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LLOYD GEORGE'S APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES.

A few weeks ago we read a cabled account of a speech by the British Prime Minister. He was entertained at a luncheon by Sir Murray Hyslop, Treasurer of the National Free Church Council. Over 400 representatives of the Free Churches were invited to meet Mr Lloyd George, and the fuller report of his speech, received by mail is worthy of the earnest consideration of every Christian woman.

Mr Lloyd George said he was not there as a politician, but as a non-conformist, speaking to his fellow nonconformists on matters of concern to us all, matters which will survive Governments, and probably outlast parties and combinations of parties. Grave dan. gers menace the land, first there is the great reaction, teraporary perhaps, but considerable, against the sacrificial temper manifested during the war. The new temper, which is one of the grave dangers of to-day, says let us eat, drink and be merry for we have just emerged from the valley of death. This danger the churches alone can cope with.

MAKE WAR IMPOSSIBLE.

There is a great need for all the churches to combine to make war impossible. During the war the cry was "never again." But "Watch," "Eternal Vigilance is the price of safety." Nations were building up armaments. They are constructing more terrible machines than even the late war saw. What for? Not for defence, but to attack unarmed cities, to kill, to maim, to poison, to mutilate, to burn helpless women and children. If the churches allowed this to fructify they had better close their doors. Armaments had been reduced, but it is difficult for one nation to remain defenceless while others construct machinery which may be used for its destruction.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

He attached high hopes to the League The covenant of the of Nations. League of Nations is the first part of the Treaty of Versailles. The League of Nations is an essential part of the machinery of civilisation. If it fails-I speak advisedly-civilisation is doomed. I have a word of warning to utter. Put not your trust exclusively in machinery. The covenants are good, the articles are excellent, but the value of the machine is in the motive power. You must put in your League of Nations the public opinion, which alone can make it a force. The letter killeth. the spirit giveth life. Although the letter of the covenant is admirable, although the letter of the Articles 1, 2, up to 28 is without a mistake; if you trust to the letter the killing will begin again. The League of Nations has no force unless the people of the nations are behind it to enforce it. The Church must create that public opinion. All over Europe is littered explosive material; when the match is dropped it is too late. You want to cultivate a new spirit. Put the explosives under lock and key, and especially put those who drop matches under lock and key.

TEACH HORRORS OF WAR.

There is a new generation arising. They read of the glamours of war, they have not passed through its horrors. This is the generation that will decide. Clear war of its glamours, reveal its hideousness to the eyes of the new generation. Let them know about the troubles that followed the war. These are always forgotten. They will forget what happened in Europe after the the Great War. Russia! No way out of the pit except sinking deeper into it with every convulsive effort. Germany cliaging desperately to the rotten branch of debased currency, and when that gives way, God help Germany. It is the business of the Church of Christ to keep that before the eye of the people.

A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE.

What was one of the great lessons of the war? There was a nation with the most perfect army in the world. It was beaten because it had a bad cause. There were nations with ill-equipped Why? They won. They armies. had righteousness on their side. I remember Marshal Foch telling me that the German Army that marched into France was the most perfect military machine that had ever been put together. Scattered, destroyed! It is only now just a bare police force, barely adequate to keep order in its own land without being a menace to any other country. Why? The consciousness of the world destroyed it because it fought for an unrighteous cause. That is one of the lessons of the war. Trust not The nation that does it in force. brings ruin upon itself, but the leaders, the trainers of conscience, have to bring that home. There seems to be the greatest mission of the Churches.

THE CALL OF DUTY.

But we must all do our duty. There are young men who may have sunk into materialism, but I believe they are getting tired of it. As the heart panteth for the living waters, the young men of Britain are looking out for some better cause. They have come out with parched lips from the

squalid wilderness of war. They have found no satisfaction in pure materialism, and the time has come to rally them to the one great call of this generation-that there should be no more war, that nation shall not rise up against nation, and that these terrors shall not continue. I have had some experience of war. It was not my will. I was just like millions of others, caught by the cog-wheels of war and drawn into its horrible machinery. How I got there, why I got there, is not for me to say. I simply did my duty. But what I saw of it for years filled me with horror. There is no more horrible alternative between devising machinery of slaughter and abandoning, on the other hand the cause of right. liberty, and humanity. But what I saw of it, day by day, makes me vow that I will conscerate what is left of my energies to make it impossible that humanity shall in future have to pass through the fire, the torment, the sacrilege, the horror, and the squalor of war.

THE LAST WEAPON.

An appeal like the above must ever come with force, but surely its force is multiplied when we remember that it is the First Citizen of the greatest Empire of ancient or modern times that is speaking. Our own Prime Minister speaking officially from his place in our Parliament, voiced his own firm conviction that it was to the righteousness of our cause, more than to the perfection of our arms, that we owed our victory. As a society of Christian women we can answer this appeal by training our children to exercise the Last Weapon-the weapon of a deathless love. God is love, and the individual, the nation, which dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God.

Two thousand years ago the hierarchy of heaven accompanied the King of Love so far upon his journey earthward that the shepherds saw the flash of their dazzling wings and heard the music of their sweet song, "Peace on Earth. Goodwill to man."

For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold.

When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold.

When peace shall over all the earth Its ancinet splendours fling.

And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

At a meeting of the Wellington Pres- Don't worry about bytery, Dr. Gibb gave notice to move at to save the children.

THE WHITE RIBBON.

the next meeting:-""That in view of the unspeakable cruelty and horrors of war. and in view of the conviction grounded on fact and right reason, and to which the Prime Minister of Great Britain has twice within the last few weeks given deeply impressive erpression, namely, that the only way to make war impossible is to quicken in the hearts of the people a passion for peace, and therefore a hatred of war, the Presbytery of Wellington does now record its profound assurance that no more urgent and compelling task confronts ministers of religion at this time than to take the responsibility, heart and soul, of Mr Lloyd George's appeal, and to take such steps as shall best avail to arouse in the mind of the community a perfect hatred of the fire, torment, and squalor of war."



PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR VOTE!

This splendid sample of "Young New Zealand," who often visits the editorial sanctum and makes "pie" on the editorial desk, went to hear "the big lady," Dr. Armor. Then trotting in to our Editor next day, stood up, like a little soldier, and sang:

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,

New Zealand's going dry." And in our heart we cried, "God grant it may be so, darling, for the sake of thousands like you."

Don't worry about the revenue. Vote to save the children.

DR. MARY HARRIS ARMOR.

Our loved comrade has arrived, and has been snowed under with welcomes from Unions, officers, and members. Unable to reply to each, she sends her word of thanks to one and all:—

On train, en route for Carterton,

September 6, 1922. You blessed and dearly loved White Ribboners of New Zealand.

When your messages of welcome be gan to reach me, warming my heart and thrilling my soul, I had no thought but to write a reply to each wireless telegram, card, and letter. But they have come so thick and fast, I find it a physical impossibility to do so.

So I know you will all accept the will for the deed, so far as personal letters are concerned, and will let me say, "Thank you" to all of you at once through the columns of your own splendid "White Ribbon." Had I been a queen I could not have asked a warmer-hearted and more enthusiastic welcome. I am heartily in love with you all, and with your (beautiful country. Seeing your splendid enthusiasm and your abundant and well-directed labours, I feel very sure you are going to win, and "New Zealand's going dry!"

Hoping to see each of you face to face, I am, with a million thanks and a heart full of love,

Yours for a great victory, MARY HARRIS ARMOR.

MRS DON'S MESSAGE TO THE UNIONS.

--Remember that in - Dr. Armor, America has sent us of her best, and we must take every care of her. She must never be asked or expected to address more than one meeting in the day, except perhaps occasionally on the Sunday.

Keep praying, and pass along the watchword:

"New Zealand's Going Dry!"

TYPED REPORT OF CONVENTION.

The following additional Unions have sent money in payment of the above:---Pahiatua, Leigh, Kaikorai, Lyttelton.

Will they please accept this acknowledgment?

ARRIVAL OF DR. ARMOR.

HER STAY IN WELLINGTON PRE-VIOUS TO THE CAMPAIGN.

The women's prayers have been answered! Dr. Mary Harris Armor has arrived in New Zealand!

A passenger by the mail steamer "Maunganui," she landed in Wellington at 7.30 on Friday evening, August 25th. Mrs Don, the Dominion President, and officers of the local Unions, went to the wharf to welcome her, taking banners There was intense exciteand flags. ment both on; board and on the wharf as the big steamer came slowly up to her berth; and when the New Zealand flag was unfurled, with white streamers floating on the wind, a thrill went through her whole body, the Doctor says, like an electric shock, and she could not help crying out to the passengers, "Look at the omen. the White Ribbon on top of the Flag! That's what will happen this year!" Then Mrs Don unfurled the Blue Peter, bearing the motto, "The Liquor Traffic Must Go," and Mrs Armor cried aloud from the upper deck: "Yesl It must go! It shall go! It's going, for God is on our side!" Every one, far and near, on boat and on shore, could hear every word, and the excitement redoubled. As Mrs Armor came down the gangway, accompanied by her daughter-in-law. Mrs Beulah Armor, all sang the Doxology, followed immediately by the Temperance Doxology, with hearts full of thankfulness that the hopes and prayers and efforts of two years had been at last realised. Mr Nimmo at once drove the visitors, with Mrs Don, in his private car to Island Bay, to the residence of Mrs R. Keene, who was charmed to entertain them for a few days, and after that Mr and Mrs Nimmo, of Hataitai, were delighted to extend similar hospitality for the remainder of their stay in Wellington.

