gordon says, "The teaching for nearly forty years of the nature and effect of alcohol on the human system has been the chief factor in giving us the present Federal Prohibition Law." We must see to it that educational work with children and young people of all classes is attractively and vigorously pushed. We must make it our business to give the teachers our sympathy and close cooperation, for they are protecting our children when they show them the evils which lurk in alcohol.

#### PICTURE FILMS.

Because we have the child welfare so much at heart, and believing that sensational pictures are detrimental to the good morals of the young, we have continually asked that suitable pictures might be specially provided for children, with the sensational element deleted. Therefore, I hope that this Convention will express its gratification to the Hon. G. J. Anderson, Minister of Internal Affairs, for his decision to prevent the exhibition of any moving pictures which have a lowering tendency on the moral life of our young people.

#### SOCIAL HYGIENE.

The older members of our Unions are well aware of the years of work it cost us to obtain the removal of the infamous C.D. Acts from our Statute Book.

An attempt to re-introduce the most objectionable features of those Acts in a Bill submitted to Parliament some time back was successfully defeated. That defeat was brought about mainly through the opposition of women's societies, amongst which our Unions were foremost; and so much is this fact recognised by Government that before they bring down a similar Bill in their next session of Parliament the Department of Public Health has sent out two ladies to interview all women's societies in order to obtain from them, if possible, support for such a Bill. On the 28th January last, the Minister for Public Health stated that the Bill was then only a rough draft, and no society has as yet been able to obtain a copy, but it is well known that certain clauses in that Bill embody the principal and worst provisions of the C.D. Acts. A Bill providing for compulsory notification and detention, and examination on suspicion, is really the C.D. Act, whatever its title, and if it becomes law we should have regulation of vice as a necessary and immediate consequence.

The English medical women have pronounced against any such measures, and it behoves every Union, every member, in the interests of purity and health, to strenuously oppose any such legislation, and also do their utmost to influence public opinion against it.

#### WORLD DRIVE AGAINST ALCOHOL.

When elected President, seven years ago, I stated the fact that America had taken for its slogan, State-wide Prohibition in 1920, World-wide Prohibition in 1930. State-wide Prohibition is now an established fact, and it seems as if the world is moving on to the goal set for it in 1930. A wonderful movement among abstaining students is spreading throughout Europe. In July of last year a Conference was held at Karlstad, Sweden, attended by delegates from eight countries. The resolutions passed show that they are accepting the opportunities for service and leadership in the growing world revolt against alcohol, and when the students focus the attention of the Universities of the world upon this problem, a complete solution should be the result.

#### AMERICA.

Sensational stories have been published in our papers of an unprecedented crime wave in America, of unemployed and industrial unrest, of the sale and use of injurious drugs and narcotics, said to have enormously increased as the result of Prohibition, but in spite of these allegations, Prohibition is triumphantly vindicated. During the last eighteen months the liquor interest has never tired of declaring that Prohibition was forced upon the people of the United States. When the Prohibition Amendment was adopted by 45 out of the 48 State Legislatures, and when the Volstead Enforcement Act was passed by Congress, the liquorites appealed to the Supreme Court to have such a legislature set aside. The Supreme Court, however, decided that both were constitutional and legal. The National Republican Convention, though it failed to adopt a "dry" plank in the party platform, chose Senator Harding as their candidate, a man who in Congress had voted for the Prohibition Amendment and the Volstead Act, and pledged himself to a strict enforcement of the law. This is the candidate elected by a majority of nearly 6,000,000 to be President. The Republican Party has secured an unparalleled victory. A host of new "dry" candidates have also been elected, thus securing a "dry" Congress and State Legislatures. Never in the history of the United States has such a complete victory been obtained. America is certainly giving the world a practical lesson in Prohibition. Police business is falling off, gaols are being emptied, and workhouses depleted, and children are being better fed, better clothed, and better cared for in general. Among the sheaves of testimonials as to the benefits of Prohibition are the following. The well-known Bowery Mission, in New

York City, recently announced that owing to Prohibition, its activities have been limited, because, with the passing away of so many saloons, the notorious thoroughfares on the lower east side has taken on an utterly changed condition.

In Union Minnesota the number of arrests have decreased in one year from 601 before Prohibition to 262 under Prohibition law. The number of inebriate patients in the State institutions of California dropped during the first year of Prohibition from 315 to 53. The work of the Women's Court of New York City has been decreased 30 per cent. by Prohibition. Buildings formerly used by the Christian Industrial League of Chicago for homes for vagrants and orphanages are now being turned into factories and shops. After being used for half a century, the workhouse of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been closed. Heretofore it housed 550 men daily. The gaol in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, has only 19 inmates, while in wet times its population averaged several hundred. The left wing of the gaol is closed altogether. Since January, 1920, the number of arrests in Frankfort, Kentucky, has decreased so, that Major Rossum, of that city, has advertised the city patrol wagon for sale. The head of the industrial department of the Salvation Army, West of the Mississippi River, declares that since Prohibition rule he has closed several of their workingmen's hotels. In the Chicago Hotel, where they have 571 beds, in former years only 10 or 12 of the occupants would have bank books, during the month of July, 1920, 312 of the total number had banking accounts. Since the enactments of Prohibition, two Manhattan reformatories for women have been merged into one. Time will not permit more on these lines, but these go to prove that the transformation in America has been wonderful, and Prohibition is the most momentous moral and economic experiment ever tried by a great nation.

#### SCOTLAND.

The Local Option elections in Scotland on November 2nd culminated a bitter campaign. The Liquor interests hired every available aid, and spent huge sums of money. Speakers from America, Australia, New Zealand, and from other parts of Britain spoke on behalf of Prohibition measures. The unfairness of the law under which the vote is taken is demonstrated in the fact that in eleven wards in Glasgow a clear majority of 6830 votes was secured for "No-License" over the total votes for "Limitation" and "No Change" combined. Yet in only four wards will "No-License" go into effect. The heavy handicap in the Act requiring 35 per cent. of the voters on the roll to poll for No-License before it can be carried has prevented success in sparsely populated parts of the country. Even more crippling has been the provision

that there must be a 55 per cent. majority of those voting. In other words, it means that 45 "No Change" voters are equal in voting power to 55 "No-License." Many people are disappointed with the vote, but as this was the first polling of the Local Option Bill passed in 1913, and Scotland just entering on a course of reform, the result is encouraging. The vote has won victories, and has shown a solidarity and promise that augurs well for the future. The gains are substantial, the progress of education has been valuable, and the No-License areas will be their own best advocates. The Temperance leaders were never more hopeful, and the Liquor interests know that the 30 No-License areas and the wiping out of 355 licenses at the first attack is but the beginning of the end.

#### ENGLAND.

In the past twelve months the British nation has spent on the purchase of strong drink a sum beyond all precedent. Last year the National Drink Bill of the United Kingdom was not less than £410,000,000. In order to maintain the liquor traffic as it now exists, Great Britain is now consuming annually at least fifty million bushels of grain in her distilleries and breweries, two hundred million pounds of sugar, and coal enough to keep five thousand men digging the entire year, to say nothing of the five thousand able-bodied persons engaged in the manufacture, distribution, and sale of liquors. Hence it becomes apparent at once that the liquor traffic in Great Britain is a great economic problem, as well as one which involves sentiment for the home, love of the family, and patriotism for the country. There is a strong and influential party in England to-day that favour State Purchase, but while sympathising with their desire to have reform at any cost, the W.C.T.U. know that it is the duty of the State to prevent crime and disease, to prevent drunkenness, to promote morality, and to protect the children and the homes of the people. Therefore they cannot see how the State can license evil and expect good.

#### CANADA.

Eight of the nine Provinces in Canada prohibited the sale of liquor, but the prohibition of the manufacture, exportation, and importation had to be accomplished through the Dominion Parliament. During the last years of the war the Dominion Parliament did prohibit the manufacture, export, and import by Order-in-Council for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. That period is passed, and these privileges are renewed, which renders it difficult to enforce the provincial law against the sale while manufacture is permitted. Plebiscites were taken recently, and though I have not heard the final results, present conditions show that Canada is likely to remain dry, for Alberta shows a majority in favour of Prohibition of 28,763, Manitoba a majority of 9,681, Nova Scotia 40,000,

Saskatchewan 27,850, and British Columbia a majority of 20,000 for Government control which means no liquor saloons or bars are to be vermitted, but liquor sold in sealed packages under Government control. Eight provinces have now woman suffrage. The Women's sphere is widening; they have three women members of Provincial Legislatures, Mrs McKinney, Dominion Vice-President of W.C.T.U. being one. Ontario in 1919 launched a membership campaign, aiming at 5,000 new members, which they secured in one year, making the total membership of the province 14,000. If the women continue to marshal their forces and line up against strong drink, Prohibition will surely come to stay in Canada.

Iceland and Finland are both dry. Finland twice carried a Prohibition vote but was not allowed to put it into effect because of the wets of despotic Russia during pre-war days and drink-sodden conditions. At the earliest moment possible after Finland had National Independence she put in force her national ideal of sobriety by prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcohol for beverage purposes on June 1st, 1919. Even the remote Faroe Islands testify eloquently to the unqualified success of No License. In 1908, the Islanders decided to try Prohibition, and the result is a wave of material prosperity, between 1908 and 1918 the savings of this hardy people increasing from £33,573 to £116,973. Turn where we will No License is proving itself one of the most valuable assets of the human race. A policy which reduces crime and poverty, increasing prosperity and happiness, and raises the moral tone of the people, is bound to be a safe and a sound policy. Despite Ireland's interest in other problems, much attention has been given to Prohibition agitation, the street meetings of the Irish Temperance League have been featured by large crowds and keen questioning. While at the Anti-Alcoholic Congress at Washington, September, 1920, the representative from China said, "You can give us your religion, your methods of education and science, but we do not want your breweries; alcoholic liquors are undesirable in America, nor are they desirable in China; they should be rooted out of the world." In Norway the Conservative Party in Parliament has so large a majority for Prohibition that it has been able to maintain war-time Prohibition since the war ended, although as yet there is no act in effect making it permanent. The very latest report from Sweden tells us that the Netherlands at Hague, a gathering by more than 1000 representatives from all parts of the country, accompanied by more than 2000 women and men demanded the passage of the Local Veto Bill. They had with them some 70 flags and banners, which were held up in the hall, making the whole proceedings most enthusiastic.

The Liquor Referendum, which was taken in Queensland in October, 1920, is

reported to have resulted in a victory for the Wets. The first Local Option vote in Victoria took place the same month, and it too was in favour of the traffic, but though in both places have to suffer from the liquor trade a little longer, our forces are not discouraged, for one result of the poll shows an enormous body of electors, who desire the abolition of the drink traffic, voted in favour of No License, and these will not decrease but increase.

And so the world moves on toward Prohibition. Individuals, Churches, societies of every description, political and Government are considering the question, and World Prohibition is becoming a world-wide vision.

Regularly every year I remind you that our organisation had its birth, was cradled and raised in the atmosphere of prayer. I have travelled far, met many of our world leaders, heard thrilling stories of drink's thralldom and victories won, have had great experiences, and come back to you with a conviction stronger than ever that Prayer must be our chief fighting force. It is the most aggressive weapon we can employ in this warfare. We need every power God has given us and can yet give us; we need clearness of mind, strength of nerve, indomitable courage, and a determination of will to win through. We can only win as we take up our right position with Christ, and stand with Him until the powers of darkness are beaten down. I trust that at this Convention to concentrate our faith and prayer in determined aggressiveness against the Drink Traffic.

At the World's Convention I heard Mrs M. Harris Armor say that "If we are going to win in our great world-wide fight, there are some things we must be, we must do, and some things we must have. We must be informed, we must know the truth about victories that have already been won, then we must talk boldly and without fear." Let us be intercessors that God is longing for, the women who will be ready in union with the Living Christ to pull down the strongholds of the enemy and give deliverance to the captives. Let us know all the facts about alcohol, scientific or otherwise, about its effect on health and happiness, on the home, our morals, and on industrialism; let us know that drink destroys, subjugates honour, debases virtue, degrades children, depraves intellect, ruins character, works for the overturning of kingdoms and Empires, fights the Church, and defies the Creator. And knowing these things, let us talk about it intelligently and with perseverance. Then we must have new members and more money. America has set herself to win one million new members by 1924. Surely we can double our own membership before next Convention. If each member would set herself to win one, what a force we should have next year. Then we must have money. The time is ripe for an Headquarters, with an officer in charge. We want



more organisers in both Islands, greater facilities for travelling, more literature for circulation, and every imaginable kind of new work that will lead on to victory. This we must do.

