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## HOSTELS WANTED.

Auckland Union, aided by its auxiliaries, has opened a Hostel, and several other Unions are taking steps towards securing premises to open a Hostel. The need for these "Homes away from home" is great. The following letter, which appeared in the "Evening Post," Wellington, some time ago, does not overstate the need:—

You are afraid you are ignorant of what I mean? Then, I'll tell you. Here they are, these our dear sisters. They work for a "living." Very right and proper, too. Yes, they would be the first to say so. If they work very well they get, say, 5s a day, perchance as clerks in the Savings Bank, or any other Bank, or maybe in an office. If they happen to "live" in New Zealand's chief city—Wellington—where is the seat of her Legislature, and where are gathered together the citizens voted into place and power by the Dominion, to look closely and carefully after her interests, if they—our dear sisters—happen to live in Wellington, of course away from home, this is how some of them live. They, two of them, generally, together hire a room, a single room, probably a back room, in a home where the tenant, finding it difficult to make both ends tie, "lets" to "business young women engaged during the day." There are others in the house, also "business young women," so that it is to all intents and purposes an unregistered "lodging-house." In the room, some 12ft. square, if they are lucky in finding a "large" room, are generally

two bedsteads known as "hospital" beds, that is to say, they've no spring mattresses, but are laced with wires similar to a mouse trap or bird cage. On top of the wires is a thin "bed," a pillow, and somebody's blankets. If the room own a recess, a pair of curtains are hung up, attached to a shelf, in the underpart of which some dress-hooks are screwed. This is the double "wardrobe." There's no fireplace in the room. There is a dressing chest and a glass in the room. One chair—the second "sister" stands, or sits on the bed. For this room the two "business" girls pay twelve or fourteen shillings the week. Washing is done in the bathroom, not in the bath. The health inspectors are far too busy to trouble about the water supply in such crowded districts as "let" rooms. Twenty-five minutes to run out two gallons of cold water, and all the household waiting to wash faces, let alone bodies, in the bathroom.

"Why doesn't the tenant ask the landlord to see to the matter?" What! Don't you know the answer, in Wellington and Auckland? "I dare not; he would put up the rent half-a-crown a week." "Is he poor, then?"

"Poor!" with a laugh, "he's one of the richest men in the Waikato." In this room, twelve feet square, sleep and "breakfast," "tea," and "dine" on Sundays, two of our dear sisters. It's all they have to come to when the day's work is done! See them then removing hats and jackets, and getting ready for "tea." Hesitantly one of them makes her way to the kitchen, taps, and with

her poor little teapot in her hand, asks politely—so politely—for boiling water.

"Yes, it's just boiled; I've turned out the gas!" And so she pours it on the leaves and carries the pot into the "home" where the two cleverly contrive to get a tea! How they manage to cut the bread, how they find room for the plates, how they endeavour to cheer each other up and make light of all the wretched makeshifts, they never tell! The meal finished they "wash up," by permission of the owner of the home, in the sink, and then retire from the kitchen to spend the evening—how? By the aid of an indifferent light they manage to cut out and make some garment, probably a smart blouse! Tired with the day's work their young backs are bent—they've no comfortable chairs—and their young eyes strained in their endeavour to thread their needles and take up stitches, until bed time, and then . . . bed . . . in a stuffy room, into which the stars look, but which the wealthy women, the "other sisters" of New Zealand, overlook.

We have seen the one-room homes of London; we have heard the vaunted boast that this New Zealand is a "free" country; we have been told that there are no "poor" here; and we look, and reflect thereon. In London of the hundred thousand one-room homes, there is a population of nearly seven millions; in the greater number of these places whole families are together, or at any rate several members of a family in each, but in New Zealand the girls are alone, or with total strangers, and, moreover, they come from a different class to that

from which those of London's one-room people generally hail. Now you "other sisters" and you brothers of both, who read this, you, if you fail to alter this sad state of things, are guilty. You cannot evade the facts as though they had ever been shown you. If you doubt them, make enquiries, many enquiries, from those who are not afraid to tell you the truth. It is vain to appeal to legislators; it is futile to wait for a better state of things. What you are asked to do is to see that hostels are constructed, similar to that built at Kelburn, Wellington, by the English Quakers who, seeing the sad state of things in the city, nobly and generously came forward and subscribed the money to erect, in Wellington, the building which offers a home-away-from-home to girl students, and is known throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion as "The Friend's Hostel." Fine porcelain baths, a copious supply of hot water—heated by an outside furnace—large, light, airy bedrooms, a spacious dining hall, and equally spacious and well-furnished sitting-room, a kitchen, in which any girl students might graduate for the degree in domestic science, before being "promoted to housework, and full board, all at the inclusive figure of 18/- a week!" And the Friends' Hostel pays!

What will you who read this do? Will some one or two or three "come forward," as the term is, and give a liberal donation to build one, two, three, four, any number of such places in all cities of New Zealand, for these our dear sisters, the future wives and mothers of the New Zealand people? It would be no gamble with money, but a first-class business investment, capable of yielding, in time, substantial dividends and also of providing homes for one of the most worthy sections of the people. It is only a question of putting yourself in her place. There could then be but one answer. Have you enough sympathetic imagination to do this? If you were she?

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"If we have lost  
The fondest hand that ever crossed  
Our own, and so hath passed  
For us Time's light, we will not cast  
Life's warp away, but quickly take the  
thread  
That fell from out the quiet hands and  
tread  
The loom, or spin  
Beside the distaff where Love's hand  
hath been."

## A BRANCH OF MANY ACTIVITIES.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS IN DUNEDIN.

April 18. The Society for the Protection of Women and Children asked for a speaker from the W.C.T.U. to explain their objection to the compulsory clauses in the proposed Social Hygiene Bill, to be dealt with by Parliament this coming session. Mrs Peryman acceded to the request of the Executive of the Dunedin District W.C.T.U. that she should undertake the task. At the meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children on April 18 she delivered a very able address on this subject, being highly complimented by a gentleman opposed to her views on her "special pleading." A discussion between members of the W.C.T.U. (present by invitation) and members of the Society followed. One member of the Society hoped that some common meeting ground would be found that all might unite in stamping out this great evil.

April 19. A representative and largely attended meeting of women was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., to discuss the measures of the proposed Social Hygiene Bill. Mrs Hiatt was in the chair. Mrs Peryman briefly outlined the reasons why the W.C.T.U. is opposed to the compulsory clauses of the proposed Bill, quoting the latest expert opinion and statistics to show that compulsory measures have always failed. Mrs Don pointed out how the Bill would operate chiefly against women, and gave instances where men were astonished at the suggestion that compulsion should be applied similarly to men as to women. Discussion followed. A resolution was carried urging the establishment of free clinics, where patients could be treated, and that these should be open at night, and also that the treatment should be obtained without publicity.

April 28. Under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and the W.C.T.U., Mrs Lilian Francis Fitch, of New York, who was travelling with her father, Mr Francis, and gathering information for the Department of the Interior Bureau of Education in the United States, gave a most interesting lecture on "Japanese Manners and Customs," with beautifully tinted lantern pictures (the lantern manipulated by Mr Simpson), to a

crowded audience in Burns Hall. Sir George Fenwick presided in his usual able manner. The meeting opened with the National Anthem, followed by a short prayer offered by Mrs Driver. Mrs Fitch was present at the Convention of the World's Sunday School Association, held in Tokio last year, and she gave a short graphic account of the proceedings, illustrated by lantern slides. She touched on religious work among the Japanese, and stated that out of a total population of 67,000,000, only 1,000,000 were Christians. The lecturer spoke most interestingly of the daily life of the Japanese people, and gave her hearers a valuable insight into the manners and customs of the people, introducing many personal and intimate touches. Collection, £21, two-thirds to go towards Y.W.C.A. missionary work in Japan, one-third to go towards W.C.T.U. missionary work for World Prohibition. Mrs Fitch had stipulated that proceeds should be devoted to missionary work. Miss Ivy Mazengarb gave a splendid rendition of American Battle Hymn. Mrs Dick, on behalf of both Associations, presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs Fitch. Miss Bentham (Secretary Y.W.C.A.) and Mrs Hiatt proposed and seconded vote of thanks. During evening Mrs Fitch appeared in two Japanese costumes, and displayed the exquisite workmanship, and explained meaning of parts of dress. Meeting concluded with singing of Doxology.

May 15. At the invitation of the pastor, Rev. R. Stewart, Church Parade was held in the Caversham Baptist Church at the evening service. A total of 50 White Ribboners attended, including representatives from N.E. Valley, South Dunedin, and Kaikorai, as well as Dunedin District members. Mesdames Don and Hiatt led the procession, and Mrs Allan and Mrs Macartney were the other officers present. The Rev. Mr Stewart preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon on "God in the Home." The whole service was beautiful and uplifting.

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No cause is great that is not hard to gain.

No right so clear as not to be denied. Else in the past no martyrs had been slain,

No prophets stone'd, no saints by torture tried.

