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## A WHITE LIFE FOR TWO.

Some interest has been aroused and discussion provoked by the statement of a Bishop concerning immorality among our young women. The statement quoted by the Bishop was that about 50 per cent. of births were either illegitimate or the children of parents who had been married less than nine months. That this is a sad state of affairs, and one to be deeply regretted, we quite admit. But why, Oh why, does the Bishop launch his thunderbolt at women only. Frances Willard said there were no illegitimate children; there were illegitimate parents. Now, if so large a percentage of children have illegitimate mothers, do not an equal quantity have illegitimate fathers? What is the reason that the Bishop confines his wrath to half the offenders? Is immorality no crime in a man? If the learned Bishop will only study the teaching of his Divine Master, Jesus Christ, he will find there no word setting up a different standard of conduct for the two sexes. Nay, more, when the self-righteous pharisees brought before him the woman taken in adultery, he turned the tables on these would-be judges with the words, "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." And self-condemned, they all stole silently away. We suppose if the Bishop was asked a straight out question, and pressed for an answer, he would admit that the fathers of these children had broken the moral law. But his attitude of mind is as old as the human race, and when brought face to face with these disquieting facts, like Adam of old, his natural impulse is to

blame the woman. A little reflection will show that in most instances the man is the greater sinner. A return presented to the House by the Hon. G. Russell, then Minister of Health, showed that a huge proportion of these illegitimate mothers were girls in their teens, some as young as thirteen. And what of the men? A debate in Parliament followed a motion brought forward to compel the father's name to be registered even as the mother's name has to be, when the child is born out of wedlock. This was violently opposed by members, who stated that it was well known that the fathers of these children were mostly married men, and it would never do to record their names where their wives might find out about their misconduct. Now, my Lord Bishop, who is the greater sinner, the married man of mature age, who ruins a young life to gratify his uncontrolled passions, or the girl in her early teens who is his victim? Why not vent your wrath upon the greater sinner, and lament the immorality of men shown by this sad state of affairs?

When the Church of God sounds out the clear note of an equal standard of morality, when its ministers teach men that chastity is demanded by the Supreme Being from male and female alike, then we shall have made a distinct advance towards purity of life and morals.

The Cooper case, with all its ghastly and revolting details, showed up the tragedy of the unwanted child. Nobody wants it, and somebody gets rid of it. Is it not time that from every pulpit the truth should be proclaimed, that whether its parents are married or

unmarried, no child has a right to be born into this world unless it is a wanted child. "Do not sin against the child."

## THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS.

This is the Road to Happiness;  
Start Now, from Where You Are;  
Turn to the Right and keep straight  
on,  
And you'll not find it far.

Along the Path of Willing Feet,  
And over Heartsease Hill,  
Across the fields of Sweet Content,  
The Stream of Glad Good Will.

Then through the Lane of Loving Heart,  
The Gate that's called To-day,  
And down the steps of Little Things,  
Into the Common Way.

And take the cloak of Charity,  
The star of Wise Employ,  
A loaf of bread of Daily Grace,  
A flask well filled with Joy.

A word of cheer, a helping hand,  
Some good to give or share,  
A bit of song, a high resolve,  
A hope, a smile, a prayer.

And in the place of Duty Done,  
Beside the Door of Home,  
You'll find the house of Happiness,  
For happiness does not roam.



A MODERN PROPHET.

One day lately I called on a bedridden friend with some idea of making cheerful conversation suitable for an invalid about faith-healing.

I do not always shine in conversation. This was one of the occasions when I never got a chance.

"Hoots!" said she, "modern ideas, indeed. There is everything you want in the Bible if you have eyes to look. See what St. Paul says about next election."

I did not remember his mentioning it, but it is seldom wise to contradict one's elders, especially this particular one.

She guessed my lack of understanding, and went on triumphantly:

"About making our calling and election sure. Did you ever read anything more up-to-date or modern than that? And, mind you, he speaks with authority."

She waited a little while to be asked to explain, but I knew better than to interrupt.

"See how every word counts. First of all, making. There is plenty about giving in the Bible, free gifts and great gifts, and everlasting gifts. But this is another business entirely. We've got to make this election sure. It will

need some good steady work. We've got to make it **ours**, to start with—yours and mine. Its not for only one or one here and there, to do the making either. It's **our election**, for all of us to help make, all together, all helping in one big union. There's plenty of us to do it, you know, if we all help to **make** it, instead of the half of us standing on one side and expecting a big majority to grow by itself."

She waited again, partly to get her breath, more to entice me into raising an objection. Then she went in full-breathed again:

"The next word is **calling**. Ye may stand and call in the market-place, and some may hear (mind you, every one counts), but the most will go about their own business. Or you may follow an example set long before St. Paul ever wrote us, and call to the children. It's the work of our fathers and mothers, and grandparents too, that did that calling to those that were children in their day, that is going to help most now. Bands of Hope may be old-fashioned to-day, but plenty of to-day's voters were called to the right side in them. And it's the childrer who are called to-day will keep on with the work to-morrow. Then there's calling on one's neighbours, or round about for a cup of tea and a bit of gossip. There's often a chance to slip in a telling word in an afternoon's calling, if you've the word at your tongue's end, instead of hidden, the Lord knows where, somewhere inside you like Jonah in the whale's belly. (This spirited comparison was new to me.) Or you may be calling for help. Many a one gets his interest engaged by being asked to help, and then keeps on at it.

"You may be calling from the mountain tops, if your voice is strong enough to carry as far. Calling on your next-door neighbour is more within the compass of most of us. I can't do even that. But I can see the common-sense of what he says again, 'How can they hear if they be not called?'"

"Then there is to make your calling **sure**. I take it that means to know what you are talking about. Your calling just dribbles off into nothing if it's spoken with an uncertain voice, or just hearsay. You'll have to find out and know for yourself, if your calling is to be sure. Never try to teach a bairn anything you don't know by

heart, said my mother to me, and she knew her business, with the family she brought up."

Another pause, to catch the thread again

"Now, whether you make it your calling, or business, or vocation, or whatever you term it, I don't know. But this I do know, that calling has to come before the election if the election is to be **ours**, or **sure** either. See how the two are bound together. Calling and election, says he, and if the one is made sure, then the other will be sure too. One's just as sure as the other. But, mind you, you've got to use common sense. If you're calling a wee child, or 'a child in the ways of understanding,' you'll not need to shout like one calling in a wilderness, or to them that are afar off."

At last I ventured to put in a word:

"But how do you know it is **next** election? St. Paul never mentioned the date."

"Not he. He's far too wise a man for that. Often I've thought what a good, careful Scotsman he would have made. He's just left us to choose the date for ourselves. We can make it next election, or any other one we like, as soon as ever we all make it **ours**, our own business. Eh, he'd have made a good Scot. He never wasted a word. Why would he tell us what we're better finding out for ourselves? Mind you, there's plenty more I could tell you about in that text. But I've said enough to show you there's nothing in these modern new-fashioned ideas you won't find set out just as plain in your Bible."

I did not dispute it. I never dare dispute anything she says. But what do you think of her rendering of the text?

Shall we make next election "ours"?

KATHERINE MERCER.

#### TYPED REPORT OF CONVENTION.

The following Unions have sent payment (1/6) for the above since the last issue of the "White Ribbon":—Sydenham, Te Kuiti, Eltham, Ryall Bush, Mayfield, Gisborne, Turakina Leigh.

Will these Unions please accept this notice in place of any separate receipt?

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## REVIEWS.

The writer has recently read three books belonging to the W.C.T.U. Library. All three are by the same author, Philip Gibbs. They are entitled "The Hope of Europe," "People of Destiny," and "Back to Life."

The last-named is a story, but it is more than that. It deals with after-war problems—the problem of love and hate. Its pages lead the reader in fancy into German territory with the "Army of Occupation," and portray the mind of Germany's every-day folk as sensed by the author. Then as the hero returns to England, and is eventually followed by his German bride, something of the English mind towards the beaten foe is revealed. Sad to relate, that revelation does not always show a "love that never faileth." "Back to Life" is a novel with a purpose. That purpose has to do with brotherliness and goodwill in a strife-scarred world.

"People of Destiny" seeks to set the dwellers in the United States of America in a true perspective. Mr Gibbs has travelled much in that wonderful land, has lectured there to crowded audiences, and come into contact with many of the best people of the States. The knowledge thus gleaned leads him to realise that this part of America is destined to play a large part in making or marring the world in its near future.