On Saturday afternoon, an informal private reception was held at the W.C.T.U. rooms in Constable Street, where Mrs Johnston Wright, the District President, aided by Miss Kirk, the President of the Wellington Central Union, gave the combined Erecutive of the two Unions the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the distinguished guests. Mrs Don introduced them on their arrival, and again the Doxology was sung with fervour

and gratitude to Almighty God. Representatives of the Alliance (Rev. J. Dawson and Rev. W. Comrie) and of the No-License League (Rev. E. Drake) were also present to give their welcome and express admiration of Dr. Armor's work and personality. It was a delightful occasion, marked by the utmost cordiality, for Mrs Armor was anxious to meet individually her New Zealand sisters, whom she loved already every one. She felt so overwhelmed by the welcome given her through wireless and telegram and letter, that she found it impossible to say all that was in her heart. When the tension was a little relieved by a couple of most appropriate musical items, and a welcome dup of tea, Mrs Armor spoke further of her appreciation and gratitude, and related incidents of her experience in fights against the Trade in the States. especially showing how, in every instance, the most determined opposition had been broken down by the power of prayer and faith in the Spirit of God. Everywhere the slogan "Georgia (Kentucky, Chicago)'s going dry," backed by the earnest prayers and the calm determination and persistent work of the women, had struck terror-so it seemed -into the hearts of the Liquor Party. and State after State had carried Prohibition, in face of all opposition. She referred also to the great sympathy between Americans and New Zealanders. for her countrymen who had visited New Zealand all had one story to tell of the kindly reception that had been extended to them, and of their admiration for our beautiful country. Finally she struck up the slogan that will be taken up with enthusiasm all over the Dominion:

"New Zealand's going dry! New Zealand's going dry! Pass along the watchword, New Zealand's going dry! New Zealand's going dry! New Zealand's going dry! Glory Hallelujah! New Zealand's going dry!"

For the music, see the refrain of "Bringing in the Sheaves," No. 42. White Ribbon Hymnal. Every one in the room sang it over and over with increasing gusto and vigour. Friendly chat with one and another filled up the rest of the afternoon, and at the close the general feeling was that not only a distinguished visitor, but a refreshing personality and a real friend and sister, had come among us in the form of Dr. Mary Harris Armor.

It happened that Mrs McPherson, the American revivalist, had also travelled to New Zealand by the "Maunganui." and at her Sunday meeting in the Town Hall, she graciously invited Dr. Armor to speak for a few moments and announce her meeting on the following Sunday; and also added her own personal appeal to the crowded audience to go and hear the Prohibition lecture, and give Dr. Armor as good a hearing as they had given to herself.

Wellington has been kind this last week, and in weather has shown her very best side. During these few days of pause before beginning the strenuous campaign that lies ahead, our visitor has had various opportunities of hearing and seeing what will interest her. On Tuesday she and her daughter-in-law, with Mrs Don and Mrs Helyer, were the guests of the Hon. Mark Cohen at the Houses of Parliament. Before taking seats in the Ladies' Gallery, the visitors were introduced to the Prime Minister and several members, including Mr Edie, the member for Bruce, and Mr T. Y. Seddon. After ilstening to the debates, the visitors were entertained at tea, and then shown over the building. Mrs Armor was greatly interested in the marble, which is a local product, and was charmed with the courtesy shown them by the members. She was taken for a drive round the city and suburbs, and expressed herself as delighted and amazed by the scenery. She called Wellington "a city set on an hill." Even before holding a public meeting, she has started hundreds of people singing the slogan. "New Zealand's going dry."

Dr. Armor attended a meeting in which Rev. Wyndham Heathcote, the Unitarian minister, replied to Mr Hammond's criticism of his first lecture on Prohibition in America. Questions were not allowed at the meeting, or she could have shown up the numerous mis-statements; but doubtless she will have much to say on the subject in her own addresses, both here and elsewhere.

On Friday evening a reception was given to Dr. Armor by the Pioneer Club, and in her answer to the address of welcome, she referred to the important part played in American life by the widespread Club movement. She spoke of the want of uniformity in child labour laws, characterised the effect of the suffrage on women as "altogether good," and ended with a very fine appeal to women to be their best and to help generously and readily in every good social work.

The Campaign for Prohibition began in Wellington on Saturday. September 2nd, with a Public Reception, the most striking and unique feature in which was a real Maori welcome from Mrs Poroumati, the Maori missioner. Clad in the orthodox Maori mat, she advanced up the aisle, gesticulating. brandishing a Maori staff and chanting a quaint Maori song of welcome. Afterwards, speaking in good, clear English, she pleaded on behalf of her people that Government should grant them the vote, so that they might have power to banish the drink, that was their curse, and begged the "white Maoris" (the Prohibitionists) to help them get rid of it.

Sunday evening an "After-church Rally" was held in the Town Hall. packed with some 3000 eager listeners, and a second meeting took place on Monday evening in Wesley Church. After listening with rapt attention, the crowds went away, feeling that "the half had not been told" of Dr. Armor's moving eloquence and wonderful power of swaying vast audiences.

RECEPTION TO DR. MARY ARMOR.

On Saturday evening, September 2nd, a large and representative audience gathered in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, to welcome the distinguished Prohibition lecturer from America. The Dominion President, Mrs Don, Mrs Johnston Wright, President of Wellington District Union, and Miss Kirk, President of the Central Union, represented the W.C.T.U., and the chair was taken by the Mayor, Mr R. A. Wright, M.P.

The proceedings were opened with singing and prayer, after which the Mayor, in the name of the City, welcomed the visitor. Mrs Don, speaking on behalf of the New Zealand W.C. T.U., referred to the thankfulness felt by New Zealand women that the difficulties that at one time threatened to prevent Dr. Armor from paying this visit had been cleared away. Brief addresses of welcome were given by Rev. J. Dawson for the N.Z. Alliance, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for the Ministers' Association, Mr W. J. Gaudin for the Rechabites. Mrs Bett for the Good Templars, and by the two Presidents of the local Unions. The most characteristic welcome was that extended by Mrs Poraumati on behalf of the Maoris. Each peculiar detail required by Maori etiquette was carried out, gradual approach from a distance up the aisle, Maori greeting descriptive of voyage across the wide ocean, rhythmical gesticulation, brandishing of the mere, concluding with shrill, high-pitched song of welcome, in contrast with which was the eloquent, pathetic, yet dignified appeal on behalf of her people that the drink curse that was their ruin should be banished from their midst by a stroke of the pen.

Dr. Armor, in reply, said she found it difficult to express all the gratitude she felt for the kind and hearty welcome given on all kides to her, a stranger to them all. She felt that it was not to her personally the compliment was paid so much as to her country and her cause. She then referred to her own experience and work; having lived under varied conditions in municipalities, in States when wet and when dry, and finally under United States Prohibition, she felt she was more competent to speak than those who had observed from a distance, and had but a few She had no permonths' experience. sonal end to achieve by her visit, but she came to tell them the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It was evident that the minister who had recently spoken disparagingly of Prohibition in America knew little more about it than could be written on his own visiting card. If people wished to know the facts of the case ,they could not do better than read the pamphlets and statements prepared by the N.Z. Alliance, which gave a faithful and accurate picture. America had gone dry gradually, the process being spread over 60 years, and it was no argument against Prohibition to assert that certain great men living in past centuries did not believe in it. They could not believe in a movement that had not yet begun any more than they could believe in lucifer matches or aeroplanes. But the opposition to Alcohol had grown stronger and more widespread with the passing years, especially since Scientific Temperance Instruction had been given regularly and systematically

in the schools, and now the facts about this dangerous poison were universally known, there was not the slightest chance of the United States voting itself wet again.

Dr. Armor concluded her masterly ad. dress by urging upon all the use of the four essentials in the recipe that would certainly produce victory: determination to banish the accursed evil from the country, education of the voters as to the results of Prohibition wherever it has been adopted, organisation as perfect as possible in every electorate, and prayerful consecration of themselvestime, money, energy, and will-power-to the accomplishment of the great work they had been called to do in freeing the land from the evils of the Liquor Traffic. Judging from past experience in her own country, victory was in the air, and she fully expected to be able to rejoice with them all next December over the fact that New Zealand had gone dry.

After votes of thanks to the Chairman and to the ladies who had contributed musical items, the meeting was closed with the singing of the Doxology.

DR. ARMOR'S SECOND ADDRESS 1.8 WESLEY CHURCH.

On Monday evening, September 4th, in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Dr. Armor again addressed a large and enthusiastic audience. The meeting was opened, as usual, with singing. reading and prayer. The chair was taken by the President of the N.Z. Alliance, A. R. Atkinson, Esq., who remarked that if America was the best thing that Britain had done, as Dr. Saleeby said, certainly the best thing that America had done was Prohibition. and so satisfartory was she finding it that she was now sending out her very best to help clean up the rest of the world. Hence the presence of the lecturer in New Zealand.

Dr. Armor prefaced her lecture by complimenting the reporters, who. though they had not reported all she said, had at least not put into her mouth things she had not said. It was impossible for her to expose all the slanders that were cast against Prohibition, or disprove all the mis-statements made. It ,was a clear cut issue. and speaking generally, all the men and women of sterling worth, all the most

thoughtful and intelligent, were on the side of Prohibition.