## NOTES FROM OUR DOMINION PRESIDENT'S LETTER-BOX.

Among a sheaf of letters received by Mrs Don from all parts of the world is one from Mrs M. Beresford, Literature Superintendent of South Africa. She says that they will not forget to pray for our victory in 1922, and wishes us all success. We are grateful for the prayers of our comrades the wide world over, and hope they will constantly help us in this way. One from Miss Florence Strout, Organiser for the World's W.C.T.U., now in Singapore. She asks if the New Zealand Union could send an Organiser to that country and finance her for three or five years. Our organisation there is well officered, and the people enthusiastic, but Miss Strout has to travel from place to place, and during her absence the cause languishes. They need an Organiser who could shepherd the work. It would cost £375 annually. What a field there is for educated women willing to consecrate their lives to Christian work. A letter from Dr. Deltweller, of Canada, asking us to form a branch of the newly-formed Women's Travelling Aid Department, of which she is Superintendent. As the Y.W.C.A. and the Girls' Friendly Society do this work, there is no need for our Union to take it up at present. Still another from the World's Superintendent of Literature, Miss Julia Deans. One of several questions she asks is for any suggestions that would be helpful to the workers in our country, and what ten books or leaflets helped us most in our last campaign, and who can answer these questions? There is one from the Standard Encyclopaedia of the Alcoholic Problem, U.S.A., asking for a brief history of our organisation in New Zealand. Can anyone supply that? A letter from Miss Anna Gordon appears below.

And one from Mrs Mary Harris Armor, including the newspaper account of the marriage of her youngest daughter to Alton L. Hale, a Methodist minister, who has charge of a strong group of churches. The bride is a graduate of Tubman High School and of Wesleyan College. We congratulate the young couple, and hope that now the youngest daughter is married, the mother will be free to accept the invitation we have sent her to come over

continent and ocean to help us in our next campaign.

Evanston, Illinois,  
March 7, 1921.

Dear Friend,—It seems only yesterday—March 24, 1920—that Miss Deane and I were starting on our eventful European trip. The busy weeks and months since our return to this beloved land last August have flown by in air-ship fashion. It is difficult to realise that we are about to set forth in the second lap of our survey, this time going to our great twin continent of South America. Unless something unforeseen occurs, we shall sail from New York City on the "Santa Ana," of the Grace Line, March 23. We go through the Panama Canal, with, we hope, time enough in port to see good friends in the Canal Zone.

Continuing down the west coast on the "Santa Ana," we look forward to conferences of temperance workers in Peru and Chili, and later in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina will be our chief objectives. The surprising awakening of prohibition sentiment in many of the South American Republics makes this visit most timely and thrillingly interesting. Miss Norville, Mrs van Romseelaar, Miss Muriel Ayres, and our leaders in the English and Spanish national organisations federated with the W.C.T.U., are preparing to show us all phases of their varied, splendid activities. We eagerly anticipate the joy of this closer touch with Latin-American comrades in great Republics where already the W.C.T.U. is a recognised force in the onward swing toward a sober South America.

The steamship "Santa Ana" sails from pier 33, Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, N.Y., at 11 a.m., March 23. We ought to reach Callao, Peru, on April 4. The voyages to and from our neighbour continent require several weeks, but we plan to return in early June. For all personal letters, from March 23 to May 31, use our South American address—care Mrs Carrie van Demselaar, 2004 Guana, Montevideo, Uruguay. As steamers also carry mail down the east coast, this address is the safest one during our absence from Evanston. This is surely a water trip. We hope the Atlantic will treat us kindly. Otherwise we shall agree with the disconso-

late soldier who felt altogether willing to hand over to anyone desiring it "the freedom of the seas."

Through united prayer at noon tide, and united hard work for "Our Big Task"—our blessed task—here and in all lands, we shall be one in spirit. "Hearts will be near, though hands may be far."—Yours for world-wide victory,

ANNA A. GORDON.

## WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

The following is only one among the many letters of appreciation received by our Timaru Union from the sailors who are made so welcome at the Seamen's Rest in Timaru:—

No. 1, Mess, H.M.S. Chatham,  
Dunedin.

Dear Mr and Mrs Woodward,—

I am writing to thank you and the other ladies for giving me and a few more of our lads two very lovely evenings when our watch was ashore. I can tell you, if there were a little "home" like yours in every port we called at there would be thousands of better men in our Navy to-day, but a sailor comes out to a strange place, and the only welcome is the public-house (which is always ready to have you), and of course he only just steps in for the night. But your "home," one gets in and stops all night, for he is made so welcome and simply happy, that he does not like to leave, and when he does he takes away happy thoughts of the time he has had, and goes aboard with a clear head and a decent mind. I hope you will not think me an angel, for I am not, and have no wish to be one; but I am trying to tell you of some of our nights, and of the good you and your Society have done; and I am also trying to show how grateful I am for the kindness you showed us boys. Now, good-bye. Thanking you and the other ladies for our happy times and thoughts of Timaru and its comfortable little "home."—I am, your most grateful friend,

A.G.

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## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

### ELEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONVEN- TION.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

I am taking the earliest opportunity to give you some account of the recent Triennial Convention of the Australian W.C.T.U. For delegates the meetings began with a devotional day on May 2nd. The morning session was wholly devotional. The theme upon which the addresses were based was "Old Time Habits"—Faith, Prayer, Family Worship, Bible Study. In the afternoon a most impressive Commemoration Service for Promoted Comrades was held. Mrs Carvosso, Australasian Corresponding Secretary, called the roll of those who had passed to higher service, and Mrs E. W. Nicholls, for the World's Union and representatives of the different States, paid brief tributes to the memory of the many faithful workers who had rested from their labours.

The usual reception to delegates was held on Monday evening, and I cannot remember that I have ever attended a more enjoyable function. The large hall was beautifully decorated, and the programme was admirably arranged. The speakers for the evening were limited to three minutes each, so that though there was quite a formidable list, the time limit kept every one strictly to the point, and the audience was not tired by lengthy speeches.

The business sessions of Convention opened on Tuesday morning, and from then on till late on the night of Monday, May 9th, delegates had a strenuous time. There were two business sessions each day, and always a public meeting in the evening, while tea-table conferences and special committee meetings were put in wherever they could be arranged. I was much impressed by the amount of work that was put through by the Executive officers. Lady Holder (the President), Mrs Carvosso (Cor. Secretary), and Mrs Jamieson Williams (Rec. Secretary), were always and continually on duty, Lady Holder presiding at all the business and public meetings.

It is not my intention to attempt to give a detailed account of the business transacted. Time and space will not

allow of that. I can merely record one or two of the outstanding features. In the first place, I must tell you that I was overwhelmed with kind attentions, and every opportunity was taken by the President (Lady Holder) and the other Executive officers to show honour to New Zealand through your delegate. Several opportunities were given me to speak of our Union work in New Zealand, and where special conferences were held to discuss phases of the work, I was invited to attend. Indeed, my experiences have convinced me that we miss a great deal by not being represented at Conventions held in other countries. This is the first gathering of the kind that I have attended outside New Zealand, and it would be impossible for me to convey to you any adequate idea of what this Convention has meant to me. The best has been, perhaps, that it has given me a deeper conviction of the great work the W.C.T.U. is doing, and a fuller conception of what it means to belong to a world-wide organisation of women all working and praying for the one great end—the establishment of the Kingdom of God among men.

Of all the questions discussed in Convention the most interesting was that of work among the Juveniles. More time was given to this subject than to any other, and our Union might well imitate the Australian Union in regard to the working of this department. Among the delegates there were a number of most enthusiastic workers among the Juveniles. The discussion in open Convention was prepared for by a tea-table conference, at which I was present. Among the speakers were Mr Rose, of the Band of Hope Union, and Mr John Vale, I.O.R., well known to many in New Zealand. Some of the subjects dealt with show how serious a business the Juvenile Department is considered. These were: "What shall we do," "The Winter Programme and Outdoor Meetings," "The Value of Competitions," "Paying Our Way," "Keeping Interest Alive," "Elements of Success," "Training Classes for L.T.L. Leaders," "Up and On Plans for Extension Work." Finally a number of recommendations were agreed upon, and these were submitted to Convention. I hope to be able to deal with these in a future issue of The White Ribbon. Meantime, I will only say that, to my

mind, the most admirable feature of the Juvenile work is that the Australian Union attaches sufficient importance to it to employ a special organiser. Miss Addie Robertson, the organiser in question, seems to be especially adapted for the work, and it is my hope that she may be able to visit New Zealand during the next Convention and tell us something of the work she is doing.

The invitation to send delegates to our next Convention was most warmly received, and I have to convey the thanks of the Australian Convention to New Zealand for the invitation, and also most affectionate greetings to our Union as a whole, and to our President and others who were personally known in Australia.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

CHRISTINA HENDERSON.

## Correspondence.

### INDENTURED LABOUR.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—I propose now to reply to the rest of Mr C. R. N. Mackie's question re indentured labour.

The difference between question one and question two is so slight that I answer it in the same way, by saying that I do believe that any firm is in the right in compelling "respect for an indenture contract," and by asking Mr Mackie if he has received news to the effect that the last consignment of indentured Chinese labourers are now complaining that they did not understand the "true conditions of either the work or the indenture."