In the closing chapter of the book he writes of the 14 million members of the Junior Red Cross in America who did such noble work during the war. These juniors are now enrolled as helpers in the cause of World Peace. From the States they write to the children of European lands. They send toys, furniture, the music sung at school, etc., to their small comrades across the seas, who also reciprocate so far as they can. Thus is being built up "A World-Wide League of Children."

In "The Hope of Europe" Mr Gibbs has more than a little to say against the "old gang" of politicians in Europe. The members of this gang, he contends, were responsible for the Great War. And if allowed to have sway, they will again lead the world into disaster.

In language that cannot be misunderstood the author firmly declares that those who delight in war must be put down. As special war correspondent,

he knew all the horrors of the recent strife. He knew, also, what many soldiers on either side thought of the whole ghastly business. In no measured terms these fighting men spoke their contempt for the old men who had landed them in such a sanguinary mess.

Nor, according to Mr Gibbs, did the old school of politics show up better when planning the Peace Treaty. He points in different chapters to the state of Ireland, Austria, France, etc. Surely the world calls for the ideals and strength of youth. After outlining the work ahead of the younger generation to-day, he concludes: "That is the chance of youth, standing now at the open door, wondering what there is to do, and which way to take to meet the future. God! If I had youth again, I should like that good adventure, and take the chance."

## COMRADES! CARRY ON!

(By Lottie Moore.)

Who claims that the work of our White Ribbon host

Is a thing of the past—a spent force?  
A possible need of a former regime,  
But a need which has "finished its course."

Do the deeds of the Crusaders—noble and true—

Count for naught? Does their memory fade?

Are their prayers, faith and tears but a dream?—can it be

'Twas a valueless thing which they paid?

Nay! Nay! while the dark-pinioned demon of vice

Overshadows and curses its prey,  
While the Drink-Foe—insidious, wary and bold

As a thief lies in wait by the way;  
While a sorrowing mother-heart bleeds in our land,

O'er the victims of arrogant pride,  
While a child may be led by sweet counsel to walk

In the steps of the Heavenly Guide;

May the White Ribbon host tread its mission of cheer,

In the spirit the Master shall own,  
Yea, with zeal born of sacrifice, hope born of faith,

And a love born of Heaven alone.  
Yea; the years speak the message in clarion-tones,

For the sake of the toilers agone,  
For the sake of humanity's need of the hour,

Carry on! Carry on! Carry on!

—"Canada W.R. Bulletin."

## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

## THE AURA.

Each one of us is surrounded by a soft light, something like the halo round the moon on a misty night; and people who have their soul-sight clear enough in this world can sometimes see this halo around folk, and have called it an "aura." It really shines from our souls, and our thoughts and feelings give it whatever light and colour it has. The aura of a sweet and beautiful character is most bright with the lovely colours in it; and when one meets such a person one feels happy and thankful. But the aura of a cross and discontented person is dull and grey and clouded, and when one gets near such a person one feels sad and depressed.

When the angels look at us they see exactly how we are behaving by the colours of our auras. A fit of passion will send darts of fiery red across the aura, whereas love fills it with a clear rosy light most beautiful to see. All the while we are either helping or hindering other folk by the influence of our aura or personal atmosphere.

When they come near us they are apt to feel either cheered or depressed, stronger or sadder, kinder or more cross, according to the kind of aura we have. Some folk fill a whole room with light and joy without even saying a word, so powerful is the influence of unseen thoughts and feelings. We must therefore try to keep them always sweet and shining, so that both the angels and human friends will feel happier when they come near us.

MARY BRUCE WALLACE.

Peace? When have we prayed for peace?

Over us burns a star,  
Bright, beautiful, red for strife!  
Yours are only the drum and the fife  
And the golden braid of the surface of life;  
Ours is the white-hot war.

Peace? When have we prayed for peace?

Is there no wrong to right?  
Wrong crying to God on high,  
Here where the weak and the helpless lie,  
And the homeless hordes of the city go by,  
The ranks are rallied to-night.

—Alfred Noyes.

## DR. SHEPHERD AT WARKWORTH.

A particularly interesting meeting of the Warkworth Branch of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday, February 22nd, Mrs J. Curran presiding. After the devotional exercises and reading of the minutes, etc., Mrs Hamilton introduced the speaker, Dr. Flora Shepherd, welcoming her to her native town, and on behalf of the members presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a token of their esteem.

A sheaf of lilies was also presented to Mrs E. Morrison, the mother of Dr. Shepherd, also elder member of our Union, and for some years our President.

Dr. Shepherd feelingly responded on behalf of her mother and herself, thanking all for their kind wishes.

She then took up the subject of her address, "The Children." Dr. Shepherd said that for a very long time children had been her entire world, and the subject was so wide that it was difficult to know just which section would be most helpful. Every mother understands that we learnt largely by our mistakes, and all feel that could we begin again with our acquired knowledge we would do much better.

Children at an average rate of 40 to 60 per day passed through her hands in London. Almost all came because of some error or lack of knowledge on the part of those in charge. The great object should be, not the cure, but the prevention of disease; because, no matter how perfect the cure, it leaves a more or less impaired instrument. Medical science was doing excellent work, as was shown by the fact that the death rate among children had been reduced from 153 per 1000 to 49 per 1000. These surprising results had been obtained in London, among whose population there is much ignorance and poverty. There, too, one rarely gets cow's milk less than three days' old, and never less than 48 hours old, 30 per cent. of it even then affected with tuberculosis, yet by study and work they had got the above results.

Dr. Shepherd laid much stress on the training and feeding of infants from birth, claiming that everything influenced the new-born child. The air it breathes, the response to its first cry, its food and its time of feeding, all help

to develop a human being, who will grow up capable of self-control or otherwise.

Medical science is satisfied that the child who is taught to eat and drink rightly will have physical control of its body, and will not easily fall into temptation through excess of food or drink. Moral training in one aspect is really the physical training of the different cells of a child's body. This requires high moral training in the parent, so that it is well to bear in mind that the better child of to-day means the better parent of to-morrow, dealing with the child of the present means influencing the parent of the future.

Dr. Shepherd dealt at some length on teeth and their decay. After six months of age a child should be given anything clean and hard to bite and chew at continually, to exercise and develop the jaws. After a child is weaned too much soft food is given it. Give it something hard, which will require it to bite and chew, and still develop. After 18 months of age, no food at less than four hours' interval, and by no food was meant absolutely nothing—no chocolates, no biscuits or sweets, not even fruit.

Dr. Shepherd also dealt with the clothing of children. The custom was now becoming adopted of doing away with all the cumbersome long clothes, and the multiplicity of strings and little garments, and to dress the baby in a few warm knitted garments, which provided sufficient covering, and were easily put on and taken off, thus being a saving to both mother and child.

At the close of the lecture questions were asked and answered, and a very hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was carried by acclamation.

Mrs E. Phillips and Miss Roke kindly assisted with solos.

Afternoon tea and social converse concluded an interesting and helpful meeting.

A well-attended meeting of the Warkworth Branch of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Methodist Church on March 22nd to listen to an address by Dr. Flora Shepherd on "An Especial Aspect of Child Training."

The speaker said she had been especially requested to speak on the training of children in relation to sexual questions. She held that all parts of our body were equally natural and equally sacred. The questions to be

considered were who should impart the information to the child? At what age it should be given. How and to what extent should it be given?

The one to give the information should be the one who has the best knowledge of the facts to be taught, and the most intimate knowledge of the child. She thought parents undoubtedly should be best fitted to do so, and if they had not the required knowledge they should study and get it.

This information should be given individually, and not be broadcasted. If the parent could not give it, then it should be given in a lesson on hygiene, just in as matter of fact a manner as any other lesson on the body, without any sentiment whatever, by the school teacher. Dr. Shepherd thought that a child should be told whenever it asks for information, no matter how young, and it should be told everything that it asks for. But it was most important to bear in mind this fact—never volunteer information to a child on these matters. When it asks, and what it asks, answer, but tell it no more.

By simply and clearly answering the questions asked by the child as it develops and grows, say to the age of 9 or 10 years, it has learnt the main facts appertaining to sex.

She emphasised the wisdom of avoiding all personal references, as this will at once remove the thought from self, and be better in every way.

Children have a habit of asking questions at inconvenient times, but the information should not be refused; it should only be postponed until it can be given quietly.

Dr. Shepherd also spoke on the treatment and management of girls at the adolescent period. How difficult many mothers found it to understand the erratic nature and moods of girls, but counselled the mothers that wise and patient treatment would win confidence, and sweet companionship between mother and daughter. She also spoke of how apt mothers, especially capable mothers, were to take on their shoulders the whole responsibility of the family. She urged them to give to the father his share of the responsibility. He proved willing enough if he knew that it was expected of him, and it was better for the fathers and for the children if they were educated to a sense of their responsibility in this respect.