There will be much said in this Convention about the importance of the next poll. All I need to say is that is a time for solemn thinking, solemn praying, solemn deciding, then Action, each one doing what they can until we see a day dawning of brightness and purity and happiness and peace, and this world a better world and life a worthier thing.

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### "WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

1920 was a difficult year for the Business Manager of any paper, for in that year was added to the already greatly increased cost of printing and paper, a doubled postage. This has meant an additional postage account of £100 per annum, which amount was the proverbial last straw which broke the back of our 2/6 sub. The charge was raised to 3/6, and advertisements to 20/-, at which price they are still the cheapest advertisement rates in the Dominion. Most Unions loyally supported the new rates, none have withdrawn advertisements, and only one has reduced its number of copies. Our subscription list shows an increase of 347 for the year. These have been won chiefly by Miss Earnshaw and a few Unions. I believe I am well within the mark when I say 50 per cent. have sent no new subscriber for the year. Manaia holds pride of place, with 45 new subscribers. Invercargill heads the "Y" Unions with 17 new subscribers.

We have a small debit, which we intend to carry forward to next year, because we believe by then the increased charges will have time to readjust themselves.

Our thanks are due to our Associate Editor, Mrs Evans, to our loyal "White Ribbon" agents, and to our Auditor. We also wish to thank those members of Greytown and Carterton Unions who so willingly assist us by addressing papers.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Editor.

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### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The year which has just closed has not been marked by any special activity on the part of the Unions. The lack of an immediate incentive to Temperance work always means the disbanding of some of the weaker Unions, and during last year at least six have been unable to find leaders and have disbanded. The number of active adult Unions is 90, and of "Y" Unions 6. The membership is 4862, an advance upon the numbers of last year, but still below those of 1918. Two new

Unions have been added to our ranks—Oamaru, with a membership of 104, and Carterton with 65, while South Dunedin and Kaikorai have been reorganised.

The "Y" Unions are still, as ever, a difficult problem, and yet the indications are that the work of this department was never more needed than it is today. Invercargill "Y's" appear to have discovered the secret of how to interest and hold the young people, for that branch has a membership of 313.

The usual Provincial Conventions have been held with marked success. The value of these Conventions is undoubted. It is usual to secure the attendance of delegates from nearly every branch in the province. The time a delegate is absent from home is limited to two or three days, and the expense incurred in travelling is not great, while the opportunity for the discussion of questions and of disseminating information is especially valuable to the Unions which have not been able to send a representative to the Annual N.Z. Convention.

The outstanding features of the work during the year have been the decision of Auckland and Wanganui District Unions to endeavour to establish hostels for young women, while Palmerston North has the "Willard" Home for Children in full working order. Auckland, with the assistance of some of its auxiliaries, has already raised nearly £1000 for its hostel fund, and Wanganui has made a fair start in the same direction.

A number of the Unions took a leading part in starting and supporting the fund for the starving children of Central Europe.

Work Among Seamen appears to have received more support than usual this year. This is a matter in which every Union should take an interest, and a "day" for our sailors might find a place on every syllabus.

Greytown reports assistance given to The Blind Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, while other Unions report efforts made on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Opotiki contributed £21 to this object, and Dunedin District Union, with the aid of some of its auxiliaries, raised £114 by a street collection.

Organising work has gone steadily on. Miss Earnshaw has visited several districts, organising Unions at Oamaru and Carterton, and reorganising others, securing subscribers to the "White Ribbon" and new members for our Unions. If it were only possible to have two or three capable organisers, instead of only one, our work would go ahead by leaps and bounds.

Miss Weymouth is still in Great Britain, and the date of her return is uncertain. It is hoped that we shall be able to increase our forces by the addition of at least one organiser. Miss Mayo is at present in training, and will be available for work later on.

The correspondence during the year has included letters from and to the officers of the World's W.C.T.U., the President of U.S. W.C.T.U., the West

Australian Union, the Australasian W.C.T.U., Mrs Jamieson Williams, N.S.W. Union, Miss Newcomb, the British Dominions Women's Citizens' League, the International Suffrage Alliance, and the Committee of Enquiry into the condition of Indian women in Fiji. A cable of congratulation was sent to the American Union when the 36th State ratified the Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution, thus enfranchising the whole of the women of the United States.

In closing my report, I want to emphasise a very important point. It appears from the reports that very little attention is paid to the matter of taking pledges. It is true that there is a tendency to attach little weight to the importance of pledge-taking. Our energies were directed mainly to the goal of prohibition. We have urged people to vote out the traffic in strong drink, while we have not emphasised the personal side of the question.

C. HENDERSON,

Hon. Cor. Secretary.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Madam President and Dear Sisters,—

The aggregate transactions for the year, though considerably less than those of the previous period, yet represent a substantial turnover. The year commenced with a credit balance of £747 19s 1d; the total receipts from all sources were £384 1s, and the expenditure £389 10s 9d, and the credit balance at the close of the year was £742 9s 4d, made up of £249 12s 5d in the New Zealand Fund, and £492 16s 11d in the Organising Fund.

Under the heading of capitation fees, our receipts for this year are slightly increased, the total, inclusive of arrears from the previous year, being £129 1 11d, an increase of £4 13s 2d. The aggregate membership represented by the payments for the year was 4618, as against 4547 for the previous year.

As in the previous period, my correspondence with our Treasurers has again emphasised the difficulties under which many of our country Unions endeavour to keep up the interest and attendance of their members, who, often isolated from other branches of the District Union, and perhaps only meeting representatives of other Unions once a year during the Provincial Conventions, may readily be pardoned if their active interest in the wider work of the Union flags for want of that feeling of comradeship which in most of us needs the outward and visible signs of the communion of saints. I cannot still but feel that when a country Union reports that its meetings have ceased to attract its members, and that it has been compelled to suspend active work, some responsibility for its failure attaches to the parent or District Union, which, being usually the larger and stronger body, should help to bear the

burdens of its weaker brethren, and strengthen them with its interest in their work, and by endeavouring also to make them partners in its work. And I also believe that, in endeavouring to accept its share of such responsibilities, the District Union would itself be blessed with a more robust and fuller life, and would find an accession of strength in the sympathy and assistance of its auxiliary branches. We are at present too much a detached set of bodies, with too little common knowledge of the work that each other is doing; too little knowledge of the wider work that the Union is endeavouring to do in other countries; too little interest and share in the efforts of women all the world over to raise the position of our sex, to help our brothers upward and onward, to make the world a better and happier place for the children, who are the citizens of the future. We cannot all stand on the housetops to watch for the first rays of the coming of the Son of Man; but we can listen for the reports of those, on wider fields of vision, who may sooner mark His coming, and we can do our part in passing on to others climbing beside and behind us, the words of cheer that are needed to enable them to keep heart and faith for the future.

Something of the same tendency seems to me to be noticeable in the reports of the "Y" Unions, the number of which has decreased during the year. Granted that it is difficult now to get our young people to take an interest in the more serious side of life, I think for that very reason there is needed more effort to enlist and keep their sympathy and active co-operation, and to retain them as those who will soon have to take up and carry on the work which we are now doing. It is quite useless to expect them to be satisfied with meetings; some more active work, with preferably some measure of responsibility, is needed to hold them, otherwise they are too liable to feel that they are doing little or no good, and with the growth of that feeling, the hope of retaining their active help is lost.

I am pleased to report that this year the donations received for the World's Missionary Fund are a record, the amount being £15 8s 3d, though the fact that this was contributed by only 16 out of 82 Unions shows that many of our members still lack interest in the wider work of the Union in other countries. I think this is due, at least in part, to the fact that so many of our members know very little of what is being done, and a greater spread of information on this point, through the good offices of our Editor, would help to stimulate interest and increase subscriptions to the fund.

The donations to the New Zealand Fund have reached a satisfactory total, including some additional subscriptions to the appeal made last year for our representation at the World's Convention.

There is not much that calls for remark on the expenditure side of the ac-

counts, most of the items being somewhat under the average, our outlay having been kept down to the most reasonable limits possible.

In regard to the Organising Fund, the branch donations for the year have fallen from £125 to £107, this amount representing less than half the expenditure chargeable on the fund for the year, a position which would have been more emphasised but for the fact that we have only been able to secure the services of one Organiser. With another now in the field of training, it will be necessary to make greater efforts to keep this fund up to the standard to which it was raised through the good work of Miss Weymouth.

After careful consideration of the financial position of both funds, I recommend for the approval of Convention that a portion of the credit balance in each fund, say, £100 from the New Zealand Fund, and £200 from the Organising Fund, be transferred to fixed deposit on interest for a period of, say, two years, so as to form the nucleus of a Reserve Fund, which will be available for future purposes and for the extension of the work of the Union.

The usual statement of Branch membership and finance, which I have compiled, shows that the Unions commenced the year with a total credit balance of £938 8s 5d, that their total receipts were £4395 17s 10d, and their expenditure £3009 3s, and that they closed the year with an aggregate credit balance of £2325 3s 3d.

No returns have been received from the Matakana, Tauranga, Waipawa, Urenui, Manaia, Marton, Taoroa, Motueka, and Matakura adult Unions, and from the "Y" Unions at Hastings, Palmerston North, Papatoetoe, Wanganui, and Wellington. The Unions at Matamata, Belfast, and Kaitangata are reported dormant. The returns from Hawera District, Aramoho, Balclutha, and Timaru "Y" were received after the books closed.

I have again to thank all the Branch Treasurers for the work they have done, and the manner in which their returns have been forwarded to me. Our thanks are also due to Mr E. Polson for his kindness in auditing the accounts of the Union, and I would ask Convention to convey its appreciation to him.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 5th March, 1921.

### REPORT OF ORGANISER.

#### For Year Ending December 31st, 1920.

On January 7th, 1920, work was begun for the year in Southland. The first few weeks' efforts were mainly in the interests of our official organ, the "White Ribbon."

Invercargill, Bluff, Riverton, Ryal Bush, Winton, Orepuki, Tuatapere, Otautau, Wyndham, Thornbury, Woodlands, Wainanawa, and Longbush were canvassed for "White Ribbon" sub-

scribers. In most of these places a day was spent, but in several only a few hours between trains. The districts were very scattered, and many miles were travelled over rough roads. Fortunately, the weather, on the whole, was good. A great number of the women reached in this way had never heard of the Women's Christiana Temperance Union. I regretted that I was able to give but a few minutes to each, but was comforted by remembering that as most of them were subscribing to our paper, they would thus hear more of the work than I could possibly tell them. The hardest morning's work, but with best results, was accomplished in a small scattered district. Twenty-one women were approached between 8.30 and 1.30, and eighteen became subscribers to the "White Ribbon," and that day I just caught the train as it was moving from the station. The road by which I had to go to the station proved to be an extra bad one, and I was thus delayed in reaching it.

About 180 subscribers were gained in Southland and 13 members. Several weeks were spent in Invercargill in collecting overdue "W.R." subscriptions—about £25 in all.

Early in March I left Invercargill to attend our Annual Convention, held in Wellington. Immediately after Convention I went to Dunedin, and spent some weeks in that district. A short time was given to the North-East Valley Union, and also Kaikorai Valley and Mosgiel. Kaikorai Valley Union was practically reorganised, and a number of new members gained. South Dunedin Union was almost defunct, and required a great deal of time and energy to get it re-established, but after a great deal of discouragement, we were able to make a good start again, with a very much increased membership. Some time was spent at Sawyer's Bay, that Union being in difficulties owing to the removal of its President, Mrs Allen, to Dunedin. We feel that we have been particularly fortunate in securing Mrs Cleghorn for this office. A combined meeting of Y's and the other Union, with a very good attendance, was held at Sawyer's Bay. I spoke at the meeting, and gave suggestions to the Y's for carrying on their meetings. Sawyer's Bay has a very good branch of the L.T.L. and Band of Mercy, under the capable leadership of Mrs Pratley. I was pleased to be present at one of the meetings, and gave a few minutes' talk to the children. I was very grateful to Mrs Hiett, the District President for Dunedin, for her willing help at all times.

Oamaru was next visited, with the object of forming a Union there. The greatest difficulty here proved to be the finding of suitable women willing to take office, but after some weeks of constant seeking and interviewing, a meeting was called, which agreed unanimously that a branch be formed in Oamaru. Officers (each of whom have proved particularly capable) were elected. This Union began with a member-



ship of about sixty, since increased to over 100 paid-up members.