I answer question three by simply an affirmation and asking a question. The affirmation is that I would not indenture my wife or my daughter to a Samoan planter, and the question is, "Has any Chinaman indentured his wife or his daughter." Surely Mr Mackie ought to be above asking childish, frivolous, pointless questions such as this.

I answer question four by saying that if I could better myself by indenturing myself as the Chinese do, I would certainly do it.

I answer question five by asking if Mr Mackie really believes the work of the indentured labourer is "totally unfit for" white men. It strikes me that many a white man can be proved to do more strenuous physical labour than the Chinese in Samoa do, and do it too in the tropics. What does Mr Mackie know of this work? Does he know what they have to do?

I answer question six by asserting it to be frivolous and pointless, inasmuch as it asserts to be true that which is utterly untrue. He asserts that these

labourers are compelled to remain at their work "irrespective of their physical fitness." Where does this emanate from? Is it manufactured by Mr Mackie?

I answer question seven by saying that it is not the part of the onlooker to determine whether a wage is adequate or not. These labourers, when they signed their contract, thought the wages offered, together with all the other things offered, were quite adequate. They were not compelled to sign the contract; it was a voluntary act.

I answer question eight by saying that "mere material gain, however lucrative," does not justify "the degradation of human life." But again I ask a question: Is there in Samoa any "degradation of human life" resulting from the introduction of this last batch of indentured labourers? Or is there likely to be?

I close by affirming what I have affirmed before, that the London Missionary Society's missionaries (note they are missionaries) have expressed the opinion that indentured labour is a necessity in Samoa, and, properly supervised, need not result in any appreciable "degradation of human life."

The present contract is a two years' one, and not a three years' one, as Mr Mackie wrongly asserts.—I am, etc.,

S.P.Q.R

Kaitangata, 28 May, 1921.

## WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

Hearty congratulations to Adjutant Gordon on her appointment as the first woman Probation Officer in this Dominion. The Adjutant is a Vice-President of the Auckland Union and Dominion Superintendent for Prison and Reform Work.

Broad Bay (Dunedin) has all five women on its School Committee. Kaitangata has three women (re-elected)

Riverton has elected a woman on its Municipal Council.

### FIRST AUSTRALIAN WOMAN M.P.

Mrs James Cowan elected for the West Perth seat.

### WOMEN J.P.'s.

Miss Henderson notes the fact that at the W.C.T.U. Convention recently held in Australia, seven of the delegates were Justices of the Peace. She also notes that among the recent appointments of Justices of the Peace in New South Wales, there are 61 women.

## CLIPPINGS FROM OUR EX-CHANGES.

### TEACHERS' NATIONAL PETITION.

A teachers' national petition is being circulated in all schools in England and Wales, asking His Majesty's Government to take steps to prohibit the serving of intoxicating liquors of all kinds on licensed premises or in registered clubs to young persons under the age of 18 years.

### PRESIDENT OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH ON THIS "ACCURSED TRAFFIC."

The President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, in referring to the Temperance question, said that twenty years ago their temperance machinery had been ready to be sold for scrap iron; to-day it was bright and burnished and up-to-date. America had gone dry. Scotland was limping after her, and England would have to bestir herself, or she would be swept from the markets of the world. "Pussyfoot" had not lost one eye for nothing. The British lion was asleep. "Wake up, England, and sweep this accursed traffic from your midst," he said.

### LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

In the British House of Commons the Prime Minister was requested to change the personnel of the Central Liquor Control Board by requesting the resignation of representatives of the liquor trade and temperance organisations, and replacing them by working men who use the public-houses. Viscountess Astor asked whether he would also consider the advisability of putting on the Board of Control the victims of the public-houses, who are generally the wives of those who use them regularly.

### PROHIBITION IN THE U.S.A.

Viscount Astor, who has just returned to England after a prolonged visit to the United States, said that he had been misled by the reports in English papers as to the condition of America under Prohibition. He found homes happier, the people more prosperous, and a widespread feeling that the country had gained enormously under prohibition. It was true that many people in places like New York evaded the law, but over most of the country it was being obeyed, and he was struck by the fact that hardly anyone wanted to repeal it.

Mr Harold Spender, the well-known journalist, after a six weeks' visit to America, said, in the "Westminster Gazette": "I shall never forget the spectacle of a sober people, which first met us when we landed in New York. We saw but a single drunk man in America for three weeks, and then he was a politician going to Washington. There is, of course, illicit drinking, but it amounts to very little. The great fact is that all the saloons have disappeared, public drinking has gone, and the secret drinking in New York is a mere fraction of what is used to be. The efficiency of the people has gone up immensely, the prisons are going empty all over the country, and are being sold. Charitable institutions are closing. In all schools the children seem a good deal better clothed and better fed.

Sir Joan Foster Fraser, in the course of an address in London, dealt with the question of prohibition in America. He said that from his observation during a tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Canadian border to Mexico, the conclusion he had come to was that, right or wrong, America had gone "dry," and would remain "dry." Wandering about the country, he saw how healthy the people looked, how well the men, and particularly the women, carried themselves, how delightfully healthy the children were. When he came to Liverpool and London, he kept his eyes open, and he had not been particularly happy since. The physique of our people was not to be compared with that of the general masses of the Americans. In the immediate future there would be severe commercial competition between the two nations, and whilst we might think we should hold our own—although we were as well mentally as the Americans—we were not going to do it unless the physique of our general population became better than it was to-day.

I talk to you in medical terms, and I say drinking alcohol is a racial poison. That, worse than that, it is a cursed confederate of the worst racial poisons, syphilis and gonorrhoea. And I say, therefore, that woman is no woman who betrays her sex, if by voting for alcohol she thereby betrays the future.—Dr. C. W. Saleeby.

## W.C.T.U. HOSTEL.

To Auckland District Union belongs the honour of opening the first W.C.T.U. Hostel. It was opened by Lady Jellicoe on May 13th. Her Ladyship was met by the President, Mrs Cook, and escorted to the drawing-room, and presented with a bouquet by little Gwen Cook.

Lady Jellicoe expressed her great pleasure at being at the hostel, and congratulated the W.C.T.U. on the effort they had put forth, and then declared the building open. Mrs Lee-Cowie thanked Her Excellency.

Afternoon tea was served on the lawn and in the dining-room.

Newly-wedded couples setting out from Westcliff-on-Sea, in England, usually give half-a-crown to the driver of the train that starts them on their wedding tour. In return, he blows the whistle all the way to Leigh-on-Sea. This has become a signal for all who hear to cheer, and the result is that the first miles of every local honeymoon are passed in popular acclamation.

## Storyteller.

## THE LAST WEAPON.

(Continued.)

"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, 'Come with us, let us lay in wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause; let us swallow them alive as the grave, and whole as those that go down into the pit,' My son, walk not thou in the ways with them, for their feet run to evil and make haste to shed blood.

"They lay in wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives."

Mr Rotensen rose, gave a stiff bow, and drew out a single sheet of paper for reference.

"My invention, or discovery, madam and gentleman, is very simple. I have named it Hellite. It travels swift as lightning—distance is of no consequence. Set free in any direction, it disperses itself through the air and blasts everything within its range, which can be made practically limitless. It can as easily destroy ships, armies, fortifications, cities, as the whole vegetation of a country.

"Nothing is secure from its effects, for it can tear apart the very bowels of the earth, should the enemy hide there.

"If Sir Joshua elects to deal with me and secures for his country the monopoly of my discovery, you will end the war in perhaps a week, or even one day—I know not! Or the very threat of the use of Hellite may be sufficient. You have proclaimed in your nation that there can be no peace until you have crushed the enemy and demolished his military power for ever. I am here to offer you the greatest Peace-making power the world has ever known. Armies, navies, armament works, battalions of human flesh and blood, will disappear from off the face of the earth. Present and future enemies must bite the dust and take any terms you choose to offer, as to territory, commerce, and liberty, or else deliberately submit themselves to annihilation."

The man sat down and closed his lips firmly.

Sir Joshua glanced at his guests, and remained silent.

"Is this proved?" asked John Dissart, knowing his answer.

"I should, of course, before the terms were finally settled, wish to have the pleasure of proving my case," said Mr Rotensen quietly. "I have had some long technical conversations with Sir Joshua, and I understand he is satisfied."

"I have certainly gone into the matter very closely with Mr Rotensen," said Sir Joshua, "and though he has not actually revealed to me the secret, I am convinced that he has got there, and I am prepared to sacrifice everything on behalf of this Last Weapon."

"Sir Joshua may be trusted to know what he is doing!" put in Michael Forward. "He has never yet been known to let his shareholders through."

"And this stuff——" began the Rev. Theobald Rogers.

"Power, sir!" corrected Mr Rotensen, "as electricity is power."

"I beg your pardon! Power, then. Can it be generated easily. Is it costly?"

"Enough to destroy an entire nation could be produced at the cost of a single battleship."

"Where will the armament firms come in then?" struck in Michael Forward, jocosely.

"I trust that I have never put my own advantage before that of my country!" said Sir Joshua severely. Besides, it would naturally pay any nation to buy out every armament firm within its borders to gain such absolute security at such an absurd cost."

"Yes—I can see that!" mused the Duchess.

"And, may I ask, does this Hellite hurt?" asked the Ruler of the Great Church. He looked flushed and anxious.