Dr. Shepherd was listened to with much interest, and gave all those present much food for thought.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Shepherd concluded a very interesting and instructive meeting.

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### THAT BADGE.

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(Katherine Mercer.)

A while ago I went on a long journey, and—I could count on my fingers the number of white bows I saw whilst.

Why?

Why don't we wear our badges more?

I have not been into a town in New Zealand without seeing some man wearing a Returned Soldier's Badge. Our badge is just as honourable, and we are not a disbanded army, but an army in being, a fighting unit. If we are to be an army in occupation, we need to know our friends, and they need to know us.

Surely the little white bow is easy enough to carry, if only for identification. We wear it in our hearts; why not openly?

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

#### New Zealand Fund.

Dunedin, £3; Lower Hutt, Norsewood, and Otautau, £1 each.

#### N.Z. Memorial Headquarters Fund.

South Dunedin, £4; Mrs Don, £2 12s.

#### Organising Fund.

South Dunedin, £1; Hawera, £1; Manaia, 12s; Eltham, 10s.

#### Maori Fund.

South Dunedin, 10s; Feilding, 8s.

NELLIE BENEDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 9th June, 1923.

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Be strong to suffer, be strong to dare,  
Be strong to speak, let your words  
ring true,  
Be strong the burdens of life to bear,  
Be strong to wait, and be strong to  
do.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

### "NOW."

(Katherine Mercer.)

Anyone who reads anything under my signature will notice that, while never putting forward a new idea of my own (all the new ideas seem to have occurred to other people already), I am very respectful to old and well-tried ones, bringing them forward again and again.

There is a poem, for instance, that, reduced to rather prosy prose, persists in my head, and so slips off my pen, translated into terms of voters. Probably that is because **now** is such a good time to be out looking for them. It is the best time we shall have.

Without being too optimistic, let us reason that out quietly together.

Take a concrete case, your neighbour down the road—or the one from over the way will do as well. In fact, any one will do, if he isn't on our side already. It is no use going after our own people. (Someone tried to round me up last year; well, the joke made us the better friends, we had been strangers before).

Well now, having decided on A or B, and started in to cultivate suitable neighbourliness, notice, first, that election time and the opposition it hardens are well past. The reasons or arguments or sentiments, or whatever you like to call the ammunition the Trade expended, have lost their freshness—the bitterness of the fight has died away, except for the vigorous all-timers. We will take, for granted you have not chosen A or B from among those, though all the more credit to your pluck if you have. Things being peaceful, **now** is a much better time to start outside work than immediately after election. We have had several months to strengthen ourselves, by rest, by study, by the old method, praying without ceasing.

If perhaps our energy was expended a bit recklessly, by **now** we have had time to recuperate.

A. and B. may or may not be waiting to come over. They may not have been thinking much about it, now the noisiness is over. Mostly A. and B. don't care about it as much as we do, you know.

But if A. has been waiting, his mind possibly turning over some tragedy or some economic worry the Trade has been active in, and you can catch his attention and bring him over **now**, what a good long time there will be to

be sure he is well grounded in his reasons for joining us, at home in our beliefs, an experienced fighter himself, before the votes are counted. Coming in **now** will give him a decent chance to carry a few sheaves with him too.

B., on the other hand, may be one of the slow and sure kind, whom it takes a long time to make sure of. You would really need to start **now** with some people to have any chance of getting them convinced in time. So obviously **now** is the time to start with B. It will be so much to your advantage, too, giving you so much opportunity to improve your debating and persuasive powers, if you start in with B **now**. Or again, B. may be the backward and forward kind, now hot, now cold, and if you start **now** he will have time to get done with all that swinging to and fro, and get settled down on a firm basis of conviction, or what may mean more to B.'s type, of custom. Say B is a woman, and you get her to go to nine-tenths of the W.C.T.U. meetings between **now** and election, she will vote as surely as you.

Then another thing: neither A. nor B. may be for our gathering in. But quite possibly either may be going away before next election, and the seed you sow **now** may ripen in time for that reaping. It is rarely one does anything all by oneself—I do not remember seeing a case. Your job, the only opportunity you can make, may be starting at the beginning, ploughing the ground. You don't see anything of fruit worth having at ploughing season. But if the ground is ready the very birds of the air will scatter seed.

Leaving A. and B., let us go on to C. C., probably unconsciously, is watching you keenly, and it matters a lot to C.'s impression of you and your cause if he sees you working and caring **now**. A thing that is only worth bothering about during the last three months, and on the afternoons when the W.C.T.U. meets, is not nearly so likely to draw C.'s serious consideration (and that means his vote) as one which he sees has power to keep you working and caring **now**.

There are such a lot of C.'s all watching **now**. Let them have something worth seeing, **now**.

Personal: Have you sent your copy of the "White Ribbon" on to someone else this month? Don't you know anyone who doesn't take it?

## VICTORY DELAYED.

(A paper read before the Turakina Union.)

I am sure that we are all very sorry that we cannot rejoice together to-day that Prohibition has been carried. There has been a good deal in the various papers as to the reason it was not carried. Some say one thing, and some another. Mrs Lee-Cowie gives it as her opinion that there was not enough prayer about it. She says that at many meetings she attended there was no prayer offered, and that if we were depending on our own efforts, it is no wonder we did not win. But whatever was the cause, God has not seen fit to give us the victory yet, so we must just go on with the fight. There is no doubt that because it has been the habit and custom for so many centuries to use strong drink, that all the evidence that is brought to prove that it is harmful, does not carry the weight that it should do. People say "So-and-So has always taken it, and it has not done them any harm." Even those who have indulged to excess are quoted as being healthy and long livers, and even as being proof against epidemics. Then, too, where the appetites and the pleasures of the people are affected, they are always ready to excuse themselves from taking any heed to the evidence that proves their indulgence is harmful both to themselves and others, and so the evil traffic is allowed to continue and to ruin many homes and break many hearts. If we look at history we see how it has ruined men and nations. The Assyrians, Greeks and Romans were all at one time hardy and temperate peoples, but when their victories were followed by drink and licentiousness, their power was soon gone, and they in their turn were conquered by a more powerful race. And it is the same with individuals. Alexander conquered the world, and then let drink conquer him. Byron was a great poet, but drink was his ruin. And many others could be quoted who were once great, and then were brought low because of drink.

Science too witnesses in favour of total abstinence, and tells us that alcohol is a poison, and not a food; that its use is harmful to the heart and brain, and digestive organs. It tells us also that to make alcohol, much good fruit and grain are destroyed every year, and

further, that alcohol is rarely found in nature, excepting where decay and rotteness is, and that it has no useful place or work to do in the body.

Experience is also a witness that should compel people to pay heed, for it tells that alcohol is the great destroyer of nations, families and individuals. It tells of ruined health, and ruined homes, of poverty, wretchedness and vice, as the result of this great evil. It tells of work done in the cold of the Arctic regions, in the heat of the Tropics, on land and sea, in every kind of labour, and of the work being better done without the aid of strong drink than with it. Yes, the principles of Prohibition have been tried for many years, and have proved that men are happier healthier, both morally and physically, without strong drink than with it; so our disappointment is great that our Dominion should not have given it a trial. But we are no worse off than we were before, and we must just start again with renewed vigour to fight the evil traffic. And we must remember that the fight against alcohol is only one of our branches of work. First of all, we are a Christian Union, and the evangelistic department of the work is placed first on our little leaflets, that we may recognise that all our work is being done to advance the Kingdom of God. Then the town branches do a lot in connection with Purity work. Some of you may have read the accounts of the recent Medical Convention in Christchurch when a good many reforms were brought forward to be submitted to the Government. I feel sure that the Headquarters of the W.C.T.U will take this up, and I think it would be advisable for us as members to understand about these measures, so that we would be able to give an opinion if we are asked to sign any petition. Then there is Bible in School work, work among the seamen, and various other schemes. By being a member of the Union, we are helping on all these different branches of work, and the more members we can get, the more we help, and the more we help now the quicker will come the victory over evil.

For good you are, and bad, and like to coins,  
Some true, some light; but every one of you  
Stamped with the image of the King.  
—Tennyson.

## N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:—

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

L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance: Mrs Neal, 3 Maunsell Road, Parnell, Auckland.

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

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WELLINGTON, JUNE 18, 1923.

**WHITE RIBBON DAY.**

(Unions please read at your next meeting. Especially concerns Y Branches.)