Mrs Gaskin, the President of the Greymouth Union, having sent a request for help to Miss Henderson, I next went there. Mrs Gaskin has held the office of President for over twenty years, and given very faithful service amidst great discouragement. She had asked me to find someone else to take the office, as owing to declining years, she felt unable to continue. I interviewed people for over a month, but was not successful in finding anyone. The work, which has cost Mrs Gaskin so much, is very dear to her, and it was well nigh heartbreaking that not a woman could be found to relieve her. Runanga, Blackball, Hokitika, Reefton, and Westport were visited, and a short time spent in each. Westport is partly prepared for organising, and I hope to return there shortly to finish the work begun. It was thought, for several reasons, that it was not at all advisable to organise on the Coast so late in the year. Work on the Coast is necessarily very slow and difficult; probably there is no other province in the Dominion which so much needs a permanent organiser.

Next, at the request of Mrs Peryman, I went to Carterton, North Island. A branch of the Union was formed there within a few weeks, with a membership of over 70. Mrs Peryman was elected President, so that we feel assured of the success of the Carterton Union. Some time was spent in Masterton, Pahiatua, and Eketahuna; meetings held, and members gained. Total number of members for the year is 390, and "W.R." subscribers 280. The greatest difficulty has generally been experienced in finding suitable, willing women to take offices in the various branches of our Union, and I think about one-half of my work has been spent in seeking them. May I say that I have counted it a privilege indeed to have had a share, be it ever so small, in extending and building up our work? I could have wished for no greater opportunity for service, and in times of difficulty I have always proved that "He is faithful that promised."

ALICE EARNSHAW,  
Organiser.

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BALANCE-SHEET FOR PERIOD ENDING 16th FEBRUARY, 1921.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Credit Balance, 18th Feb., 1920—		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	45 0 0
New Zealand Fund	142 4 5	Postage, Telegrams, etc.	27 0 5
Organising Fund	605 14 8	Travelling Expenses	23 11 8
	747 19 1	Grants to Departments	6 7 6
Capitation Fees—		Miscellaneous	42 0 5
Balance 1919—		World's Missionary Fund	15 8 3
7 Adult Unions, 115 members—		World's Capitation Fees	10 1 9
New Zealand	2 16 4		169 10 0
World's	0 9 1	Organising Fund—	
2 "Y" Unions	0 10 0	Salaries	174 0 9
1920—		Travelling Expenses	17 5 1
82 Adult Unions, 4158 members—		Postage	4 1 2
New Zealand	103 19 0	Reporter's Railway Ticket	12 10 0
World's	17 7 0	Miscellaneous	12 4 6
6 "Y" Unions, 460 members	4 11 6		220 0 9
	129 12 11		
Refund, Part Dept. Grant	0 3 0	Credit Balance at Bank, 16th Feb., 1921—	
World's Missionary Fund	15 8 3	New Zealand Fund	249 12 5
Franchise Day Fund	4 8 0	Organising Fund	492 16 11
Donations to N.Z. Fund	127 5 10		742 9
	147 5 1		
Donations to Organising Fund	107 3 0		
	107 3 0		
	£1132 0 1		£1132 0 1

Auckland, 16th February, 1921.

NELLIE BENDELY, N.Z. Treasurer.

I have compared this statement with the Vouchers and Books of Accounts, and believe that the financial position of the Union is correctly set out therein.

5th March, 1921.

E. POLSON.

### "WHITE RIBBON," STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1920.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in Hand, Jan. 1st, 1920	8 3 1	Printing Account for 12 Months	354 0 4
Subs. and Sales for 1920	423 13 1	Telephone	5 0 0
Union Advertisements	39 5 0	Salary Business Manager	15 0 0
Trade Advertisements	10 0 0	Wrappers	19 19 0
Donations	5 8 0	Blocks	1 5 0
Grants from N.Z. Fund—		Typewriter Repairs	3 9 0
Printing Minutes	25 0 0	Travelling Expenses	0 10 0
Telephone	5 0 0	Stationery	8 18 3
	30 0 0	Postages	140 7 5
Debit Balance for 1920	32 17 0	Bank Charges, Cheque Book, and Exchange	0 17 2
	32 17 0		
	£549 6 2		£549 6 2

NELLIE PERYMAN, Business Manager,  
Ngaio, April 15th, 1921.

Audited and found correct.  
BIRGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.

## HOT LAKES ON NEW ZEALAND Brent's BATHGATE HOUSE, ROTORUA.

Being a FIRST-CLASS TEMPERANCE HOTEL, is replete with every comfort. It is adjacent to the Sanatorium, and thus affords special facilities for the Baths.

Terms Moderate. S. T. BRENT, Proprietor.

Our old friend, Mrs Lee-Cowie, has been appointed Superintendent of a new department, that of Scattered Members. She has left Dunedin, and expects to settle permanently in Auckland. Dunedin's loss will be a great gain to our Northern sisters. Mrs Cowie is so well known throughout the Dominion that we have only to mention the fact of her appointment, and are sure old and new friends will rally round her and give her all the help them can in securing new members in places where there is no Union, as well as places where they can be enrolled.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To Members of late Convention.

Dear Sisters,—Many thanks for kind letter of sympathy re the cause of my absence from Convention and past humble services. All being well, I hope to be present in Convention to be held at Hamilton next year.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

ANNIE DUXFIELD.

Okia, April 1st, 1921.



## SUPERINTENDENTS' ANNUAL REPORTS.

### EVANGELISTIC AND HOME MEETINGS.

Supt.: Mrs Johnson Wright.

Many Unions report that they have a special devotional meeting before their business meeting, when the Evangelistic Superintendent presides and gives Bible reading or address. Wanganui District, Ashburton, Feilding, Palmerston North, Auckland District, and Christchurch District, Feilding and Stratford report regular prayer meetings held.

Dunedin visits Homes and Hostels, and distributes tracts; Ashburton visits Soldiers' Clubs and Old Men's home, and has given four concerts and suppers at each, which are much appreciated. Either the Mayor or the President of the R.S.A. presides, and the honorary members assist by providing motors to take performers there. Wellington District reports that four of its members visit the Alexandra Home and give addresses to its inmates on Sunday afternoon, also one member visits the Home for the Aged Needy, and talks and prays with its inmates. Stratford reports having made a study of faith-healing, also having sent a resolution to the N.Z. Alliance suggesting that Billy Sunday be invited to visit this Dominion. Wanganui District reports five Home Meetings, collections taken up for Hostel Fund, and three new members gained. Ashburton holds Home Meetings every three months. Feilding has held mothers' meetings, also American Tea. Mrs Crabb gave an address, and collection of £4 7s; two special meetings addressed by Mrs Peryman and by Mrs T. Miller; collections of £2 5s 8d and £2. Petone provided afternoon tea for Convention picnic at Mason's Gardens; social afternoons have been held monthly, with music, recitations and addresses; a Birthday Party in honour of Mrs Rowse, Life President; a farewell to the Secretary, and an American Tea were held. Nelson has held Home meetings, with addresses on temperance, Gospel, and missionary subjects, also a welcome to their President upon her return from England.

### NARCOTICS.

Supt.: Mrs Boxall.

There is very little to report. We have great difficulty in obtaining suitable literature for distribution.

Christchurch reports that Mrs Wicks read a paper on this subject at their Union on June 23rd. Wellington District has distributed a number of the pamphlet, "The Cigarette." Several post-cards have been received saying that no work in this department has been done by their Union.

### MAORI.

Supt.: Mrs Walker.

Pahi, Otamatea, Tokomaru, and Port Albert Unions are still bravely holding

on, in spite of no visit from an Organiser. The other Unions that have been formed, I am sorry to say, have lapsed, as they do not understand why they have never been visited again. As they report, "They have broken down, having no one to encourage them on."

Mrs Noda, Mrs Wi Clarke, and Mrs Paikea attended last year's Convention, and are trying to hold together their Unions in North Auckland.

Invercargill, Kaikorai, and New Plymouth have distributed leaflets. Invercargill also brought forward Maori work on White Ribbon Day, and a special evening was held by the Y's for this subject. Mrs Jamison, Miss Taunt, and Mrs Seivewright have also helped by distributing leaflets. Mrs Evans, Mrs Goffe, and Miss Powell contributed to the Orphan Fund. Thirty-two Unions have contributed to the Maori Department Fund, as published in the February, 1921, number of the "White Ribbon." These are: Wanganui Central, Sawyer's Bay, Ashburton, Waimate, Greytown, Napier, Gisborne, Greenstreet, Feilding, Kaikorai, Kaia-poi, Y Branch Invercargill, Oxford, Morrinsville, Wellington Central, Hastings, Dunedin, Nelson, Petone, Takapuna, Waipawa, Pahiatua, Greymouth, Invercargill, N.E. Valley, Wellington District, New Plymouth, Nelson, South Dunedin, Auckland District, Palmerston North, Christchurch. It is imperative if this department is to be kept going that some one should visit the Unions. If we could keep even half a dozen centres alive, the interest and influence would spread. Amongst all our Temperance women will no one come forward for this good work, which would not only be well paid from the money point of view, but would also pay in the knowledge that such an important branch of our work is not being neglected. I would urge all Unions to leave no stone unturned that may lead to some suitable person being found for even part of every year to travel round these districts.

### WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

(Supt.: Mrs H. Nimmo.)

Since my last annual report I made an appeal to our Unions for funds to enable me to carry on the work in my department. I now wish to say that I am much encouraged by the response made to my first appeal to help our Sailors' Rests in New Zealand. I am looking forward to the year now ahead of us, and trusting to our Union members taking yet a greater interest in our work amongst the seamen at these Rests. I am pleased to say that I have again received many more letters from sailors after their having sailed from New Zealand, containing warm expressions of thanks for blessings received while here. If time permits a few of

these letters may be read at Convention to further stimulate interest in the work.

The following are reports I have received from the various rests:

Timaru.—Reports 1,740 visits paid to their Rest by 525 men. 12 overseas ships having visited their port, for which socials had been arranged, and all of which were well attended, and much appreciated. After the free tea given to the men on Sunday evening, a Gospel address always follows, and the workers there feel sure that God will bless these efforts for the men.

Ashburton and Tinwald report having sent filled ditty bags to Lyttelton and Timaru.

Auckland District reports that at their last Convention a collection was taken up for this work, and the sum of £3 3s received forwarded direct to the Auckland Sailors' Rest.

Invercargill reports having sent literature to the Bluff Sailors' Rest.

I regret to say I have received no report from Greymouth for the past two years, although they have been helped from our funds.

The work at the Wellington Rest, where I have been personally engaged, still continues to be a most blessed and wonderful work. 157 men having definitely and publicly accepted Christ as their own personal Saviour, many of whom having been delivered from the drink fiend, thus proving that "if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creation."

The following is a statement of cash received and how expended:

#### Cash Received:

W.C.T.U. Ormondville £2 8s, W.C.T.U. Wanganui Central £2 1s, Invercargill Y £1, Eltham £1, Sawyer's Bay £1, Ryal Bush £1, S. Norsewood £2 10s, Normanby £2, Greytown £2 16s, Hamilton East 19s, Petone 15s 6d, W.C.T.U. Winchester, also Band of Hope £1, Bluff 5s, Edendale £1, Dannevirke £5, Napier £8, Tinwald £1 18s 6d, Aramoho £1, Dunedin £11 4s 6d, Waimate £3 9s 7d, Masterton £4 7s 6d, Manaia £1, Te Kuiti 10s, Lower Hutt £1 5s, Masterton £1 2s, Feilding £13 13s, Opotiki £7, New Brighton £10, Nelson £3 12s, Ashburton £3 15s, Palmerston North £5, Gore £2, Waipawa 11s, Turakina 5s, Hamilton £2, Christchurch £1 17s. Total £108 4s 7d.

#### Payments:

W.C.T.U., Napier, for Sailors' Rest and launch £12, Wellington B. and F.S.S. and Sick Sailors in Hospital £7 8s, Greymouth £5, Lyttelton £6, Timaru £7, Dunedin £6, Port Chalmers £6, Bluff £3, Auckland £5, Stationery and post-ages £1 10s. Total £58 18s.

Cash in hand, £49 6s 7d.

Audited and found correct—

A. MAURICE ANDERSON,  
Public Accountant.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Supt.: Mrs Phillips.

Only eleven reports are to hand, and some have been late arrivals. I am sure that every Union in the Dominion does some work during the year that could be classed under this heading, but have neglected to report owing, perhaps, to having rather a hazy idea as to what comes under the department.