Sir Joshua nodded towards Mr Rotensen to answer the question.

"Hurt!" he said, knitting his brows, and lifting his shoulders. "But what would you, my lord? Do not all your arms hurt? Are they not planned to hurt? No—perhaps I am wrong. They are planned to kill—as many as possible. All the countries at war are now calculating how many men they can kill every week, and how long they will be able to offer the great flesh target. But the beauty of Hellite is that it kills as lightning kills—painless—perfectly satisfactory. We say farewell to horrible trenches, mutilations, savage

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"But——" objected the Ruler, looking round him deprecatingly, "I am not quite sure whether the Great Church would feel able to support such a terrible means of destruction as Hellite seems to involve."

"Why not?" struck in Michael Forward. "Are you not, my lord, already supporting a score of hideous devices for doing men to death? Do you not bless battleships, and invest the money you earn in the service of the Prince of Peace in their manufacture, that we may have as many as possible? Are you not urging your communicants to train themselves in the use of those nice little toys, the bayonet and the bomb? Are you not preaching in your churches that force of arms is the only way to bring in your Master's Kingdom? Then surely the quicker and the more effective the method, the better, naturally."

"Ah, well!" groaned the Duchess, "it certainly couldn't be worse than what is going on now. Our shells are perfectly awful, and when our poor boys get hit in the stomach, or the spine, no words can say what they suffer. Then the noise—deafening, breaking their ear-drums and blinding them with the concussion. And of course these bayonet charges are certainly rather brutalising to all concerned, and if this new force could really shorten things—don't you think, my dear Ruler, that we should be justified?"

"Yes—yes, perhaps so. At the same time there are certain recognised rules of humanity which we, as a nation, have learned to acknowledge, and I should be sorry for us to descend in the moral scale." The Ruler felt he was ending lamely.

Sir Joshua leaned forward, that he might brace himself to the task he had expected would face him. He must have the Church behind him, or the scheme broke in his hands.

"Shall we look at all this quite dispassionately," he said, with forceful authority. "I was deeply interested in a remark you made last night, Ruler, or rather in that little piece of personal experience with which you honoured us. You explained that at one time you had advocated reduction in the means of force as a royal road to the blessing of Peace; but that you had learned that if force is to be used at all, it is the duty of every nation to see to it that she possesses the preponderating measure.

"Now, far be it from me to wish to persuade any man against the dictates of his conscience. I only wish to show that the case for the use of Hellite is practically universally admitted. We are merely at last in a position to face the logical conclusion to which our theories have brought us. And certainly, Ruler, I feel with you, that we should be guilty of turning traitor to the God of Battles if, at this hour, when we have deliberately put our Nation to the hazard of war, we were to refuse to use His lightning shafts of victory.

"We have, perhaps, marvelled that He had not intervened more pronouncedly on our side, seeing that our cause is the cause of righteousness and civilisation, but that has not been, so far, His holy will—indeed, I confess it has sometimes appeared to me that the Almighty must be neutral—but this quite providential offer from Mr Rotensen has cleared the view. We are agreed that war is horrible, hellish if you like, but that when once an enemy has plunged us into war, there is nothing for it but for us to defend ourselves and our friends by the most practical and scientific use of war methods. Now I put it to you all, do you or do you not believe that the future fate of the world rests upon the result of this war?"

"Oh, of course, of course!" came in a general murmur.

"Then dare we deliberately cast this Last Weapon from us, or shall we raise it on high in the name of Almighty God, so that Peace and Righteousness may reign throughout the world?"

Sir Joshua flung himself back. But the battle was not yet won.

"But—ah—what about the women and children?" asked the Duchess. "I don't want to be contentious, but I suppose they would have to be very careful, or quite terrible things might happen."

"Terrible things must always happen to women and children wherever war rages," said Sir Joshua. "That is in human nature. The blood lust is aroused, and control is lost. Still, we have always to face certain difficulties in the use of any method or weapon. As you know, for instance, excellent news is coming in as to the success in driving our enemy to his knees through our gradual starvation of the civil population. Starvation is, I think we shall all admit, slow Hell—Hellite is quick Hell—that is the only intrinsic difference."

"Frankly," said the Rev. Theobald Rogers, "I fear that some of our people may give trouble unless the matter is put to them with the greatest skill. And yet," he smiled blandly, "I have feared before, and it is wonderful how very sensibly the bulk of the members and ministers of our Churches have taken this war. Our country stands first, at whatever cost, thank God."

"There is no question but that we must take Hellite up, and at once, if Sir Joshua is satisfied," said Michael Forward. "I will guarantee that there will be no trouble worth considering, especially if the full implication of the force at our disposal is not completely understood until—well, until after the event!"

The Child slipped forward and stood beside the Ruler, and swiftly the Son of Fear went to the other side.

"I don't know!" he said anxiously. "I fear—I mean I really don't see how we can think of such a thing!"

"But suppose we do not use this Last Weapon, my dear Ruler, what do you suppose will happen?" asked John Dissart slowly, as though he had not yet made up his mind.

"Well, I suppose——" he looked at Mr Rotensen doubtfully.

"I have come here first," said Mr Rotensen, "because I should prefer to throw the advantage of my discovery into your scale; but of course business is business, and should I fail to get support here, I shall be obliged to make my offer to your enemy. It did strike me," and he smiled curiously, "as to whether you would have any doubts, but I fancy your enemy would have none!"

The Son of Fear smiled triumphantly at the Child, as he left the Ruler's side and whispered in the Duchess's ear.

"Good heavens!" she exclaimed. "You mean that the enemy could set this Hellite going, to devastate our land and murder every man, woman and child in a single night?"

"That is practically so," said Mr Rotensen coolly. "If once Hellite is set going nothing can stop it—nothing can protect from it. As I have said, it is the Last Weapon."

"Then of course we dare not let it go to the enemy!" admitted the Duchess. "Why, it might mean—well, anything!"

"Exactly, madam," said Mr Rotensen.

"Of course," said the Ruler, arguing furiously with himself, "it would certainly be safer for us to secure the monopoly of such a force, because we could always be trusted to use it with discretion."

"An excellent argument, Ruler," struck in John Dissart. "Possessed of this power at our back, we could speak with authority as to peace and friendship between nations! If all the world realised that we and our friend Neutralia possessed the Last Weapon—the greatest force known under Heaven—we should rule the world according to the great ideals bestowed upon us by the Almighty."

"Yet there remains a greater force than Hellite, and you know it!" whispered the Child to the Ruler, as he moved in front of him and looked up into his eyes.

The Ruler turned deadly pale, and grasped the sides of his chair.

"Why, Child?" he breathed, somehow aware that the Vision was to himself alone.

"Why hast thou cast away the Master's sword and taken up the weapons of Fear?" demanded the Child with flashing eyes.

"Who art thou?" pleaded the Ruler.

"I am a messenger from thy Master, sent to tear aside the delusions of the Prince of Fear. Look up, and see the end to which thou art leading the flock of God!"

The Ruler tried to open his lips, but he was dumb in the presence of the Child.

"Is it not written, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, said the Lord?' Where hast thou mislaid the sword of the spirit, that thou darest to raise the lightning shafts forged by the Prince of Darkness, that you mayest fling them at the brothers and sisters of

the Christ God, Whom thou callest the enemy?"

Again the Ruler sat tongue-tied.

"The sheep verily perish, because their shepherds have fled. Hast thou no faith to break the power of the enemy, as He broke it? By Love alone shall Peace rule the world, for Love is the Last Weapon! Yet thou fleest from its use, as from some traitorous plague. Hellite or Love—which wilt thou offer to thy people?"

The Ruler staggered up from his chair and fell upon his knees.

"My dear Ruler, you are ill?" exclaimed Sir Joshua. "Allow me—"

"Thank you! Thank you!" He put his hand to his head. "Yes—I fear I must have had a slight turn. If you would be good enough to call a taxi—"

The taxi was called, and the Ruler left the Conference.

"I fear we may have trouble in that quarter," said Sir Joshua as he returned from seeing the Ruler off.

"I think not," said John Dissart. "The Great Church has never gone against the State in any national matter, and she will see at once that any disloyalty to the use of this world-force would be treachery of the deepest dye."

"And you really think that if we took up Hellite, we could get this war ended in a month, and settle down again to peace and prosperity?" asked the Duchess.

"There is no reason whatever against it," said Mr Rotensen, with a polite bow.

"The great thing," said Sir Joshua, "for us to do now, is to keep the secret absolutely, and yet at the same time to accustom the people's minds to the idea that some greater force is needed than we possess at present. We can all help in our own way."

"Yes, yes." The murmur of agreement was general.

(To be Continued.)

The palm for brevity should be awarded to a marine who testified about the explosion of a gun on a war vessel. The marine testified at a hearing after he had passed some months in the hospital being patched up after the accident. "Please give your version of the explosion," he was asked. "Well," he replied, "I was standing beside the gun, there was an awful racket, and the doctor said, 'Sit up and take this.'"

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**WOMEN'S DUTY AS CITIZENS.**

We are glad to see that at the W.C.T.U. Convention in Melbourne, the duties of women as citizens was discussed. We commend to the careful attention of our readers the following article from the Melbourne Argus:

(By Vesta.)

