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IDEALS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

A paper written for Young Women's Bible Class Camp, by our Associate Editor, at the request of our Dominion President, Mrs Don:—

It is not so very long ago that women were generally considered to be in no way concerned with Citizenship in any form; that the subject was altogether out of their province, belonging solely to the consideration and jurisdiction of men, and was about the last question suitable for discussion at a Young Women's Conference. But that is now a thing of the past. With the conferring of the Franchise upon women in one country after another, it has come to be recognised that women must take their part in public life, and therefore that it is right that the girls who are now growing up into womanhood should endeavour, in every way possible, to fit themselves for the responsibilities thus placed upon them. This is the first thought for us to dwell upon in taking up this subject for consideration. One after another the leading nations of the world have, with one or two exceptions, admitted women to the rank of citizens in the fullest sense of the word, bestowing upon them civic rights and privileges, and thereby also civic duties and responsibilities. No longer can woman hold herself aloof from and unaccountable for the many problems and difficulties that beset those who try to understand social and political conditions, and the laws that govern our civic and national life. Gradually women are coming to recognise the full meaning of their citizenship. It is a great thing to gain political freedom, to have a voice in the decision of all the

great questions of the day, and to find ourselves free to enter so many of the avenues of employment and interest, from which women have for so long been excluded. But let us never forget that every right conferred brings with it a corresponding duty to be fulfilled, that every privilege enjoyed means a responsibility for its very best use in the interests of the world around us. This though implanted deeply in the mind of every girl on the threshold of womanhood, would surely impart a deeper seriousness to her view of life, and a clearer understanding of the wider field which she is about to enter.

What do we mean by citizenship? and what are its essential characteristics? These are the first questions that present themselves, and to which we should try to find an answer. Citizenship in the true sense of the word is not something which can be given or withheld at pleasure, nor have we the option of accepting or refusing it; it is inherent in the very nature of human society, and represents the essential relationship between the individuals constituting it. Wherever men and women live and work together in a community, under fixed laws and regulations, there we have some form of citizenship; it may be recognised or not, but wherever there is community life, there is citizenship, and the wider the recognition, the greater the importance and the usefulness of the community. All who live under these conditions are citizens; they may be good citizens, or bad citizens, but citizens of some sort they must be, and the character of their citizenship determines their value to the community.

The first essential to Good Citizenship is the recognition by the individual of

this unity of life; the good citizen knows that he is not an isolated individual, but a part of the community, that there is a bond uniting him to every other part, and that it is impossible for him to separate himself from others, or to live his own life independently of them, for everything he does affects the whole, either for good or for evil. With this realisation of the unity of life comes the recognition that the division of society into different classes does not arise out of any fundamental difference in the individuals belonging to them, but is rather a question of organisation for the better carrying out of the work of the community, and does not involve individual rights or privileges for any special class. The interests of one are the interests of all; whatever furthers the well-being of one class furthers also that of every other, and the disabilities of one will inevitably react upon the whole body, for "we are all members one of another." I was once asked, when defining patriotism as "the striving after the best interests of our country." Do you mean the interests of the King or those of the people? We can not separate them, nor think of one as apart from the other, still less in opposition to it; any such idea is fundamentally opposed to the conception of Good Citizenship.

The next essential is some understanding of the constitution and conditions of life of the community to which we belong. Without such understanding we cannot become really good citizens. All those who are looking forward to the time when they will take their place in the ranks of responsible citizens, and who desire to live lives of

usefulness as such, should try to qualify themselves for it as fully as possible, by gaining all the knowledge they can of the civic life which they share. Try to understand something of the laws under which you live, and the regulations which have to be observed, in order that the life of your city, or district, as the case may be, shall be clean, healthful, and conducive in every way to right living and happy homes. Try to know something of the effects of these laws and regulations in the life around you, how far they are working for the welfare and happiness of the people generally, where they are failing to do this, and how they might be improved; something of the conditions of life in other classes of the community than your own, and how they are affected by these regulations. Be careful also in your own lives never to infringe any of these regulations which bear upon your own conduct, however trifling they may appear. Never think it doesn't matter whether you carry them out or not, and be very careful that nothing in your life, or in your home, shall cause inconvenience to others. It is these little things which make up the comfort and happiness of the life of the whole, and you cannot be too scrupulous and conscientious in such matters.

Then try to take a wider view of life; to know something of what goes on in other parts of the world; to keep in touch with the movements and the events of the day, the new methods and the new ideas which govern national life. Watch the changes that take place in the life of the world, and try to understand the causes which lie behind them. Things move very rapidly now-a-days, and changes come very unexpectedly, and unless we take careful note of them, we fail to understand the real life of the world. Citizenship is not a purely national thing, nor confined to one's own country; we are also citizens of the world, and our interest and sympathies should extend to every part of it. As we have already seen in the case of individuals, and again with different classes of society, so also with nations. No nation can live its own life independently of others; the good of one is the good of all, and every weakness or disability on the part of one reacts upon the whole. No individual, no class, and no nation who gains prosperity at the expense of another is

working for the promotion of Good Citizenship. It is only by their studying out relationships with others, both at home and abroad, that we can educate ourselves for the carrying out of our duties as citizens. It should be the aim of every girl to become as well-informed as possible on all these points, so that she can take an intelligent interest in public questions, and form right judgments upon them.

There is a third essential to Good Citizenship, one of supreme importance, namely, the recognition of religion as the foundation of social, civic, and national life. There is too often a tendency to separate our religion from our life as citizens. Let it be clearly realised that no such divorce is possible. Only so far as we regard every duty as Divine service, whether teaching in a Sunday school or recording our vote at an election, are we giving the best of our abilities to the service of God and man. Only as we bring our religious principles to bear upon our work for our city or our country is our religion of real value to us. All our relationships, civic, national, or international, must be based upon love to God and man, which is the very heart and soul of religion. The nation which does not thus base all its political activity upon a foundation of religion, bringing the highest religious principles to bear upon every question, is working its own destruction; and it is for every citizen to bring all the religious influence possible to bear upon the national life, by thought, speech, and action, whether in a private or public capacity.

One other point I would like to touch upon before concluding. We are living now in a time of great and rapid changes, when the old ideals and methods are giving place to new ones, which may be better fitted for the new conditions of life. There is sometimes a tendency, especially in the minds of the younger generation, to depreciate and cast aside what they perhaps consider to be old-fashioned, worn-out notions, and to adopt without question everything that is new. This is only natural, and in many ways right, for it is by understanding the newer aspects of thought, and the more modern expression of ideas, that progress becomes possible. But it should never be forgotten that though the forms are changing, the spirit that animated them, and

the truth which they embodied, remain the same, and in following after and adopting the newer aspects of thought and activity, let us not lose our reverence for what has been the best expression of that same thought in days that are past. Reverence is a quality none too common in the present day, and needs to be cultivated, for it is the foundation of love. George Eliot puts this point well when she says, "I delight in doing things because my fathers did them is good if it shuts out nothing better; it enlarges the range of affection, and affection is the broad basis of good in life." But when old forms have lost their power, and no longer appeal to you, do not hesitate to put them aside. Do not be bound by the old forms, but recognise them as the basis of the new, remembering that it is largely through them that we have been able to realise the clearer views of truth and duty to which we may have attained.

We cannot realise too clearly the influence which women can exercise in the formation of the thought and character of their times; as mother of the race and makers of the home, the power of their own thought and life is far greater than we are apt to imagine. And when this is brought also into the field of civic and political life it throws an added responsibility upon them, which we shall do well to ponder, and try to realise that we may become worthy citizens of our country, and of the world. Let me quote from the President's speech at the Working-Women's Conference, held at Genoa last year. "We are at the birth of a new era, and whether that new social order is going to be better or worse than the old order will depend very largely upon the vision, the spirit, the valour and wisdom of the women of the world." Go forward then, and strive to realise your responsibilities as citizens of the new order, and do your part in the gradual evolution of the ideals of citizenship, and in the building up of a civilisation, which shall be based on the mutual love and service of all classes and all nations in the world.

The alcoholic ward of the Philadelphia general hospital has been closed—no patients since the middle of July.

WORTH WORKING FOR.

Recently the Hearst papers offered a prize for the best answer to the question, "What has Prohibition accomplished to date?" We are reprinting the three answers that won the prizes in different sections of the country.

WHAT HAS PROHIBITION ACCOMPLISHED?

It has divorced our Government from quasi-partnership with the liquor trade, emancipated politics almost wholly from its domination.

Relieved countless homes from drink evils. Made sober and useful men who were becoming dissolute. Given new hopes of happiness and security to millions of mothers, wives and children, healthier and more effective Americans.

Abolished public drinking almost entirely, cleared the highways of offensive drunkards. Enlarged trade in useful merchandise. Improved labour efficiency. Increased savings accounts.

Augmented school attendance and college matriculations by thousands previously prevented because of drink in their homes.

Disbanded many vicious clubs and associations for dissipation and substituted patronage of newspapers, magazines, books, music and movies.

And made paramount a necessary national decision that the Constitution shall be the supreme and adequately enforced and obeyed law of the land.—Sam Small.

GONE!

"The evil which men do live after them; the good is oft interred with the bones." So it was with Caesar, and thus with Barleycorn. His friends may bury with him the little good attributed to his misspent life, but they can never hide the mischief he has wrought. Drunkards dead in early graves! Barfly bums and gutter drunks of yesteryear! Gone! But are they, like the polished bar and foot-rest rail, merely gone, as so much rubbish? Where are they gone? Then, too, some live and march in beer parades of lessening length. Poor devils! Even their Keeley Institutes are closing shops. Too much prohibition that prohibits! Decreased drunkenness! Vacated gaols! Prohibition is increasing efficiency, savings, happiness, self-reliance, and independence; it

is giving better health, better lives, better babies, better business, better brains, better voters, and a better nation to lead the drunken, war-cursed world in soberness and peace.—Edward P. Poorman.

A BETTER CHANCE FOR YOUNG.