The fifteenth of this month is White Ribbon Day, when every Union is asked to hold a special meeting to press the claims of the "White Ribbon," and to endeavour to secure new subscribers. Every Branch should ask itself, "Can the Dominion work prosper without its official organ? Can a local Branch successfully carry on without the 'White Ribbon'?" It is absolutely necessary to have our own paper, the only registered newspaper, owned, edited, man-

aged, and circulated by women, and for women's work.

Then is it not the duty of every Union to do their best to circulate this paper, to increase its usefulness by introducing it to as wide a circle of readers as possible, and to help lessen the heavy weight of financial responsibility resting upon our Business Manager?

We congratulate Invercargill Y's upon their new departure. They have made June a "White Ribbon" campaign month, when every member is out after new subscribers. Our office staff much appreciate the constant help given by the Invercargill Y's. Why cannot every Y Union do the same? Our Business Manager is offering two prizes, first and second prize, to the Y member who secures most new subscribers to the "White Ribbon" before the end of this year. The subs. are to be handed in to the "White Ribbon" Agent of the Union, and at the end of the year she is to send in to the Business Manager the names of those who have entered for the competition, with the number of new subscribers gained. The list to be signed by the "White Ribbon" Agent and the Superintendent of the Branch. Now here is a chance for individual members to win a nice book. If your Union cannot win a banner, perhaps some member of it can win one of these prizes. My dear Y member, our Business Manager needs your help. Be not only Y's, but be wise, and give this help. We are depending upon you, and we know you will not fail us.

**AN EVENING PRAYER.**

Forgive us for the smiles we failed to give—

Smiles on which saddened hearts may live—

And yet—and yet we failed to give.

Forgive us for the words we've left unsaid—

Words that feed hungry hearts like bread—

And yet—and yet were left unsaid!

And for the little deeds we've left undone—

That might have cheered some lonely one—

And yet—and yet were left undone!

Forgive us Thou who knowest us so well—

That we have failed our love to tell  
By smiles and words and deeds, so well.

—Selected.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—We were, most of us, very bitterly disappointed, and some were disheartened, about Prohibition not having been carried at the last poll. Some people murmured that the Continuance party told such lies about taxation, and Prohibition not having been a success in America. Others said that the people of New Zealand were not ready for it yet, and neither they were. Think you that it was our fault? I fancy I hear some of you say, "Well, we worked hard enough for it, and we had prayer meetings." Are we, each one of us, quite sure that our work and our prayers were acceptable unto God? We call our Union the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and our motto is for God, Home, and Humanity. God's name comes first on our list, but have we, each member of our Christian Union, sought to seek God first, and to be a "winner of souls" for Him? I say it boldly, we have not. But, thanks be unto God, for those who have been and are faithful unto Him. If only all of us who have banded ourselves together as a Christian Temperance Union had done our work faithfully as in God's sight, what wonderful things we could have accomplished in His name and through His almighty power. Let us all who have been unfaithful in our work repent and consecrate our lives for God, and then we will be able to say with all our hearts, "Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things."—I am, etc.,

E. BRAITHWAITE,

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## NEWS OF DR. MARY HARRIS ARMOR.

White Ribboners will be interested to read the following extract from "The Macon News," a leading paper in the doctor's native State of Georgia, U.S.A.:-

### MRS ARMOR'S GREAT DISCOURSE.

Rarely in the history of Macon has there ever been a larger and more appreciative audience to greet a speaker than that which assembled on Sunday night to listen to Mrs Mary Harris Armor, internationally celebrated W.C.T.U. worker, who has but recently returned from New Zealand, where she participated in a great campaign to bring about Prohibition in that part of the British Empire.

Mrs Armor has always been known as a woman who possessed a pentecostal gift of eloquence and persuasive charm, but to many of her hearers on Sunday night it seemed as if she surpassed herself in her description of New Zealand and her graphic account of the great fight that was made to wipe out the liquor interests.

The advocates of Prohibition were not quite able, in this one campaign, to overcome the entrenched power and influence of the liquor interests, and it is by no means gratifying to the Fourth Estate as a whole to know that the press of that country was among the strongest factors in defeating the cause of Prohibition. It is still more humiliating to learn that propaganda and cartoons from American newspapers were liberally reproduced in combating the Prohibition advocates.

But it is felt that the cause made great headway, and that in a comparatively short time the people will follow the example of the United States when the real truth becomes known.

Old residents here were able fully to appreciate the point when Mrs Armor said that one had to go to a wet country like New Zealand fully to appreciate the blessings of Prohibition. All the sophistical arguments in the world can never blind the people of this city, for example, to the contrast that exists between the situation to-day and what it was when we had saloons. The money that went for booze goes for food and clothing, and the economic success of Prohibition is so clear that it is no longer necessary to demonstrate it. These older inhabitants could fully re-

alise what the speaker meant, therefore, when she said that to appreciate Prohibition, it was necessary to go to some country that was still wet.

Mrs Armor has been a tireless and faithful worker in the cause of Prohibition. The State of Georgia owes to her a great debt for the work she did in making Georgia dry. But she still carries on her good work, and it was gratifying to see from the vast outpouring of the people on Sunday night how cordial is the appreciation of our people of the work she has done. She will carry a rich benediction wherever she goes.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

### MAORI REPORT.

I have just sent out a number of circulars in connection with White Ribbon Day to those Unions in the North Island that have shown interest in this department, urging them to get Maori Unions formed, if possible, in their districts this year. If there are any I have overlooked who could do some work of this sort, will they kindly communicate with me. There are only two Unions that advertise local superintendents; there may be many others that have appointed them that I do not know of. If so, and if they communicate with me, we may be able to arrange for some local work. As there is no Organiser at work in this department, it is the more important for local Unions, where possible, to arrange to form Maori Unions.

N. F. WALKER.

N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept., W.C.T.U.  
Upper Fox Street, Gisborne.

## A RESOLUTION.

Each even, ere the sunset fades,  
I try and blot from out my heart  
The memories that cast deep shades,  
The word or act that gave a smart.

I try to think but tender things,  
But if a recollection nears,  
Intruding by the gloom it brings,  
I blot it out ere day appears.

Forget the petty things that grieve;  
Each disappointment, cruel wrong;  
Live for to-day; let moments weave  
Your soul a peaceful, perfect song.  
—Aileen Ward.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

(Every Union please read at your next meeting.)

May 28th.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

The reports of the World's Convention, which met in Philadelphia last November, have arrived, and can be obtained from Miss Powell, 120 Ravenswood Road, St. Clair, Dunedin, in return for the cost, 1s and 1d for postage. As these reports contain a record of the work of our organisation round the world, and the addresses of its officers and organisers and superintendents of all departments, every Union should procure one, and order quickly, as the supply is limited.

There are a quantity of flag envelopes and some stickers, with the words "The Liquor Traffic Must Go," still in stock. The sentiment is as true as ever, and we want to keep it constantly before the public. The packets are 9d each, and can be divided into three, thus making it possible for all members to procure a few and distribute them. All profits from sale go to our Headquarters Fund. Please send your orders to Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

Now a word about the Organising Fund. I am pleased to know that some Unions have already generously responded to the need, but all should be doing something. This is the best time to prepare for an ordinary Sale of Work to be held in the early spring, or for an immediate Jumble or Rummage Sale, but we should all be busy doing something. Maybe some would prefer to have an American Tea, or a Gift Afternoon, where each person gives something and buys something, or to adopt the suggestion made at Convention to have a Waistline or Apron Tea Party. Whatever it is, let us all get busy in an effort to bring all members together in a social afternoon or evening, and raise money outside our ordinary revenue. I am sorry that as yet we have not been able to procure another Organiser. If any Union knows of a suitable person, please let us know about her. I hope you are all swinging into line with the Pledge-Signing Campaign, and each one doing her best to secure pledges and new members and new subscribers to our paper. With bright hopes for our



work this winter, and love to every  
White Ribboner, from

Yours in glad service,

RACHEL DON.

### SUBJECTS FOR STUDY AT MEET- INGS OF W.C.T.U.

#### SOME SUGGESTIONS BY OUR ORGANISER.

1. Report of N.Z. Convention, 1923.
2. Prohibition: How it Works in America.
3. Enforcement of 18th Amendment.
4. State Control: Results in Carlisle, British Columbia, etc.
5. Report of Conference of League Against Alcohol: Resolutions; Plan of Work for World Prohibition.
6. The Most Effective Use of the Women's Vote.
7. Equal Moral Standard.
8. The League of Nations.
9. Peace and Arbitration.
10. Study of W.C.T.U. Constitution.
11. Study of Needs of Community, and How Union is Helping to Meet Them.
12. Discussion on Departments of Work of W.C.T.U.
13. Discussion on How to Effectively Influence the Women's Vote in your District for Prohibition, between Now and Next Poll.
14. Secure copy of Report of Annual N.Z. Alliance Conference from Alliance Office, Wellington, and consider plans of work, resolutions, etc.
15. Pioneer Women.
16. Medical Alcohol.
17. Child Welfare.
18. Laws concerning the legal position of women.
19. What the women of New Zealand have gained since they have had Franchise.
20. Efforts being made for fuller citizenship rights.