It had been stated that no good woman was for Prohibition. What, she asked, of Evangeline Booth; what of Jane Adams; what of Grace Abbott, and a host of others? The reverse was the fact, that every good man and every good woman was to be found on the side of Prohibition. 'The value of Prohibition of the poor was just this, according to Evangeline Booth, that men who, when the saloons were open, never had a dollar to their name, now had banking accounts.

It was quite true that Prohibition had not brought the millennium, the laws were not always kept. But were the Ten Commandments always observed? Did the fact that these were broken by some prove them bad laws?

New Zealand was a new country in the building; surely every one wanted it to be the best possible, and that was not to be secured through the Liquor Traffic.

Referring to the time-worn argument of the loss of revenue and increase of unemployment when Prohibition was carried, the lecturer gave an instance of how it had acted in a little place in America. The men feared what the result might be, especially as it was practically a dead town that had not progressed much for some time, and that had few industries to depend on. However, the people voted it dry, and in two or three years it was transformed. Property went up, business was thriving, and when, after four years, the people could have reversed their vote and brought back the liquor, no one wanted it. Very soon the whole county went dry, then the next, and the next, and when Georgia as a State abolished the drink, there were 131 districts in its area already dry. That was the way the U.S.A. was gradually going dry long before the 18th Amendment was carried.

Did a man ever drink himself rich, or into a job, or into a good reputation? If not, then how could a number of men do so? How could a nation do so? Or here was another way of putting it: Grant that for a community to be prosperous and obtain revenue, it must sell liquor. Then the men who for the good of their country bought liquor at the sacrifice of their own health and prosperity and reputation, were deserving of monuments, such as everywhere have been erected to the honour of the soldiers who died for their country in the Great War, far more deserving than the soldiers themselves. For these gave their lives only-and all honour to them !- but those would have sacrificed happiness and success and honour and character, that their country might obtain revenue for its administration. Far better, if liquor must be sold for the revenue's sake, that it should be poured down the gutters instead of down the throats of men, for then at least the cost of the police courts and gaols and asylums, and everything that is required to cope with the evil and crime produced by drink, would be saved to the country, not to speak of the misery and suffering of thousands of women and children.

As to unemployment, there was no trouble when America went dry. It was a curious fact that before State Prohibition was carried, even in the best days of prosperity, there were yet soup kitchens and bread lines in large centres. After Prohibition came in, even when the time of depression came, there was no occasion to open soup kitchens or food depots, and during the financial depression there was more money in the Savings Banks than in the whole previous history of the country. How did it get there? Not from the millionaire, but from the working man, who, while the saloons were open, never dreamed of how much money was dribbling through his fingers into the publican's till. He never realised thaht every bar was a devil's trap to catch his dollars, but when there was no longer an open door. he could not go in and spend money; consequently he bought boots, etc., instead of booze, or his money went into the Savings Bank.

The lecturer then went on to refute a false statement often made with reference to the U.S.A. going dry, that it was carried out while the boys were away at the war. The fact was that for 61 years America had been going dry. Maine led the way, and all the powers of darkness tried in vain to make her change; others followed suit. till the Civil War broke out, and Prohibition was lost sight of for a time. For 18 years no State went dry, then Kansas set an example, and by degrees others followed, until, when the Great War broke out, 34 States had voted themselves dry. In November, 1916, a determined effort was made to work up public opinion and elect for Congress only those who would vote for amending the Constitution so as to obtain Prohibition for the whole country. This was before war had been declared. and the issue on which the election was fought was Prohibition. War was not declared by U.S.A. till 1917, and then it was some months before the soldiers could leave, and many of them were not absent very long. Meanwhile the States were ratifying the 18th Amendment, but not all at the same time, for the various Legislatures met at intervals varying from one to four years. Thus it was evident that the ratifying had been done mainly before the boys left or after their return.

Statements have constantly been made that Prohibition is a failure. The London "Daily Mail," for instance, asserted that domestic infelicity had greatly increased. Reference to one of the highest Judges in the U.S.A. proved that there was absoluteley no truth in the statement.

As to the effect of Prohibition on health, a remarkable instance was given by Dr. Armor from tuberculosis.

Alcoholism is recognised to be the principal cause of tuberculosis, and from the time that U.S.A. began to go dry quickly, the death-rate from this disease began to decline, and since 1911 had been reduced by 50 per cent. That this was largely attributable to Prohibition was proved by a comparison between Kentucky, where the death-rate from tuberculosis was the highest, and Kansas, where it was the lowest. Yet Kentucky had all the salubrious conditions of soil and climate that would favour the cure of this disease, and Kansas enjoyed no such advantages. The first-named State had many distilleries, the latter had been under Prohibition law for 30 years.

The Doctor concluded her eloquent and telling address by giving instances, from her own experience, of the increased happiness and comfort in countless homes. Wives and daughters whose hearts were breaking, little children afraid to meet their fathers coming home, had seen their homes transformed by Prohibition. But it was impossible to tell even half the happiness that had been brought, for when a drunken husband had been saved by Prohibition, his wife would never confess that he had ever been other than sober and kind.

This is but a brief, imperfect sketch of one of the most powerful addresses given in Wellington in the Prohibition cause. The Doctor's humor and pathos, the power of her logic, her passionate appeal to all that is highest and best in human nature, her rapid transition from grave to gay, her deep sympathy with suffering humanity, her unshaken belief that Prohibition will continue to win its way till the whole world goes dry-all this it is impossible adequately to reproduce. Dr. Armor must be heard for her to be appreciated, and all over New Zealand White Ribboners and the public generally will crowd her meetings to listen to the message so eloquently delivered.

THE TWO BALLOTS.

- Along in the winter, when cold was the weather,
- Two ballots were cast in a box close together:
- Two ballots were cast in together. They nestled up close, like a brother
- to brother, You couldn't tell one of the votes from
- the other: You couldn't tell one from the other.
- Both votes were quite equally proliquor votes,
- And sanctioned the licensing plan;
- One was cast in by a jolly old Brewer, And one by a Christian Man.
- The Christian man—no one could be truer—
- Kept busy all summer denouncing the brewer:

All summer denouncing the brewer.

- But his fervour cooled off with the change of the weather,
- And late in the winter they voted together:

In the winter they voted together.

- The Christian man had always been noted
- For fighting the drink—except when he voted:
 - For fighting the drink, except when he voted.
- He piled up his prayers with holy perfection,
- But he knocked them all down on the day of election:
- But knocked them all down at election.
- The foxy old Brewer was cheerful and mellow,
- Said he, "I admire that Christian fellow:
- I admire that Christian fellow.
- He's true to his Church-to his party he's truer;
- He talks to the Lord, but he votes for the Brewer:
 - He votes every time for the Brewer."

ATTENTION!

Wellington.

Sept. 1st, 1922.

Dear White Ribboners,-

It is years since Dr. Armor faced so strenuous a campaign as we have arranged for her, and her only hope of getting through is to give up everything but the daily and Sunday meetings. As she must go from the silence to the platform will all Unions immediately cancel all arrangements made for entertaining the doctor; all afternoon teas. and all meetings other than the public ones authorised by N.Z. Executive. Also will the officers in every district see to it that our guest is spared all visitors and visiting. These requests are sent by Miss Anna Gordon, the State President of Union in America, and her Executive, and endorsed by the doctor herself. She only asks for loving sympathy and prayers, but I beg for her a warm fire, for she is used ito a warm climate, and houses warmed throughout with steam heat. As I cannot travel with her, I have appointed Mrs Beulah Armor my substitute, and given her all power and authority to see that the instructions of N.Z. Executive be executed. Then, too, will our members in all her meetings occupy the platform and front seats, get behind her if necessary and pray till she feels the atmosphere. Have every meeting that you are responsible for opened with prayer and praise. Do not bother about solos. Sing with heart and voice, any popular hymn from our own hymnal or Sankey's. Sing with all your might to tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves":

> New Zealand's going dry! New Zealand's going dry! Pass along the watchword. New Zealand's going dry, New Zealand's going dry! New Zealand's going dry! Glory Hallelujah! New Zealand's going dry!

Dr. Armor's meetings in Wellington were throbbing, thrilling, inspiring. Now, commisses, see to it that you help God's messenger to send out her Godgiven message. Let us all sacrifice our own desires, and do bur best to make this campaign the success we long for.

God bless the coming of Mary Armor, and help us to make New Zealand dry. Lovingly yours for victory,

RACHEL DON.

FOR THE MOTHERS.

Fay Inchfawn writes "The Verse Book of a Homely Woman." This is one of the poems in it. The mother has been in hospital, very ill, nigh unto death; but she is home again now, convalescent, and this is her prayer:—

Not long ago, I prayed for dying grace, For then I thought to see Thee face to face.

- And now I ask (Lord, 'tis a weakling's cry)
- That Thou wilt give me grace to live, not die.
- Such foolish prayers! I know. Yet pray I must.
- Lord, help me-help me not to see the dust!
- And not to nag, nor fret because the blind
- Hangs crooked, and the curtain sags behind.
- But, oh! The kitchen cupboards! What a sight!
- "Twill take at least a month to get them right.
- And that last cocoa had a smoky taste, And all the milk has boiled away to waste!

And—no, I resolutely will not think About the saucepans, nor about the sink.

- These light afflictions are but temporal things-
- To rise above them, wilt Thou lend me wings?
- Then I shall smile when Jane, with towzled hair
- (And lumpy gruel)! clatters up the stair.

REFERENDUM IN N.S.W.