Prohibition has accomplished many benefits, but these three are prominent:

1. Has divorced the liquor traffic from the former semi-legal position as a licensed business in which each citizen was a participant through Federal and State revenue systems, which meant that the crime and social and economic losses caused by intoxicating liquor were involved in a partnership with all the people.

2. Abolished the saloon, and thus removed a source of iniquity and the most stalwart opponent of civil and political righteousness in the United States.

3. Has given children a better chance for the future, has thrown protection around girlhood; has afforded mothers a security heretofore unknown; has enriched the American home, and justifies itself for these reasons alone, for they are superior to specious cries about personal liberty or opposition based upon appetite or profit.—Will J. French (Chairman of Industrial Accident Commission of California).—"Union Signal."

WHY MINISTERS' SONS MAKE GOOD.

Parsons' sons are all rotters!
Parsons are all parasites!
Parsons' only qualifications is the gift of the gab!

Parsons are those who are not fit for anything else, or failed elsewhere!

Such are the glib and contemptuous misstatements commonly on the lips of the careless man.

What are the facts?

Of the 51 Americans occupying the Hall of Fame ten years ago, ten were the children of ministers. Of the 12,000 names in the "Who's Who" in America, almost 1000 are the sons of clergymen, a number out of all proportion to the whole number of ministers in the population of the country.

In our British Book of National Biography, its 46 volumes show that

56 per cent. of the names enshrined there were sons of clergymen.

Among American men of letters who were born in parsonages are William and Henry James, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Richard Watson Gilder, Henry van Dyke, James Russell Lowell, Francis Parkman, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. In the scientific world are the names Agassiz and Morse; among statesmen, Cleveland, Arthur, Wilson, Clay, Buchanan, Morton, Beveridge, Dolliver, and Hughes. Linnaeus was the son of a preacher, as was Jenner. Sir Christopher Wren and Sir Joshua Reynolds were sons of clergymen, and so were Hallam, Froude, Dean Stanley, Maurice, Charles Kingsley, Tennyson, Ben Jonson, Cowper, Goldsmith, Coleridge, Addison, Young, Keble, and Matthew Arnold.

Lord Nelson, and a host of others known to everyone as great men, though not remembered as the sons of clergymen, which so largely explains their greatness.

The reason why?

Ministers work more at home than any other class of man. A naughty boy is not only a nuisance to him personally; he hurts him professionally. The doings of the son of a manufacturer do not bring any business disability on his father; but a bad son sort of proves his father's teaching ineffective, and tends to put him out of business. There is more likelihood of a high standard and a prompt and sane correction in the house of a clergyman. Then clergymen's sons are specially fortunate in their choice of mothers. She is not frivolous or worldly, but pledged to be unselfish. She has not the means for indulgence or extravagance, and is lacking in the social ambitions that wreck so many women. The home is democratic, and it is inconceivable that the boy of such a home could be a snob. Why, then, the disparaging remarks.

The fact is the clergyman's sons are not more unfortunate, but they are more observed; they are not worse than others, but they are judged by a higher standard.—"Grit."

"Look at the poor doctors, thrown out of jobs by Prohibition!" comments one paper.

No sympathy is needed.

WHITE RIBBON DAY.

A PAPER FOR.

Some time ago a competition was held at Manala Convention for best 5-minute speech. Mrs Duxfield won a prize, her subject being our "White Ribbon." At the request of Mrs X. Jones, Supt. for Notable Days, she has written a similar paper, to be read on W.R. Day, which is as follows:

Madam President and Friends,

I have chosen for my subject "The White Ribbon," which is the official organ of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. This bright, intellectual, up-to-date, little paper is edited and conducted entirely by women for a woman's cause, as well as for the uplift of humanity in general. In its pages we find reports by numbers of Branches of the Union, thus keeping the members in touch with the doings of their sister-workers, besides which new Branches may get many a hint in regard to the conduct of their meetings, as well as find suitable work to be undertaken.

Then we have excellent articles on the leading topics of the day, and much information in connection with the progress of Prohibition in our own and other lands. Social evils are dealt with, and warnings and good advice given to all who will read carefully. The cause of womanhood is not neglected. Many women are ignorant with regard to the disabilities under which her sex is labouring; but every opportunity is taken to educate and enlighten with the object of making women's lives brighter and homes happier.

Every W.C.T.U. member should be a subscriber to our paper, and after reading carefully—pass on. It is three and sixpence well and profitably spent.

By loaning or giving the paper, one may gain many new members to our ranks, thereby hastening the death of the liquor traffic. Again! our local literature Supt. could, and should, leave copies (paid for by Union) in public places, such as rest rooms, Public Library, or other suitable places. Therefore dear sisters I would urge every member, this year, to become a W.R. Agent, and push the claims of our grand little paper for all we are worth. It is our silent messenger, and will do all

we require, and speak for us without any further effort on our part.

Let us get busy right away.

PROHIBITION MOVEMENT IN INDIA.

We learn from the "India Temperance Record" that the report read at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Indian Temperance Association this year "showed the existence of a widespread movement in India in favour of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Resolutions calling for restriction have been passed in several of the Provincial Legislative Councils, and a popular boycott of the liquor shops has been proclaimed in many places. In Madras a Local Option Bill, on the lines of the Scottish Temperance Act, has been introduced. The consumption of intoxicants continued to increase up to last year, the net excise revenue having now reached a sum of £13,000,000. The number of temperance societies in India affiliated to the Association is 200."

In the same paper, Miss Campbell, the W.C.T.U. Organiser in India, says: "Two years ago I gave my first talk in Mussourie on the subject 'Prohibition for India.' How full of trepidation I was as I spoke on that great theme, the need of it, and India's desire for it. How audacious some said! But two years have wrought great changes in people's attitude toward this subject, no arguments are now needed to prove the need and the desire; they are self-evident. Who would now dare to challenge India's desire for Prohibition?"

THE HILL-TOPS.

There's one who walks our hill-tops

At the coming in of Spring;
The freshets leap beside Him,
And all about Him sing,
The sky-larks on the wing.

He brings in either pocket
A gift for our delight;
From one He takes a handful
Of daisies, new and bright,
And snows them on the height;

Then, straightway, from the other
He scatters far and wide
The little yellow pansies
That 'mid the hollows hide,
Like children, open-eyed.

—G.G.

WHAT PROHIBITION HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

The Hearst newspapers asked for answers to the question, "What has Prohibition accomplished?" One of the replies received is as follows:—

"Editor, 'The Examiner.'—Sfr, Prohibition has accomplished many benefits, but these three are prominent.

"1. It has divorced the liquor traffic from its former semi-legal position as a licensed business, in which each citizen was a participant through Federal and State revenue systems, which means that crime and social and economic losses covered by intoxicating liquor were involved in a partnership with all the people.

"2. It has abolished the saloon, and thus removed a source of iniquity and the most stalwart opponent of civic and political righteousness in the United States.

"3. It has given children a better chance for the future; has thrown protection around girlhood; has afforded mothers a security heretofore unknown; has enriched the American home; and justifies itself for these reasons alone, which are superior to specious cries about personal liberty or opposition based upon appetite or profit."—From the "India Temperance Record."

Miss Mary J. Campbell, W.C.T.U. Organiser in India, in reporting her work in the Bombay Presidency, says:—"Kodali, a garden spot in the Kothapur Mission, gave me a most hearty welcome when I arrived there at dusk one evening, after a 21 mile ride in a tonga through a steady drizzle of rain. . . . Nine meetings were held the next three days, but because of that order which I obeyed literally (the order of the Maharajah, forbidding the holding of public meetings in behalf of the Temperance cause), I could not speak on temperance. Lest the dangerous topic might creep in, six village policemen were deputed to attend all my meetings. They did their duty faithfully, and I tried to do mine by giving plainly the gospel of love for the suffering and poor. At my last meeting one of their number came forward to tell me how much he had enjoyed the meetings, and asked me to forgive them." loaves of bread.

CONVENTION NUMBER.

ORGANISER'S REPORT.

(Please read at your next meeting.)

"What is the W.C.T.U., and what does it do?" This question is often asked, and we cannot give a better answer than to hand the questioner a copy of the Convention number of the "White Ribbon." It contains our President's address, the Secretary's report, the balance-sheets of our various funds, together with reports of our numerous departments. It has a complete list of world's officers, and N.Z. officers and local officers. We make a special appeal to Unions to buy this number. It is only 4/- a dozen, and give it away. One District Union (Nelson) has taken 108, but other District Unions have only bought 12, and then are selling them. Surely every Union can afford a few shillings for literature for free distribution, and what better can they give to make the work known than the Convention number? Several subscribers have written congratulating us upon the excellence of the number, and have shown their appreciation in a practical manner by enclosing 1/- for three extra copies to give away. If you have a friend in the back blocks, send them a Convention number. Send money and addresses to us, and we will post them direct to your friends if you so wish it. Please note that this is a paper specially suitable for distribution outside our members. Give it to people who know little or nothing about the work, and it will increase their knowledge.

Next month is White Ribbon Day. In preparation for that, distribute Convention numbers and invitations to your White Ribbon Day celebration, and then make a big effort to gain new subscribers.

Our Business Manager has a large supply of Convention numbers, and asks you to assist in circulating them.

We have a list of 112 Unions in our Convention number. As yet only 55 have ordered any Convention numbers for distribution. That is more than half our Unions are making no effort to circulate our paper and to make our work known among the outside public.

Send along your order speedily.

The "White Ribbon" can be ordered from Mrs Peryman, Carterton. Subscription, 3/6 per annum, post free.

Dear White Ribboners,

I closed my last report just as I was leaving Pleasant Point in South Canterbury for Fairlie. The Fairlie Union had been organised by Timaru some months previously. Some new members were gained; officers' books drawn up, and a meeting held. Some of the members in this Union are very enthusiastic and have gained quite a number of new members. From Fairlie I went to Waimate where I spent a few days. Mrs G. Dash, President of the Waimate Union, kindly arranged a drawing room meeting in her beautiful new home, when some 50 ladies were present, and an address was given on our work. A number of new members were secured.