Feilding has again sent an interesting report. They report eight women on School Committees, and by their efforts have secured a room as a rest room; they are assisted by the Borough Council in furnishing, etc. At the invitation of the Mayor, the Union was represented by the Secretary at the civic reception tendered to their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Jellicoe.

Nelson has two White Ribboners on the Hospital Board. Miss Ballantyne, of the Public Health Department, was secured as a lecturer, and delivered two addresses on "Venereal Disease," and resolutions on the subject were forwarded to the Minister. The sum of £200 was collected for the Save the Children Fund. They have also forwarded five cases of clothing. There are three women on the School Committee, all White Ribboners.

Palmerston North has sent a report of the Manawatu Willard Children's Home. The Home, which is under the management of the Union, has at present eleven inmates. It was opened on September 4th, 1920, and the financial prospects are very gratifying. The management have been fortunate in securing the services of a good matron.

Kaipoi have three women on School Committees, and have successfully worked in the Save the Children campaign. They have, by their efforts, secured a District Nurse.

Wanganui has two women on the School Committees, and have done much work amongst needy children.

Auckland has several Union members on School Committees, and one member on the City Council.

Ashburton reports one member on School Committee, and are negotiating with the Government to secure a St. Helen's Maternity Home. Mrs Lill, Superintendent of Good Citizenship, is a member of the committee set up by the Hospital Board to deal with the matter.

Oxford gave prizes at the A. and P. Show for the cooking classes for girls under 15 years. This is a new departure, and is to be strongly recommended. They have two members on the School Committee.

Christchurch District Union reports 31 women on various Committees.

Stratford has two women members on the School Committee. I, as a member of the Committee, had the honour of representing Taranaki at the School Committee's Conference held in Wellington last July.

## EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

(Supt.: Miss Powell.)

Only two branches have reported. Wanganui, two members have written papers.

Feilding sends a fine report, six addresses having been given and articles read from White Ribbon.

However, a considerable revival of interest has taken place this year in this department, papers having been circulated in a large number of Branches. If the smaller Branches realised the value of having interesting and helpful matter provided for discussion at their meetings many more would avail themselves of this department. May I take this opportunity of thanking the various Secretaries for their promptitude in returning papers and including postage.

## NOTABLE DAYS.

(Supt.: Mrs X. Jones.)

14 Unions report work done in this Department.

Pahiatua, Feilding, Auckland, Wellington, Manaia, and Ashburton each celebrated three red letter days.

Christchurch, Invercargill Ys, Hastings, Waipawa, and Palmerston North two each.

Nelson, Wanganui, and Ngaere one each.

Ashburton, Wellington and Manaia held drawing-room meetings. Palmerston North and Hastings social afternoons, whilst Feilding and Ngaere had "American teas."

Collections were taken up for World's Missionary Fund, for Maori work and New Zealand Fund.

Many new members were gained, also new subscribers for the "White Ribbon." Convention numbers of the "White Ribbon" were distributed to non-subscribers.

Papers and addresses were given, some of the subjects chosen being: The Life and Work of Frances Willard; T. E. Taylor—the Life and Character of our late Leader; 25 Years of our Official Organ; Women's Work in the Interests of Humanity; Social Hygiene; Citizenship; Prohibition in America (with reference to the fact that there are 150,000,000 people living under Prohibition).

At Christchurch an address was given on The Maori Settlements at Rupaki, the speaker stressing the need for more educational, religious and Temperance instruction among the people. It was decided to co-operate with the Lyttelton Branch in trying to make an effort to improve the conditions prevailing at the Pah.

Nelson Union was favoured in having Mrs Rowlands, a Missionary from Japan, to lecture. She spoke on Women of Japan, dealing with the subject from the political, moral, and educational standpoints, touching on the Drink Question and the great work the W.C.T.U. is doing in Japan.

## BIBLE IN SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Kaipoi is agitating to get the Nelson system in their schools.

Feilding reports Bible lessons given by ministers of the town.

Auckland District had an address on Sabbath Observance, also circulated literature, and secured signatures to the card of the Lord's Day Alliance.

## DOMESTIC SCIENCE, HYGIENE AND THRIFT.

Supt.: Mrs McDonald.

Regarding Hygiene, Wellington has improved this year, but still leaves much to be desired. The public lavatories are much cleaner, but we need more of them, and a personal attendant at each. Feilding arranged an afternoon and evening public meeting for women only. Mrs Peryman, Editor "White Ribbon," gave fine addresses on the subject of "Social Hygiene," and answered a number of questions. At the close of each meeting the resolution asking for clinics to be opened day and night for the free, voluntary treatment of venereal disease was passed unanimously.

A paper on Thrift was read at the Wellington Provincial Convention by Mrs McDonald.

## FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Ashburton sends flowers and tracts regularly to public and private hospitals, maternity homes, Soldiers' Club, and Women's Rest Room, and Old Men's Home.

Winchmore-Greenstreet and Tinwald send flowers and gifts to sick members, and put flowers in local churches.

Oxford visits the sick, and five of its members are on Ladies' Hospital Committee. They visit nurses and patients, and send supplies of flowers, eggs, old linen, etc. Held an afternoon tea for Fight the Famine Fund.

Invercargill visits Hospital, and takes gifts.

Palmerston North has Relief Rooms, where second-hand clothing is collected and distributed. Willard Home Committees meet in these rooms, and work stall for Bazaar was prepared there. More helpers are needed to carry it on. The local Hospital is visited, and cakes, scones, fruit, etc., given to the patients; chocolates, eggs, and flowers are given to the children. Literature is distributed, and collections taken up for patients in the annexe.

Kaipoi visits the sick, and Kaipoi and Dunedin write letters of sympathy.

Waipawa visits sick, both in and out of Hospital.

Nelson sent five large cases of over 1440 garments to Save the Children Fund; also collected over £200 for same fund.

Christchurch also did good work for Fight the Famine Fund by sending money, and by requesting Mayor to call



a public meeting, and assisting on Committee set up by that meeting. Christchurch visits Jubilee Home monthly, and helps to entertain inmates, and occasionally a tea, and sometimes a concert.

Feilding visits sick, and ministers to them; formed a Dorcas Committee, which looked after children when mothers were ill, and provided clothing.

Wellington District, during Christmas week, visited factories, laundries, and Homes, and distributed flowers, tracts, and literature to over 300 persons, young and old.

#### SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION, 1920.

(Supt.: Miss Helyer.)

In the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction the year 1920 marks an epoch. During the year the Minister of Education issued a revised syllabus for the guidance of teachers, and in the future the subject is to receive the attention which its importance demands. The new syllabus is most up-to-date and contains all the latest scientific truths about the action of alcohol in the human body.

A report of a deputation which waited on the Minister of Education requesting this important change will be found in the "Vanguard" of June 26, 1920. The reply given by the Minister was most satisfactory and in proof of the sincerity of his attitude the revised syllabus has been prepared. A copy of the headings under which the instruction is to be given was published in the "Vanguard" of December 18, 1920.

The Minister of Education, the Hon. C. J. Parr, is to be congratulated on the forward move in his department.

It is significant that the only report of work done in this department was sent from Ashburton, where the benefits of Prohibition are well known. Ashburton reports:—

"During the last term of the year, prizes were offered to the High and Borough Schools and to the Hampstead School for essay writing. The Masters of the Borough and Hampstead Schools willingly undertook to supervise the writing of essays, and the scholars of Standards V. and VI. competed for prizes, which were awarded at the annual break-up. At the Borough Schools, Mrs G. Miller, Vice-President of the local W.C.T.U., by request, presented the prizes, and at Hampstead Mrs J. W. Baker was similarly honoured. A sum of £4 was collected and 10 prizes donated, one exceptionally good essay being awarded a special prize. The Master of the High School is willing to supervise the essay writing in the first term of the New Year."

Now that the Science of Alcohol is to rank as a compulsory class subject in the curriculum of the schools of the Dominion and will receive as much attention from teachers and inspectors

as geography, head teachers may be more willing to supervise essay writing on the subject than in the past.

#### PRISON AND RELIEF WORK.

Adjutant Gordon, Superintendent for Auckland District, visits prison every week, and does excellent work in helping the women.

#### SOCIAL AND MORAL HYGIENE.

Supt.: Miss Alice Webb.

During the past year I have sold a good deal of literature, principally leaflets, and I have received a much larger number of reports from Unions than last year.

Most of these report the circulation of literature, either by the distribution of leaflets or the loan of books from Union's Library.

Auckland, Feilding, Christchurch, Nelson and Oxford all report having held meetings, with special addresses on Social Hygiene by competent speakers. Auckland reports having written to the Premier in support of what appears to have been a very valuable piece of work done by the Gisborne Union in the nature of some action with regard to the ever-increasing assaults on little children. Gisborne has not reported at present, so I am uncertain as to the exact form of the action taken.

Invercargill reports that they approve of the Social Hygiene Bill, and desire that a suitable person be appointed to organise among girls.

The Nelson Union, which had a depot for the sale of books at one of the local shops, reports that owing to a change of management, this has had to be given up, which is to be regretted. In Nelson Union they have a very good library, between 40 and 50 books being in circulation among the members. Pahiatua also lends books to mothers. No other reports have reached me. The very high rates of exchange on money sent to America, from which country we obtain most of our supplies, have prevented me from replenishing our stock of literature. The larger books do not sell very readily, and the leaflets and pamphlets are old stock to a large extent. I am no longer able to superintend this department of our work, and hope my successor will be able to do more justice to it than I have been able to, as beyond replying to letters and despatching parcels of books I have done almost nothing.

#### HOSTEL, REST AND REFRESHMENT.

(Supt.: Mrs Upton.)

Hastings.—A Mothers' Rest Room is proving a great boom to the women of Hastings. About one hundred persons a day make use of the room. Cups of tea or cocoa are supplied to mothers, or girls with their lunch, at a small fee. A capable matron is in charge, and the financial position is good.

Feilding.—A Rest Room has been fitted up with gas ring for heating babies' food, lockers for parcels, wash-hand basin, towels, etc. The Borough Council, and Farmers' Union, also Salvation Army have come to the Union's assistance to get this Rest Room established.

Opotiki.—For some months the Union have been trying to establish a Ladies' Rest Room, but so far without success, owing to lack of accommodation.

Manaiia.—Held one Rest and Refreshment Booth.

Oxford.—Catered for the A. and P. Show, and gave one afternoon tea for "The Save the Children's Fund."

Wanganui.—It is the wish of the Unions forming this district that a Hostel for Women, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., be opened before long, and to this end workers have been busy raising funds for a sale of gifts, street stalls, etc. A visit from Mrs Crabbe, Dominion Vice-President, was very helpful.

Kaipoi.—Lent their rooms through the winter for the Young Women's Ambulance Classes, which were carried on under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. The rooms were also let for a boy's social club, under the supervision of the W.C.T.U.

Invercargill.—With the assistance of the Y Branch afternoon tea was dispensed at the Agricultural Show, also afternoon tea at the Sale of Work for the Victoria Home.

Nelson.—This Union was successful after a hard battle in getting the Council's sanction that Rest Room be established in Nelson. A room was procured and about eighty pounds was spent in fitting it up. The room was opened in November, 1919, and no charge was made.

1920: The Council have now decided to have a caretaker at 30/- a week to be tried for three months. No charge to be made.

Christchurch.—A deputation from all Women's Societies of Christchurch waited on the Mayor and Councillors to discuss the question of Public Rest Rooms for the city. The deputation was sympathetically received, but nothing practical eventuated. The W.C.T.U. helped the St. John's Ambulance Society with the Rest Room provided by that Society during the visit of the Prince of Wales to the city. Luncheon and tea rooms were held at the A. and P. Show. Tea was dispensed at the W.C.T.U. Rooms on the Show Ground at the Garrison Athletic Sports.

Palmerston North.—Ran a coffee stall for four days at the Winter Show. Sixty pounds was netted for the Willard Home.

#### BACK BLOCKS AND WORK AMONG RAILWAYMEN.

(Supt.: Mrs Moyes.)

In connection with my work, I am pleased to report that an increased in-

terest has been shown in the department of Back Blocks and Work Among Railwaymen, several Unions having taken up this work and appointed Superintendents for the first time. Wai-pawa, Wellington, Stratford, Blenheim, Feilding, and several others have sent their reports. Others will, no doubt, do so in a short time.

In Nelson we are steadily getting as much literature as possible to the Back Blocks, and quite a number of Unions state that the parcels sent out by them are much appreciated by the men, and find that all the papers put in the railway boxes are much read.