In reply to a deputation representing all temperance bodies, introduced by Dr. Arthur, M.L.A., of which Rev. Hammond was sole speaker, the Premier, Sir George Fuller, said: "I am in favour of a referendum on the Prohibition question. The matter had not yet been discussed by Cabinet, but he was satisfied they would be in favour of taking a Referendum, and would place the question before Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

A LINE FROM THE WORLD'S MIS-SIONARY, MRS LEE-COWIE.

I have had a most interesting week, and should like to share its varied joys with fellow-workers. On Saturday last our Y's, heartily assisted by the Mother Branch, gave a tea to my wharf men. Over 80 attended, many under drink's influence, but all behaved like gentlemen. We gave them a grand tea and a fine entertainment, also secured beds for those who were homeless unemployed.

They presented me with a glorious bouquet of flowers. It almost took my breath away, for I had never dreamed of such a tribute from my poor men. You ought to have heard them sing this song to the tune of "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep":

- "Blankets, boots and blessings, coming by and by;
- Cheerio, my comrades, New Zealand's going dry!"

We sang it three times during the evening, and you would have imagined they were a male choir of fervent'Prohibitionists.

At my Wednesday wharf meeting, an intoxicated man made a rude remark. and the Waterside workers threatened to duck him fin the water if he ever did so again, sternly telling him "he was a disgrace to the Waterside Workers' Union." Now, isn't that a proof of the chivalry of those dear men.

I have one, two, and even three meetings a day, among all classes and conditions. One for an Anglican Mothers' Union, another for poor women in a Mission Hall, and yesterday Mrs Miller and I were two hours before the Committee of Enquiry re Venereal Diseases. I contended that Prohibition would lessen this awful disease, by providing better homes, purer ideals, wiser parental control, and happier conditions of life.

The members of the Committee crossquestioned me keenly on many points, mainly on compulsory notification, detention, and treatment, and finally I was asked to write a paper on work among the young, to prevent the healthy of to-day becoming the diseased of to-morrow. I had asserted that if every diseased person in 'New Zealand were healed to-day, if the sin of impurity went on unchecked, the Dominion would be scourged again with the fearful plague in a year's time. There is no real antidote but purity of life, and every child should be taught that "Blessed are the pure in heart."

We are working away for Prohibition, and Auckland hopes to lead the van at the coming polls. We are full of faith, of courage, and zeal, and send to every comrade a message of cheer: "Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

"ARE YOU READY?"

(Ephesians, 6th chap., 11 to 18 verses.)

- Have you polished up your armour for the coming battlefield?
- For the foe is very busy with in trigue;
- Are your plans compact and stable, and your swords all sharp to wield?
 - Are the Unions and the Churches all in league?
- Are you looking to your Captain for His orders in the fight?
 - Are you strong for Him, and all that you should do?
- Are you lined up to go forward in the power of His might,
 - And the swift and subtle enemy pursue?
- Are your loins with Truth enfolded? for no other words will win,
 - Nothing tricky, shady, underhand or mean;
- For the foe is most discerning, and will get a wedge-word in
- If there's any little slit to push between.
- And the breastplates must be shining lights of righteousness as well.
 - For with God, and truth, and right we'll win the day;
- But there's nought to be accomplished, and we cannot cast a spell.
 - If we do not work, and watch, and always pray.
- But when all is fit and ready we must take the shield of Faith,
 - We will hoist it when the foe begins to fight.
- And our hearts and souls must rally in the cause until the death
 - Of the liquor trade, and put our foes to flight.
 - -Ethel L. Piper, Milford.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following donations have been received since the date of last report:--

New Zealand Fund.

Napier, £2; Morrinsville, £1; Birkenhead, 10s.

Memorial Headquarters Fund. Napier, £1.

"Mary Armor" Fund.

North-East Valley (second donation), £20; Timaru, £20; Leeston, £10; Edendale South, £4; Manaia, £1 10s; Eltham, £1.

Organising Fund.

Timaru, £5; Port Chalmers, £1 15s; Mrs Peryman, £1; per Miss Earnshaw, 10s.

Maori Fund.

North-East Valley, £3; Morrinsville, £1 8s; Orepuki, £1 2s; Leeston, £1; Takapuna, 15s %d; Napier, 10s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 9th September, 1922.

"THE BIRD WITH THE BROKEN WING."

(Written by a Prisoner in the Joliet Penitentiary.)

I walked through the woodland meadows,

Where sweet the thrushes sing, And found on a bed of mosses

A bird with a broken wing.

I healed the wound, and each morning It sang its old sweet strain;

But the bird with a broken pinion Never soared as high again.

- I found a young life broken By sin's seductive art,
- And touched with a Christ-like pity, I took him to my heart.
- He lived with a noble purpose. And struggled not in vain;

But the life that sin had stricken Never soared so high again.

- But the bird with a broken pinion Kept another from the snare,
- And the life that sin had stricken Raised another from despair.
- Each loss has its compensation, There is healing for every pain;
- But the bird with a broken pinion Never soars as high again.

LABOUR IN SCOTLAND.

The Scottish Labour Party has unanimously reaffirmed its resolution in favour of the abolition of the drink traffic. *

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

A MAORI WELCOME.

At the Town Hall on Sunday evening, Dr. Armor was welcomed by Mrs. Poraumati on behalf of the native race. Mrs Poraumati said she welcomed the Queen of America, who had crossed the seas, over which our brave boys had sailed. Our Saviour seeing the sin of the world, came down and gave His life for us, and our boys had given up their lives for the liberty of the women and children. Dr. Armor had come for what? To see and know whether we still remember our Saviour and our boys, who died that we might live. The speaker had been a missionary for over 30 years, and drink was the greatest hindrance to their work. My heart bleeds because of the living devil that came with drink to the Maoris, causing them to die by scores because of it. The Maoris had not the right to vote against "If we had that right." the traffic. said Mrs Poraumati, "you wouldn't see me here. I'd be going among all my people in the back blocks, but because we have not the right to vote it out. I come here to the Pakeha and urge you not to disappoint our visitor, but to make New Zealand dry."

WELL DONE, MASTERTON!

So said His Honour the Chief Justice. in addressing the Grand Jury. Sir Robert congratulated the district upon the fact that the Court had only to deal with two criminal charges, both coming from outside districts. His Honour was not surprised at this, because intoxicating liquor was not sold over bars. In 1008 there were 512 minor cases dealt with in Masterton, and last year only 250. The year before No-License was carried, the convictions for drunkenness were 303. Last year only 38. and for the first eight months of this year only 10 had been dealt with. Considering the opportunities for traffic with neighbouring hotels afforded by motor cars, it was remarkable that the district should be so free from crime.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER.

The need for prayer in our Prohibition campaign has been stressed by our leaders, both by voice and pen. We wonder if every member of our Union observes the noontide hour of prayer. It is one of the things we promise to do, every day at noon to lift our heart to

God in prayer. And while we are in the midst of this great struggle, what a powerful weapon it would prove if, every noon, from the hearts of our eight thousand members should rise the cry to God for His guidance. His help, in our fight, and that He would crown our efforts with victory.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Our comrades the wide world over are praying for World Prohibition. Let us unite our prayers with theirs, to rise as incense to the Great Father above.

"It is always noontide somewhere, And across the awakening continents, From shore to shore, somewhere, Our prayers are rising evermore."

THE NAUGHTY WORD.

I lost a very little word

- Only the other day:
- A very naughty little word
- I had not meant to say.
- If only it were really lost.
- I should not mind a bit;
- I think I should deserve a prize For really losing it.
- But then it was not really lost When from my lips it flew;
- My little brother picked it up.
- And now he says it too.
- Mama said the worst would be, I could not get it back;
- But the worst of it now, seems to me. I'm always on its track.
- Mama is sad; papa looks grieved; Johnnie has said it twice;
- Of course it's no use for me
- To tell him it's not nice. When you lose other things, they're
- lost;
- But lose a naughty word.
- And for every time 'twas heard before Now twenty times 'tis heard.
- If it were only really lost,
- Oh, then, I should be glad; I let it fall so carelessly
- The day that I got mad.
- Lose other things, you never seem To come upon their track;
- But lose a naughty little word, It's always coming back.

MRS ASQUITH.

Mrs Asquith, after her American tour, remarked that "drunkenness was prevalent among young people of both sexes." Lord Lee, just returned from America, characterised this statement "as ludicrous as it is cruel and untrue." A Californian correspondent

writes: "Mrs Asquith is making a com. plete fool of herself over here. One feature of her campaign is to ridicule Prohibition. If she wants booze, let her stay at home in England. Her tour here is regarded as a nasty rejoinder to that of 'Pussyfoot' in Eng. land."

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

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:

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- race, Wellington South.
- Grafton, Auckland.
- Maori: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox
- Purity: Mrs Kippenberger, Studholme.

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MEDICAL EXPERTS DEBATE ON ALCOHOL.

During the sitting of the British Medical Association in Glasgow, the section on Medical Sociology held a meeting to discuss "The action of Alcohol upon the Human Economy." Public interest was shown by the assembling of the largest audience attending a scientific sectional meeting. The Chairman said they were to confine themselves to discussing the effects of alcohol as a beverage upon (1) the human economy, (2) mental disorders, (3) industrial efficiency, (4) infantile mortality.

Several of the speakers defended the use of alcohol in moderation, but practically every speaker emphasised its

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evils. The chief indictments were in regard to waste of child life and infant mortality. Many women listened to the debate, but only one, Professor Louise M'Ilroy, took part in it.