From Waimate I went to Hamilton to attend the Convention, where I had the pleasure of meeting so many White Ribboners again, and of hearing of the various Unions and of the progress and difficulties of the work. From Convention I went to Auckland, where I was considerably delayed, owing to a letter going astray, which was to prepare the way for me to visit Dargaville. About a fortnight was spent at Dargaville, and quite a strong branch was organised there. I spent a day at Aratapu, about six miles from Dargaville, where a branch of our Union went defunct about 10 years ago. Some of the ladies who had been members of that Union were quite eager to link up with Dargaville Union, and it is possible that a Union may be re-organised at Aratapu later. Next I journeyed to Helensville, and expect to be here till about the 9th. A meeting is called for the 8th.

I am hoping to visit several of the scattered districts within a few miles whilst here. The day was spent at Kaukapakapa, seven miles distant, yesterday, but the district was much too scattered to make organising possible. Some, who are interested, have promised to come into the meeting here, and will link up then. One of the old residents of Kaukapakapa told me that there had not been a temperance lecturer or meeting at Kaukapakapa for about 16 years to her knowledge.

I expect to remain in North Auckland province for some months. Mrs Pirett, 13 Panama Street, Arch Hill, Auckland, has kindly promised to for-

ward any letters, and I shall be glad to hear from any friends during the month.

With greetings.—Yours sincerely,

ALICE EARNSHAW.

N.Z. W.C.T.U. LITERATURE.

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance: Mrs Neal, 6 Edgerley Avenue, Epsom, Auckland.

Maori: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox Street, Gisborne.

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IN MEMORIAM.

MRS E. B. OSTLER.

After a long period of weakness, there passed away at Remuera one of the bravest souls who ever did pioneer work in this or any land. As a colonist, she, with her own hands, hewed a home for herself out of the primeval forest. In 1867 she settled with her husband in the Mackenzie Country, owners of Ben Ohau Station. Financial troubles came, and then an accidental fall of a bale of wool deprived her of her husband. The station was mortgaged to the Loan Company, and they would not leave the young wife and mother as its manager. Had they known the grit and stern determination in her, they would not have hesitated to do so. Sitting one afternoon upon the verandah of her beautiful home at Levin, she told us the story of that time. Her son got a nomination to the Blue Coat School, where he did brilliantly, and the youngest daughter was sent to school at Melbourne. Mrs Ostler and her elder daughter came up to Levin, where she had bought some bush land. Alone they felled the bush, burned it, fenced and grassed the land, and built the first bush whare, which afterwards gave place to the roomy house, with its broad, cool verandah, surrounded by many varied and beautiful flowers. The son came home, bringing many prizes, and for a time farmed the land his mother had so well prepared. But in her own words, "He'll never be a farmer; his heart is in his studies. His sister could buy and sell him ten times over." So he went into the legal profession, and has gained a high position there.

Mrs Ostler was a keen prohibitionist, and years ago greatly grieved over the apathy of her own Anglican Church on this question. It was no uncommon sight to see her slip in to the back of the little Methodist Church when the election fight was on. Mrs Ostler was an earnest advocate for equality of the sexes, and was a most progressive thinker on social questions. Once, when a terrible assault had been committed on a little girl by a sexual degenerate, who got merely nominal punishment, the writer, thinking of her own curly-headed little toddler, said, "If it

had been my little girl, I would have shot that man to save other little girls." Mrs Ostler replied, "So would I," and then asked, "What do you think of the state of our laws which would make criminals of women like you and me because it will not protect our children?"

Mrs Ostler for many years was a member of the W.C.T.U. After a trip to the Old Land, she settled at Remuera. She was a highly esteemed member of the Auckland Union, and though lately failing health prevented attendance at meetings, she responded liberally to every appeal for help, and was deeply interested in the work.

A great, true, courageous soul has passed away, and we are poorer for her passing.

MRS VICKERS.

It is with much sorrow we record the death of one of the members of the Auckland District Union, under tragic circumstances, by being knocked down by a motor car. Mrs Vickers was President of the Ponsonby Branch until it disbanded last year. Since then she linked up with the District Union. She was a most devoted and untiring worker in the Prohibition cause, and poured out her life in loving service for others. Such workers can ill be spared at this time, and the gap in the ranks will be hard to fill. Mrs Vickers was much beloved for her sterling Christian qualities, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband and family in their great sorrow.

Her sudden call from earth was a happy entrance into the Presence of God, whom she served so faithfully and devotedly here.

N. DEWAR.

MRS WARD.

Our pioneer members are being called home one by one. Mrs Ward, an elderly lady of saintly character, most devoted to her church and our Union, passed away recently. She had a most retiring nature, but her sweet smile was like a benediction in the meeting. She was most loyal and enthusiastic to the cause, and was ever ready to help with practical sympathy. We feel deeply the loss of such members.

ULSTER.

It is interesting to note the results of the elections for the members of the new Ulster Parliament as they touch the temperance issue. All the temperance candidates who ran were elected. The Irish Temperance Party feels that it has won a great victory. Especially is there rejoicing on the head of two members of the Ulster Temperance Council being returned. The leading publican in Belfast received but 311 votes out of a total of 36,000. The man who defeated him is a leader of the Rechabite movement.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

Dear W.R. Sisters,

At this—the commencement of another year of office—I would again urge upon Superintendents the importance of keeping a record of all work done in their department in readiness for the annual report, and ask that a special note be made of the number of new members gained at each Notable Day Celebration; the number of fresh W.R. subscribers; the amount of the collection taken, and the direct good—if any—to the Union, resulting from these gatherings.

For the benefit of new Unions, a list of Notable Days is given below:—

- Feb. 17th: Frances Willard Day. Collections for World's Missionary Fund.
 June 15th: White Ribbon Day. Collections for Maori Fund.
 July 27th: T. E. Taylor, or Memorial Day.
 Sept. 19th: Franchise Day. Collections for N.Z. Fund.

Will all members do their best to secure new subscribers to our "W.R." paper for June 15th, White Ribbon Day?—Yours in the work,

A. C. JONES,

Dom. Supt. Notable Days.

Dear Sister,—

I would like to remind all Unions and those interested in the Maori Department of our work, that White Ribbon Day (June 15th) is appointed for the collection of subscriptions and donations to this fund.—Yours in Union service,

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Supt., Maori Dept.

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"THE FUTURE OF THE WOMAN'S MOVEMENT."

(By Mrs H. M. Swanwick, M.A., with an introduction by Mrs Fawcett, LL.D., President of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.)

"The Future of the Women's Movement" is a book which embraces so much that it would easily take columns for a careful review. Also, it is difficult to criticise a book dealing with the many sides of a world-wide movement.

The introduction by Mrs Fawcett, in a few pages, written in a masterly, womanly way, prepares the reader to reap the greatest benefits from the book.

It is rather to be wondered that "Aims," instead of "Future," as the first part of the title had not been chosen.

After reading this book, it will make many New Zealand women realise the great struggle British women have had to gain the vote. Also how little we have regarded the privilege given to us so many years ago. Mrs Swanwick is not a member of the Society which included the militant suffragists. From what is seen in the newspapers, and also in the illustrated English papers, it is not surprising that many people should consider that the woman's movement was centred wholly upon getting the vote, and the important reasons for the necessity of the vote quite overlooked. In this book only one of the sixteen chapters is written on the vote. Each of these sixteen chapters seem a complete book, and all dealing with reforms so necessary for women in the home, in the factory, those without a home, those who have fallen, the married, the mother, the unmarried; in fact, women in every phase and every walk of life. The plea is for the welfare of women and of the child, and so the welfare of the nation. The benefits from the broader education of women are clearly shown—benefits which enable women to clearly express the necessity and benefits of reforms pertaining to the uplifting of half the human race.

So many non-progressives consider that women reformers' main object is to rule. The fallacy of this outlook ought to be vanished when the many reasons for co-operation between men and women, as stated in this book, are read. There is always opposition to women entering a fresh sphere, but, as

Mrs Swanwick clearly points out, there are usually a few broad-minded men to give advice and help. The triumph of Florence Nightingale in the face of the greatest opposition is an instance cited. As men advance in learning, she points out the necessity for women to advance too, as it would not be suitable for an early Victorian woman to be married to a twentieth century man. If debarred from an advanced education, how is she to instil modern ideas into her children?

She recognises that in the advance, mistakes are and will be made, just as men often make mistakes when advocating a reform. The way in which she deals with many of the evils which cause women the greatest suffering, strikes one as being written by a broad-minded woman, also as she does not depict all men as gods, nor does she make all women appear as angels.

Many modern writers since the war seem to expect women to be the reformers, but Mrs Swanwick's appeal is for a clearer understanding between men and women, and every facility given for them to work together in the advancement of reforms, not only for their own nation, but for all nations.

DR. MARY HARRIS ARMOR.

White Ribboners, who are eagerly looking forward to Dr. Armor's visit, will be grieved to hear that sorrow has fallen upon her home in the death of her son, Nelson Armor. Blood-poisoning, following an operation for appendicitis, was the cause of death. His mother, who was campaigning in Rhode Island, only reached him a few hours before his death. Mr Armor, who was 35 years of age, was a college graduate. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and a young man of deep piety and sterling character. Our sympathies are with the mother, and also the young widow, only a wife since last December.

The county gaols throughout the country are finding it necessary to hire janitors, because there are no more drunks to work out their fines by doing the janitor work. If the doctors can't find anything else to do, they might get jobs as gaol janitors.—"East Liverpool (Ohio) Review."

A CHRISTIAN PRISON.

The following appeared originally in the Glasgow "Forward," and was reproduced in the "Beacon" for November, 1921. It should be of interest to all who are interested in Prison Reform:—

"The Lindenhof Prison is a few miles from the centre of Berlin, near Lichtenberg. Up to the last few years it was the ordinary conventional prison, respectable to the eyes of all who loved Russian law and military authority. The entrance was marked by the usual great iron door, studded with inch-thick rivets, and double-locked. The cells were numbered, and the doors had peep-holes for the warders to spy on the doings of the dangerous persons within. Strict discipline was enforced, and the prisoners were taught to fear the Governor. But the Governor also feared the prisoners, and even when he conducted divine worship he laid his revolver on the altar table for perfect safety from his self-made foes.