Hewing wood and drawing water,  
Splitting stones and cleaving sod—  
All the dusty ranks of labour,  
In the regiment of God,  
March together towards his triumph,  
Do the task His hands prepare;  
Honest toil is holy service;  
Faithful work is praise and prayer.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

### DOMINION LIBRARY.

(Officers Please Read.)

The Editor finds in her journeyings that many Unions know little about our Dominion Library, and do not realise that it is to help every Union.

The officers of any local Union may send to Mrs Field for any book in her published list, the only charge being the cost of postage. Cut out the list of books appearing in the May "White Ribbon," and note the price of postage printed beside the title. Officers writing for books should enclose the cost of postage. One month is allowed for reading, and with the smaller books several members could read it in a month. We earnestly recommend all our officers to make good use of the Dominion Library. We know of several husbands who read with pleasure the books their wives borrow from our Library, and one, a professional man, remarked, after reading a third one of our books, "Well, Mrs Field is getting some brainy books into her library."

Borrow from your Dominion Library, and educate yourselves and your husbands.

**Divorce: To-day and To-morrow;** C. Gasquoine Hartley (Mrs Gallihan). Postage, 4½d.

The appearance of this book in the list published in the May number of the "White Ribbon" is a timely one. Reform of English Divorce Law is now being strenuously urged by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, and keenly opposed by other sections of the nation. The International Woman Suffrage Alliance included Divorce Law Reform in its programme of the recent Rome Congress, a brief cabled report of which stated that the Pope was entirely opposed to the aims of the Congress on the question of divorce.

In her compact little book, Mrs Gallihan explains the reasons for this advocacy and opposition. She traces briefly the history of marriage and divorce laws in various countries, and gives high praise to the law of New Zealand. Alas! that we should have retrograded since the publication of her book in 1921.

Anyone desirous of being informed on this momentous question will find in "Divorce: To-day and To-morrow," a

clear, concise, and simple statement of the position, written by one whose every effort is directed towards the raising of the status of woman.

The address of the Librarian is: Mrs Jessie Field, "The Rocks," Nelson.

### DRY AS A DESERT.

New York has elected a Governor who is favourable to the sale of light beer and wine. A resolution to permit the sale of light beer and wine was adopted by the State Senate, but by the Assembly was referred to the Judiciary Committee. A personal friend of the Governor, when asked what would happen to this resolution if it got presented to Congress, thus summed up the situation: "Nothing at all. It will go first to the Judiciary Committee, and will be placed on file. The Judiciary is dry, the Rules Committee is dry, the House is dry, and the Senate is twice as dry as the House. You can figure out what chances it has."

Evidently, in spite of all the wet cables to the contrary, the recent elections in U.S.A. have returned a Congress dry as the Sahara Desert.

### THE PSALM OF THE HELPERS.

The ways of the world are full of haste  
and turmoil:  
I will sing of the tribe of helpers who  
travel in peace,  
He that turneth from the road to rescue  
another,  
Turneth toward his goal:  
He shall arrive in due time by the foot-  
path of mercy,  
God will be his guide:  
He that taketh up the burden of the  
fainting,  
Lighteneth his own load:  
The Almighty will put His arms under-  
neath him,  
He shall lean upon the Lord.  
He that speaketh comfortable words to  
mourners  
Healeth his own heart:  
In his time of grief they will return to  
remembrance,  
God will use them for balm.  
He that careth for the sick and wound-  
ed  
Watcheth not alone:  
There are three in the darkness to-  
gether,  
And the third is the Lord.  
Blessed is the way of the helpers,  
The companions of Christ.  
—From "Out-of-Doors in the Holy  
Land," by Henry Van Dyke.

## News of the Unions.

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

### PLEASANT POINT.

May. Decided to make a special effort for Organising Fund, also to place copy of "White Ribbon" in Public Library.

June. Officers elected: Pres., Miss Bishop; Sec., Mrs Gunn; Treas., Miss Munroe. Agreed to affiliation of W.C.T.U. with League of Nations. A public meeting followed, addressed by Mrs T. E. Taylor, who spoke of our world-wide aims, and urged us not to slacken our efforts. Afternoon tea. Three new members.

May 9. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Good attendance. Reported that Union collected £92 by sale of poppies on Poppy Day. Miss Henderson gave report of N.Z. Alliance Conference, stating over 100 delegates present, and 69 of the 80 electorates were represented. Mr Royds, of Christchurch, elected President. General meeting to consider affiliation with League of Nations. Resolved: "That the Christchurch Branch is of the opinion that the time is opportune for the W.C.T.U. to affiliate with League of Nations."

May 23. Mrs Taylor presided over large attendance. Mr Ruddock spoke of Bible Reading in Schools, and stated that the Canterbury Board of Education had decided upon 24½ hours of school per week, leaving the other half-hour for religious instruction. He asked the assistance of the Union in this work. Mrs Taylor spoke on Peace and Arbitration.

### PONSONBY.

May 28. Union organised by Mrs Feryman; Mrs Cook, District President, presiding. Officers elected Pres., Mrs Lee Cowie; Sec., Miss Pyle; Treas., Mrs Kaspar; W.R. Agent, Miss S Pyle.

June 8. A good meeting, 20 present. 3 new members initiated. Supts. of Departments elected: Work Among Seamen, Mrs Macky; Maori Work, Mrs Jemison; Social Hygiene, Mrs E. B. Miller; Sick Visitors, Mrs Kay and Miss Adams. A resolution of loving sympathy with Lady Stout in her severe illness. Heartly support promised to Rev. A. S. Wilson in his noble efforts on behalf of mental cases. All members urged to take "White Ribbon," read it and pass it on. A letter of cordial appreciation sent to Mrs Plummer, who laboured for over 20 years in old Ponsonby Branch, and she was appointed Hon. Life Vice-President. Mrs Judson gave an address on League of Nations, and resolved that we favour affiliation with it.

### OPOTIKI.

Our President, Mrs Thompson, presided. A fair attendance. Decided to donate £5 to Willard Home. The joining of our Branch of W.C.T.U., and the League of Nations discussed. Moved and seconded that we are willing to affiliate.

May 11. Small attendance. Mrs Humphries presided. Letters were read from Miss Henderson and Mrs N. Bendely. Decided to resume our Band of Hope meetings on June 26th. Votes of sympathy were expressed to Mrs J. Patt and Mrs Watson on their recent sad bereavements.

### OTAUTAU.

Mrs Brown, President, has been re-elected. Our membership is small, but we keep the flag of Temperance flying in our small township. Our collections for the Barnardo and Leper Funds still remain very good, in spite of hard times. The Band of Hope is our main work, and has started very well this winter. Mrs Brown attended Convention in Invercargill, and has given us very full accounts of the interesting meetings held. Copies of Convention number of the "White Ribbon" have come to hand, and we are posting them to friends of the Temperance cause.

### BLLENHEIM.

April 9. Meeting called by Miss Earnshaw. For about two weeks previous to this date the gifted W.C.T.U. Organiser had been working in the district, with the result that a very impressive initiation service was conducted at the meeting—about 30 new members joining. Mrs Rountree elected President. Miss Earnshaw delivered a stirring address, giving courage and advice to both old and new members. Musical items were rendered, and a dainty afternoon tea served.

May 2. Mrs Rowntree, President, occupied the chair; 21 members were present. Plan of work was drawn up. Decided to observe June 15th as a Notable Day by holding a drawing-room meeting, also to observe all other special days throughout the year. Union will concentrate its efforts with a view to furthering the Prohibition Movement in Blenheim. Mrs Mills was appointed Cradle Rd. Superintendent, and a Committee of ladies to attend to special meetings. Decided to commence work among the young people, by giving addresses on Temperance at Bible Classes, etc. Mrs Rowntree delivered a telling Presidential address. Afternoon tea served.

### GREYTOWN.

May 29. Mrs Anker presided. Correspondence was read from Secretary Willard Home, Miss Henderson (N.Z. Secretary), Mrs Bendely (Treasurer), thanking Union for donation to Organising Fund, and Mrs Costain, resigning the Presidency. This was accepted with regret. Decided to forward a case of apples, a box of old clothing

suitable for children, and 15s donated at the meeting to the Willard Home. The Secretary was instructed to procure pledge books. Decided that a Band of Hope be formed. First meeting to be held 26th June. Letters to be written to headmaster of public school and superintendents of Sunday schools inviting children to be present. Tea was dispensed.