One of the most interesting speeches made at the Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention held in Melbourne last week was that of Mrs Jamieson Williams, a New South Wales delegate, on the subject of the duties of women as citizens. Mrs Williams takes

a wide and comprehensive view of the public duties of women, and the applause which greeted her speech and those of others on the same subject left no doubt at all as to the sympathy of this large and representative body of women with the views expressed. The women, who are leaders of the W.C.T.U. in all countries are for the most part women of considerable experience. Few of them are very young. Most of them are married women with families, and so far as my own knowledge of them and acquaintance with them enables me to speak, none of them are women of the type who seek the limelight, or are fond of the sound of their own voices. They are all of the home-making type, thoughtful, earnest women, more often than not inclined to be shy and diffident. And when they speak of the necessity for women to take a more active and energetic part in public affairs they speak with all the force of deep conviction. They are women of the sort who fill the part which Dr. Argyle, M.L.A., allotted to women in his speech at the meeting of the Malvern Branch of the Women's National League on Friday afternoon. His speech had a special interest in view of the fact that at the time it was made the Convention was considering the very questions he raised. The special sphere of influence for women, in Dr. Argyle's opinion, is "the home, on which the foundations of civilisation rest," and the great task of women as members of the State is in relation to children. He indicated, however, that his definition of the scope of that task would be wider to-day than it was a year ago, and no doubt he would find the proceedings of the W.C.T.U. Convention very illuminating in regard to this matter.

There is no body of women whose views are better worth regarding. Plenty of people who have never troubled to make themselves familiar with the work and aims of the Union regard it as a body of faddists united solely by the common bond of a hatred of intoxicating liquor. But they are entirely mistaken. The Union's crusade against intemperance is not an end in itself; it is merely the chief means to its end. The aim and purpose of the members is to do exactly what Dr. Argyle says they should do, to ensure a safe and healthy infancy, childhood, and adolescence for the

young of the race. Of all the existing organisations of women this is the oldest, and the most closely knit. For many years the members have been working quietly and assiduously everywhere. All the time there has been a constant interchange of views between the different branches in each country, and between the organisations in different countries. And, the world over, the purposes and even the methods followed by members are the same. It is not too much, therefore, for the Union to claim that the reforms and measures that it advocates are those that time and experience have taught women all the world over to regard as necessary if they are to play the part in life assigned to them by Dr. Argyle, and by the majority of men in this and all other communities. And one of the chief lessons that time and experience have taught all of us is that the voice of one legislator carries farther than that of thousands of electors; that the opinion of one member of a public body has more weight in public affairs than the views held in common by innumerable private persons; and for this reason the Union is strongly in favour of the presence of women on all public boards and bodies.

If women are too diffident to take up the public work that the Union believes to be desirable, then they must be content to leave the work to men or to women who seek it because they want the limelight. No woman who refrains from this work when she herself has the ability and the opportunity to do it has any right to complain because women have no place in it. There is, I am convinced, a strong body of opinion amongst women in Victoria in favour of women playing a more active part in politics and local government. The only thing that prevents it finding practical expression is the unwillingness of suitable women to face the hustings. What they have to realise is that until they have "the courage of their convictions" they will not be taken as seriously as they wish to be taken, and as they deserve to be taken. Masculine opinion in Victoria is very conservative where women are concerned. Once women "take the plunge," I think that men will be surprised at the breadth and strength and unorthodoxy of the views of women of every class and status.—Melbourne "Argus."

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At the request of our distinguished and beloved World President, the Countess of Carlisle, Miss Agnes Slack came to Canada for a few weeks. Miss Slack visited our four Western Provinces, travelling approximately eight thousand miles to do so.

She was royally welcomed; everywhere hearts and homes were opened to her, and this, not alone among our White Ribbon members, but in Official and Government circles, Educational and Philanthropic, all delighting to do her honour, and feeling honoured by her gracious presence. Miss Slack's visit has been a stimulus to our movement. All through the West country she has increased the membership of our local societies. She has inspired those who had the pleasure of hearing her public addresses with a new vision of our great world's work, its scope and influence. It will be more clearly understood and appreciated, and the Canadian West will have a keener realisation of their relationship to it as a part of the world-wide propaganda for Prohibition.

It is of infinite importance that countries affiliated with the world's work should from time to time be brought in actual touch with the work being carried on by the World's Union, and Miss Slack's visit has in this way been a revelation to many hearers. Many grateful messages were voiced in the meetings and sent to our honoured World President for thinking of Canada, and so kindly asking Miss Slack to come to us.

### CANADA'S PROGRESS.

On February 1st the provinces of Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta go dry.

This is made possible through the coming into force in those provinces of the new Federal Law. This law empowers the Provinces to vote against inter-provincial importation. On October 25, 1920, they gave large majorities under the provision of this law. The women exercised the franchise in every Province. The "Mother Province," Ontario, recently gave a mandate against the sale of spirituous liquors for beverage purposes by a majority of 400,000. In April this year, Ontario will vote upon the question of interprovincial importation, and a sweeping victory is anticipated.

In the Yukon Territory a similar referendum will be taken in the spring.

There is not a licensed open bar in Canada from the Silver Sea Board—the Atlantic—to the land of the Midnight Sun, a distance of 6000 miles.

The provincial laws vary. Prince Edward Island has for long years been under a prohibitory law. Quebec has local option in two-thirds of her constituencies. A special restaurant system prevails in Montreal. British Columbia has just declared against the continuance of the measure of prohibition they had for a plan of Government control. New Brunswick will take a referendum on interprovincial trade. As they gave strong majorities against the retail trade, it is expected the further question will be similarly dealt with. It is hoped that very soon, by Federal enactment, the fair Dominion will be under a total prohibition from coast to coast and from the river to the North Land.

### CONFERENCE OF WORLD'S OFFICERS.

Then one had the privilege—highly prized—of meeting our esteemed international visitor, Miss Slack, at Rest Cottage. Historic spot! made dear to a world-wide band of women White Ribbon wearers, because of the Leader whose personal home it once was. One could imagine the emotions of the pil-

grims of other times who travelled far to visit a sacred shrine.

Rest Cottage! the home of Frances Willard! We have known of it—it seems always—and when on that bright December day we entered its precincts, and were greeted by Miss Elizabeth Gordon's cordial words, "Welcome Home!" we exclaimed, "It is the realisation of a life dream to visit this house of memories precious," and, as we viewed the desk where first a world proclamation of Prohibition was written by our now promoted Leader and Founder, our heart was thrilled indeed; we felt the place we stood was holy ground.

And our Conference! With our dear Miss Anna Gordon presiding, and the present World President, the Countess of Carlisle's smiling eyes watching us from the portrait above in "Miss Willard's room," with Miss Slack and Mrs Boole, it was a time long to be remembered.

It was an occasion unique, and its memory will be cherished in the future days.

To your honoured President and all dear workers my best love and warmest good wishes for success and Divine blessing to attend all your splendid efforts in our White Ribbon cause.—Your affectionate comrade,

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### LEIGH.

April 28. Mrs Grigg presided. A fair attendance. Resolved that Mr Kempt's donation of £1 be given in three prizes, 10s, 6s, and 4s, for the best essays on "Alcohol: Its Effect on Mind and Body," to be competed for by pupils of the local schools, these essays to be on exhibition at the next Omaha and Pakiri Annual Show. Mrs Wyatt read a paper entitled "The Second Coming of the Lord," for which she was accorded a vote of thanks. Vote of deep sympathy was passed with the President and her sister-in-law and family in their sad bereavement.

May 26. A fair gathering, Mrs Grigg in the chair. The President sent a letter of apology for her unavoidable absence. Mrs Gozar read a very interesting paper on the "Evils of Tobacco Smoking," and was given a vote of thanks. Mrs D. Matheson read extracts on "Personal Liberty on the Prohibition Question." Discussion on the evils of gambling in connection with horse-racing.

### TAKAPUNA.

May 5. Mrs Fulljames invited to take chair. A fair number present. Short address by Mrs Fulljames. The two banners, one for largest membership, and percentage in the year, were then presented to our Society. Afternoon tea was served. A photo. was taken of members and banners. Mrs Lewins was elected President, and spoke of her visit to the Convention.

June 2. Mrs Lewins in chair. Good attendance. Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed the meeting on "Social Purity and Hygiene." She spoke of the responsibility of parents in bringing up their ones, and urged a high standard for little ones, and urged a high standard for mind and body development. She was listened to with great attention, and questions were asked at the close. Two were initiated as members.

### WOODVILLE.

May 31. Mrs Shearman presided. Unfortunately, Mrs Mills (Secretary) was unable to be present. Eleven members attended. Miss Mayo, an organiser, from Palmerston North, read to us a very interesting account of the

big Convention held at Ashburton, after which afternoon tea was handed round.

### N.E. VALLEY.

May 26. The President (Mrs Peart) presided over a very good gathering of members. The Rev. L. Morris gave a most interesting address to women, taking as his text Luke viii., v. 2 and 3, and gave a special invitation to the members to go to the Baptist Church in a body on Sunday evening, June 26. The invitation was accepted. Mesdames Peart and Tinker were appointed delegates to represent the Union at the monthly meeting of the United Temperance Reform Council. It was resolved that next meeting should take the form of a "Clipping Meeting," members to bring clippings of interesting articles. Mrs Elliot appointed to School Committee.

### DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

April 5. A very short meeting. A visitor from Wellington was welcomed. An immediate adjournment was made to Burns Hall, where Madame Strathearn and Sister Kathleen gave song, story, and address in aid of West Ham Mission. Mrs Don was in the chair. Madame Strathearn held her audience spellbound by the wonder and pathos of her varied experiences. Sister Kathleen's simple informative account of conditions in West Ham was intensely interesting.

May 3. Mrs Hielt in the chair. Attendance large. Welcomes accorded to a visitor, Mrs Clark, President of Balclutha Branch, and to two members transferred. Letters received from Minister of Public Health in re Social Hygiene Bill, and from Mrs Peryman in re gaining more subscribers to "White Ribbon." Miss Powell pointed out that the "White Ribbon" helps to disseminate knowledge of the W.C.T.U. Hon. Mr Parr stated he had noted the objection of the W.C.T.U. to the compulsory clauses. Mrs Hielt gave bright, comprehensive report of Convention, mentioning the unexampled hospitality and varied kindness shown by the Ashburton people. The speaker drew special attention to rest rooms started in other places, and touched on the need for Dunedin W.C.T.U. putting forward woman candidate for next Parliamentary election. Miss Earnshaw's work was eulogised. Vote of thanks to Mrs Hielt carried unanimously. Congratulations on his appointment as Crown Prosecutor to be sent to Mr F. B. Adams. Mrs Stewart conveyed invitation from Rev. R. Stewart to hold a church parade at his church. Accepted, and arrangements made to hold it on May 15th. Dominant note of meeting, encouragement in our work. Mrs Hielt concluded a report full of hope and joy and devotion, with lines from the Crusade Hymn:

Give to the winds thy fears,  
Hope on, be undismayed,

### ONEHUNGA.

May 12. President in the chair. Resolutions of the Convention introduced by one delegate. After discussion, they were endorsed by the meeting. Cor. Sec. given instructions and power to act on any of the resolutions from Miss Henderson if such arrive between meetings. Result of women's effort, one of our members and another lady elected on the School Committee. Mrs Hunter and Mrs Mushet elected as our delegates to the Auckland No-License Convention.

### TIMARU.

May 31. Large and enthusiastic meeting. A motion of sympathy with Mrs J. Wallace in her sad bereavement was passed. Interesting and satisfactory hospital report received. Busy month with sailors at the Rest. Two Sunday teas and three social evenings, also two Sunday evening services. Special social for men of H.M.S. Chatham, funds provided by a sympathiser. Decided that a special meeting of the "Y" Branch be held on Monday evening, June 6th, and that visiting members of the mother union bring baskets. Six new members were enrolled.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

April 13. Rev. Reid, from Seattle, gave a most inspiring address on Prohibition in America.

April 27. Mrs Cook presided. An appeal was read from the Organiser of the Barnardo Homes for assistance to collect funds. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a most interesting address on the subject of Social Purity, and urged the importance of voluntary treatment in the case of venereal disease. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Cowie.

May 11. Mrs Cook presided. Mesdames Murray and Rosser were appointed to represent Union at Parliament of Temperance Workers on June 3rd. Mrs Neal gave a most instructive and interesting address on "Medical Temperance," giving substitutes for brandy in sickness. She also touched on the work of the Cradle Roll and L.T.L. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Neal.

### OAMARU.

May. Attendance fair, Mrs Steenson presiding. Miss Smythe read a report of Convention. They were pleased with the report of the work done by other Unions, and one and all heartily appreciated Mrs Don's thrilling address. All realised the need for us to be up and doing.

### OXFORD.

April 27. Mrs Ryde in the chair. Good attendance. Letter of sympathy in her illness to be sent to Mrs Gains-

ford, senr., our first President, and hearty wishes for her speedy recovery. Mrs Hawke gave report of Convention, and was heartily thanked. One new member.

May 25. President in the chair. Resolution of sympathy with absent members who were sick. Mrs Watkin, of Christchurch, gave an address on Home Nursing, and it was decided to take steps to form St. John Ambulance Classes. Resolution of thanks to Messrs Ryde and R. Judson and all who had assisted with the catering at the Show.

#### WINCHMORE-GREENSTREET.

April 13. A loving message was received from our highly esteemed Dominion President, "Carry on till victory is assured." Ashburton gratefully acknowledged assistance given in connection with Dominion Convention. Superintendent of Work Amongst the Young reported that arrangements were well in hand for opening session of Band of Hope. Decided to give prizes for best temperance recitation. A member reported leaving the "White Ribbon" in the women's ward (County Hospital). The paper was thoroughly enjoyed by the inmates, who passed it on from one to another. Hearty congratulations to our White Ribbon sister, Mrs Scott, who was elected on Lyndhurst School Committee; also to our Cradle Roll Superintendent, who is now District Cradle Roll Superintendent. A full and comprehensive report of Convention was given by Mrs Bennett. During the quarter flowers had been placed in the church, sent to Soldiers' Club and Women's Rest Room, fruit to private maternity hospitals, whilst delicacies had been sent to soldiers' ward (County Hospital). Delighted to report three new members enrolled.

May. Owing to inclement weather and the long distance each member has to come to place of meeting, we regret to report no meeting for May. Delighted to report very successful Band of Hope meeting, crowded schoolroom, and splendid programme.

#### BALCLUTHA.

May 3. President in the chair. Attendance fair. Convention paper discussed. Decided to take up new work in form of a Dorcas Society, as relief work, and to meet every fortnight. Mrs Clark reported having attended Dunedin meeting, and finding all there very enthusiastic to help in the work.

#### GREYTOWN.

May. Home meeting at the residence of Mrs Whincop. Mrs Peryman gave a brief address, and arrangements were made for celebrating White Ribbon Day. Afternoon tea was served.

#### MORRINSVILLE.

April 12. Miss Richards presided, nine members present, one new member

being received. Arrangements were made for the visit of Mrs Densem on May 10th to give her report of the recent Ashburton Convention. Decided to invite the ministers from the various churches, and also any gentlemen interested in Temperance and other social reforms. An article was read from the "White Ribbon," and also a paper on "Sabbath Observance."

May 10. About fifty members and friends were present to hear Mrs Densem's report on the recent Ashburton Convention. Mr J. B. Thomas was in the chair. The Chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, introduced Mrs Densem, who gave a very interesting and instructive address. A solo was given by Mrs Bell (Hamilton). Rev. Cotton and Richards each spoke a few words of appreciation, and a vote of thanks was accorded the visitors, and also the Chairman. Afternoon tea was provided by the members, and a collection was taken up.

#### HENDERSON.

May. Meeting was ably conducted by the Vice-President, Mrs Platt, our President being away on holiday. Part of Convention report was read and discussed. Proposed and carried that we send a vote of appreciation to our member, Mr Parr, for the help we feel he is giving our cause from an educational point of view. Our Cradle Roll Superintendent was congratulated on her ever-increasing Cradle Roll membership.

#### OPOTIKI.

May 13. Social afternoon, Mrs J. Thompson in chair. A piano solo by Mrs Holman, afternoon tea, song by Mrs Hambly, then a very interesting talk by Mrs Suckling on her work in Fiji amongst the Hindoos. It was very much appreciated.

#### BLLENHEIM.

May 3. Attendance small, owing to members being in demand elsewhere. Mrs Brierley presided. A resolution was sent to Blenheim Borough Council asking them to give practical attention to the matter of a ladies' rest room in the town. Decided to place current copies of the "White Ribbon" in the public reading room, and also to distribute copies of the Convention number to interested citizens, with a view to increasing circulation thereof.

#### AVONDALE.

May 17. Ten members present. After the devotional exercises, a pleasant afternoon was spent in hemming tea towels for our new W.C.T.U. Hostel in Upper Queen Street, Auckland. Decided to ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to speak at our June meeting.

#### ARAMOHO.

Our Branch is getting along very well indeed. Meetings are well attended, and members take a lively interest in

all work done. The work for hostel for women and girls has been somewhat held up owing to there being two large efforts made here for other work. Returned Soldiers and Wanganui East Baths Committee both holding large carnivals, but we hope to again soon be on the move. Convention report was read, and we are much pleased with work done, etc.

#### PAPANUI.

May 12. Mrs Smith in the chair. Mrs England addressed the meeting on Convention, it being most helpful and inspiring, emphasising the need of prayer and patience for the carrying on of God's work. One new member received. The meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

#### WANGANUI DISTRICT.

April 7. President absent through sickness. Meeting presided over by Mrs Warwick, Vice-President. Meeting decided to assist with afternoon tea and supper at Returned Soldiers' Band Carnival. A very full and interesting report of recent Convention was given by Mrs Grant. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea.

May 5. Attendance fair. The President being absent through sickness, Mrs Hague Smith presided. A vote of sympathy passed for all sick members. Three of our members elected on School Committee.