"With the coming of the present Director of the Prison there has also come a terrible revolution. Dr. Karl Wilker, Ph.D., M.D., is a man of ideas and of faith. He has the peculiar notion that the majority of his criminals are the victims of a vile and unequal social system, which made no adequate provision for the natural wants of many of its human units. Many of the petty thefts he believed to be nothing more than a desire for a few of the good things of life; in any case, the taking of it—if it was there in plenty for the few—of a loaf of bread to stave off starvation, was much more natural (in Dr. Wilker's view) than starving within sight of the means of life. He believed that the capitalist system of society kept a section of the community poor and uneducated, and without the means by which it could attain culture. He also believed that the prison system was a mere negation, turning men out in every case more bitter than when they entered, and therefore less fitted than ever for taking their place in ordered society. A great many criminals never got a real chance in life. They had been sent to prison for punishment because they were bad characters. But society had never tried to make them good. Dr. Wilker believed, therefore, that as their whole life had been a pun-

ishment, prison, if it was to be of any service to them, must be a school and a home where they would be trained in the social spirit to take their place in the service of the community. No one wanted a man who had been in any of H.M. prisons. Wilker's view was that residence for three years in the right sort of gaol ought to be rather a recommendation.

"Wilker's first act as Director was to remove every bar from the windows and the locks from the doors. All the cells were re-painted like ordinary living-rooms, and the numbers and the spy-holes were removed from the cells. The new Director called his dangerous persons together, and explained to them his purpose. They were not to be a group of people who mutually suspected each other; they were to be a social community, in which each was to live and work for the happiness of all. Rules and regulations, said the Director, he abhorred, and what he personally disliked he was very unwilling to impose on anyone else. There would therefore be a minimum of rules. Regarding punishments for misbehaviour, the customary rule was to impose extra work on the delinquent, but as all work in their community was to be a pleasure and a service, and as he did not believe in corporal punishment, another means would have to be discovered. Dr. Wilker admitted his own difficulty of being a judge, and so he proposed a policy of democratic control, by which the prisoners would form themselves into a jury to hear cases and discover a punishment to fit the crime. The worst thing the criminals could devise was the duty of washing a few extra dishes.

"As regards training in social service, the Director instituted apprenticeships, on the intensive system, in such trades as joinery, cabinetmaking, printing, market gardening, bootmaking, tailoring, and for those who so desired it, some education in art-drawing, music, etc., and for that purpose a band was formed, and also a dramatic society. The Institute, which is now really a technical institute, with residential students, has its own social life, and its own monthly magazine, to which the "criminals" contribute articles and sketches.

"Not only so, but if Dr. Wilker happens to become possessed of tickets for the theatre or opera in Berlin, he goes in along with his "prisoner" friends to spend the evening there, not as their Governor, but as one of themselves.

"One peculiarity of this prison is that there are often applications for an extension of the term of imprisonment, and in every case the prisoner re-enters the world better fitted in every way to take his place in society, not with a grudge against a system that exiled him, for three years in useless employment, but with gratitude that at last he had experienced that human touch that makes the whole world kin.

"The visit to Lindenhof will long be a happy memory. It was the nearest approach to what one might call a Christian prison. Visitors to the institution are informed that they are expected to speak as friends with all whom they meet in the grounds, and to beware of treating any as inferior or criminal types. Dr. Wilker himself moves among his friends, and is welcomed by them as they are at work or play, and never fails to join them for a period daily in doing the same tasks as he has set for them. When one thinks of a prison system maintained by nominally Christian Governments, and tolerated by Christian peoples, without either protest or enquiry, systems which turn men out branded with shame, it is refreshing to know that Dr. Wilker has abandoned conventional Christianity as a soulless, unpractical thing, and has become a Christian of a nobler type, whose religion is to help his fellowmen to realise their full manhood."

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- 4th. Because it gives me greater mental power and vigor until old age.
- 5th. Because it is good for my higher nature—my true self, my soul life.
- 6th. Because my example benefits others in the community, especially the young.
- 7th. Because Sunday observance is patriotic. It is for my country's good. —"The Defender."

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FACILIS EST DECENSUS AVERNI.

MR MASSEY AT TE PUKE.

In his speech at Te Puke, undoubtedly Mr Massey forgot the dignities which should clothe the utterances of the Prime Minister of a Dominion such as ours. Surely it was *infra dig* for a statesman of Mr Massey's standing to urge upon the youth of this land to drink and smoke, and bet, in order to increase the revenue. "Every glass of whisky drunk, every pipe of tobacco smoked, every sovereign put upon the totalisator, helped." Helped what? The Revenue. Granting for the moment this argument to be sound, is the revenue the main thing? Mr Massey's colleague, the Minister of Education, pleads for money for education, telling us that the children are a nation's best asset. Does drinking, smoking, and bet-

ting make for the production of a better race? Do they increase or decrease the value of the "nation's best asset"? Mr Massey "does not wish to see these bad habits increased." He admits that they are bad habits. Then why suggest that the Government needed money immediately after. Reading the newspaper report: "He does not wish to see these bad habits increased, but the Government needed the money," the unbiassed reader is tempted to add, "and does not care by what means they get it." But does money got from such sources really benefit the revenue? "Experantia docet." Listen to the experience of Kansas, U.S.A. Over 30 years ago Kansas, then upon the verge of bankruptcy, decided to go dry. The wets hurled the revenue arguments, and yelled that now State bankruptcy was inevitable. Really was it? To-day Kansas is the richest State per capita in the Union. It found, as every State and nation has found, that it takes far more than the revenue, however princely it may be derived from the liquor trade, to cover the expenditure required to take care of the human wreckage made by the trade, and the loss occasioned by the lessening efficiency of both manual and brain workers caused by John Barleycorn. But in over 30 years of Prohibition Kansas has reared a dry generation. Were they improved? At the great war, Kansas had less rejects for the Army than any place in the world. The average for all places was one out of every two rejected, but in Kansas it was one out of three rejected. If Prohibition improves the "nation's best asset" so much in one generation, what will it do with successive generations?

We are writing away from our reference library, but it dwells in the back of our memory that once, either in reply to a deputation or speaking in the House, our Premier said that he did not fear for the revenue in the case of Prohibition being carried. We would recommend him to get back to this frame of mind, and to assist him to do so, he might ask the officers of his departments for a balance-sheet putting on revenue side all the Customs duties, license fees, etc., derived from alcohol, and on the expenditure side all it costs to keep criminals, paupers, and lunatics who become so through drink, the percentages so spent to be calculated on the authority of Prison Governors, Judges, and Medical Superintendents of

Hospitals. We think the balance-sheet would show conclusively that liquor never increases, but always decreases revenue. He might also profitably study a record prepared by the same unimpeachable authorities as to how liquor affects "a nation's best asset." Pussyfoot Johnson, speaking at Simla, India, said: "As regards loss of revenue, a point had been one which gave the American legislators 'seriously to think,' but that in spite of the fact that the revenue from this source was considerable, they finally decided that the loss would have to be faced and made good from other sources of revenue."

"When Prohibition became law, the greatly dreaded deficit was covered by increased revenue obtained from other sources, due to the introduction of the measure. One of these sources was the reduction in public expenditure consequent on the closing of the gaols, alms-houses, and asylums, which were no longer required for such purposes; and the other was the unanticipated rise in the value of property."

Better houses are being erected for the labouring classes; the people begin to find that they have more money to spend, and naturally they look for and obtain greater home comforts generally. Taxes are levied on the value of property in America, and therefore, as the value of property increases, so the revenue from this source of taxation also increases.

"WEAR IT AS A BADGE."

SLOGAN FOR MEMBERS.

Preach a silent sermon,

Wear the bow of white;
When you have it, wear it,
Keep it well in sight.

Like our gallant soldiers,
"Wear it as a badge,"
Not to fasten garments
As a camouflage.

Hoist your Union colour,
Single out your aim,
Members greet a member,
Knowing not her name.

Silently appealing,
Little bow of white,
Standing for Humanity,
God, and Home, and Right.

—Ethel L. Piper, Milford.

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

LEIGH.

April. President in the chair. Good attendance; two visitors present. Mrs Wyatt read a very excellent paper, entitled, "Work for Small Unions," which was much appreciated, and for which she was accorded a vote of thanks. Correspondence was read, arranging a visit of Miss Earnshaw. Discussion of ways and means. Resolved to hire the Public Hall for meetings at the reduced charge. Resolved to send a parcel of children's clothing next month to Adjutant Gordon for distribution among distressed families in Auckland, also that Mrs D. Matheson should be Superintendent of the "Leigh Flower Mission."

OPOTIKI.

April 28. Mrs Thompson in chair. Very good attendance; about 40 ladies present. After a sumptuous afternoon tea, our President gave a most interesting and helpful address on the Convention held at Hamilton. A collection was taken up to defray the expenses of sending our Delegate to Convention.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

April 27. President (Mrs Peart) presided, and emphasised the need of personal effort in temperance and other good work. President gave a brief report of Convention. The report in detail to be given at next meeting.

NAPIER.

May. President (Mrs G. W. Venables) occupied the chair, and was heartily congratulated by the members on her re-election, for the third year, on the Napier West School Committee. Members reported very satisfactory efforts being undertaken to make the W.C.T.U. shop a success. The date of Sale is fixed for Friday, May 26; proceeds to defray expenses in connection with the visit of Dr. Mary Armor. The meeting proposed that the City Council be approached with the view of a ladies' resting room being erected near Clive Square, and asked that the slot system be installed in that and the Tram Depot Shelter.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

May 4. Good attendance. Mrs Sutton from Hamilton, and Mrs Poroumate from Rotorua, were welcomed. Union unanimously endorsed the action of Convention re Mrs Judson's Proclamation. Reports on Cradle Roll, L.T.L., sick visiting, and supper given at Carnival in

aid of the Garrison Band, were received. Decided to assist the local officer of the Salvation Army in relieving several families in need of food and clothing. Congratulations were extended to four members who were elected on the School Committees.