Trusting that any Union who has not taken up this work, will endeavour to do so, and I believe that if we pray and work as we ought we will have victory in 1922.

#### MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

(Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.)

Hawera, Ngaere, New Plymouth, and Aramohe Y's purchased leaflets.

Feilding and Pahiatua gave a copy of "Safe Remedies in Illness" to each new member.

Palmerston North and Feilding each read one medical temperance paper.

#### Balance-sheet Medical Temperance Department, 1920.

##### Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
1919 Balance	1	17	10½
Sales at Convention	0	2	6
Sales by Post	0	8	4
Dept. Grant from N.Z. Union	0	7	6

£2 16 2½

##### Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Postage on Parcels and Letters	0	2	1½
Balance in Hand	2	14	1

£2 16 2½

##### Assets.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	2	14	1
Value of Leaflets in Stock	2	10	11

£5 5 0

11 Letters and 7 parcels sent out. 630 leaflets sold and 66 distributed free.

#### PRESS.

(Supt.: Miss Jessie Mackay.)

As in previous years, a regrettable number of Unions have failed to report for 1920, but on the other hand there has been no falling off in Press activity since last Convention.

Feilding, Invercargill, Manaia, Oxford, and Wellington have reported meetings regularly in local papers, and the "White Ribbon." Pahiatua has sent at intervals. Wanganui District pays a tribute to generous treatment of the local Press regarding the Union's regular reports.

Palmerston North lost two Superintendents during the year, since which Mrs Crabb has kindly furnished reports for the local Press and "White Rib-

bon," when able. Names of donors to the street stalls have been regularly published. A circular leaflet of information regarding Willard Home was sent down the line, and its contents noted in the local papers.

From the Ashburton District Union comes the gratifying record of a busy year. Winchmore, Greenstreet, and the head Union itself have reported meetings regularly in the local papers, and "White Ribbon," Rakaia and Tinwald reporting occasionally. Under a new Editor the "Mail" and "Guardian" have rendered excellent service, supporting by able and timely articles the request of the District Union to the Hospital Board for a St. Helen's Home or Maternity Ward in Ashburton, also that trained nurses should be appointed to the country districts. As a result, an additional nurse has been sent. Miss Trevurza adds: "It is with pleasure that we can report a Press in entire sympathy with our efforts for the betterment of mankind, more up-to-date hygienic laws, and a higher moral and social purity."

Auckland District Union states that all meetings are advertised, and reported in the local Press and "White Ribbon," with locals when necessary. The lady reporter of one of the papers has attended special meetings, and Miss Dewar notes the good effect of the prominence thereby accorded in the Women's Column.

The Christchurch Union has reported all meetings in the city daily papers. The main work of the year was the part taken by the Union in conjunction with other women's societies, touching the inauguration of the Fight the Famine Campaign in Canterbury. The Press Superintendent sent a number of letters of information and appeal to the morning papers. Mrs Sheppard and Miss L. M. Smith supplied Canterbury country newspapers with information. Appeals were also sent to the "Methodist Times," "Outlook," and "Church News." Letters on Prohibition, indentured labour in Samoa, and the Gaming Bill were sent to Christchurch newspapers.

The Nelson Union has advertised all meetings, and secured good reports in the local Press, as well as sending to the "White Ribbon." Miss Atkinson wrote an appeal to help the "Save the Children Fund," to which there was a splendid response.

The Richmond Union pays for the weekly insertion in the local paper of a short telling advertisement against alcohol.

Wanganui East has all meetings in the "White Ribbon," also fully reported in both daily papers. The "Chronicle" is most sympathetic, and gives prominence to papers read at meetings. A lady visitor from abroad, being interviewed in Wanganui, rashly stated that Franchise had done neither good or harm in New Zealand. This evoked letters of protest, the Press Superinten-

dent (Mrs Duxfield) showing how many reforms have been placed on the Statute Book since 1893.

It is to be hoped, in conclusion, that Press Superintendents will lose no opportunity this year of making the voice of their Unions heard when great principles are at stake.

#### GENERAL LITERATURE.

Supt.: Mrs Mowlem.

This department has had a rather quiet year, owing, no doubt, to very little aggressive work being done apart from our Field Secretary; she has been busy, I believe, judging from her orders which have come to hand.

The passing of the Government measure in our Parliament for the strict education of our youth, especially in our public schools, on the evils of alcohol, is an indication that our work and our literature in the past has had its influence, and has been doing its work in our land upon our law-makers and those in authority. This measure, we understand, is to be in printed form, and therefore will be literature of more value to us, meeting our demands along this line as nothing has hitherto done. This measure in leaflet form, we hope, will meet any emergency in the coming days. It does not mean that the printed page or aggressive work is confined only to this, or must take a back seat, and allowed to sink into insignificance. The fact that there yet remains the drink and many preventible evils in our fair land is an evidence that much yet remains to be done along this line, and we trust that our Unions will take encouragement from these very evident signs of progress, and still seize every opportunity to bring our heaven-born principles before the public. There are many votes yet to capture. We have on hand a good supply of that which is necessary for the working of our Unions, such as membership cards, what the W.C.T.U. is, etc., etc., and all writing material. We trust to have our new hymn books to hand right soon, also a good supply of White Ribbon bows.

Reports that have come to hand show some activity. Ashburton is not behind in this, and tells of regular distribution of literature amongst the members, at the Rest Room, the railway station, the sick in hospital, especially the soldiers' ward, the Soldiers' Club-room, and Old Men's Home; books instructive to the young on sex questions kept in circulation, also purity leaflets. Copies of "White Ribbon" placed monthly in Public Library and women's rest room, also four dozen Convention numbers of "White Ribbon" distributed free. Winchmore, Greenstreet, and Tinwald Branches also participate and co-operate in all this work with their Mother Union. Special mention is made of the work of one of the assistants, a young lady who is almost blind, yet who has been most faithful in her work. "Verily, she hath done



what she could." They also, with the Ashburton Union, collect magazines and booklets, and forward to those in need of reading matter.

**Christchurch** reports a quantity of Purity literature distributed, also some on the economic question of the liquor traffic at the luncheon booth at the A. and P. Show.

**Feilding** has a member interested sufficiently to donate £1 to provide eight monthly copies of the "White Ribbon" for one year for free distribution. Seventy copies of Convention number given away, also copies of "Handy Booklet" and "Safe Remedies" in illness given to each new member.

**Hawera** has kept the literature box at Railway Station supplied.

**Invercargill** supplied Hospital and Bluff Sailors' Rest.

**Nelson** (2) reports has circulated amongst its members, etc., "American Motherhood," which has been very much appreciated, but now this publication has ceased, they are on the lookout for something else to take its place. Literature has also been sent to mills, railway works, and lonely workmen; also the box at Railway Station kept full. They have also a library of 40 or 50 books, which is a real moving concern, and until recently a depot for the sale of books. Unfortunately, the shop has changed hands, and for the present this is now closed.

**Palmerston** (?) (no name attached), has not done very much lately, with the exception of Prohibition reading matter in railway box.

**Rakaia Branch** has been doing steady work in distributing to non-sympathisers and railway box.

**Wanganui** has done the same.

**Wellington Central** has made a speciality of seeing that the railway boxes are kept full; a full supply is kept there, and the sympathy of the caretaker enlisted, and when it becomes empty she refills from her supply in the cupboard.

**Annual Balance-Sheet.**

	£	s.	d.
To Goods Sold	22	15	11
	£22	15	11
	£	s.	d.
Wright and Carman	10	16	8
By order sent to England—			
2doz. Hymnals	5	0	0
"W.R." Bows	4	0	0
Exchanging	0	2	3
Postage	1	7	6
Balance Forward	1	9	6
	£22	15	11

Audited and found correct.

S. BOXALL.

February 19, 1921.

**LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.**

Supt.: Miss Henderson, B.A.

The work of the Legal and Parliamentary Department has received a considerable share of attention during the year. Honourable Ministers have been communicated with in respect to the resolutions passed at last Convention, viz., those dealing with the at-

tendance of children at picture shows, the employment of partially trained maternity nurses, the provision of facilities for women to obtain training in outdoor work on the land, pensions for Maori widows, the care of Maori orphans, the possibility of Unions securing a visit from a nurse-lecturer, the increase in widows' pensions, the cost of living in relation to the birth-rate, the appointment of officers to collect maintenance dues, etc. Letters of thanks and appreciation were sent to the Minister for Education and Public Health in connection with his proposals to provide special facilities for the education of backward and feeble-minded children; his sympathetic attitude towards the introduction of scientific temperance instruction into public schools, and his decision to establish a Child Welfare Department. The Minister for Railways and the General Manager have been asked to provide separate lavatory accommodation for women and children on long distance trains and a protest has been forwarded against the drinking that is permitted on trains.

The Unions have been asked to send protests against the proposal to continue the employment of indentured Chinese labour in Samoa; also against the Bill providing for an increase in the number of racing permits, and against the proposal to give special facilities for the discussion of this Bill in face of the fact that no opportunity was given to discuss other Bills introduced by private members. The following Unions report that they supported the protest against indentured labour, and sent a copy of the resolution to the various Ministers and members of Parliament: Waipawa, Blenheim, Palmerston North, Feilding, Pahiatua, Mosgiel, Christchurch, Masterton, Timaru, Ponsonby, Dunedin, Waimate, Ngaere, Hawera, Kaiapoi, Ashburton, Wanganui District, Invercargill District, Blenheim, Stratford, Richmond, Nelson, Sawyer's Bay, Kaikorai, Eltham, Hamilton, Waihi, Tinwald, and Winchmore-Greenstreet.

Protests were also sent from Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Canterbury Provincial Conventions.

Forty-five Unions report that they sent protests to Ministers and M.P.'s against the Bill to provide an increase in racing permits, and all Provincial Conventions supported the protest.

Resolutions opposing the clauses in the proposed Social Hygiene legislation to provide for "notification" and "compulsory examination and detention," and asking for the adequate provision of free clinics, were passed by Wellington, Napier, Nelson, and Canterbury Provincial Conventions, and Feilding, Dannevirke, Waimate, and Kaiapoi Unions. Separate lavatory accommodation for women on trains was asked for by Dunedin, Bluff, and Invercargill Unions. The same Unions also protested to the Minister of Railways against the practice of the consumption of intoxicating liquor on trains. Feilding, Auckland, and Gisborne

Unions, and Wellington Provincial Convention protested against the inadequate sentences imposed upon men convicted of criminal assaults upon young children.

Wellington Central Union has asked Government to enlarge the powers of the picture film censor, while Wellington Provincial Convention, Dannevirke, and Greymouth asked for improvements in picture films.

Wellington Provincial Convention urged improved legislation dealing with child labour, and also the establishment of continuation classes for children who leave school after taking the primary course. Napier and Wellington District Conventions, Masterton, Feilding, and Dannevirke Unions advocated that the father of a child born out of wedlock should be held equally responsible with the mother for the welfare of the child. Dunedin Union asked for the appointment of women on anti-Profitteering Boards, and Canterbury Convention urged their appointment on the Board of Public Health.

The list given above does not by any means exhaust the reforms that have been asked for, nor are the Unions named the only ones that have done anything. Unfortunately, in this, as in other important departments, many Unions fail to send a report.

In conclusion, I want to remind those who may feel discouraged by the fact that we have to ask year after year for the same reforms, with apparently little success, that it is ever the experience that social reforms are the most difficult of all reforms to gain, and the slowest to arrive. Yet this year we can point to several distinct gains in directions along which our Unions have been working for years. Definite steps have been taken towards introducing scientific temperance instruction into our public schools. In the recent Conference of Inspectors, head masters, and representatives of the Education Department, the Chief Medical Officer of Schools strongly advocated the teaching of sex hygiene to children. An extensive scheme has been put into operation to provide dental treatment for the children in our schools. A department of child welfare has been established. A woman has been appointed by Government on the Board of Appeal in connection with the censorship of picture films.

**ANTI-GAMBLING.**

Auckland District, the only one to report work in this department. They sent two protests to Parliament against increasing the facilities for gambling.

**CRADLE ROLL, L.T.L., AND BAND OF MERCY.**

Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions report Cradle Roll work:—

Auckland: 57 on the Cradle Roll; new, 32; many removals, also many reached age limit.

Napier: 30.

Waipawa: 20.

New Plymouth: 306; new, 33; reached age limit, 68.

Manaiā: 85; new, 43.