### NORMANBY.

Mrs Scott presided. Mr Ralph spoke on the history and mystery of a glass of pale ale, and hoped we would grow keener for the victory over drink. He was very cordially thanked. Convention matters settled. Tea was kindly handed round by Mrs Clement.

### MARTINBOROUGH.

May 2. Decided to meet in Mr Jolly's room, kindly lent free of cost, as the Church Hall was too far for mothers with babies. Donated £2 to Willard Home. Decided to raise money later on for Organising Fund. Our President spoke of the evil we have in New Zealand caused by drink, and members were urged to get as many young people as possible to join Y Branch.

### OAMARU.

April 9. Miss Milligan in the chair. Mrs Scott read report of Convention, and was heartily thanked. Mrs Scott spoke of help received from addresses at Convention on many and varied subjects.

### LEIGH.

March 29. Social afternoon to collect parcels of clothing to be consigned to Adjutant Gordon for her poor people. A good attendance. Visitors from far and near responded to the invitations. President in the chair. A very nice musical programme was submitted. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and after that all the parcels were opened. The appeal for clothing was responded to very liberally, and quite a large bale was sent to Auckland.

April 26. Small attendance. President in the chair. Letter of thanks from Adjutant Gordon for bale of clothing. Mrs D. Matheson read a paper entitled "Moral Education," which was much appreciated.

May 31. The President (Mrs Grigg) in the chair. Good attendance. Letter from Miss Henderson outlining the Prohibition Campaign for the next three years. Mrs Wyatt read a paper entitled "Fresh Air," which was applauded. Discussion on the evil effect of the drink traffic on women.

### NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 31. Presided over by Mrs X. Jones. Mrs Chapman was appointed Rec. Sec. Decided to hold the meetings at 2.30 in future. A social evening to be held on June 14th. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr and Mrs Pepperill on the loss of their daughter. Arrangements were made for officers and delegates attending Provincial

Convention at Hawera on June 6th and 7th. A letter of sympathy to be sent to the President, Mrs Griffen, members present wishing her a speedy recovery from her recent accident.

#### PETONE.

June 5. The article in the "White Ribbon" re the League of Nations Union was read, and a resolution was passed unanimously, "That this branch of the W.C.T.U. is greatly in favour of the affiliation of the Union with the League of Nations Union." A report was given of the social held for young people last month. This was a very well arranged evening, with a programme of music, recitations, and games. A committee was appointed to arrange matters in connection with the tea room at the secondary school Bazaar, which this Union has promised to manage.

May 15. Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Bradbury hostesses. A pleasing programme of songs and recitations. One new member, and one young person signed the pledge.

#### INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

June 5. Meeting heartily agreed to affiliation with League of Nations Union. Jumble Sale this month for Organising Fund. Report having held a meeting at Gladstone, one of the suburbs, and intend to have bi-monthly meetings there. Splendid address by the Rev. J. Lawson Robinson on the Conference at Wellington. Delegates appointed to the Southland Prohibition League Conference: Mesdames McKenzie and Matheson. Four new members joined at Gladstone, and one at the Central Union. Letters of sympathy to relatives of Mr J. J. Wesley and Mr Leslie Cheyne.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

May 18. A well attended meeting. Final arrangements were made for the Sale of Work and social afternoon on June 20th, when it is hoped that our membership will be largely increased. After tea was served, Miss Thompson read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Invercargill Under No-License," emphasising the leading facts in poster form on the walls of the room.

#### LOWER HUTT.

May 23. Mrs Ballentyne presided, 15 members present. One new member initiated. A Visiting Committee was appointed, Mrs Holland was superintendent. Every sick member is to be visited, also the local hospital. Decided that every member should have a pledge book, and all must endeavour to get signatures. It was also arranged to work up a Bazaar, to raise funds, and hold the Sale before Christmas.

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

We had the extreme pleasure of welcoming our honoured and beloved "White Ribbon" Editor to Auckland for a short visit. We were also very

pleased to see Mrs Evans, our Dominion Recording Secretary, who has come to stay for a time in our city. The united Executive welcomed them at afternoon tea on Tuesday in the Headquarters. On Tuesday evening Mrs Peryman addressed a public meeting at the Y.W.C.A. hall, subject "What's the News," and in an inspiring address gave up-to-date facts on the three P's of our Union—World Prohibition, World Peace, and World Purity. Mrs Cook presided, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Mrs Peryman's work, both as "White Ribbon" editor and a platform speaker. The three officers of the newly-formed Maori Union at Orakei, Mrs Hope Davies and the Misses Rachel, and Connie Paul sang a hymn very sweetly both in Maori and English. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Peryman spoke at the Henderson Branch, and in the evening at Avondale, when she presented the New Zealand banner which Avondale won for the largest increase per cent. of membership for the year in the Dominion. On Thursday afternoon Mrs Peryman addressed the Takapuna Branch. Friday afternoon she spoke at Devonport. Mrs Peryman reorganised the Ponsonby Branch on Monday afternoon, and in the evening addressed the branch at Otahuhu. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Peryman spoke at the Onehunga Branch. We feel deeply grateful to our "White Ribbon" Editor for so willingly giving her valuable time and talents to inspire and help our Auckland Unions.

#### ONEHUNGA.

June. Mrs Neal gave us an interesting report of Convention, which was greatly appreciated. Mesdames Logan and Bickle were appointed delegates to the Prohibition Convention of the Auckland Province.

May 29. Special meeting to hear Mrs Peryman (our "W.R." Editor) during her short visit to Auckland. Mrs Benfell briefly introduced Mrs Peryman, who reminded us that we belong to a great company of women fighting for Prohibition, Peace, and Purity; gave us a stirring address on the many phases of our work, from Cradle Roll upwards; also hints for future work, and reminded us that young people from 18 to 20 will be eligible to vote at the next election. Speaking of the drink traffic, Mrs Peryman emphasised the need for earnest prayer, faith and work in our fight with this terrible evil. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Peryman. One new member gained. Afternoon tea.

#### TAURANGA.

May 18. The President in the chair. Letter from Miss Henderson laying special stress on the Organising Fund; also a letter relating to the Willard Home. Decided to do what we could to help both objects. Decided to give one guinea towards the Plunket Society, and also that we place £5 in the Savings Bank as a nest egg. Mrs Foxcroft appointed "White Ribbon" agent.

#### MOSGIEL.

April 17. Very good attendance. The President (Mrs Bedford) occupied the chair. Letter was read from Mrs Bendely thanking the Union for the fine donation of £15 for Organising Fund. Mrs Don gave a most inspiring address on the New Zealand Alliance Conference, her experience there, the work that was done and has to be done in the near future. Mrs Logan paid a tribute of praise to Mesdames Don, Peryman, Bendely and Miss Henderson for the noble work they had done and are still doing.

May 15. Attendance small, weather inclement. Mrs Bedford occupied the chair. The Rev. Mr Brown gave a nice homely and helpful talk on "Prohibition in General," which was greatly appreciated. He received a vote of thanks. Two initiations.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

May 14. Despite the recent disturbance caused by the flood, a fair number of members were present, Mrs Peart in the chair. Mrs Driver gave a most interesting address on "Our Pioneer Women," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A solo by Miss Moss, and recitation by Miss Prattley were highly appreciated.

#### STRATFORD.

May. A goodly number present. A short musical programme was rendered, after which afternoon tea was dispensed, and a report on Convention was given by the President, Mrs McAlister, which was listened to with rapt attention. A vote of thanks was passed to the President for her most interesting and instructive address.

#### EDENDALE (SOUTHLAND).

May 3. Mrs J. Pringle presided. Mrs Walker, of Invercargill, gave us an account of her impressions during the recent Convention. Her bright personality charmed everyone, and her interesting address was listened to most attentively. Questions were put and answered.

#### TAKAPUNA.

May 24. President in chair. Fair attendance. A letter was read re gifts for Willard Home, also one from Miss Henderson emphasising the Pledge Campaign and work amongst young. Members were invited to attend forthcoming Alliance meeting. Our Editor, Mrs Peryman, gave a forceful and thrilling address. She urged individual effort, that each had her own work, and work amongst the young before next poll. Every woman in the district should be invited to join the W.C.T.U.

#### WAITARA.

March 16. Mrs Andrews (President) in the chair. Very fair attendance. Miss Bicheno, Superintendent of Y.P. League, handed in report of concert held in December last. Yearly subscriptions were taken. Mrs Avery gave an ad-

dress on her experiences as Methodist Deaconess in Dunedin, working amongst women and girls, and as visitor to the prison. She was listened to with great interest, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker. Afternoon tea served.