ASHBURTON.

Mrs Miller presided over a moderate attendance at our meeting on April 4th. Mesdames Ibbotson and J. Thompson were appointed to represent the W.C. T.U. at a banquet in honour of the visit of Mr Lear Caton, High Officer of Rechabite Order, from England. Decided to place a box on the table at the meetings for contributions to the Mission to the Blind. Mrs H. Ibbotson, delegate to Convention, gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of proceedings, receiving a very hearty vote of thanks. Decided that the Secretary write to Mrs Peryman, drawing attention to an extract from Mr Massey's speech at Te Puke, suggesting "Economy" proposals, and asking that a protest be forwarded. A very successful drawing-room gathering was held at the residence of Mrs W. Oakley, West Belt, on April 26th. Mrs W. J. Williams, Sunner, was present, and delivered a very helpful and inspiring address along temperance lines, and closed with an earnest appeal to each one to lose no opportunity of service during the coming months, that victory may be assured. Vocal and instrumental items were much enjoyed, and a dainty afternoon tea served by the Misses Oakley. Votes of thanks were passed to speaker, performers, and Mrs Oakley for kind hospitality.

TIMARU.

A Busy Week.

April 26. Mrs Don, Dominion President, arrived in Timaru, and was met by members of the local Branch. On Thursday afternoon she was motored to Temuka, where she gave a stirring and encouraging address to a large gathering of members. The Union in Temuka has been in existence barely three months, and has had the unique distinction of having in so short a time opened a rest room in the township. On Thursday evening Mrs Don was entertained at a drawing-room evening in the Y.M. C.A. Hall, which was well filled. The "Y" Branch took in hand the hall and programme arrangements, and both were a great success. Mrs Norrie introduced Mrs Don, who spoke on the waste of manhood and money, and the suffering experienced by women and children through alcohol, and gave some well authenticated facts about the working of No-License in America. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Don was carried by acclamation. A sumptuous supper was served. On Friday afternoon Mrs Don was motored to Pleasant Point to meet the members of another "baby" Union. Here she had a new experience, for the meeting was called to-

gether by the ringing of the church bell, which resulted in a large and enthusiastic audience. Mrs Don was very interested to know that the President, Miss Bishop, is a niece of Miss Bishop, of the Christchurch Union. At each of these three meetings several new members were initiated. On Sunday a bountiful tea was provided at the Sailors' Rest for the men of the s.s. Tainui. Between twenty and thirty men accepted the invitation, and showed in a practical way their appreciation of the good things provided for them. After tea, a short service was held. Singing of favourite hymns was interspersed with Bible reading and prayer, and a talk with the men by Mrs Don. On Monday afternoon, at a very large meeting, final arrangements were made for Sale of Work on May 11th, and at night a social was held for the seamen.

TAKAPUNA.

April 5. A fair attendance. Mrs Penning in the chair, who gave an interesting account of Convention. Two new members were initiated.

May 4. A good number attended, President in the chair. A solo was rendered by Miss Cammell. Address by Mrs Penning, urging individual effort in view of the coming campaign. Mrs Veats, a delegate to recent Convention, read an interesting report of same. Mrs Lewins was appointed Corresponding Secretary. Several extra numbers of "White Ribbon" sold by Mrs Rugg, our agent.

HAWERA.

May 4. Mrs Scott presided, and fifteen ladies were present. Regret expressed at Mrs MacGregor's resignation as Vice-President, owing to ill-health. Members decided to raise money for Mary Armor Fund during the Winter Show week. A deputation, consisting of Mesdames Hayward, Scott, and Miss Ballantine, were appointed to interview Mr Dixon, M.P., with regard to purifying the Electoral Roll, and precinct voting. Mrs Tait gave report of Convention. Afternoon tea.

LOWER HUTT.

May 2. Nine members present and four visitors, and two new members were initiated. Miss Powell gave them a hearty welcome. Miss Powell also addressed the members, and gave helpful advice on how to vote, and instructed us on how to enroll.

OAMARU.

April 10. Large attendance. Mrs Tiffany, the delegate to Convention, read a full and instructive report, which was highly appreciated. It impressed on all members, "Be of good courage, have faith in God."

TEMUKA.

March 7. Good attendance. President (Nurse Cameron) in the chair. Twelve new members initiated. Re-

gretted that no delegate could be sent to Convention. Decided that our first work be the establishing of a Mothers' Rest in Temuka, and a Rest Room Committee, and a Look-Out Committee were appointed. Mesdames Maclaren and Whitehead were appointed a Cradle Roll Committee. Decided to accept Mrs Maclaren's kind offer of the use of her room for the winter months. The day of meeting was changed from second Tuesday to first Tuesday and Thursday alternately.

March 23. Special meeting re Mothers' Rest Room. Good attendance. Mrs Tilbrook in the chair. Decided to rent two rooms from Miss Strachan, at 10s per week, and to open them for rest room on following Tuesday, 28th, they to be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Decided also that the Borough and County Councils be approached for financial assistance. Several members preferred help.

April 6. Monthly meeting. Nurse Cameron presided over attendance of 17 members. Letter received from Geraldine County Council stating that £10 had been voted to the Mothers' Rest Room Fund. Donations received amounted to £3 12s 6d, and £1 9s 6d had been collected at Rest Room on the three days it had been open. Votes of thanks passed to monetary donors, also to those who had given furniture, etc., and to the ladies who had assisted. A committee was appointed to purchase necessary articles for the room, also to have the gas meter installed.

April 28. Special meeting, presided over by Mrs Norrie, Timaru, and addressed by Mrs Don. Good attendance. Congratulations received on the opening up of a Rest Room. Most interesting and helpful address given by Mrs Don on Convention and the work of the Union generally. Hearty vote of thanks passed. Eight members initiated. Visitors afterwards entertained to afternoon tea by the officers, and also given an opportunity to inspect the Rest Room.

STRATFORD.

April 4. Miss Mayo, who is visiting this district, gave a very instructive report of Convention, which was listened to with great interest. The "Proclamation" (Peace and Arbitration Department) was unanimously ratified by members of local Union. One new member initiated.

PETONE.

April 4. Mrs Ashby presided. Two names were submitted to be nominated for election on the School Committee. Mrs McPherson resigned, as she is leaving Petone for Dunedin. Votes of condolence passed for members who had lost relatives, also votes of sympathy for several members who had serious sickness among relatives.

March 15. A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the residence of Mrs Shardlow. Mrs Ashby presided over a good attendance. Part of the time was spent in prayer for the success of Prohibition at the next poll. Songs and readings were given.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

April 4. Mrs Hiatt presided. Each member brought a gift for the forthcoming Jumble Sale. Miss Mackenzie appointed acting-Minute Secretary, and Mrs Alexander as Press Correspondent. Mrs Mathewson, delegate to the National Council of Women, gave a very comprehensive and interesting report of the Children's Charter. Misses Johnson and McQueen spoke very clearly and concisely on their personal observations of the results of Prohibition in Canada. Without overlooking the attendant weaknesses of Prohibition (weaknesses that follow any prohibitive law), they affirmed most convincingly that crime, poverty, and physical degradation were vastly decreased, and the social welfare proportionately benefited. The breaches of law were rapidly being eliminated, and the speakers felt convinced that, in another generation, these would be overcome. Canada, they said, did not suffer from the loss of their revenue, but, on the contrary, their country and their people were much more prosperous. They expressed surprise that we in New Zealand bolstered up our revenue by the sale of liquor, and, on the other hand, had to build inebriate homes, gaols, and lunatic asylums.

WINCHMORE-GREENSTREET.

March 8. President in the chair. Annual Cradle Roll afternoon. Large attendance of mothers and children. Each child on roll, numbering over 70, received a toy and bag of sweets. A card, with suitable literature, enclosed for parent, is also sent on the birthday of each child. A letter was directed to be sent to Sergeant of Police complimenting him on his endeavours to suppress the illicit sale of intoxicants. Mrs W. T. Lill, ex-District President, gave a heart to heart talk, which was much appreciated. The speaker was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet, with white ribbon streamers, presented by a little girl. Mrs Robinson was elected delegate to Convention. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Greenstreet ladies.

SUMNER.

April. Quite a pleasant and profitable meeting. We invited Branches in and around Christchurch to send some of their members to our meeting, and a fair number responded, New Brighton being very well represented. Each Branch gave us an account of their work, some of their difficulties and successes. Interchange like this should strengthen work. Resolved that our Branch offer all possible assistance

to the organised Prohibition campaign in Sumner.

OXFORD.

March 1. President in the chair. Decided to cater for local Show. Miss Gainsford appointed to represent Union at Council meeting at Rangiora. Accepted Miss Baughan's offer to give a lecture on "Prison Reform" on March 15th. Frances Willard Day celebrated. Mrs Lewis read an interesting paper from the Superintendent, who was indisposed. Short farewell was tendered to Mr and Mrs Lewis, who are leaving the district, several members expressing the Union's appreciation of their ready help and sympathy, and wishing them God-speed. Afternoon tea handed round.

March 15. Miss Baughan addressed rather a small meeting, at close of which she was thanked. Arrangements made for Show catering.

KAIAPOI.

April 29. Mrs Scott in the chair. Band of Hope was discussed for the coming season, which opens next month (May). Rev. Scott has kindly consented to act as chairman. We also said good-bye to Mrs Brighting, who was our President for a number of years, on her departure to the Old Country, and wished her a pleasant journey and a safe return.

ONEHUNGA.

Feb. 9. Our new President, Mrs Benfell, in the chair. Mention was made of the long and faithful services of Mrs Logan, our retiring President, and a vote of appreciation of her long service was placed on the minutes. Mrs Logan elected delegate to Convention.