Wanganui "Y's": 64; new, 34; reached age, 3; visits paid, 37; two mothers gave donations.

Palmerston North: 104; new, 12; reached age, 11.

Feilding: 11; new, 5.

Pahiatua: 95; new, 2; reached age, 16. Several cards returned through dead-letter office.

Wellington Central: 30; new, 4.

Lower Hutt: 126 new, 21; reached age, 14.

New Brighton: 48; new, 7.

Oxford: 151; new, 12; reached age, 75.

Rakaia: 48; all mothers visited.

Tinwald: 24; new, 6; seven mothers members W.C.T.U.

Winchmore-Greenstreet: 54; new, 5; reached age, 5.

Timaru: 177; new, 30.

Kaikorai: 30; new, 6; reached age, 4.

Sawyer's Bay: 49; new, 9.

North Invercargill: 47.

#### Afternoon Meetings:

Lower Hutt: One meeting for mothers, afternoon tea, music and collection.

Oxford: Three meetings, two addressed by Plunket nurse.

Winchmore-Greenstreet: One meeting addressed by nurse; each child presented with a bag of sweets, absentees receiving theirs by post.

Tinwald: One meeting; each child presented with a toy and bag of sweets; booties presented to young babies.

Rakaia: One meeting.

The following purchased Purity leaflets for mothers: Aramoho "Y's," Blenheim, Gore, Kaupokonui, Rakaia, New Plymouth.

The following purchased Cradle Roll cards, but have not forwarded report: Birkenhead, Northcote, Takapuna, Onehunga, Henderson, Hamilton, Leigh, Picton, Nelson, Oamaru, Dunedin, Balclutha, Invercargill, Opotiki, Patea, Kaupokonui, Hawera.

Instructions "How to Organise a Cradle Roll" sent to the following Unions: Northcote, Balclutha, Tinwald, Papatoetoe, Picton, Oamaru.

Through the generosity of a member, "Mothers' Thought" leaflets were supplied free to all Cradle Roll Superintendents for distribution with birthday cards.

#### Loyal Temperance Legion.

Palmerston North, Fitzherbert: L.T.L. 13 meetings; highest attendance, 50; 18 signed the pledge. Scientific Temperance address given at each meeting. Boxing Day, social gathering in afternoon, 38 present, games, tea; parents and friends invited in evening, musical items by children. Christmas Tree, presents distributed by Father Christmas; supper.

Manaiā: Scientific Temperance teaching. One public entertainment, one social evening. Essays on previous week's speeches. Competitions in speeches, making up poetry, and cooking. Children's pennies and other donations resulted in £2 6s being sent

to the Starving Children of Europe Fund.

Aramoho "Y's": 20 paying members, 46 enlisted members, total 66; 11 meetings and three entertainments. L.T.L. dues, 3s, sent to N.Z. Treasurer. Scientific lessons given. Reports of meetings sent to "White Ribbon" and local papers. Flower Committee: Take flowers to hospital, and a buttonhole every Sunday to the Minister. Look-out Committee: Scouting done and absentees brought to meetings. At W.C.T.U. Sale of Work, for Hostel Fund, L.T.L. demonstration given, Legioners had a stall, realised £3 11s 1d. Closed the session with a Pink Tea; Legioners gave musical items. Christmas Tree given by the W.C.T.U.; every Legioner received a gift from Father Christmas.

Nelson: L.T.L.: Membership 90; meet fortnightly from May to November. Scientific Temperance addresses, two concerts given by children; collected stamps for the Barnardo Homes. At W.C.T.U. Sale of Work Legioners had charge of Christmas Tree, and took part in entertainment. Competitions for best article made from material costing 6d, 1s, and 1s 6d; prizes awarded.

Kaipoi: Membership, 119 girls, 70 boys, total 189, of whom 39 range between the ages of 15 and 19. W.C.T.U. gave senior members a social. Marks given for sentences written on temperance subjects, 60 prizes awarded. Addresses given by ministers. A visit paid to the Southbrook Band of Hope; members contributed the programme. A month later Southbrook returned the visit, and gave the programme.

Ashburton: Band of Hope: Membership, 64. Scientific addresses by ministers and friends, items by members. Competitions of vocal and instrumental solos, duets, and elocutionary items. Prizes awarded. Donations from W.C.T.U. and friends, and one penny per month from members.

Winchmore-Greenstreet: Band of Hope, large attendance. 26s donated to the Seamen's Fund, 30s to the Dominion Convention expenses, and a good sum to Save the Children Fund.

Tinwald: The W.C.T.U. assist with the undenominational Band of Hope, which has a large membership.

Sawyer's Bay: L.T.L., 15 meetings. Session opened in March with a membership of 27, closed in November with 55 names on the roll. One concert at close. Donated 15s to the "Week of Pity" Fund. Good addresses given.

Invercargill Central: L.T.L. conducted at North Invercargill; good work done. Working temperance pledges in Sunday Schools on Temperance Sundays.

Stratford: Young People's Society: Object, to improve and raise their ideals. Weekly meetings, discussion on subject chosen by members, followed by short addresses on Hygiene, Civics, and other subjects. Ministers, doctors, nurses, school teachers, and Councillors have assisted. The President of

the W.C.T.U. gave an address once a month, using the Scientific Temperance Charts as supplied to the L.T.L., the Legion being merged into the Young People's Society.

Timaru and Waipawa planning for L.T.L. next year.

Pahiatua: Members of the W.C.T.U. assist with the United Band of Hope.

Feilding: The Legion has not met this year, owing to the Superintendent leaving, after many years of work. An endeavour was made to induce the Sunday School Superintendents to take up the work, but without success.

The following Unions purchased L.T.L. badges: Manaiā, Turakina.

The following purchased Charts: Petone purchased three sets to present to each of their public schools.

L.T.L. Lesson Manuals purchased by Ashburton, Norsewood, Oamaru, and by a Feilding Sunday School teacher for use on Temperance Sunday.

L.T.L. Pledge Cards purchased by South Invercargill, Turakina, Nelson, Oamaru, Palmerston North.

Programmes purchased by Stratford, South Invercargill, Oxford "Y's."

Reciters purchased by Ashburton, Hamilton.

Marching Songs purchased by Ashburton, Norsewood, Turakina, Tinwald, Oamaru, Aramoho "Y's."

L.T.L. Handbooks supplied to Norsewood, South Invercargill, Auckland, Oamaru.

This department presented to Dr. E. H. Wilkins, Chief School Medical Officer, 1 set of Scientific Temperance Charts, 5 Lesson Manuals, and 1 Shakespeare Manual.

#### Band of Mercy.

In connection with every Legion there should be a Band of Mercy. "To fix the law of kindness and mercy in the hearts of boys and girls is to work at the foundation, and the good effects will follow, in the school, in the home, and in the community. The underlying principle in connection with this work of humane education is not that we are trying to prevent, simply, the suffering of animals, but the moral degradation of the person who causes the suffering."

Upper Aramoho: Four meetings; membership, 28; pledges signed, 14. Lessons taught; songs and recitations given, touching on the keynote of its meaning: love and mercy. Band of Mercy literature distributed among Legioners. Collection for the starving children of Europe, £10 10s 3d.

Aramoho and Oamaru purchased Band of Mercy leaflets.

#### Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
1919 Balance	18	19	0
Band of Mercy Grant from N.Z. Union	0	7	6
Sales at Convention	3	13	0
Sales by Post	18	3	5

£41 2 11



**Expenditure.**

	£	s.	d.
Printing, Birthday Cards, and Blocks	25	12	6
Envelopes, Writing Pads, Receipt Book	2	4	11
Carriage on Cards and to Convention	0	14	6
Postage on Parcels and Letters	2	12	7
Balance in Hand	9	18	5
	£41	2	11

**Assets.**

Cash in Hand	9	18	5
Writing Pads and Envelopes	1	0	0
C. Roll and Mothers' Leaflets	0	9	0
B. of Mercy Leaflets	0	5	0
L.T.L. Badges and Buttons	1	8	0
L.T.L. Hand-books	0	3	6
Programmes	0	16	0
L.T.L. Manuals and Recitation Books	3	5	0
Marching Song Books	2	0	0
Cradle Roll and L.T.L. Cards	24	15	0
	£43	19	11

176 letters written, and 100 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

**DOMINION "Y."**

Supt.: Mrs Pirrett.

Up till time of writing I have only had reports from seven Branches, namely: Aramoho, Feilding, Invercargill, Kaiapoi, Palmerston, Wanganui, and Wellington.

It is with much pleasure that I note the good work accomplished by members of the Aramoho Branch, who have helped so much to brighten up the lives of the patients of the Hospital by their regular visits and gifts, also their valuable help in the Save the Children Campaign, and I am delighted to hear of the educational work carried on in the training of its members in the valuable work of Ambulance and Sick Nursing. This Branch has held 9 regular, 2 social, and 5 Executive meetings during the year.

Invercargill have held eleven regular and several social meetings, and inter-

ested themselves on behalf of the movement for Friendless Girls, the Children's Home, Pity Week, and also assisted at the Summer Show and visited the Orphanage and distributed gifts to the inmates. They also held a picnic.

Palmerston Branch also carried on work at their Summer Show, and visited the Orphanages, in addition to raising funds for the Frances Willard Home.

Wellington has done good and useful work in entertaining the sailors from the cruiser "Renown" on her visit to that port during the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to New Zealand.

Feilding and Kaiapoi Branches report still carrying on, but have difficulty in getting the members to attend the meetings.

Avondale and Henderson Branches have disbanded.

Auckland, Eden, and Papatoetoe have gone into recess, several of the live members having got married. The difficulty seems to be to get others to take up the work.