Rev. Courtney C. Weeks, M.R.C.S., said that, according to his definition, he had no'hesitation in claiming that alcohol was one of the most disastrous and destructive and deteriorating elements in our national life, and that the present rate of alcoholic indulgence led to a vast decrease of efficiency all along the line. Alcohol was costly to produce, costly to purchase, and costly beyond all price in its effect upon the individual, upon the nation, and upon life as a whole.

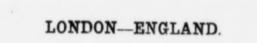
A great part of the discussion was highly technical, though much was of interest to the ordinary layman.

Dr. M. Hindhede, Copenhagen, gave particulars of war-time equipment in Denmark, when her use of alcohol was severely restricted. He pointed out that drugs and the rise in mortality harmonised in the main with the decrease and increase in the consumption of alcohol. The most surprising was not the reduction in the mortality rate, but the rapidity of the reduction. The most natural explanation of this is that the effects of alcohol are not limited to drunkards only. It must be evident that the main effect lies in a lowered power of resistance also through a moderate consumption of alcohol, and therefore those who drink alcohol in moderate quantities die like flies when an epidemic disease sets in. The death-rate for Denmark during this period of restriction dropped from 12.5 to 10.4 per 1000, which is the lowest mortality figure which has been registered in any European country at any time.

Speakers all emphasised the enormous waste of child life caused by alcohol.

Dr. Bannatyne, Head of Edinburgh Maternity Hospital, spoke of increase of still-births among alcoholic mothers, how the still-births decreased 19.7 per cent. with the incoming of Prohibition in U.S.A. 'He (the speaker) had no hesitation in predicting that American Prohibition will yet be seen to be one of the factors in lessening infantile mortality, as well as still-births in U.S.A. and in all other countries which may follow in her wake. If Prohibition arrived in Great Britain to-morrow, no baby would be any the worse. A nation's best asset is its children, and that so august a body as the British Medical Association should condemn alcohol as the greatest cause of sterility, of abortion, and of still-births, as well as the greatest contributing cause to the enormous death-rate of children under one year old, should be sufficient to rouse every good citizen to fight it till it is banished from our land.

A resolution was adopted requesting the British Medical Association to assist in the promotion of further enquiry into the effects of alcohol, taken as a beverage, on the individual and on the community.



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CAMBRIDGE.

July 13. Mrs W. K. Watson presided. Mrs Poraumati, Maori Organiser, spoke on Ratana's great work to a crowded house. All were delighted.

Aug. 10. Vice-President (Mrs Cocks) presided. Large attendance. Mr Edmunds, Organiser, was present. He spoke at some length on forceful arguments of Prohibition. Rev. McArthur called for workers for action in connection with coming poll, and recommends that W.C.T.U. appoint a member to attend each political meeting in our electorate, pressing our questions.

TAURANGA.

Avg. 25. Miss Earnshaw's efforts in Tauranga to re-organise the W.C.T.U. resulted in a membership of fifty. Meetings every third Friday in the month, to be held in the Wesley Hall at 2.45 p.m. Officers: Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith; Vice-Pres., Mrs McCutcheon, Mrs Smyth, and Mrs Major Moore; Rec. Sec., Mrs York; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles; Trens., Mrs Teasey; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Clark.

N.E. VALLEY.

Fair attendance. Aug. 24. Mrs Peart in chair. Delegates appointed to attend Dunedin W.C.T.U. Executive meetings, to enable both Unions to cooperate in connection with Dr. Mary Armor's visit to Dunedin. Motion of sympathy passed with member on account of death of relative. Feeling reference also made to death of Dr. Woolley. Message of welcome to be sent to Dr. Mary Armor, and also good wishes to a Vice-President on the approach of her marriage. Stirring address given by Mr Macourt, newly-appointed organiser for the U.T.R.C., hearty vote of thanks following. New member enrolled.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Aug. 22. Mrs Cleghorn in the chair. Very good attendance. Mrs Don gave an inspiring address on August 6th in the Presbyterian Church. The two rchuches combined for the occasion. Mrs Pratley read a paper on the life of Frances Willard, which was very interesting. Mrs Falcener sang a solo. Canvassing to be done, and a report of same to be given at September meeting. Decided to send a message of welcome to Dr. Mary H. Armor. Afternoon tea served.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Aug. 30. Large attendance. Matters in connection with maternity bag discussed. A home meeting was held at Rev. Martin's, Fitzroy. Extracts read from Convention number re work to be done in connection with roll; also arrangements for Dr. Mary Armor's visit. One new member gained. The American Tea held during month of August was a great success; £6 14s collected, and nine new members gained.

RUSSELL.

June 13. Mrs Mundy presided. Small attendance. Convention notes read. Mrs McMillan elected Treasurer.

June. Third meeting of young people. An interesting programme was submitted. Mr J. C. Martin gave a very instructive address on the stars, which was much appreciated.

July 11. President in the chair. Decided that our Secretary write for information regarding clothing required for Willard Home. A paper read by Mrs Mundy on safeguarding the morals of the young. Proposed that each member give 1s to Organising Fund.

July 17. Gathering of young people. Largely attended. Games were indulged in. Recitations and musical items rendered. Community singing, and an address from Rev. Piggot. Refreshments handed round.

Aug. 8. Mrs Mundry presided over a fair attendance of members. A reply from Mrs Birdsall read re clothing required. Proposed that our next meeting take the form of a Gift Afternoon for Willard Home. A paper read by Mrs Bland on her experience of training young people in Purity. A hearty vote of thanks accorded her.

Aug. Young people's meeting. Programme good. Community singing. Games and musical items rendered.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Sept. 1. Fair attendance. Mrs Hodder presided. Number of members engaged in prayer. Prayer cards were distributed, and stickers sold during afternoon. Some time was spent discussing the coming visit of Dr. Armor. Decided to send circulars to all our members asking them to rally up and do their bit towards making this campaign the most successful yet.

GREYTOWN.

Sept. 29. Fair attendance. Mrs Costain (President) occupied the chair. Decided that £2 3s 1d be forwarded to Organising Fund. A box of tea spoons were left with Secretary to be presented to P.W.M.U. from W.C.T.U. Mrs A. M. Haigh was appointed delegate for the Provincial Convention.

TIMARU.

Aug. 8. Special meeting for prayer. A very large gathering.

Aug. 29. Well attended. Motions of sympathy with Mr Coad and Mr Stead were passed. Work at the hospital and the Sailors' Rest has been faithfully carried on. Decided to send £20 to the Mary Armor Fund, and to engage the Lyceum for her lectures. To augment this fund, a lecture on her experiences while working in the slums of London will be given by Mrs Odell. Votes of thanks passed for literature and tins of biscuits for the Rest.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Aug. Miss Kirk presided. A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs Hughes, Superintendent of the Evangelistic Department, on the death of her husband. Mrs Remington and Mrs Maxwell were appointed delegates to the Provincial Convention, to be held at Carterton. Miss Thomson gave an interesting account of what became of the distilleries, breweries, and saloons in the United States.

ARAMOHO.

Sept. Decided to hold a street stall in September in taid of Campaign Funds. Report read from conveners of the Aramoho stall, held at the Swankers' Big Effort, in aid of the unemployed. Mrs. Sleight, Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hallam, collection boxes, the sum of £7 11s 5d, proceeds of stall f11 15s, making a total of £18 6s 5d. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to convenor and all who assisted in making the stall a suc-Members are requested to help COSSI. with refreshments for the Big Rally to be held on August 24th. All members please attend. Afternoon tea Was served.

MOSGIEL.

Aug. 15. The President (Mrs Bedford) occupied the chair. Mrs Peart, of N.E. Valley, addressed the meeting, taking for her subject "Esther beseeching the King to save her people." Miss Williams sang a solo, which was highly appreciated.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Aug. Good attendance. Mrs Pasley in the chair. A letter of appreciation from the Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association, thanking the Union for supper supplied at a recent entertainment in aid of Unemployment Fund. Members were reminded of the monthly prayer meeting, and also of the snowball welcome to Dr. Mary Armor. Arrangements were made for the distribution of literature.

WANGANUI EAST.

Aug. 10. Mrs Black in the chair. Decided to co-operate with the big Prohibition Rally to be held on the 24th inst. Letter received from Minister of Railways advising that as soon as arrangements could be made a separate carriage would be put on the New Plymouth-Wellington minil train for the use of women and children. Meeting closed with Benediction, after which all enjoyed a cup of tea.

NORMANBY.

Aug. 9. A "Home" meeting at Mrs Saunders. 14 members and friends present. One new member was initiated. Reported that during the visit of Miss Mayo 22 new members had been gained. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Miss Mayo. An appeal was made for gifts of clothing to relieve the distress in Hawera, and also for contributions for the "Willard Home." Several members promised to make ditty bags for sailors. Afternoon tea was handed round.

HENDERSON.

Sept. Mrs Platt presided. Attendance fair. An address from Miss Lilley on her work among women in India, which was intensely interesting. We are arranging for Miss Lilley to give a lantern lecture one evening in September.

ONEHUNGA.

Aug. 3. Good attendance, though weather showery, to hear Mrs Cooper (Secretary for Adelaide W.C.T.U., and its former President) speak on W.C.T.U. work in other lands. At the close of a very interesting address, a hearty vote of thanks was given, and a bouquet presented to Mrs Cooper. Mrs Bates, who is leaving Onehunga, presented with a bouquet. Regrets at her leaving, and hearty good wishes that she may be blessed and made a blessing to others in her future home were expressed by Mrs Gilbert. During the afternoon songs and a dust were rendered by members. Collection taken up for Dr. Armor's Fund. Afternoon tea closed a splendid meeting.