March 9. Address given by Mrs Lee-Cowie, thoroughly appreciated by all. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs Benfell asked: Was it allowed to give to young people under 21 drink? Discussion on same resulted in our delegate being instructed to bring this question before Convention.

GORE.

March 28. An enjoyable "At Home" at the residence of Mrs E. C. Smith. A large number of ladies were present. Besides musical items and recitations, Sister Maud Coleman, of England, gave a very earnest and interesting address. She arrived from England in charge of 40 young women coming out to help with domestic work, and when they reached New Zealand all were wearing the white ribbon bow.

March. Annual meeting. Report read and adopted. The following officers were appointed for the year:— Pres., Mrs E. C. Smith; Sec., Mrs Dunlop; Treas., Mrs B. B. Stevenson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bunn, Finch, and W. D. Stewart; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs T. Stevenson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs McAskill.

BLUFF.

April 7. Successful Harvest Festival concert and Sale of Work, Produce, etc. Willard Hall crowded. A number of Band of Hope children ably rendered a pretty little opocretta entitled, "Dame Nature's Fete." Eileen Morrison recited Frances Willard's "The White Ribbon Queen." Songs were also rendered. The singing of the National Anthem closed an excellent programme, after which business at the stalls was very brisk, the result being a goodly sum.

GREYTOWN.

March 28. Fair attendance. Mrs Boucher (President) in the chair. Decided that the next meeting be held on Easter Thursday, and take the form of a social afternoon. Mrs Whincop, delegate to Convention, to read her report. Also decided that we have a social and concert on the 8th May, to help raise funds toward the Maori work.

April 20. Twelve members and five visitors present. Revs. Mackie and Blight led the devotional exercises. Mrs Whincop presented a full and enlightening report of Convention. Miss Rangī and Rev. A. M. Costain rendered solos. A profitable evening.

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On March 9th the members of the W.C.T.U. Cradle Roll and their mothers were invited to a social afternoon. Songs, recitations, and also two addresses were given. Three new members were enrolled, and the handing round of afternoon tea brought a very enjoyable time to a close.

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April. The chair was taken by Mrs Warwick. Miss Rose's resignation was accepted with regret, and it was decided to forward a letter of thanks for work done as sick visitor. Miss Randal will undertake that work. The Garrison Band's request of W.C.T.U. help at afternoon tea and supper one day to help Carnival was accepted. An interesting and inspiring report on Convention work.

(Will reporters kindly put name of Union at head of report? This month are two reports with no name to indicate where they come from.—Editor "W.R.")

HAMILTON.

March 3. Mrs Blamires (President) in the chair. Afternoon was taken up in detail work in connection with the forthcoming Convention, which opens on the 22nd inst.

OREPUKI, SOUTHLAND.

April 6. Mrs Young, President in the chair. A good attendance of members. The funds of the Branch were considerably augmented by the proceeds of a fumble Sale, held March 16th, when the

sum of £25 was realised. The meeting donated £5 5s to Memorial Headquarters Fund; £2 2s to Mary Armor Fund; £1 1s to Organising Fund, and £2 2s to Sailors' Rest, Bluff. The Branch is going ahead.

WAITARA.

April 21. Mrs Andrews, President in the chair. Fair attendance. Miss Mayo gave an instructive address on the work and aims of the Union. Mrs Hughson was appointed Treasurer; Mrs Murray, White Ribbon Agent; Miss Bicheno, Press Reporter. Decided to procure assorted literature for distribution. Suggested that some of the New Plymouth delegates be invited out to give us a report of the Hamilton Convention at our next meeting. Five new members were initiated.

KAIKORAI.

April 28. President in chair. Letter of sympathy to be sent to our Secretary, Mrs Malcolm, in the loss of her eldest daughter. President read part of Convention report. Voted £5 to the "Mary Armor" Fund, and £5 to Memorial Headquarters Fund. Miss Sharp, member from Geelong, welcomed. Five new members enrolled.

CHRISTCHURCH.

April 12. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Reported that Unions had been formed at Sydenham and Aranui. Arrangements made for staffing our table on Poppy Day. Report of Dominion Convention was read.

SYDENHAM.

Aug. 11. Mrs Archer presided. Miss Sharp, of the Home Economic Society, gave a most interesting address on preparing food for growing children, and stressed importance of proper food. Mrs McCombs, President of Sumner, wished the new Union every success.

MOSGIEL.

March 21. Our President, Mrs Bedford, absent through illness, and Mrs Westin (Vice-President) presided; 36 members present. Mrs Westin sang a solo, and gave a most inspiring address on "Some of the varied opportunities of Christian women." She was most heartily thanked. Seven new members initiated.

April 19. Very large attendance. Mrs Westin in the chair. Mrs Clark gave an account of her work at the Solomon Islands. Nurse Saunders sang a solo. Miss Ayers, of India, then spoke upon her work with the British troops upon the borders of Afghanistan. Seven new members.

ASHBURTON.

March. A very large attendance of members and friends was present at a social gathering for the purpose of honouring Mrs W. T. Lill, ex-President. Mrs Miller briefly referred to the work

so ably carried out by Mrs Lill as President for many years, and on behalf of the members, presented her with a handsome secretaire, suitably inscribed, and fitted out with stationery, fountain-pen, etc., also a bouquet, tied with white ribbon streamers. A letter of appreciation from Mrs Don, N.Z. President, was read, regretting her inability to be present. Complimentary references to Mrs Lill's splendid work was also made on behalf of the Ashburton Branch Unions and No-License Council and members. The recipient suitably responded. Vocal and instrumental items were rendered, and a social half-hour was pleasantly spent over a cup of tea.

RAKAIA.

March 9. After four months' holiday, on account of the busy harvest time, we opened once more. Meeting took the form of a thanksgiving to God, who had restored so many of our sisters who had passed through serious illnesses, our dear President, Mrs Boag, pointing out to us God's great goodness to them and us all.

April 13. Mrs Boag in the chair. Cradle Roll social, a number of children and visitors present. Tea and cakes were handed round to all, also pretty bags of sweets to the little ones. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Boag; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Mrs Field; Treas., Mrs Judkins; Literature, Mrs Hunt; Cradle Roll, Miss E. Oakley.

ONEHUNGA.

April 13. Good attendance to hear Mrs Logan's report of Convention, which was of interest, and closely listened to. Mrs Benfell then presented Mrs Logan with an illuminated address from the officers and members as a token of our high appreciation of her work as President from 1914 to 1922. The address was beautifully done by Mr Hunter (our Secretary's husband), free of cost to our Union, and a hearty vote of thanks passed for his splendid work. Cor. Secretary, when writing, to thank him, to mention that we highly value our Banner, the gift of Mr and Mrs Hunter. Afternoon tea passed round, during which £1 was donated to Mrs Armor's Fund. Sale of remainder of provisions realised 6/6 for same fund. Suggested this be done each afternoon for the same cause.

SUMNER.

May 2. Attendance was good, and Mrs McCombs presided. Miss Henderson gave a splendid report of Convention. Members were glad to hear of steady progress of the Unions, 11 fresh ones last year. Arrangements made for next meeting, our first annual one. Invitations will be sent out locally for a number of ladies to join us in a social afternoon, with a view to widening our work, and securing new members.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

April 26. Mesdames Valentine and Kibby, Delegates to Convention, read their report. Seven members of this Branch were present at Convention. Miss Mayo, W.C.T.U. Organiser, has been in this district, and has secured a large number of new members. Five new members were initiated at the last meeting. The Loyal Temperance Legion has been formed, and members are now being enrolled.

TE KUITI.

April 11. Owing to inclemency of weather, attendance was small. The President, Mrs Edgar, occupied the chair, and gave an interesting account of Hamilton Convention. Resolved that a deputation wait on the Mayoress (Mrs Line) to ask her to call a meeting, with the object of forming a Plunket Society in Te Kuiti. Decided to hold a monthly social afternoon, each member to bring a friend who is interested in the W.C.T.U., also helping to make and renovate clothing for charitable aid.

CARTERTON.

May 3. Poor attendance. Mrs Peryman presided as Mrs Every was unavoidably absent through sickness in her home. A discussion took place regarding the Provincial Convention, which is to be held here in September next. Reference was made to Dr. Armor's visit to this town.

TURAKINA.

March. We held our first meeting for the year at Mrs Clark's residence, there being eight present. Mrs Wilson spoke on the necessity of voting and getting others to vote out the drink traffic, quoting Billy Sunday and his ideas of the drink. Death has claimed one of our gentleman members in Mr D. R. Perry, and our hearts go out in sympathy to his widow and family.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Nov. 22. Attendance good. Mrs Cleghorn, President in the chair. Secretary, Mrs Wallis read the report of the year's work. Treasurer, Mrs Finlay, read the balance-sheet. Miss Andrews reported on the Cradle Roll. Mrs Pratley on the Band of Mercy and L.T.L. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Cleghorn; Vice-Pres., Mrs Pratley; Treas., Mrs Finlay; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wallis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hudson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Joint Supts., Cradle Roll, Mrs Cook and Miss Andrews; Joint Supts., Band of Mercy and L.T.L., Mrs Hudson and Mrs Adcock. Final arrangements for Garden Fete, which duly came off, the splendid sum of £21 12s being raised, which goes to Headquarters Fund.

March 28. Opening meeting of the year. Mrs Cleghorn, President, in the chair. Poor attendance. Decided to each bring some piece of work to be sold later at Sale to augment Fighting Fund. One new member enrolled.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

April 11. Mrs Paisley presided over a good attendance of members. Four new members were enrolled. Members are active to add to their numbers and arouse interest in view of the forthcoming poll.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

April 12. Mrs Neal presided. Good attendance of members. Mrs Tims (Christchurch), Mrs Field (Nelson), and Miss Taunt (New Plymouth), were welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Williams gave a very interesting report of the recent Convention at Hamilton. Mrs Don addressed the meeting, speaking of the plan of campaign for the year in regard to Mrs Mary Armor's visit to our Dominion, and also of the Memorial Headquarters, which we hoped would be an accomplished fact in the future. Mrs Don then gave a graphic recital of her thrilling experiences at the World's Convention in London.