#### TURAKINA.

May 26. Mesdames Emmett and Upton, President and Secretary of Wanganui Union, came to visit us, and both ladies addressed us on the aim and object of the proposed Women's Hostel, which the Wanganui Branch are raising funds to support. As this is a much-needed place we decided to try and do our little bit to help the cause along. One new member was welcomed.

#### HAWERA.

May 26. Weather very wet and boisterous. Mrs Scott presided, and two delegates, Mesdames Curtis and Hill, were appointed to attend the Taranaki Provincial Convention at Normanby on June 15th. It was intimated that Mrs A. R. Atkinson, of Wellington, will address a public meeting in Hawera on Thursday evening, June 16th. Sympathy was expressed with Mrs T. Tait in her illness, and with Mrs Hayward in her recent sad bereavement.

#### WELLINGTON.

June 2. Mrs Johnson Wright presided. Miss Earnshaw has been in Wellington several weeks securing new members, and has gained thirty for this Union besides several at Petone and Lower Hutt. A special vote of thanks was passed to the Organiser for the work done here in looking up members who do not attend meetings, and we feel that great good will result from her

visit. Miss Earnshaw gave an address, taking Nehemiah and his rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem as her subject. Nehemiah's plans and methods of accomplishing his work, the traits of character displayed by the various persons were spoken of, the dividing of the work amongst every class of society brought it as a lesson to us to-day, showing how each one of us has her own niche to fill in our Union work. It was proposed to hold a jumble sale on Saturday, July 2nd, to augment the funds of the Union. Mrs Hallam sang two songs which were enjoyed by all.

#### KAIAPOI.

May. Owing to the absence of our President, Mrs Scott, Mrs Brighting was in the chair. We had a good attendance. Band of Hope was discussed; we had a splendid opening on the 23rd May. Bro. Scott is our new Band of Hope President, he giving the address. Several pledges were signed. Miss Laishly handed in her resignation as Secretary owing to her leaving Kaia-poi. Mrs Stewart was appointed in Miss Laishley's place.

#### HASTINGS.

May 25. Special meeting, presided over by Mrs Venables, of Napier, District President. Positions of officers, which had been held temporarily were filled as follows: President, Mrs Darby, pro. tem. (until her permission is obtained for permanency); Secretary, Mrs Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs French. Judging by the attendance of members there is every prospect of going forward. Mrs Paul presented the Mother's Rest report, which was very encouraging. Several business matters were attended to, and arrangements made for the "American Tea" in June. The meetings are to be held as usual monthly, on every fourth Thursday in Wesley Hall. Afternoon tea was dispensed, after which the meeting was closed in the usual way.

#### KAIKORAI.

May 27. Bright, helpful meeting, notwithstanding small attendance. President (Mrs Martin) in the chair. One new member enrolled. Recording Secretary appointed. The President reported that owing to the inability of several of our new members to attend our meetings, she thought it advisable to hold a special meeting in one of their homes to create an interest in our work, and to give an account of the late Conference, to which she was a delegate. A very interesting and successful meeting was held, and it was decided that such a meeting be held every alternate month. The President was commended for her progressive spirit.

#### PETONE.

The chief business was arranging for the visit of Miss Earnshaw, who is to be here a week. Lists of names were handed in for Miss Earnshaw to visit so that no time be wasted when she arrives. Mrs Jones, Superintendent of Relief and Flower Department, reported

having taken out several invalids for a car ride. The weather was beautiful, and the drive much enjoyed. Mrs Jones drafted a letter to be sent to the Petone Town Council asking if anything can be done for the relief of the house shortage. Prizes have been offered for Temperance essays, written by school children next month. The Wellington District Union sent a request for help in a shop to be run for one week to raise funds for the local Y.M.C.A., the District Union to be responsible for one day. The Petone Union will gladly assist. One new member received, who had been a member of the B.W.T.A. in England.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

May 26th. Mrs McDonald presided. Miss Earnshaw attended, and gave an interesting sketch of her methods of work. Miss Earnshaw will visit and organise for Wellington Central later.

#### ORUAWHARO.

May 23. Katu ta matou mitingi kite whare o te matou Perehitini. O Mrs Hone Eruera, he mihi na matou. Kia rana kotona hoa taape inoho nei ite pouiri mo taraua tamaiti kua wehea nei iwaenganui i matou katoa, i tangohia eia te kupu ate Ariki ite wa iaia e taka ana itona mate. Haere etama. Kotahi mema hou kua uru mai kite roopu karaitiana. Ko Mrs Connely kei te nui te hari mo tenei mema hou kua uru nei aia kitene i karangatanga. E hoa ma inga tuakana teina he tono tenei kingi roopu katoa nato tatou Tuamaki kia tai atinana te mema oia roopu oia roopu ate Inache eheki mai nei. Katu tei hatutana me tona hiahia iaia u kia kaha tatou kite pupuri itenei tanga hoi ano.

Hahari te tangata e wehi ana ia Ihowa e haereana i ona ara Waiata 1,128.

### L.T.L. Column.

#### WINCHMORE.

There was a large attendance at the opening session of the Winchmore Band of Hope. Mr Wakelin was in the chair, and introduced Mr Kirk, the new Presbyterian minister, who spoke to the young folk on the evils of intemperance. The following programme was gone through:—Pianoforte duet, Misses Shearer; pianoforte solo, Arthur Hardy; duet, Misses Bland and Prebble; songs, Miss Lee, Mrs Bennett, and Mr J. Bennett; recitations, Douglas Johns, George Hardy, Miss Forster, Ruby Prebble, Dolly Osborne, and Dorothy Scott; reading, Mrs Lee; part song by the Winchmore Band of Hope girls; songs by Dolly and Louie Osborne, Beth Shearer, Annie and Nena Scott; dialogue, entitled "When in Drink," by Mrs Scott, Annie and Nena Scott, and Miss U. Prebble; dialogue, "Four Seasons," Ruby Prebble, Kitty, Nettie, and Nena Scott, and Gladys Os-

borne. Mr Osborne, Chairman of the School Committee, took the opportunity to present to Jock Shearer a special prize, donated by his late teacher, Miss Pennal, for the most progressive child in the school. Mr Prebble, in a neat speech, thanked the performers and those who had taken the trouble to train the children. Supper was handed round, and a pleasant evening spent.

#### UPPER ARAMOHO.

Fortnightly meeting held in Presbyterian Church on Saturday afternoon. President, Irene Coward, presided over a good attendance of Legioners. Flower Committee reported good work being done. Flowers taken to the sick, and visits, and buttonhole each Sunday for the minister. A very interesting object lesson given by Mr John Emmet members according him a hearty vote of thanks. Prizes from the Leader for most new members were awarded to Irene Coward and Vera Gilmour. A short programme was also enjoyed. Recitations, Gladys Hall, Kitty Good, and Irene Coward; reading, Kaiton Hall. Scrap books are being made by the Legioners for the sick children of the local hospital. Singing of the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction brought a happy meeting to a close.

#### REPORT FROM PRESIDENT.

On June 6th I journeyed to Christchurch to address meetings for the Union and New Zealand Alliance. The White Ribboners must have put considerable time in working up their meeting, for the Art Gallery Hall was well filled. It was a great joy to me to know that nearly all present represented the local and branch Unions.

The Alliance Convention, which lasted two days, was unique, because it met without a President and Secretary, Mr A. S. Adams being appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, and Mr Dawson, with Mrs Dawson, have gone to the International Congress Against Alcoholism, to be held in Lausanne next August. Mr J. Malton Murray has been appointed to carry out the duties of acting-Secretary during Mr Dawson's absence abroad, and Mr A. R. Atkinson was unanimously elected President. Surely with these gentlemen at the head, and the indefatigable labours of the Rev. Comrie as District Chairman, the work of the Alliance will not stagnate, but put more passion and enthusiasm than ever into the campaign for 1922. Miss Henderson arrived by the Paloua the second day of the Conference. We are glad to welcome her back from the W.C.T.U. Triennial Convention in Melbourne, and hope she will be able to do some field work for our Union in the near future.

"Success comes in 'cans.' Failure comes in 'can't.'"

## SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

## DOMINION LIBRARY.

Dear Madam,—We are indebted to the British Association for Moral and Social Hygiene for a valuable donation of books for our library. There are nine volumes at published price, worth 33s. They are:

- "Downward Paths": An enquiry into the causes which contribute to the making of the prostitute, postage 4½d.  
 "The Man-Made World." An interesting study of a human problem of vital importance. Whether or not the reader agrees, she will find the book of extreme interest. Postage 6d.  
 "A Great Crusade." A very charming autobiographical memoir of Mrs Josephine Butler. Postage 6d.  
 "Marriage and Motherhood." Postage 1½d.  
 "The Baby." Postage 1½d.  
 "Maternity." Letters from working women. Postage 6d.  
 "Morals and Public Health." Report of the Portsmouth Conference, 1914. Postage 6d.  
 "Woman and Marriage." Postage 6d.  
 "The Truth About Woman." Postage 8d.

I hope to give a complete list of the books later, and also from time to time some notes on the subject matter that may be of interest to your readers.

So far I have only been able to locate one of the original library books sent to the Napier Convention by Miss McCarthy. I would be glad to hear from any one who can give me any information regarding the others.