HASTINGS.

Aug. 24. Mrs Fawcett presided over a good attendance. Mrs Venables, District President, outlined the plan of campaign work as undertaken by Napier Union. Resolved to combine with them in advertising Dr. Armor's meetings. Committee set up to make all arrangements for both Mrs Don's and Dr. Armor's meetings. Decided, if possible, to organise a public meeting of ladies, to be addressed by Lady Stout on V.D. treatment. Mrs Paul appointed to relieve Mrs Townsend as "White Ribbon" Agent. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mrs Townsend.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Aug. 9. Mrs Neal presided. Mrs Moody welcomed as a visitor, and responded in a typical little speech, full of encouragement and inspiration. The President reported having visited the new Union at Pukekohe, which now numbers 38 members. Reported that a large parcel of clothes had been sent to Willard Home. National Council of Women wrote asking our Union to pass a resolution urging for an amendment of the Crimes Act re raising age of consent, time limit for giving information, and deletion of the plea for defence reasonable cause to believe that the girl was over age of consent. Deelded to send a letter of appreciation to Mr Harris, M.P., for the stand he took in the House for Prohibition. Mrs. Turnbull gave an address on some of the prominent women workers of the world. A recitation was given by Mrs Robinson.

WAITARA.

July 21. Mrs Andrews presided. Good attendance. The Rev. G. H. Gavin addressed the meeting, giving homely alvice to those banded together for temperance propaganda.

Aug. 18. Mrs Andrews in the chair. Mr Kedgley addressed the meeting. He gave figures to show the enormous Drink Bill of Britain and of New Zealand, and pointed out how much better that money could be used. He spoke of the unity of the churches, emphasised the need for greater zeal and more prayer if we would win the victory.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Aug. 23. Mrs Neal presided, Mr A. Harris, M.P., wrote thanking the Union for their expression of appreciation, and voicing the hope that victory may be won at the coming poll. The Area Organiser wrote thanking the Union for the use of their Headquarters, and stating as the work had extended so rapidly, they had been compelled to seek larger premises, and were willing that we might again take over the room. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a very interesting report of the meet. ings conducted by her at the waterfront. Mrs Lee-Cowie, assisted by members of the Union and Y Union, gave the men a tea party. Mrs Cowie also reported being at the Labour meeting on Sunday night, when a debate took place on Prohibition, two men speaking in favour, and two against. Good arguments were brought forward for Prohibition. No vote was taken. Mrs Judson gave a resume of the no more war movement, and a discussion took place among the members. Following resolution was passed, some members dissenting :- "That in connection with the 'No More War' demonstrations recently held throughout Europe and America, this Union wishes to declare its hatred of war, and to express its sympathy with these demonstrations, pledging itself to co-operate with others, wherever practicable, in working for conditions which will guarantee that there shall be no more war: (a) by perfecting international organisation for the removal of the causes of war, the settlement of disputes, and the promotion of international co-operation; (b) by developing an international sense of solidarity, which will make war impossible."

LEIGH.

Aug. 24. Fair attendance. Two President in the visitors present. chair. Letter from the Secretary Warkworth Prohibition League asking for contribution to funds. Proposed and seconded to hold a concert and jumble stall in October to get funds for the Prohibition Campaign. Mrs D. Matheson read a very excellent paper. entitled "Nervous Women," which was loudly applauded. All present stood in silence a few minutes to honour the memory of the late Mr John Greenwood.

Aug. 31. Mrs Scott presided, seventeen members being present. Arrangements were made for Dr. Armor's address. Mrs Hill appealed for more subscribers for the "White Ribbon." Mrs Scott stated that Miss Mayo has secured 490 new members for the W.C. T.U. in the Taranaki district. Mrs Curtis and Mrs Owen reported that the children had raised 12s 8d by selling flowers on Saturdays. The names on the Electoral Roll were gramined.

OXFORD.

Aug. 2. President in the chair. Resolutions passed expressing sympathy with sick members. Rev. G. Wood gave an address on "Good Citizenship, and the Responsibility of Our Vóte," for which he was thanked. Mrs R. Johnson and Miss Caverhill were appointed delegates to Provincial Convention. Decided to invite 1923 Convention to Oxford. Decided to hold birthday meeting of Union on the evening of 13th September, and a Programme Committee was formed. 'Mrs N. Lewis was appointed acting-Treasurer. One new member initiated, and a member of the Y Branch welcomed into the W.C.T.U.

PETONE.

Sept. 5. Mrs Crowther to be asked to be our delegate at Convention at Carterton. Parcels of children's clothing and £2 to be sent to the Willard Home. Dr. Armor addressed a very large and very enthusiastic audience in the Grand Theatre on Sunday afternoon. The address was very fine indeed, and listened to with very great interest by the big audience. The community sing on Monday, 28th, was a great success, mainly owing to the presence of Mrs Don. One member transferred from Mosgiel.

EDEN.

August 16. Pay-up social. Miss Wilson in the chair. Thirty-five present. The President welcomed Mrs Rothsay, White Ribbon Sister, from Mrs Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Chappell read a beautiful poem, entitled "Inasmuch." A piano solo was played by Miss Caley, and songs were sung by Miss Wilson, Mrts North, and Mrs Mason. Afternoon tea was provided by the Social Committee, who received a vote of thanks. Collection for Willard Home 25/10. Preserves and cakes were also sold to increase the fund. Miss Melville, White Ribbon Sister, who is contesting the seat in Parliament for Roskill Electorate, was expected to give an address, but arrived too late; her address postponed till next meeting.

CAMBRIDGE.

Aug. 18. A gathering held at the residence of Mrs J. W. Cocks to say good-bye to Mrs Watson, who has been our President for three or four years. On her arrival Mrs Watson was presented with a beautiful bouquet of violets. Several musical items and a recitation was given, and much enjoyed. Mrs Cocks and Mrs Hogan (on behalf of the local Branch) expressed keen regret and sorrow at the loss of the leadership of Mrs Watson, whose devotion to the great cause of Temperance would stimulate the workers at Waiuku, where Mrs Watson is to reside. Both speakers assured Mrs Watson of Union's loving interest and prayers after her departure from Cambridge. In reply Mrs Watson thanked the speckers for their kindness, who in her opinion had estimated her services much too highly. It was a fact, however, that her great enthusiasm in life was in the Temperance and Prohibition cause. Mrs Watson expressed her self as confident that the result of next poll would be to carry Prohibition. It was a time to close the ranks and to give every energy for the great cause. A dainty afternoon tea was served, and the function terminated with the singing of "God Be With You."

LOWER HUTT.

Aug. 14 members were present. Deeided to change our meetings to suit members from the fourth Tuesday to the 4th Wednesday. Donated to the N.Z. Alliance half profits from our last Prohibition social. Dr. Armor was with us on Tuesday, 5th September, and addressed a large audience in the Methodist Church. Dr. Armor's lecture was wonderfully inspiring. The speaker laid great stress on the good Temperance teaching had done in the American State Schools, and urged that the same should be taught here. Also proved the good Prohibition had brought about in America. Dr. Armor's address closed amidst loud applause.

NELSON.

Aug. 8. Miss Atkinson presided. Secretary reported that several members had visited the Richmond Union, and that Mrs Watson gave an account of Convention. Miss Earnshaw, Union Organiser, is expected to arrive about September 1st, and arrangements are being made for a successful campaign. Working classes for the European poor are being held weekly. President an nounced the coming of Rev. R. B. S. Hammond. A collection was taken up for Union funds.

Sept. 5. Miss Atkinson presided. A good attendance. President accorded a hearty welcome to Miss Earnshaw, who suitably responded, and expressed the wish to get to work right awa.y Mrs Hunter, from Invercargill, was present. The President made an appeal for members to work hard during the coning months. Annual Sale of Work to be held October 12th. Afternoon tea served.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Sept. Mrs Johnson-Wright presided. Mrs. Hemus was the speaker, and took as her subject the "Mothers' Thought Guild," which originated in Auckland in 1916, its object being to help create a beautiful mental atmosphere in the home, such as will make the conditions suitable for the natural unfolding of right character in young children. Mrs Hemus was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close of the meeting for her helpful and uplifting thoughts. Mesdames Moody and Keene were elected as delegates to the Carterton Convention, with Mrs Catchpole as substitute.

RIVERTON.

Sept. 4. Our Treasurer, Mrs J. Cassels reported splendid result of f18 6s for our little afternoon sale, held last month. We voted f2 to Organising Fund and f10 to advertising Prohibition paragraphs in local paper. Arranged for sending literature to back-block settlement. One new member reported.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Sept. 5. Mrs L. Mackenzie presided. Decided to join with the Y branch in obtaining the services of a collector to get in all outstanding Union and "White Ribbon" subscriptions, and also to enlist new members. A donation of ±2 was voted to the Sailors' Rest at Bluff. Decided to offer a prize for the best Scripture Essay at the next year's Competition Society. Mrs J. Stewart read a most interesting paper on Temperance movement, beginning with its start in 1811, and tracing its progress and ramifications up to the present time. The first I.O.G.T. Society in New Zealand was started in Invercargill, and of its two first members, one, Mrs Perry, is still an honoured member of our Union. Decided to get typed copies of this paper, that country branches may have the privilege of hearing it. Members agreed to help in the Street Day on September 29th. The prayer meeting for the success of the Prohibition cause is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The Chairman gave an account of her visit to the Y branch, and of the interest she felt at the good work being done by the young people who are members.