April 26. Mrs Neal presided. Miss Earnshaw sent in a report of a successful meeting in Dargaville, and a Union formed with 35 members. Mrs Hollis, President of Waihi Union, and her daughter were welcomed to the meeting; also Mrs Shanley, Greytown, and Mrs Nichol森, Dannevirke. Mrs Hollis gave an interesting short account of the work at Waihi. Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of Mesdames Ward, Ostler, and Vickers in their sorrow. Our Union mourns the loss of these saintly members. Resolved that we heartily support the movement for the formation of Community Clubs for Senior Cadets. Mrs Cook gave an interesting account of her impressions of Convention, and dealt with the resolutions passed. In connection with the proclamation sent out by Convention, the following resolution was passed:—"That the Auckland Branch of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. declares its approval of the proclamation sent out by Convention, and will strive to work for the promotion of universal peace along the lines suggested therein.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

April 19. Four new members were received. The resignation of our President, Miss Helyer, was received with very great regret. Miss C. E. Kirk was appointed to take her place, Mrs Evans taking the position of Corresponding Secretary, rendered vacant by Miss Kirk's promotion. Mrs Caughley, our Convention delegate, gave a most interesting report of the work done at Convention, and made us all wish we had been there. We had the pleasure of a brief visit from Mrs Lee-Cowie, who was just in time to pin the bows on the new members.

MANAIA.

April 11. The President in the chair, 13 present. Two new members

joined, and one baby's name added to the Cradle Roll. There were two ladies nominated for the School Committee. Mrs Bennett read a very interesting report of the Convention, held in Hamilton, and received a very hearty vote of thanks.

RIVERTON.

April 28. Heavy and continuous rain prevented most of the members from attending the meeting. Decided to open the Band of Hope next week, and to interest the children in the essay competition. After some discussion, the members present agreed that part of the Band of Hope funds in hand might be suitably spent in advertising the competition in the local and Invercargill papers. So far, no notice of the N.Z. Alliance prizes has appeared in any paper except the "White Ribbon" and "Vanguard," and it was thought that advertisements in the daily papers would reach many children who never come into touch with the Band of Hope or W.C.T.U. The notices have since been published.

SAWYER'S BAY.

April 25. President (Mrs Cleghorn) in the chair, 15 present. Letter read from Mrs Tiffany, of Oamaru, also a condensed copy of her report of Convention. Our heartiest thanks are due to her for her kindness in sending these on to us. Mr Faulkener gave an address on "The Temperance Movement," and was thanked. The President urged all members to do all they could by prayer and work for our great fight for Prohibition this year. A dainty supper concluded a very pleasant evening.

Y's Column.

AUCKLAND.

Feb. 16. Successful social. Mr Foster presided. Musical items rendered. The Chairman stressed the wonderful opportunity that lies with us this year. Mrs Lee Cowie addressed us, dealing specially with public speaking. A competition and supper closed the evening. Eight new members initiated.

March 7. Present 25. Presiding Mr Foster. Report of successful open-air meetings given. A choir to sing at them is being formed. Mr Mills urged greater loyalty to our cause. Mr Foster added a few words. We must have knowledge of facts, and must earnestly and constantly pray. Three new members.

April 4. 35 present. Mr L. Foster presided. Report was given of our open-air meetings on Friday nights in Fort Street. Resolution carried protesting against Spain's action in connection with Iceland. An inspiring address was given by Mrs Don, who drew her illus-

trations from the life of Frances Willard, emphasising the importance of our never saying "can't" when we are asked to do something to help. We should try to do it.

WELLINGTON.

April 20. Good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Millar presided, and gave a very interesting account of the doings of the Convention. Games were indulged in and an advertisement Competition was won by Mrs Millar. During the evening a programme of recitations, duets, and songs. Supper followed. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne. We have gained fifteen new members this year. Hearty greetings to all Y's.

INVERCARGILL.

April 1. A very successful social evening given by the boy members. The evening quickly passed with games, competitions, also musical and elocutionary items. After supper, Miss Seed, on behalf of the girls, thanked the boys for the enjoyable evening they had given. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

May 1. Fair attendance. Miss Finlayson (acting-President) welcomed, on behalf of the Union, Sister Janet, who has recently come to First Presbyterian Church. A very interesting report of Convention was given by Miss Stewart. Owing to the illness of our Superintendent (Mrs Young), the social hour (previously arranged for) was put off. Three new members were welcomed.

L.T.L. Column.

ARAMOHO.

April 22. There was a good attendance. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Ruby Field; Vice-Pres., Irene Howard; Sec., Arthur Crisp; Treas., Ada Gilmour; Convenor Social Committee, Mary Nalder; Flower, Vera Gilmour; Look-Out, Isabel Suddalry; Agent for "Young Crusader," Elsie Field; pianiste, Mrs Cardwell. Decided to give an entertainment, entitled "Queen Temperance and Her Attendants." Plans were also made to hold a Sale of Work, competition and prizes for cooking, sweets, and decorated tables, bouquets, and buttonholes. An instructive and interesting lesson given by the Leader on "Samson, the Mighty Champion and Life-long Abstainer." Memory gem: Alcohol is a waste product in the activity of the yeast plant. A short programme was much enjoyed.

including recitations by Elsie Field, Nancy Hausman, Jean Benefield, Joyce and Ray Battersby; pianoforte solo, Zena Benefield. A letter was sent to Mrs Good, expressing regret at her absence owing to sickness, and trusting that she will soon be well again. It was decided to send flowers to sick members now in hospital. Ten new members were received.

WANGANUI.

A branch of the L.T.L. was organised in Trinity Church Schoolroom on Saturday afternoon. The attendance of children and parents spoke well for the future success of the branch. Mrs Bathgate, Organiser, gave a short address, explaining the methods of the Legion, and giving a demonstration, showing charts and manuals, and its objects. She also spoke of the nature and effects of alcohol and tobacco, and urged the use of the good things of life. The following adult officers were then introduced to the Legioners:—Mrs Reed, Supt.; Mrs Gopperth, Sec.; Mrs Goodey, Treas; Mrs Shearer, Pianist. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation to the Legion of a beautiful blackboard from Mr Gopperth. The Junior Secretary was instructed to thank the donor. Officers elected: Pres., John Goodey; Vice-Pres., Elsie Nicholson, Haywood Thompson; Sec., Joyce Thompson; Treas., Peggy Watson; Librarian, Norma Neile; Convenors of Committees: Social, Mary Reed; Flower, Peggy Dowsett; Cheer-up, Hilda Park. A short programme was rendered by the following:—Recitation, Mary Reed, "The Wonderful World"; duet, Ronald Harries and Ivan Shearer; recitation, Jack Reed, "Jack Frost." Mrs Goodey delighted the audience with a touching poem. Prizes were donated by Mesdames Reed and Shearer to the boy and girl who brings the most new members, and Frances Willard's leaflet, "Appeal to Mothers," was distributed.

WINCHMORE-GREENSTREET.

March. Annual meeting, Mr Wakelin in the chair. Officers elected: Chairman, Mr Wakelin; Superintendents, Mesdames Scott and Bennett; Sec., Miss McKay; Treas., Miss Nicholas; Committee for Winchmore, Misses Prebble, Scott, Bennett, Messrs Pearson, Holmes, Hardy and Evans; for Greenstreet, Mesdames McIlroy, Hood, and Miss Donald, and Mr L. McIlroy; Organist, Miss O. Prebble. Decided to hold first meeting on April 7th, and to give prizes to those giving most temperance recitations during the year, and also for best temperance essay.

HEADQUARTERS MEMORIAL FUND.

Sir Francis Bell, K.C.M.G., £10; Wanganui District, £3; Mrs Lovatt, Wanganui, £1 1s; Greymouth District, £2. Total, £16 1s.

TOMMY GOUGH IN ENGLISH.

When first the new boy came to school,
His name was not announced.
The children knew how it was spelled,
But not how 'twas pronounced.

"'Tis easy to decide," quoth one;
"Of course it rhymes with rough.
I'm positive in my own mind,
That that boy's name is Gough."

"You may be right," a second said,
"'Tis possible, although
I rather think if he was asked,
He'd say his name was Gough."

"Pooh, pooh!" a loud voice called in scorn,
"With nonsense let's be through.
That I am right you must allow;
We'll call the new boy Gough."

"That's as you please," replied a fourth,
While swinging on a bough;
"And yet I see no reason why
His name should not be Gough."

But here the boy himself appeared,
And said, with bashful cough:
"Say, fellows, can I play with you?
My name is Tommy Gough."

"JOHN ALCOHOL, MY FOE."

The following clever parody of the famous Scottish song appears in "The Australian Temperance World":—

John Alcohol, my foe, John,
When we were first acquaint,
I'd siller in my pockets, John,
Which noo, ye ken, I want;
I spent it all in treating, John,
Because I loved you so;
But, mark ye, how you've tempted me,
John Alcohol, my foe.

John Alcohol, my foe, John,
Ye've blear'd out a' my een,
And lighted up my nose, John,
A fiery sign atween!
My hands wi' palsy shake, John,
My locks are like the snow;
Ye'll surely be the death o' me,
John Alcohol, my foe.

John Alcohol, my foe, John,
'Twas love to you, I ween,
That gart me rise sae ear', John;
And sit sae late at e'en;
The best o' frien's maun part, John;
It grieves me sair, ye know;
But "we'll nae mair to yon town,"
John Alcohol, my foe.

John Alcohol, my foe, John,
Ye've wrought me muckle skaith;
And yet to part wi' you, John,
I own I'm unco faith;
But I'll join the temperance ranks, John,
Ye needna say me no;
It's better late than ne'er do weel,
John Alcohol, my foe.

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THE LAST WEAPON.

(Continued.)

CHAPTER XX.

The Captain was sound asleep, for Bottom Dog had promised to call if he needed anything.

The opiate had had its soothing effect, and as it released its hold, it threw a last dream to its weary patient.