In addition to the list published in your columns last December, I have "The Boy Who Did Grow Up," a very interesting account of a visit to different Barnardo Homes, postage 6d.

"Prostitution in Europe." A very thorough study of the various methods that have been tried in different countries to deal with this difficult problem. An important subject at the present time, and will well repay the time spent in studying it. Postage 8d.

I would be glad if members, when writing for a book, would enclose the postage, to avoid book-keeping. The books are lent free for one month.

I trust that members will make good use of the library, as I have no wish to keep the books idle. At the present time there is great need for women to take an intelligent interest in the many pressing problems. All reforms must

begin in the thoughts of the people, therefore let us study to get a clear idea of the reforms we want. We will be as well governed as we deserve to be.

Hoping to hear from many applicants for books.—I am, etc.,

JESSIE FIELD, Librarian.

Address: Mrs T. A. H. Field, Highfield, Ngatitama Street, Nelson.

Will friends send me names of all the isolated women they know who would be willing to become members of our W.C.T.U., even if unable to attend meetings? Pray, plan, plead, persuade. We must win every woman for God, Home, and Country before the coming poll.—Lovingly yours in Jesus,

B. M. COWIE.

7a, Hamilton Road, Auckland.

## BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Dear Sisters,—At our recent Convention in Ashburton I was asked to become Superintendent of Bible-in-Schools and Sabbath Observance. I realise increasingly the great opportunity that is ours to reach the children of the Dominion and instil into their young minds the great truths that will make them wise unto salvation. May I ask that every Union sister make it their special care to see that every school in their own town is provided with suitable teachers. We need also to be always on the watch-tower to see that the sanctity of the Sabbath is not invaded. There is a tendency to allow evils to creep in, and when they have once gained a footing they are difficult to overcome.—Believe me, yours in His service,

ANNIE J. P. DRIVER.

29 London Street, Dunedin,

May 18, 1921.

Dear Sisters,—As per my promise, I am writing these few lines to let you know that the badges and hymn books are to hand, and I wish to draw your attention to the advertisement of general literature, which is now up-to-date, and we trust that in future your wants or needs along this line will be supplied promptly. Please observe that the prices quoted include postage. It is therefore hoped that cash will accompany each order, thereby saving a very great deal of extra labour and unnecessary postage.

May I ask also that when stamps are enclosed that they just be put loosely in the letter without adhering them to the

back of anything, such as a postal note? They are sometimes very refractory, and refuse to be "separated from their new-found friends." Consequently one or the other must be sacrificed. They will travel quite safely by themselves, so be sure you will take the hint. Please also state whether Mrs or Miss to whom the order is to be sent.—Yours for service,

ALICE L. MOWLEM.

## LIQUOR REFRESHMENT FOR LOCAL BODIES.

The following extract from the "Dominion," May 12th, speaks for itself:—"A somewhat unique item appeared on the order paper at a recent meeting of a Southern local body, in the shape of a notice of motion that no liquor should be kept on the premises. The proposal was brought forward at a meeting of the Waimairi County Council. The mover intimated that he wished to withdraw the motion, but the seconder said that he was sorry to see the mover of the motion back down. They all recognised that they had been spending too much in the past, and if they 'cut the beer out' it would be one way of curtailing expenses. At this stage it was suggested that the matter should be discussed in committee, but this was not acted upon. Another member said that the matter had already been decided, and was shown in the minutes. The Chairman and other members agreed that they could get along just as well on a cup of tea, and as it had already been decided by a previous resolution to purchase no more liquor for the refreshment of members after their meetings, the matter was allowed to stand at that.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

## New Zealand Fund.

Masterton, £1 10s; Greytown, £1; Edendale South, 10s.

## Organising Fund.

Per Miss Earnshaw, 10s; Sawyer's Bay, 10s.

## World's Missionary Fund.

Dannevirke, £4. (Bravo, Dannevirke!)

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 11th June, 1921.

## MAORI REPORT FOR JUNE.

Dear Friends,—

I have just received Mrs Noda's report of work done during the past year in the North Auckland. Last April (1920) after her return from Convention she made several efforts to get the Pahi Union together, but without success, and again in May, but got no reply, also in August. In October, Mr. Noda kindly took her through to Pahi in his steam launch, and she saw the President, Mrs Hemana, and in spite of very bad weather, got a meeting together. In January (1921), Mrs Noda made another effort with the help of Mrs Paikea. After many unsuccessful efforts, owing to bad weather, etc., an afternoon meeting was held, when the following officers were elected:

President: Mrs Tata Hemana, Senr, Pahi; Secretary, Mrs Tata Hemana, Jnr., Pahi; Treasurer, Mrs C. Holland, Tino-pai.

In February, Mrs Noda visited the Pouto Union. First meeting held in Mrs C. Kemp's residence, when only two members turned up. Postponed till next morning, when 20 were present.

Through some trouble amongst themselves, which could easily have been settled by a visit from an Organiser, all the old members had resigned. Through this meeting being held, the following officers and members have come into the Union again:

President, Mrs Kiwi Kena; Secretary, Mrs Kawhi Kena; Members, Mrs Whiniwhin Tauhi, Mrs Matekino Hapeta, Mrs Mama Kena, Mrs Nata Karaitiana, Mrs Leo Manukau, Mrs Keeka Tamihana, Miss Poora Haki and Miss Pere Pihema. They will hold together if visited again soon.

Mr and Mrs Noda rode through to Port Albert and had a good meeting; all members attending, and one new member joined. Received a message in November that they would like another visit as some little trouble had occurred—so rode through again. Meeting held in Mrs Paikea's house, and was a fairly good one. Owing to some members being away it was decided to leave the election of officers to the next meeting. Received a wire in January to come again without fail, so went by launch. Meeting held in Mrs Paikea's house; all members attending, al-

so many young girls and boys came in to listen.

Officers elected: President, Mrs J. Edwards; Secretary, Mrs D. Paikea; Treasurer, Mrs Karauni Phillips; Members, Mrs Harihona, Mrs Rapana, Mrs H. Rapana.

**Otamatea Union.**—President, Mrs Clarke Paikea; Secretary, Mrs Katie Noda; Treasurer, Mrs Wi Clarke; Members, Mrs W. Paikea, Mrs Karena Pihema, Mrs Tikitiki Edwards.

**Pahi Union.**—Mrs H. Wickliffe, Mrs T. Hemana, Mrs Mita Martin, Mrs George Manukau, Mrs Wickliffe Hemana, and Mrs Paikea Manukau.

I am also glad to report that I am now in communication with a Maori lady in Rotorua, who may be able to undertake the work of Organiser for this Department, so I would again urge Unions to make a strenuous effort to build up our fund for this good purpose.—I am, yours in Union service,

N. F. WALKER,  
N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept.

O, friend, never strike sail to a fear!  
Come into port greatly, or sail with  
God the seas.—Emerson.

**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, Soume 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. Bath; 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 Trevurza, 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 Russel 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 Brierly, The Manse, Renwick; Sec., Miss C. L. Jackson, Springlands; Treas., Mrs. T. Pike; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Wass, Fowler, 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, at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 2 Bealey St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, 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., Miss Powell, 30 Driver's Road, Maori Hill; Treas., Mrs. Allan, 14 Maitland Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer Street, Mornington; Parl. Cor., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; Press Cor. and Supt. W.R., Mrs. Mathewson, 538 Castle Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Marcella, Maori Work, Mrs. Romeril; Evangelistic, Mrs. Bennett.

**DEVONPORT**, 2nd Thursday, Congregational Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Burnett, ubilee Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Armitage; Sec., Mrs. Trevurza, Cra-croft Street; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Tainui Road; W.R. Supt., Miss Liddwall; 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.

**FIELDING**, 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 Sand-lands 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. Whineop, Gasworks; Vice-Pres., Mrs Boucher; Sec., Mrs. McGregor Murray, Haswell Stret; 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 163; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Wilkes, 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 Biscoff; 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, Louis 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 Densam; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Hobbs; Reporter, Mrs. Williams.

**INVERCARGILL** District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Pres., Mrs. F. Lillcrap, 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, Waikiki; Treas., Miss Birss, Dalrymple Road; "W.R." Agent, Miss Birss; Supt. Notable Days, Mrs. Mathewson.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH** meets every 2nd Tuesday in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, 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., Mrs. Stewart, Raven Street; 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. Balgent, 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 Thursday, 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. Willis, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

**NGARUAWAIA**, 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 McAlister; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Chelwell; 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 Walnut St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs. Nicholas, 64 Brocke 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.

**ORMONDVILLE**, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. 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, Miss N. Gainsford; Flower Mission, Mrs. C. W. Tritt; Home Meetings, Mrs. Jim Clark and Mrs. T. Gainsford; 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; Rec. Sec., Miss J. C. Smith, Hull Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. A. Tiffany, 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 Lona 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, Pittall, and J. Price; Sec., Mrs. Crabtree, Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs. Cropp, Salisbury Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Pittall, 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, Turnbull 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 Foster, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs. James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, Rose Street; "W.R." 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, "Okoiā," 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.

**WELLINGTON** District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs. Wright, 127, Constable St.; Sec., Mrs. Webb, 37 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 Fastier; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Forrest; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Thompson, Fox St.