May 18. No meeting in April, owing to inclement weather. Very good attendance. Mrs Avery (Vice-President) presided. Mrs Phillips, of Stratford Union, and Provincial President, was present on an official visit. She complimented our Branch on good attendance and number of subscribers to the "White Ribbon." An interesting and helpful talk was appreciated by all. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs Phillips. One new member for "White Ribbon."

#### HENDERSON.

May 23. Postponed meeting in order to have Mrs Peryman with us. Mrs Cook (President from Auckland) presided over an average attendance. Mrs Peryman had a very interesting talk to us, touching many subjects, and leaving thoughts with us to work out. Bible in schools was one which we were all interested in; Organising Fund another. We feel it is most important to have more real workers. Resolved to help the Fund more if possible. League of Nations to be more fully discussed at our next meeting. All are very grateful to Mrs Peryman for her visit. It was a real pleasure to us all

#### OXFORD.

May 2. Large number of members and friends present. Regret was expressed at the death of our late sister Mrs Ivory, and a resolution of sympathy with her relatives was passed. Mrs Watkins, of Christchurch, gave a very interesting address on emergency maternity cases, giving valuable advice on the treatment of mother and child, at close of which she answered a number of questions. Mrs Watkins was heartily thanked, and asked to give another address at some future date. The President welcomed the friends present, and hoped to see them at future meetings. Afternoon tea was served, and a short business meeting held. Accounts in connection with the local A. and P. Show were read, and decided to donate £5 to the Y Branch, with gratitude for their willing help on Show Day.

#### TURAKINA.

May 30. Meeting at Mrs Ross' residence, seven members present. Decided not to send a delegate to Hawera. The question of affiliation with the League of Nations was discussed, and members agreed that it would be a good thing to join and do our little bit toward the stopping of war, if possible. It was agreed to have a collection box on the table at meetings, and try and raise funds for our work. Mrs Ross and her daughters very kindly passed afternoon tea around.

#### SOUTH DUNEDIN.

May 10. Social afternoon. A good number present. Afternoon tea provided by members. Mrs Don gave an interesting talk on work of Convention and future work for our Unions in connection with Prohibition, and made a special plea for pledge-signing campaign and increase of membership. Mrs Don also emphasised the need for more and yet more prayer. The work of the Organisers was mentioned, and the need for keeping the fund well supplied. Four new members were initiated, and three new subscribers were received for "White Ribbon."

#### AUCKLAND.

May 9. Meeting held in Central Mission Hall. Good attendance. Mrs Cook presided. Mesdames Dykes and Rosser were appointed delegates to the Prohibition Convention. The following resolution was passed:—"The Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union are fully in sympathy with the movement for the establishment of Borderland Homes, apart from mental hospitals, where sufferers with slight mental disorders may receive treatment. Rev. W. G. Monckton then addressed the meeting on the League of Nations. He spoke of its aims to carry out the ideals for which we fought—Democracy, peace and justice to the small nations. Instances where its aid had prevented wars among nations during its three years of existence were given. The humanitarian side of its work was touched on, its health department to combat disease and epidemics, its protection of women and children travelling abroad, the suppression of the opium traffic, help for disabled soldiers, its labour department, etc. Decided that the Union form a group of the League of Nations. Mr Monckton was heartily thanked for his interesting and enlightening address. A collection was taken for the World's Missionary Fund.

#### RICHMOND (NELSON).

April 11. Special afternoon social to welcome Mrs Cropp on her return from Convention. Meeting well attended, Mrs Sutton presiding. An interesting report was given by the delegate. Afternoon tea was served, and a collection taken up for a very deserving local cause. It was agreed to consider the needs of the young people at the next monthly meeting.

May 15. Eleven members present. Mrs Price presided. Invitation to be sent to members of Nelson Branch to visit Richmond on June 19th to discuss matters of importance. An appeal for gifts of clothing, new and second-hand, for Willard Home, Palmerston North. Mrs Fittall reported that a sum of £3 10s had been handed to one of the members who had been bereft of her husband. A discussion took place as to what could be done in regard to temperance teaching for the young. It was decided that a deputation meet the

Prohibition League and consult as to the best means of reviving the L.T.L.

#### RICCARTON.

Our meetings for the past few months have been well attended. Two delegates sent to Convention, and at the April meeting we had their reports, which were both interesting and instructive. Our neat little syllabus contains many addresses of leading women speakers of Christchurch, also three drawing-room afternoons, when special collections will be taken up for our funds.

May 29. At the residence of Mrs C. W. Barrell. Musical items were rendered, and afternoon tea dispensed. Over 50 attended, and altogether it was a great success. The Rev. E. H. Shore gave a short address. Miss Baughan was the speaker at our May meeting, her subject being "Prison Reform Work." Her address was full of information. Mrs J. Munnings is Devotional Superintendent, and we feel that we are in for a good year.

#### DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

May 31. Farewell social. Large number met to say good-bye to their late Treasurer, Mrs Allan, who is leaving shortly for Hunter, Canterbury. Mrs Hiatt and Miss Powell spoke in eulogistic terms of the splendid work Mrs Allan had done during her three years' term of office, and extended best wishes to her in her new sphere of work. Mrs Hiatt, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs Allan with a case of afternoon tea spoons. A musical programme was rendered by members of the N.E. Valley and Kaikorai Unions. Supper was handed round.

#### OAMARU.

May 14. Band of Hope meetings to commence on June 2. The rest room is supplying a need; 1800 people have visited it in last six months. £11 donated by the box, and credit of £40 at end of April. Mrs McLean gave an inspiring address on "Snatching Victory from Defeat," which will long be remembered by her hearers. One new member.

#### ASHBURTON.

June. White Ribbon Day honoured. A good attendance was presided over by Mrs Miller. Mrs T. E. Taylor consented to visit Ashburton on July 26th. An appeal was received from the Willard Home for gifts of clothing, etc., and Mrs J. Moore was appointed to receive same. On the question of affiliating the N.Z.W.C.T.U. with the Dominion League of Nations Union, the members expressed themselves in favour of the proposal. Decided to procure pledge books and take part in the pledge-signing campaign. A collection was taken up, amounting to £1 4s, in aid of the Maori Funds.

## NELSON.

May 8. Miss Atkinson presided. A letter was read from Miss Henderson directing the members' earnest attention to several decisions of Convention. It was arranged to visit Whakapuaka Union next week, and Mrs Hunter to give report. Decided to hold the annual Sale of Work in October. For the June meeting the subject will be "The League of Nations." The Union was pleased that Mesdames Fell, Tillyard, and Harley had been elected on School Committee.

## TIMARU.

May 7. Special meeting. Cold, wet night. Only ten members attended. The President concluded her report of Convention. Reported that a very successful social afternoon had been held at the Old People's Home, also that the Union's nominee had been returned at the head of the poll to the Hospital Board, and that Mrs Cave and Mrs Minifie had been elected to the West and Waimataitai School Committees respectively. Greetings were exchanged with Oamaru Union. The Y Branch, which held its business meeting in the next room, joined with us in a social cup of tea.

May 29. The Sailors' Rest was well filled. A silent vote of sympathy with Mrs Steven in her sad and sudden bereavement was passed. Decided to celebrate White Ribbon Day by having a special meeting on Thursday afternoon, June 14th, when the aims and claims of the League of Nations would be discussed. Mrs Bruce made an appeal on behalf of the Organising Fund. A pleasant surprise in the form of afternoon tea, kindly given by Mrs Norrie, was enjoyed, after which the Rev. H. J. Odell gave a thorough and most interesting report of the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance, recently held in Wellington. Mr Odell was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

## HAWERA.

May 31. Important meeting. Mrs T. Tait presided, sixteen present. Mrs Norrie thanked the Union for the ditty bags for the Sailors' Rest. Arrangements were made for the Taranaki Provincial Convention, June 7th. A silent vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Mrs Westwood, the members standing. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Hill, who was unable to be present, owing to illness. Mrs Curtis dispensed afternoon tea.

## SAWYER'S BAY.

May 22. Mrs Pratley in the chair. Letter from Miss Henderson read, urging our Union to work hard for the coming year, and giving the decisions of Convention on a few matters. Also letter begging for gifts of money or clothing for Willard Home, 10/- to be donated. Mrs Aburn then gave a very interesting report of work done in Convention, and received a hearty vote of thanks.