WARKWORTH.

Aug. 31. Main business to discuss the Jumble Sale held in aid of No-License cause, at which £30 was raised (clear of expense); also to arrange for another such sale early in November.

NAPIER.

Sept. 7. Mrs J. W. Venables presided. Decided that members should visit the District Convention at Waipawa next week. Arrangements were made for holding a Jumble Sale at Napier South, also in regard to the visit of Dr.

DASH, LTD., Waimate, DAY AND NIGHT GARAGE. Supplies and Repairs. Tourists welcomed Mary Armor to Napier next month, and ways of interesting the public in her meetings. A motion of condolence was passed to Mr T. Hyde on the death of his wife, a former member of the Union.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Sept. 7. Aramoho L.T.L. sent ten shillings towards Dr. Mary Armor's Fund. Wanganui Central L.T.L. thanked Union for their help in making their social and Sale such a success, and forwarded donation of £2 for the Mary Armor Fund. After a solo and recitation, Mrs Phillips, President of the Taranaki Provincial Convention, gave a very helpful and interesting address. Two new members were received into membership. Afternoon tea was served. A small sale of flowers and cake brought in a sum of 30s for the Mary Armor Fund.

FEILDING.

Aug. 3. Mrs Jones presided. A social afternoon was held. We regret to report that our esteemed President, Mrs Whitmarsh, has removed to Wellington. She will be greatly missed in Feilding, as she was an enthusiastic worker in our midst. Mrs Park has kindly consented to fill the gap pro tem. Our Dorcas Society has been busy rejieving the needy and sick.

PLEASANT POINT.

Sept. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Gunn, our Secretary, in her illness. Decided that the L.T.L. be allowed to distribute literature for the coming poll. Have written again to Town Board re beautifying town.

SUMNER.

Sept. Meeting well attended. Splendid address by Miss Shaw, of the Home Economics Association. on "Food." Miss Shaw dealt in a most expert way with the question of the value of alcohol as a food. 'A hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. Executive placed two suggestions before the Union: (1st) That our Union assist financially to enable Mrs W. J. Williams to attend meetings in various parts of Canterbury before the poll; and (2) that our Union distribute "Public Opinion" in Sumner. Both suggestions adopted.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Sept. 5. (A well-attended meeting. Mrs Hiett in chair. Four new members enrolled. Drawing-room entertainments and evening meetings inaugurated to widen influence and gain sympathy of non-members. Miss Boot, Anderson's Bay, gave first entertainment. Miss Boot and Miss Powell speakers on that occasion. Mrs Pile's American Tea raised £13 & 9d for Memorial Fund. A most inspiring letter from Mrs Don, telling of her meeting with Dr. Mary Armor was received with acclamation. Mrs Downing gave report on Conference of N.C.W. held in Christchurch. Mrs Peart's work as Organiser was highly commended. Decided to explain "How to Vote" and true meaning of "State Control" at every meeting and on every opportunity. Mrs Macourt, from Sydney, briefly addressed the meeting, dealing chiefly with propaganda for Prohibition Campaign. The following are the two chief points of address:—(1) Spread influence of all great lecturers by arranging for their speaking in different halls and in different localities; (2) canvassers and organisers to take every precaution with regard to electoral rolls.

Y's Column.

EARLY Y WORK IN OUR DOMINION.

The first Y Organiser in this Dominion was Mrs Miller, then of Dunedin, but for years now resident at Auckland. Mrs Miller has written an account of her work to send to America, and from that report I cull the following for the benefit of our present Y's.

Mrs Miller joined the W.C.T.U. during Mrs Leavett's meetings, and at once was appointed Superintendent of Girls' Work for the Dunedin Union. She at once got into touch with Mrs Barnes, Superintendent of Y Work for our World's Union, who sent her copies of the American Y Constitution and Bye-laws, various helpful books, and a Y bookmark, on which was painted the Oak, Ivy, and Lily of the Valley entwined. These signified Purity, Modesty, Strength, and Tenacity. This our Y's adopted, with the addition of the New Zealand clematis, and the first banner hung in our cooking department of the Dunedin Exhibition. Last year Mrs Miller presented the Auckland Y's with a banner of white satin, with the same flowers painted upon It, except that the clematis was replaced by a fern leaf in memory of our soldier boys who are honorary members.

Mrs Miller says: "When I corresponded with Mrs Barnes I was in the zenith of my powers, and gloried in my work; now I am nearly 77, and not able to do much, but am still interested in our Y's."

Our first Y Union started a cabmen's shelter in Dunedin, helped in the juvenile work, did excellent work at Agricultural Show tents, work among sailors, etc., until, through marriages and de partures, the leaders left. Our present Dominion President was one of our first Y's, and our representative to the World's Convention next November is Miss Jean Begg, one time President of the Dunedin Y's.

INVERCARGILL.

Aug. 7. President in the chair. Reported that Cameron Home had been visited the previous Saturday by a number of the members, and after providing a sumptuous tea for the children, a very pleasant social evening was spent amongst the little ones. The Prohibition literature is being distributed by several of our Y's. The President then asked Sister Janet to speak, and her very able address gave much pleasure to all those who were privileged to hear it, after which supper was dispensed.

Sept. 4. Reported that members had been distrubuting more literature during the month. A visit from Mrs Mc-Kenzie, Vice-President of the Central Union, was much appreciated. It was decided that at every meeting we would repeat our pledge all together. The services of a canvasser are to be engaged to collect up subscriptions, etc.

L.T.L. Column.

UPPER ARAMOHO.

The members of the above Loyal Temperance Legion, assisted by Misses A. Warrick and Maud Dalziel, rendered a most successful service of song, "The Saving of Daddy," in the Presbyterian Church, Aramoho. Inclement weather prevented a larger attendance of parents and friends. The Rev. Campbell opened with prayer. A duet by Arthur and Avis Crisp, "Have Courage, My Lad," introduced a very interesting story, the reading of which was ably carried through by the Rev. Camp-Legioners took part in the bell. choruses, solos and duets. Great credit is due to the late pianiste (Mrs Cardwell) and to Miss Scott for the training of the children. who acquitted themselves well in the various items, which were worthy of a larger audience. Special mention is made of the sweet singing of Mau Dalziell in her solo, "Will It Pay?" Ruby Field and Mary Nalder also sang very nicely, "A Mother's Prayer." Masters Dick Grove and Harold Clarke contributed "There's a Shadow on the Home," Legioners joining with the chorus, "We are Coming to the Rescue," their young voices ringing out with hope and cheer. Following an appeal in the reading, "Welcome. Wanderer, Welcome," was effectively sung by Annie Warrick and Maud Dal-In conclusion, the triumphant zieli. chorus. "All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name," was given. The singing of the Doxology closed the service of song.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Rev. Campbell, Mr Warrick, and Mesdames Bathgate, Cardwell, Good, and Miss Scott. A collection was taken up in aid of L.T.L. Prohibition funds.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Aug. 5. The above held a most enjoyable afternoon last Saturday. Instead of the usual meeting, we had a social afternoon and sale of work brought by the Legioners. Mrs Bathgate, the Superintendent, congratulated the Leader, Mrs Reid, and the children on the progress of their work in such a short time. A piano solo was given by Elsie Nicholson, and recitations by Bessie Scott and Hilda Park, the Legioners all joining lustily in their marching song. Afternoon tea was afterwards handed round to the parents and friends. The amount raised proved most satisfaltory, and is to be divided between the local Distress Fund and L.T.L. expenses.

Aug. 19. A good attendance, in spite of inclement weather. The President occupied the chair. The singing of the new Temperance songs was the chief feature of the afternoon. Mrs Goodey reported on the result of our social afternoon. The sum of £7 4s 8d was raised, having sent £3 10s to the Swankers Relief Funds for the unemployed. Resolved that £2 be handed to the Mother Union for Dr. Mary Armor's funds. A letter was sent to a sick member in hospital.

SAWYER'S BAY.

July 7. Very good attendance. Mrs Adcock presided, and read a splendid paper on "Thoroughness." Mr Falconer gave an address on "Prohibition," and two prizes are offered for the best reproduction of it in essay.

Aug. 4. Good attendance, despite inclement weather. Mrs Hudson presided. An organ solo was played by Olive Perry. Songs by J. Adcock, J. Cook, E. Docherty, Hazel Wallace, Harold Wallace, E. Mitchell, and D. Adcock; recitations by D. Broadley, C. Aburn, M. Pethie, H. Wallace, H. Aburn; dialogue by D. Broadley and H. Pratley. The items were splendidly rendered, and each child was given Y.C.P. badge. Six new members.

CHORUS.

Tune: "Tipperary." "It's a short way to Prohibition,

It's the right way to go;

"It's the best way to bring salvation To the fairest land I know.

Good-bye, early closing,

Regulation we'll not spare. It's a short, short way to Prohibition, And we're almost there."

DOMINION LIBRARY.

"BACK TO LIFE." By Philip Gibbs.

There are probably few men better able to write about the war, and to understand something of its inner meaning, than Philip Gibbs, who followed the fortunes of the armies from first to last during the four years of conflict. This book, dealing as it does with the last two or three weeks before the signing of the Armistice, and the first year after the cessation of active hostilities, and giving some insight into the varying moods and passions which swayed the popular mind on both sides, cannot fail to be of intense interest to all readers.