**LIST OF OFFICERS AND UNIONS, 1921.**

Name of Union.	No. of Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Auckland (District)	321	Mrs J. Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden.	Miss N. Dewar, 4 Pompallier Ter., Ponsonby	Mrs Pirrett, 13 Panama St., Arch Hill, Auckland
Avondale	16	Mrs Beath, Avondale	Mrs Stevens, Avondale	Mrs Viggers, Avondale
Birkenhead	31	Mrs Jory, "Navatho," Birkenhead	Mrs Todd, "Wairuna," Birkenhead	Miss Hayman, Arawa St., Birkenhead
Devonport	1	Mrs Burnett, Jubilee Avenue	Mrs Trevarza, Cracroft St.	Mrs Hay, Tainui Rd.
Eden	49	Miss Wilson, "Alvale," Wilford Road, Mt. Eden	Mrs Scanlan, 2 Mars Av., Edendale N., Auckland	Mrs Cartwright, "Huia Villa," Dominion Rd., Mt. Edward
Henderson	24	Mrs Attwood	Mrs McKay, Great North Rd.	Mrs Barton, Great North Rd.
Leigh	17	Mrs R. Matheson	Mrs E. Gozar	Mrs E. Gozar
Onehunga	46	Mrs Logan, "Ayrmont," Tawa Rd.	Mrs Stacey, Grey St., E. Onehunga	Mrs Musket, Grey St., E. Onehunga
Opotiki	38	Mrs J. T. Thompson, Wgtn Road	Mrs J. W. Gordon, Beach Rd.	Mrs Holman, Otaro Rd.
Otahuhu	18	Mrs E. West, Panmure Rd., Otahuhu	Mrs A. M. Muir, Panmure Rd.	Mrs J. Hunter, Church St., Otahuhu
Ponsonby	9	Mrs C. R. Vickers, 22 Millar's Rd., Grey Lynn	Mrs S. A. Plummer, Coronation Road, Epsom	Mrs S. A. Plummer
Takapuna	108	Mrs Fulljames, East Coast Rd., Takapuna	Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd.	Mrs Veats, Hurstmere Rd., Takapuna
Tauranga	—	—	—	—
Waihi	13	Mrs Hollis, Moresby Av., Waihi	Mrs S. Brown, P.O. Box 121	Mrs Higgs, Seddon Av., Waihi
Whangarei	—	Mrs Ramsey, Hatoa St.	Mrs Lovatt, Bank St.	Mrs Wrack, Maine's Av.
Hamilton (Dist.)	38	Mrs Morton, Opoia Rd., Claudelands	Mrs R. J. Bell, Selkirk St.	Mrs Cliff, O'Neil St., Claudelands
Cambridge	25	Mrs A. K. Watson, Cambridge	Mrs Elsie Beer, Cambridge	Mrs C. H. Pycroft, Cambridge
Hamilton East	11	Mrs Watkins, Grey St., Hamilton E.	Mrs E. T. Oids, Meth. Parsonage	Mrs C. Jack, Macfarlane St., Hamilton E.
Morrinsville	16	Mrs Richards, Manse, Allen St.	Mrs D. Wills, Allen St.	Mrs D. Wills, "Carisbrooke," Allen St
Te Kuiti	10	—	Mrs J. A. Mathew, P.O. Box 3	Mrs Edgar
Gisborne (District)	50	Mrs W. E. Goffe, Ormond Rd.	Mrs L. A. White, P.O. Box 169	Mrs F. J. Wilkes, Gladstone Rd.
Napier (District)	105	Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.	Mrs A. Chellew, Macdonald St.	Mrs Grayling, Wellesley Rd.
Dannevirke	31	Mrs Choate	Mrs Hutchinson	Miss Burdett
Hastings	48	Mrs Lovell-Smith, Heretaunga St.	Mrs Spurdle, 403 St. Aubyn St.	Mrs Newton, Charles St.
Norsewood	19	Mrs Anderson, Norsewood	Mrs P. G. Grant, Norsewood	Miss M. Olsen, Willow Park, S. Norsewood
Ormondville	10	Miss Alice Webb, Ormondville	Mrs Kibblewhite, Ormondville	Mrs Hoskings, Ormondville
Waipawa	13	Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley St.	Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.	Miss Johnson, Rose St.
Waipukurau	12	Mrs Hopkirk, Waipukurau	Mrs Reid, Waipukurau	Mrs Robertson, Waipukurau
N. Plymouth (Dist.)	118	Mrs Griffin, Gilbert St., N. Plymouth	Mrs Jemison, Pendarves St.	Miss Taunt, Carrington Rd.
Ngaere	24	Mrs L. K. Tarrant, Mountain Rd.	Mrs Lambert, Mountain Rd.	Mrs Gilliver, Bird Rd., Stratford
Stratford	25	Mrs Phillips, Beacon Rd., Stratford	Mrs E. J. Tichen, Olivia St.	Mrs W. Abraham, Hamlet St.
Hawera (District)	50	Mrs Scott, Turuturu Rd.	Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.	Mrs T. Tait, Waihi Rd.
Eltham	19	Mrs Stanners, King Edward St.	Mrs Birkett, Mountain Rd.	Mrs Thomas, London St.
Manaia	56	Mrs J. J. Patterson, Manaia	Mrs C. E. Harsen, Manaia	Miss D. Patterson, Manaia
Normanby	36	Mrs Scott, Turuturu Rd., Hawera	Mrs Chapman, Normanby	Mrs Linn, Normanby
Okaiawa	10	—	—	—
Wanganui (Dist)	120	Mrs Emmett, Spier St., Aramoho	Mrs J. Upton, 165 Victoria Av.	Mrs Heatley, Carlton St., Gonville, Wanganui
Aramoho	25	Mrs Gilmour, Paterson St.	Mrs H. Allam, 8 Brunswick St.	Miss Taylor, 37 Manuka St., Wanganui E.
Turakina	11	Mrs Wilson, The Manse	Mrs R. J. Glasgow, Turakina	Miss A. Grant, "Tullockgorum," Turakina

Name of Union.	No. of Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Wanganui East	37	Mrs A. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui	Mrs Andrew, P.O. Box 6, Wang.	Mrs Andrew
Palmerston North	100	Mrs Crabb, 128 College St.	Mrs E. Palmer, 4 Massey St.	Miss Hodder, Alan St.
Feilding	86	Mrs Whitmarsh, 16 Queen St.	Miss McLaurin, 17 Beattie St.	Mrs Emerson, 4 King St.
Marton				
Pahiatua	41	Mrs Hansen, Konini, Pahiatua	Mrs Godfrey, Pahiatua	Mrs Webster, Sedcole St., Pahiatua
Woodville	24	Mrs F. Spearman, Ormond St.	Mrs H. Mills, Gorge Rd.	Miss Fastier, McLean St.
Wellington (Dist.)	131	Mrs J. Wright, 127 Constable St.	Mrs Webb, 37 Hall St.	Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.
Carterton	65	Mrs Peryman, High St.	Mrs H. Knutson, Victoria St.	Mrs August Anderson, High St.
Greytown	39	Mrs Whincop, Greytown	Mrs Murray, Hastwell St.	Miss Gordon, Hospital, Greytown
Lower Hutt	26	Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.	Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.	Mrs O. Baigent, King's Rd.
Masterton	41	Mrs Rutter, Tararua St.	Miss Wingate, Casel St.	Mrs Jamieson, Lincoln Rd.
Petone	33	Mrs Murgatroyd, 34 Britannia St.	Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert St.	Mrs Doneghue
Wellington Cent.	87	Mrs McDonald, Totara St., Rona Bay	Mrs Clark, 18 Sussex Square	Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay
Nelson (Dist.)	144	Mrs R. Atkinson, "Fairfield," Nelson	Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.	Miss F. Cooke, Examiner St.
Motueka	12	Mrs Moffatt	Miss Rita Boyce	Mrs Quayle
Richmond	15	Mrs Oliver Sutton, Hill St., Richmond, Nelson	Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Rd., Richmond, Nelson	Mrs B. Cropp, Salisbury Rd., Richmond N.
Wakefield	14	Mrs Telenius, Wakefield	Miss Russ, c/o Mr W. Newth, Wakefield	Miss Fowler, c/o Mr C. Teienius
Wakapuaka	24	Mrs Royds, Atawa, P.O., Nelson	Mrs W. Flower, Hira P.O., Happy Valley Nelson	Mrs Alborough, Hillside, Wakapuaka
Blenheim (Dist.)	10	Mrs Richards, Manse, Picton	Miss C. L. Jackson, Springlands	Mrs T. Pike, Blenheim
Picton	12	Mrs Richards, The Manse, Picton	Mrs Wilkes, Picton	Mrs Wilkes, Picton
Greymouth (Dist.)	46	Mrs Gaskin, Cobden, Greymouth	Mrs W. Mason, Sturge St., Cobden, Greymouth	Mrs A. B. Parkinson, Tarapuku St.
Christchurch (Dist.)	160	Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills	Mrs Ruth Day, Milford St., St. Albans	Miss M. Lovell-Smith, Box 114, ChCh
Lyttelton	12	Mrs G. Wilson, Dublin St.	Mrs Bromley, 3 Coleridge Ter.	Mrs E. Clark, Waratah St.
New Brighton	51		Mrs Moses, Sea View Rd.	Mrs Gibson, Union St.
Kaiapoi (Dist.)	35	Mrs Scott, Methodist Parsonage, Kaiapoi	Miss Laishley	Mrs T. G. Blackwell, Sewell St.
Oxford	40	Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Ck., Oxford	Mrs R. Comyns, Oxford	Miss Caverhill, Oxford
Ashburton (Dist.)	106	Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby	Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter St.	Mrs W. J. Brown
Rakaia	25	Mrs W. Boag, Rakaia	Mrs W. Boag, Rakaia	Mrs Judkins, Rakaia
Tinwald	16	Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby	Mrs W. McKay, Tinwald	Miss Turner, Tinwald
Winchmore-Greenstreet	14	Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton	Miss McKay, Winchmore	Miss Prebble, "Braemar," Winchmore
Timaru (Dist.)	116	Mrs Norrie, Beverley Rd.	Mrs M. Minifie, 12 Roslyn Ter.	Miss A. A. Pearson
Waimate	34	Mrs G. Dash, Naylor St., Waimate	Mrs M. A. B. Smith, 23 Edward St.	Mrs Hitchens, Mill Rd.
Dunedin (Dist.)	224	Mrs Hiatt, 264 George St.	Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer Rd., Mornington	Mrs Allan, 4 Maitland St.
Balclutha	16	Mrs Jas. Clark, Charlotte St.	Mrs Edith McLean, Clyde St.	Miss Tosh, "Toshvale," Balclutha
Kaikorai	28	Mrs J. Armit, 38a Waltson St., Roslyn	Mrs Malcolm, 49 Ann St., Roslyn	Mrs Somerville, Beta St., Roslyn
Milton	28	Mrs Coghill, Union St., Milton	Mrs H. C. McLymont	Mrs Geo. Perrin, Union St.
Mosgiel	42	Mrs Bedford, Mosgiel	Mrs M. Wilson, Gordon Rd.	Mrs Johnstone
N.E. Valley	136	Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Ter., N.E. Valley, Dunedin	Miss Begg, 45 Selwyn St.	Mrs Sanders, Frame St., N.E. Valley
Port Chalmers	34	Mrs Johnston, Currie St.	Miss H. Murray, Harrington St.	Mrs Walker, Gray St.
Sawyers Bay	38	Mrs Cleghorn, Sawyer's Bay	Mrs Wallis, Constance St.	Mrs Finlay, Station Rd.
South Dunedin	60	Mrs Mears, 5 Nicholson St., S.D.		Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson St., S. Dn.
Oamaru	100	Mrs Moore, S.A. Quarters, Thames St.	Mrs M. A. Tiffany, c/o Mrs Lennie, South Town Belt	Nurse Stephenson, c/o Mrs Tait, Ure St.
Invercargill (Dist.)	126	Mrs Lillicrap, Earn St.	Mrs L. R. Lewis, North Rd., Waikiwi	Miss H. Birss, Dairympole Rd.
Bluff	15	Mrs A. Donaldson, Barrow St.	Mrs Creagh, Foyle St.	Mrs Barber, Foyle St.
Edendale South	14	Mrs Pringle, The Manse	Miss Helen Hall, Edendale	Miss Cranstoun, Edendale
Gore	92	Mrs Rhodes, E. Gore	Miss E. M. McGibbon, E. Gore	Miss E. M. McGibbon, E. Gore
Invercargill S.	84	Mrs McGregor, 262 Crinan St.	Mrs Robb, George St.	Mrs Aitken, 13 Centre St.
Mataura	11	Mrs Galt, Wyndham Rd.	Mrs John Park, Wyndham Rd.	Mrs Beaumont, Mataura
Otautau	20	Miss J. N. Brown, Hume St.	Miss Donnan, Otautau	Mrs J. Fisher, Otautau
Riverton	15	Mrs Gray, The Manse, Riverton	Miss J. M. McGregor, "Peasant View"	Mrs Cassels, Palmerston St.
Ryal Bush	15	Mrs Burdon, Ryal Bush	Mrs Buxton, Ryal Bush	Mrs Pert, Ryal Bush

### "Y" BRANCHES.

Aramoho	29	Miss A. Emmett, 17 Spier St.	Miss Christie, Spier St.	Miss D. Chisholm, c/o Charitable Aid Board, Wanganui
Auckland				
Invercargill	313	Miss C. Macindoe, 115 Ness St.	Miss V. M. Hay, 25 Mary St.	
Nelson	31	Miss Vonna Phillips, Mount St.	Miss D. Knapp, Alfred St.	Miss Alice Pearce, 98 Clyde St.
Oxford	25	Miss Nesta Waterman, E. Oxford	Miss Beatrice Gilmore, E. Oxford	Miss Ruth Hay, Totara St.
Palmerston North				Miss Annie Rossiter, Cooper's Cr.
Port Chalmers			Miss Cook, Sawyer's Bay	
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BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED 24th JANUARY, 1921.

### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at 2nd February, 1920	115	8	3
Donations—General	42	8	9
For Orphans' Fund	0	12	0
Members' Subscriptions	0	17	6
Sale of Leaflets	0	13	6
Grant from N.Z. Treasurer	0	7	6
Bank Interest	3	8	1
	<u>163</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>

### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Grant for Maori Orphan Fund	5	12	0				
Grant for Organising and Travel- ling Expenses to Convention	12	0	0				
Travelling Fees for Maori Delegate	5	0	0				
Convention Expenses—							
Mrs Wi Clarke	6	6	10				
Travelling and Board Expenses for Mrs Noda and two Delegates	18	5	0				
Mrs D. Paiker	0	9	5				
Meeting Maori Delegates	0	11	6				
Postages, etc.	0	15	6				
Stationery, etc.	0	11	7				
Badges	0	1	8				
					49	13	6
Balance at 24th January, 1921, in P.O. Savings Bank					114	2	1
	<u>163</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>163</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>

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Gisborne, 14th February, 1921.

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**AUCKLAND** District, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne St.); Pres., Mrs. Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs. Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Arch Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Dowling, 19 Summer Street, Ponsonby.

**ARAMOHO**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Gilmour; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dudley; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Sharpe, Roberts Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hallam, Somme Parade; Treas., Miss Taylor; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. G. Sleight, 45 Stewart St.

**AVONDALE**, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street, Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Beath; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Strang; Treas., Mrs. Viggers; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Russell.