It was a dream of deep, deep blue and purple seas, and rich green seaweeds and brown and yellow and indigo rocks, and tossing white foam, and laughing waves, and gentle lappings of an indolent ocean.

And Olive was there. He could hear the sound of her laughter and the sweetness of her voice, and feel her hand upon his arm—exquisite sensations mingled with the glory of the sea and sky and scented turf.

But something broke the dream. What was it? Olive was no longer there. The waters roared, the sky blackened; there was a boom of guns, shrieks of agony, cries for help, and

somewhere out of the darkness there came Olive's voice, calling to him tauntingly:

"I thought I was engaged to a MAN! A man is no man who cannot fight and die for his king!"

The sleeper gave a start and awakened. From force of habit, he threw back the bedclothes to see if the light had come.

With a groan he covered his head. Never again would he know when it was morning.

The pain had returned to his eyes. He was somehow glad.

"Blind! Blind!" He breathed the word over and over again, trying to take in the appalling meaning of it all.

An overwhelming need possessed him to escape to his cottage home, away up amongst the hills by the lead mine—to get back to his mother.

She had been so proud to think that he had turned into what she called a "gentleman," but she would not despise him now. She would never thrust him out of her sight as useless. She would comfort him, and share her last crust with him, and perhaps she would lead him up the fell side in the evening, and tell him that the sunset was there!

He threw back the clothes again. Was he dreaming still?

Surely he was blind! Yet, standing by his bedside was a child in sunshine robes and a crown of warm light encircling his head.

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you!" said the Child.

"O, beautiful Child, am I in the Light or in the Darkness?"

"Thou art in the bosom of God, and in Him is no Darkness at all!"

"Do not fear!" pursued the Child, as the man made no answer. "For Love you have suffered. Love will never fail, to the end, and there is no end!"

"It is true, then," said the man, "that the Child who spoke to the crowd was from Heaven?"

"It is true! Yet why do you wonder? Do you know that the Father has ten legions of angels ready at any moment to save His children?"

"Yet He did not send," said the blind man pitifully.

"Neither did He send to the garden!"

"Forgive me!" cried the man. But the Child had gone, and only the feel of his warm hand remained.

The Captain still slept heavily, and Bottom Dog did not wake him.

(To be Continued.)

AUCKLAND District, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne St.); Pres., Mrs Neal, 6 Edgerley Rd., Epsom, Auckland; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Pirrett, 13 Panama St., Arch Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Dowling, 5 Clarence St., Herne Bay.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st. Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.; Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers. Pres., Mr L. Foster, Upland Road, Remuera; Rec. Sec., Miss A. Pudney, 16 Wallace St., Herne Bay; Cor. Sec., Miss Hughes, Manukau Rd., Newmarket; Treas., Miss J. Ramsey, 26 Gordon Rd., Morningside; Supt., Miss Morton, Woodley Avenue, Remuera.

ARAMOHO, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs D. Hallam, 252 Somme Parade; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dudley; Rec. Sec., Mrs Sharpe, Roberts Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Gilmour, Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs Geo. Sleight; "W.R." Agent, Miss W. Gilmour, Paterson St.

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

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs G. Miller, Havelock St. W.; Joint Secs., Mrs J. Thompson, Wakanui Rd., and Miss Treverza, 169 Peter St.; Treas. and "W.R." Supt., Mrs H. Ibbotson, Tancred St. E.

BLenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs Briery, The Manse, Renwick; Sec., Miss C. L. Jackson, Springlands; Treas., Mrs T. Pike; Literature, Mrs Wass; Rest and Refreshment, Mesdames W. B. Parker and A. W. Jackson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Parker, 77 Grove Road.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Every; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Knutson, Victoria St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Braithwaite, Clif-

ton Avenue; Treas., Mrs. August Anderson, High St.; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Moore; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson.

CAMBRIDGE, 2nd Thursday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. K. Watson, Pukeroro; Sec., Mrs. G. Beer, Stafford Street; Treas., Mrs Cox, Box 4; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cocks, Box 4.

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, 72 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 D. G. Speedy, Victoria Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Richards and Hutchinson and Miss Heaton; Sec., Miss Heaton, Cadman Road; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse; "W.R." Agent, Mrs McPhee, Princess 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, Jubilee Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Armitage; Sec., Mrs. Treverza, Cra-croft Street; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Tainui Road; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnson, Albert Road; 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 H. Mason; Treas., Mrs Cartwright, Hula Villa, Dominion Rd.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Hudson, Richmond Rd., Mt. Eden.

Edendale (Southland).—1st Thursday at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs John Pringle, The Manse; Secretary, Miss H. Hall; Treas., Miss Cranstoun; W.R. Agent, Mrs Horace Niven.

FIELDING, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Whitmarsh, 8 Queen St.; Sec., Mrs Pearce, 183 Manchester Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Rd.; "W.R." Agent, Miss Svendsen, East Street; Press Reporter, Mrs Tremain; Evangelistic, Mrs Emmerson; 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 Sailors' Rest Hall. Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Wilson, Cowper St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Reyno'ds, Karora; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Gaskin and James.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs Boucher; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Murray and Costain; Sec., Mrs Costain, Main Street; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; "W.R." Agent, Miss McWhinney.

GISBORNE District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs. Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road.

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

HAMILTON EAST, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Watkins, 131 Grey St.; Sec., Mrs. E. T. Olds, Fifth St.; Treas., Mrs. G. Jack, McFarlane St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. R. Mears, 176 Grey St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Dey, Albert St.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Fawcett; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Moore; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wilson, P.O. Box 273; 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. Blamires; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Morton, Jones, and Dillcar; Sec., Mrs. Densem; Treas., Mrs. Cliff; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Parsonson.

INVERCARGILL District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Pres., Mrs. F. Lillie, 75 Earn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Carlisle, and Mackenzie; Cor. Sec., Miss Dewar, Newcastle Street; Rec. Sec., Miss H. L. Birss; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Matheson; Supt. Notable Days, Mrs. Hopkirk.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH meets every 2nd Tuesday in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McGregor, Fitzgerald, Robb, Smart, Sharpe, and Aitken; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Piper; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Crozier, 44 Pomona Road; Treas., Mrs. McGregor; "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.

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. Aldersley, Camp Road.

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

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. Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

NGARUAWAHIA, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. A. Wilkinson; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Colhoun; Treas., Mrs. C. Rogers; Supt. "W.R." Miss E. Wilkinson.

NAPIER District, 1st Thursday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. G. V. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds, Leask, and McAlister; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Field; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hull; 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.

NELSON District, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist School Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Brown, Weka Street; Treas., Miss Cooke; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. C. Wilkinson, Grove Street.

NEW BRIGHTON, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cole, North Brighton; Sec., Mrs. Moses, Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs. Gibson, Union Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Hall, 35 Wainui Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Whitley, Waverley Street, N.B.

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., Miss M. Prattley, 131 Main Road.

NEW PLYMOUTH District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Griffin, Gilbert Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Jemison, Pendarves Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Dixon, Carrington, Vogeltown; 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.

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Hosking, Station Rd.; Sec. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. West, Panmure Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Hunter, Church St.

OXFORD, first Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. D. Hawke, Main Street; Sec., Mrs. R. Comyns; Assist. Sec., Mrs. C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs. T. Gainsford; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Gainsford, Senr., and Mrs. Roy; Evan., Miss N. Gainsford; Flower Mission, Mrs. Cooper; Home Meetings, Mesdames J. Clark, Munn, and G. Ryde; Notable Days, Mrs. L. Watson.

OAMARU, 2nd Monday, at Baptist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Steenson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hall and Scott and Misses Wilson and M. Milligan; Rec. Sec., Miss J. C. Smyth, Hull St.; Treas., Miss Day, Tees St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Corlett, Eden 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, Allen St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. McConnon, 211 Featherston St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney Street, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ashby, Udy Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rowse, McEwan, Johnston, J. Collins, and Corner; Sec., Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street; Assist. Sec., Mrs. Collins; Treas., Mrs. Donoghue; "W.R." Agent, Miss Knott, 33 Nelson St.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Jardine, The Manse; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Millen and Brewer; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wilkes, Canterbury St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Brewer; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. E. Wells, Milton Terrace.

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

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Falconer, Halstead, Stephens, Saunders, and Miss Seaton; Sec., Mrs. J. T. Gunn; Treas., Miss Violet Saunders; "W.R." Agent, Miss Amy Neilson.

RAKAI meets on the 2nd Thursday in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Mrs. Boag, Pres.; Mrs. Judkins, Treas.; Mrs. Field, 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. Jago, Olivia St.

TAKAPUNA, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Takapuna Methodist and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Penning, East Coast Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Veats, Hurstmere Rd.; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd.; Treas., "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Rugg, Hudstmere Road. Mrs. Veats; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Winstone;

TE KUITI meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Edgar, Waiheke Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Crawford Boles, Awakino Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Nicholls; Agent "W.R." Mrs. E. H. Hardy, Awakino Rd.

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

TIMARU District, last Tuesday, 2.30 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. Cave, Raymond Street.

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 Rangl." 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 Neal, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs. James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Miss 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. Reed, Nelson Street; Treasurer, Mrs. Heatley, Carlton Avenue, Gonville; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. J. Grant, 136 Glasgow Street.

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

WHANGAREI—1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. in Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. Galpin; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lambert, Tahohe, Lovatt; Sec., Miss Rowsell; Asst. Sec., Miss Hilford; Treas., Miss R. Gibson; W.R. Supt., Mrs. J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. C. R. Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dreadon; Press Reporter, Mrs. Lovatt.

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

WELLINGTON District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs. Wright, 127, Constable St.; Sec., Mrs. Webb, 37 Hall St.; Treas., Mrs. Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace. Y. Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St. Pres., Miss Kirk, Wadestown; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Caughley, Hughes, Macdonald, and Pennington; Cor. Sec., Miss C. Kirk, Main Road, Wadestown; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clark, 18 Sussex Square; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, Oriental Bay; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Port, Austin Street.

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

WOODYVILLE 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 Fastler; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Forrester.

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