It is divided into three parts, the first, "The End of the Adventure," treating of the time just before the Armistice the second, "Through Hostile Gates," describing some experiences in Germany with the Army of Occupation; and the third, "Builders of Peace," giving some little idea of the negotiations which resulted in the Treaty of Versailles, and of the effect of this upon the contending nations.

The book is no ordinary novel, full of thrilling interest as it is, with its dotails of varied incidents during that difficult time, but to thoughtful readers the main interest will be in its revelation of the terrible effects of war upon all concerned in it, both physically and from a higher standpoint. The mental and physical ruin of so many lives, the brutality practiced on both sides, the general lowering of the moral tone, the perverted sense of justice, and, above all, the legacy of hatred between nation and nation-all this is vividly pourtrayed, together with the tragedies of disappointed hopes and broken promises, and the utter failure of war to bring real advantage or satisfaction either to victor or vanquished. Yet through it all shines out the unconquerable nobility of human nature, and the love which can transcend national prejudice and the horrors of war, and spend itself in service to those who have been its enemies. For in a world ruled by Supreme Love, where good is ever triumphant over evil, there can be nothing which has not within it some element of good; and the writer shows how even war conditions may sometimes draw out the hidden virtues in the heart of man, and furnish instances of complete self-sacrifice and the most perfect self-forgetfulness.

This book cannot fail to prove a fruitful study for any who may still believe war to be the best means of settling international difficulties, and also a stimulus to the endeavours of those who are striving to find a solution of the problems which beset the establishment of a world peace.

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CHURCH AND THE LIQUOR TRADE.

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There is no dearth of young men offering for the ministry there. An average of 41 per day have joined the ministry during the past five years.

When a Church gets into the fight against a great national sin, then "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

SECRETARIES OF UNIONS, PLEASE OBLIGE.

Will the Secretary of each Union visited by Dr. Armor please forward to the Editor of "White Ribbon" the accounts of the Doctor's meetings published in their local papers?

PASSED ON.

Another of Canterbury's early colonists passed away in the person of Mr Chas. Brown, who died on Wednesday, 16th inst., at his late residence, 63 Torrens Road, after a brief illness.

The late Mr Brown, who is survived by his widow, four daughters and seven sons, arrived in Lyttelton with his parents by the "British Crown" in 1863.

Excellent pioneering qualities, backed by rare physical strength, made him a most valuable colonist.

Mr and Mrs Brown joined the "Blue Ribbon" Army immediately it was established in Christchurch, and trained their family wisely and well, Mrs Brown, daughters, and some daughtersin-law being well known in our W.C. T.U. For forty years Mr and Mrs Brown were honoured members of the Spreydon Baptist Church, where an impressive memorial service was held on Sunday morning. Our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing widow and family.

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION CAN-CELLED.

Otago and Southland members of the W.C.T.U. please take note that the Provincial Convention, arranged for the time of Dr. Mary Armor's visit to Dunedin, is cancelled. Dr. Armor wishes to conserve all her strength for the platform, and does not desire entertainment.

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So let us all be thankful too, and never give a single grumble about anything from morning to night. There are some folk who grumble if the porridge is cold, or the toast burnt, and there are others who grumble about their lessons or their work. We don't want to be like them, do we? ANo, we want to be like the birds and flowers and trees, all so full of gladness of heart that there is no room for even the smallest grumble.

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

Aug. 5 Charence 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 I. Ramsey, 26 Gordon Rd., Morningside; Supt., Miss Mor-ton, Woodley Avenue, Rem. 2020.

ARAMOHO, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Presby-terian Church. Pres., Mrs D. Hallam, 252 Somme Parade; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dud-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.
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ASHBURTON, ist 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 Tre-vurza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs H. Ibbot-son, Tancred St. E.; "W.R." Agent, Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

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All Nature plays her part so valiantly that we humans must learn from her how to do likewise, and how to reflect Heaven's gladness of heart just as brightly as the blue sea of Spring reflects the blue of the radiant sky.

M. B. WALLACE.

If any little word of mine

May make a life the brighter. If any little song of mine

May make a heart the lighter, God help me speak the little word,

And take my bit of singing.

And drop it in some lowly vale, To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine

May make a life the sweeter,

If any little care of mine

May make a friend's the fleeter. If any little lift may ease

The burden of another.

God give me love, and care, and strength.

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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 Ed-ward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, "2 Bealey St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea. Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, 8t. Albans. St. Albans.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs D. G. Speedy, Methodist Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs D. G. Speedy, Victoria Av.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rich-ards and Hutchinson and Miss Heaton; Sec., Miss Heaton, Cadman Road; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse; "W.R." Agent, Mrs McPhee, Princess Street.

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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. Pres., Agent, Mrs Horace Niven.

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GREYMOUTH District, Business only last Tuesday. Prayer Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in Sailors' Rest Hall. Sec., Mrs Mason, Cob-den; Treas., Mrs Wilson, Cowper St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Reynolds, Karora; Vice-Presi-dents, Mesdames Gaskin and James.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Pres-byterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs Cos-tain; Vice-Pres., Mrs R. Anker; Sec., Miss Oates, Wood St.; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh, "W.R." Agent. Miss McWhinney.

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

HAMILTON District, 1st Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bla-Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bla-mires; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Morton, Jones, and Dillicar; Sec., Mrs Densem; Treas., Mrs Cliff; "W ... ' Supt... Mrs Parsonson

INVERCARGILL District, 1st Tuesday, p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Pres., Mrs. F p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Pres., Mrs. F. Lillicrap, 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

Hopkirk. INVERCARGILL SOUTH meets every 2nd Tuesday in St. Peter's Methodist School-room, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McGregor, Fitzgerald, Robb, Smart, Sharfe, 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, Raad 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. Bal-gent, King's Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Heyes, Brunswick St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Alders-Camp Road. lev.

MANAIA, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church. Pres., Mir., 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, Manala 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 Mathedist Vester, Pres.

Methodist Vestry. Pres. A.s. Richards, The Manse, Allen St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

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

NAPIER District, 1st Thursday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds, Leask, and McAlister; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Field; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull; Treas., Mrs. Grayling, Wellesley Road; Evan-gelistic, Mrs. Dodds; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames J. Walker and W. Findlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Walker; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Mans. 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." gent, Mrs C. Wilkinson, Grove Street.

NEW BRIGHTON, 3rd Thursday in Metho-dist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cole, North Brighton; Sec., Mrs. Moses, Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs. Glbson, Union Street; Evangel-istic Supt., Mrs. Hall, 36 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; Treas-urer, Mrs Linn; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cleurer, Mrs Linn; Cradh ment; "W.R.," Mrs. Gane.

NORTH EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday 2.45 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. Pres., Mrs. Mrs Jemi-Griffin, Gilbert Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Jemi-son, 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. Smaill; 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 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. 1 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., Coro OXFORD, first Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coro-nation Hall. Pres., Mrs D. Hawke, Main Street; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Assist. Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhil; "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. 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 Wil-son 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.; Trean, Miss Hodder, Al-lon St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs McConnon, 214 Featherston St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Ashby, Udy Street; 'Vice-Pres., Mes. dames Rowse, McEwan, Johnston, J. Collins, and Corner; Sec., Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street; Assist. Sec., Mrs. Col-lins; Treas., Mrs. Donoghue; "W.R." Agent, Miss Knott, 33 Nelson St.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England, Presbyterian, and Schoolrooms, alternately. Methodist or England, Press, Mrs Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs Jardine, The Manse; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Millen and Brewer; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Tobell, Devon Street; 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. Sut-ton, 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, PLEASANT To in Presbyterian Schoolfbound at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Schoolfbound Pres., Miss Bishop; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Falconer, Halstead, Stephens, Saunders, and Miss Seaton; Sec., Mrs J. T. Gunn; Treas., Miss Violet Saunders; "W.R." Neilson.

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

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Metho-dist Vestry. Pres., Mrs M. T. Phillips, Brecon Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Madill and Mrs Foster; Sec., Mrs D. McCallum, Mir-andi St.; Treas., Mrs W. Abraham, Hamlet St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Jago, Olivia St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hann.

TAKAPUNA, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Taka-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, Walheke 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 Moth.

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TIMARU District, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailor's Rest. Pres., Mrs. Norrle; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, 12 Roslyn Ter.; Treas., Miss Pearson, Turnbull St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs King, Bank St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cave, Baymond 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 S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangi," Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. G. H. Gra-ham Rhodes St. ham, Rhodes St.

WAIPAWA, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Hugh Mc-Lean, 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. Robertson,

WANGANUI District, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Emmet, 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. "W.R." Supt., Mrs 136 Glasgow Street. Grant.

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WHANGAREI.—Ist Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. in Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Galpin; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lambert, Lochore, Lovatt; Sec., Miss Rowsell; Asst. Sec., Miss Hilford; Treas., Mrs R. Gibson; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs C. R. Lovatt; Maori Work Supt, Miss Dreadon; Press Reporter, Mrs Lovatt.
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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 Mow-lem, 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., Mes-dames Caughley, Hughes, Macdonald, and Pemmington; 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. Port, Austin Street.

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

WOODVILLE meets last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Forrester's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Shear-man, Ormond St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Jack-son; Sec., Mrs. H. Mills, Gorge Road; Treas., Miss Fastler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Forrest.

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