**ASHBURTON**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Victoria Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. T. Lill, Willowby; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Thompson, Wakanui Rd.; Rec. Sec., Miss Treverza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Brown, Moore Street E.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

**AVONDALE Y'S**, 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m. in Road Board Room, Blake Street. Pres., Miss Elsie Stevens; Vice-Pres., Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Pussel and Rowley; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Cottrill, New Windsor Rd., Avondale; Treas., Miss M. McCarthy, Station Road; "W.R." Supt., Miss R. Thomas; Supt., Mrs. Pirrett, Market Rd., Epsom.

**BLENHEIM** District, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Richards, The Manse, Pictou; Sec., Miss C. L. Jackson, Springlands; Treas., Mrs. T. Pike; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Wass, Fowles, Fisher, and Sister May; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Parker, 77 Grove Road.

**CAMBRIDGE**, 2nd Thursday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. K. Watson, Pukeroro; Sec., Mrs. G. Beer; Treas., Mrs. C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. A. T. Watson.

**CHRISTCHURCH**, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre, 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Day, Milford Street, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealea St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Day, Milford St., St. Albans.

**DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Thursday, at Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Chote, Tipapakuku; Sec., Mrs. Hutchison, Edward Street.

**DUNEDIN** District, 1st Tuesday, Hanover Street Baptist Church Sunday Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Hiett, 264 George Street; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson, Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs. Allan, 8 Maitland Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Macartney, 156 Eglinton Road, Mornington; Parl. Cor., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; Press Cor. and Supt., W.R., Mrs. Mathewson, 538 Castle Street; Cradle Roll, Miss Grogan; Maori Work, Mrs. Romeril; Evangelistic, Mrs. Bennett.

**DEVONPORT**, 2nd Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Budd; The Manse, Vauxhall Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Armitage; Sec., Mrs. Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas. and Supt. "W.R.," Mrs. Fraser, Narrow Neck; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sheppard.

**EDEN**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Rd. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Rd., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Scanlan, 2 Mars Avenue, Edendale N.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Fowles, 270 Balmoral Rd., Edendale N.; Treas., Mrs. Cartwright, Huia Villa, Dominion Rd.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hudson, Richmond Rd., Mt. Eden.

**FEILDING**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Whitmarsh, 16 Queen Street; Sec., Miss McLaurin, Beattie Street; Treas., Mrs. Emerson, 4 King Street; Assist. Treas., Mrs. Pack, 24 Sandilands Street; "W.R." Agent, Miss Svendsen, East Street; Press Reporter, Mrs. Reeve; Evangelistic, Mrs. P. W. Jones; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mai.

**GORE**, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Rhodes, Halton Street; Treas. and Sec., Miss E. M. MacGibbon; Vice-Pres., Mesdames E. C. Smith and Liddell; Cradle Roll, Mrs. E. C. Smith; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson; Purity Dept., Mrs. Liddell.

**GREYMOUTH** District, Business only last Tuesday. Prayer Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in Sailor's Rest Hall. Pres., Mrs. Gaskin; Sec., Mrs. Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs. A. Parkinson, Tarapuhi St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. T. Brown; Vice-Presidents, Sister Moody Bell and Mrs. Parkinson.

**GREYTOWN**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. Whimcoo, Gasworks; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Boacher; Sec., Mrs. McGregor Murray, Haswell Street; Treas., Miss Gordon; "W.R." Agent, Miss Farrel.

**GISBORNE** District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs. L. A. White, Box 169; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Wilker, 466 Gladstone Rd.

**HAWERA**, last Thursday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. Scott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McGregor and Mrs. Hill; Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs. Tait; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hill.

**HAMILTON EAST**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Gillies, Nixon St.; Sec., Mrs. Ogilvie, Firth St.; Treas., Mrs. Jack, McFarlane St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mears; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Dey.

**HASTINGS**, 4th Thursday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Fawcett, Louie Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Moore; Sec., Mrs. Spurdle, 812 Ellison Road; Treas., Mrs. C. Newton, Charles Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Townsend, 205 Queen Street.

**HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Attwood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Platt and Miss Duncan; Treas., Mrs. Barton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McKay; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Williams; "W.R." Agent, Miss K. Duncan; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Fenney, Waahi Hamlet.

**HAMILTON** District, 1st Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Morton, Opola Rd., Claudelands; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dillicar, Horne, McGregor, Gaulton, Jones and Paul; Sec., Mrs. R. J. Bell, Selkirk St.; Treas., Mrs. Cliff, O'Neil St., Claudelands; Evangelistic, Mesdames Jones and Densem; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Hobbs; Reporter, Mrs. Williams.

**INVERCARGILL** District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Pres., Mrs. F. Lillierap, 75 Earn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Hunter, and Miss Birss; Cor. Sec., Miss Dewar, Newcastle Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. L. R. Lewis, North Road, Waikiwi; Treas., Miss Birss, Dalrymple Road; "W.R." Agent, Miss Birss; Supt. Notable Days, Mrs. Mathewson.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH** meets every 2nd Tuesday in Methodist Schoolroom, Ythan Street, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. R. McGregor; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Parkin, Robb, Fairbairn, and Cossum; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Piper; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb, George St.; Treas., Mrs. Aitken; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Latham.

**KAIAPOI W.C.T.U. ASSEMBLY ROOMS**, Union meets last Wednesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Scott, Parsonage; Sec., Miss Laishley, The Manse; Treas., Mrs. T. G. Blackwell; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Stanton, North Road.

**LEIGH**, last Thursday, Leigh Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Matheson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Grigg; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Gozar; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Wyatt; "W.R." Agents, Mrs. J. C. Wyatt and Mrs. H. Torkington.

**LOWER HUTT**, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. Baigent, King's Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Heyes, Brunswick St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. Knight, Knight's Road.

**MANAIA**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. J. J. Patterson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Odell and Smith; Sec., Mrs. C. Hansen; Treas., Miss D. Patterson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Patterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sandford, Kaupokonui.

**MASTERTON**, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Rutter; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Black; Cor. Sec., Miss Wingate; Treas., Mrs. Jamison; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Ross.

**MORRINSVILLE** meets 2nd Thursday in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Richards, The Manse, Allen St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Jeanstone, Hamilton Road.

**NGARUAWAHIA**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Bycroft; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Vincent; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Colhoun; Treas., Mrs. C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and "W.R.," Mrs. Nicholson.

**NAPIER** District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds, Leask, and McAllister; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Chellew; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hall; Treas., Mrs. Grayling, Wellesley Road; Evangelistic, Mrs. Dodds; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames J. Walker and W. Findlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Walker; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Mens.

**NORSEWOOD**, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.—Pres., Mrs. Anderson; Sec., Miss M. Olsen, Willow Park; Treas., Mrs. P. G. Grant; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Todd; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen.

**NEW BRIGHTON**, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs. Nicholas, 64 Brooke St., Bexley; Treas., Mrs. Gibson, Union St.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Walker, Union St., N.B.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Whitley, Nelson St., N.B.

**NELSON** District, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist School Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Edmonds, Tory St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Brown; Treas., Miss Cooke; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. G. White, St. Vincent Street.

**NORMANBY**, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall. Pres., Mrs. Scott, Rural Delivery, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Bevan and Mrs. Clement; Secretary, Mrs. Chapman; Treasurer, Mrs. Linnand; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Clement; "W.R." Mrs. Gane.

**NORTH EAST VALLEY**, 4th Thursday 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs. Peart, 4 Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 43 Frame St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Wright, 78 Main Rd.

**NEW PLYMOUTH** District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Griffin, Gilbert Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Griffin, Gilbert St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Dixon, Carrington, Vogelstown; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Miss Taunt, Carrington Rd.

**ORMONVILLE**, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Wesleyan Church. Pres., Miss Alice Webb; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Small; Sec., Mrs. Wilson; Treas., Mrs. E. Hosking; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Newling.

**OPOTIKI**, 2nd Friday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jas. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs. Holman; "W.R." Mrs. J. Downey; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Appleton.

**OXFORD**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs. R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs. D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs. Roy; Evangelistic, Mrs. R. Osborne; Flower Mission, Mrs. Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs. Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs. Lewis.

**OAMARU**, 2nd Monday, at Baptist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Moore, Salvation Army Barracks; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Russell, Steenson, Hall, and Miss Wilson; Sec., Miss J. C. Smyth, Hull Street; Treas., Nurse Stephenson, c/o Mrs. Tait, Ure Street; Ass. Treas., Mrs. Gallus, Hull Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Montgomery, Thames Street.

**PALMERSTON N.** District, 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Crabb, 128 College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Collins, Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hodder, Allan St.; Treas., Miss Hodder, Alton St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

**PALMERSTON N. Y'S.**—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands, 21 Victoria St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Winnie Crabb, 128 College St.; Treas., Miss Maud Randall; "W.R." Supt., Miss Cassie Bruce.

**PETONE**, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Murgatroyd, 34 Britannia St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rowse, Ashby, McEwan, Johnston, J. Collins, and Corner; Sec., Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street; Assist. Sec., Mrs. Collins; Treas., Mrs. Donoghue; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Johnston, Britannia Street.

**PICTON**, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Richards, The Manse; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Millen and Brewer; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wilkes, Durham Street; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Brewer; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Jacques.

**PAPATOETOE**, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Porter; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Leonard; Sec., Mrs. J. Bryant; Treas., Mrs. Hallberry; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Daisley.

**RICHMOND** (Nelson), 2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. O. Sutton, Hill Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames S. Haycock, Fittall, and J. Price; Sec., Mrs. Crabtree, Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs. Cropp, Salisbury Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Fittall, Salisbury Road.

**RAKAI** meets on the 2nd Thursday in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Mrs. Boag, Pres.; Mrs. Judkins, Treas.; Mrs. R. Breach, Sec.

**STRATFORD**, 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Phillips, Brecon Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Madill and Mrs. Foster; Sec., Mrs. Fenwick, Cloton Rd.; Treas., Miss Everiss, Juliet St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. McMillan.

**TAKAPUNA**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Takapuna Methodist and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Veats, Hurstmere Rd.; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Veats.

**SAWYER'S BAY**, 4th Tuesday in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. L. Cleghorn; Sec., Mrs. Wallis; Treas., Mrs. Findlay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. Perry; Supts. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Cook and Miss Andrews.

**TIMARU** District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Sailor's Rest. Pres., Mrs. Norrie; Sec., Mrs. M. Minifie, 12 Roslyn Ter.; Treas., Miss Pearson, Turnbul St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. King, Bank St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Trott, Cane Street.

**TAURANGA** meets in Wesley Hall on 3rd Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian, 6th Ave. W.; Sec., Mrs. Weston, 3rd Ave.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Petchell; Treas., Mrs. J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. A. Christensen, 5th Ave.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. Christensen, 5th Ave.

**WAIMATE**, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock. Pres., Mrs. G. Dash, Naylor St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Smith, Edward St.; Treas., Mrs. G. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangī" Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

**WAIPAWA**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Hugh McLean, Waverley Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Foston, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs. James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, Rose Street; "W.P." Supt., Miss Bibby.

**WANGANUI** District, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Emmett, Spier St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Upton, 165 Victoria Av.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Goodey, 15 May St., Gonville; Treas., Mrs. Heatley, Carlton Avenue, Gonville; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. J. Grant, 137 Glasgow St.

**WANGANUI EAST** meets 2nd Thursday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Duxfield, "Okola," Wanganui E.; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Black; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Andrew; Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Dowsett, Nixon St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Melvin, Young St.

**WINCHMORE**, 2nd Wednesday, alternately at Greenstreet and Winchmore. Pres., Mrs. Robinson; Sec., Miss McKay, "Dabness"; Treas., Miss Prebble; Cradle Roll, Miss McKay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Bennett.

**WELLINGTON** District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs. Wright, 127, Constable St.; Sec., Mrs. Webb, 3; Hall St.; Treas., Mrs. Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Mowlem, Constable Street. Y. Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St. Pres., Mrs. McDonald, Totara Street, Rona Bay; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ewen, Caughley, and A. R. Atkinson; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonks Grove; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clark, 18 Sussex Square; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, Oriental Bay; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Port, Austin Street.

**WAIPIKURAU**, 2nd Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Sowry, and Murphy; Sec., Mrs. Reid; Treas., Mrs. Robinson; Evangelistic, Mrs. Stace.

**WOODVILLE** meets last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Forrester's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Shearman, Ormond St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs. H. Mills, Gorge Road; Treas., Miss Pastier; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Forrest; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Thompson, Fox St.