## WINCHMORE-GREENSTREET.

March. Annual Cradle Roll afternoon on lawns adjoining the Church. The attendance was large, Mrs Robinson presiding. Mrs Millar delivered a very appropriate address, and was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet. Two new members enrolled, one an honorary gentleman member. Mrs Prebble, in a few well-chosen words, presented the President with a choice bouquet, expressing the great pleasure felt by members that Mrs Robinson had sufficiently recovered to again take up her duties. Mrs Jas. Murdock (Mayfield), Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, which has a membership of 65, entertained the small folk with games, toys, and sweets. A dainty afternoon tea was dispensed.

April. Attendance small. President in chair. Votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of the late Mr Kirk and Mr Nelson. Mrs W. Bennett, delegate to Dominion Convention, gave a splendid report of business done. Decided to do our very best in the pledge-signing campaign. Mrs Scott, Superintendent of the Band of Hope work, stated that arrangements were well in hand in connection with the opening sessions of the Band of Hope in the Winchmore, Hampstead, and Greenstreet districts. Mrs Scott, a mother of fifteen bonnie children, was heartily congratulated on being re-elected to the Lyndhurst School Committee. Winchmore members provided hospitality.

May. Mothers' Day. President in chair. Correspondence received from Miss Henderson re Organising Fund, extension of work, and pledge-signing. The requests unanimously agreed to. Decided to help Willard Home as hitherto. Commandant Mrs Bayliss delivered an excellent address, the key-note of which was Mother and Prayer. The speaker quoted men of outstanding ability who attributed their greatness to the influence and prayers of Godly mothers. The meeting was unique in that three generations were represented.

## FAIRLIE.

May 15. Mrs Sangster presided over a good attendance, and read a splendid paper on the life of the late Frances Willard. New Secretary appointed, and after ordinary business and correspondence received, meeting closed with the Benediction.

## CARTERTON.

June 6. A social and business meeting. Attendance very good. The President (Mrs Every) presided. Mrs Wilton, Superintendent of the L.T.L., gave a short but very satisfactory report of the work that has been commenced in that branch. Mrs Every also gave a most interesting and instructive report of Convention. Several musical items were rendered, and afternoon tea was served. Decided that the date of our monthly meeting should be altered from the first Wednesday to the third.

## EDEN.

May 16. Miss Wilson presided, 35 present. Prayer meeting conducted by Miss Wilson. Miss Wilson made a very earnest appeal for new members, and for more subscribers to the "White Ribbon." Convention numbers were passed round, and several were sold. Two new subscribers were reported by 'White Ribbon' agent. Appeal from Willard Home for gifts of clothing. Two delegates appointed to Alliance Convention. Mrs Judson gave an interesting address on the League of Nations, its organisation, objects, and usefulness. A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker. One new member. Collection for Organising Fund. Afternoon tea was provided; all provisions left over were sold.

## WAVERLEY.

May 3. Good attendance. A splendid paper on the "Life and Work of Frances Willard" was given by Mrs Brown, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Barrow spoke re "White Ribbon," gaining several new subscribers.

June 7. Mrs Brown presided over a large attendance. Interesting discussion on the League of Nations Union, voting carried in favour of supporting same. All members present in favour of providing a ladies' rest room in Waverley. Afternoon tea served.

## SUMNER.

June 5. Good attendance. Mrs McCombs presided. Letter to President regarding introduction of Nelson system of Bible reading in schools was discussed, and a deputation appointed to approach the local ministers. An offer from Mrs Waghorn for use of her drawing-room for a meeting on June 19th, in Redcliffs, was gratefully accepted, and a committee of three ladies was appointed to issue invitations. The President outlined the work of the League of Nations, and asked for opinions on the question of the W.C.T.U. linking up in their work. Unanimous decision in favour of so doing. Afternoon tea and a solo by Mrs Fitzhenry comprised the social part of meeting.

## RUSSELL.

May 8. A social afternoon President in the chair. Attendance good. Correspondence read from Mrs Lee-Cowie explaining why we did not gain temperance. Remarks by the President. Musical items and recitations from some of the members. A silent vote of sympathy passed to two of our members who had recently lost dear ones. Two new members initiated. Afternoon tea handed round.

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## Y's Column.

### HOW TO WORK A Y BRANCH.

(By Mrs Young, Dominion Supt.)

Last month my suggestions were for forming a Y Branch. This one we will consider how to work a Branch. After electing all your officers, see that you have a complete set of books; also a note book for each officer, for no Union can be successfully worked unless each officer keeps proper books. The Recording Secretary has her minute book, a note book, and a **Roll Book**; into this roll book the name of every person (paid or unpaid) who signs the pledge and joins the Union is entered; while a copy of all important letters is kept in the Corresponding Secretary's book (almost any book will do if the proper nib and carbon paper is used) The Treasurer's roll book has the name of every financial member, also the list of honorary members. Besides this, she keeps her Treasurer's books. The "White Ribbon" Superintendent must rule her book carefully in red ink, leaving a column for "remarks." Each Secretary, as well as the superintendents of each committee, must have a scribbling book. No entry should ever be made in any Union book in anything but ink. If Temperance work is new to most of the members for the first meeting, get some senior officer to address them on our work, at the same time instructing members how to address the chair. A member must always speak to the Chair, and begin by saying "Madam President," always standing to do so. All members must be particular to always wear our white bow, if not in business, then to and from business, and at all other gatherings. By wearing our badge you show you believe in and are proud to belong to our great White Ribbon Army. Your influence will certainly help, and perhaps strengthen, some weaker sister or brother who is trying to make up her or his mind. Always take a Convention number of "White Ribbon," as well as the last month's copy, with you to every meeting. Begin all meetings with prayer, reading, and praise. Before closing, while all members stand, together repeat our Pledge. Urge members to canvass for new members, and then decide how you are going to make money. Each Union knows its own district best, and so can better judge the form your money raising scheme must take. A Sale of Work, where old and new clothes are sold, always proves a success. A children's concert will for sure draw a packed house, especially if you train them to give one or two action songs. An educational class in connection with a Y Union is a wise venture, especially an elocutionary or speakers' class. Where you can get the young people often together, arrange for Union meetings fortnightly, or even weekly, especially if a class is run with the meetings.

### INVERCARGILL.

May 28. Good attendance. Reported that a successful jumble sale had been held on the Saturday previous. Letters of thanks to be sent to Mrs Gray and Mrs Bridgman for their generous donations, also one of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr J. J. Wesley, and also one to Mrs Gerard for the loss of her son, who was a Y member. Our young men members gave a very successful social evening on the 23rd inst. A large attendance. White Ribbon Day was celebrated, and a paper was read by Miss Seed, showing the chief aims of our W.R. paper, and the benefits to be derived from reading it. An appeal being made for more subscribers, three names were handed in, and during the month every Y is to try and get more W.R. subscribers. Decided to advertise in the W.R. a list of officers, etc. The work amongst the Maoris was also dealt with and a collection taken up. Mrs Young and Miss Birss, along with Y members, are visiting the Bible Classes, and from three classes 31 signed our pledge and were initiated, and we hope to soon have them all as paid-up members. Decided to send for the new constitution. An initiation service for 10 new members was held. The affiliation of the N.Z. Union with the League of Nations was fully discussed, and a vote being taken unanimously in its favour.

### CARTERTON.

May 16. Social evening. The Superintendent, Mrs Wilton, presided. About 40 present. Three persons joined; membership now 25. A short musical programme and several competitions. One was guessing the names of Electorates gone dry in New Zealand, the first and last letters being written, and a dash for every intervening letter. Supper was supplied by the members. Mrs Every gave an interesting address on the Y work in other centres. Also a report of Convention.

June 2. Special meeting to appoint a Treasurer. Miss Grimmer was elected. K. Tyler and R. Jones were appointed White Ribbon agents. A Social Committee was also set up.

### NELSON.

May 14. The evening was spent sewing, and extracts from Charles Dickens were read. Supper; closed with prayer. The Y Branch gave an entertainment at the Deficient Home May 26th, and was much appreciated.

An open meeting was held May 28th. Boys and girls held a debate, "Are Men More Slaves to Fashion than Women." Won by the boys; women are more slaves to fashion.

### HASTINGS.

May 1. 21 present. Committee set up to arrange hard-up social, Miss Deale convenor. Prizes offered for Competitions. Eight new members.

Miss Dodge elected Cor. Sec. Articles selected by members were read and discussed.

May 15. Very successful hard-up social; attendance large; games, competitions, and musical items filled up the evening. Prize for hard-up dress won by: Girls, Miss Beale; Boys, Don Hagensen. Collection, 10s. New members were initiated. Supper handed round, consisting of bread and golden syrup. Voices of thanks to all who helped.

### OXFORD.

March 24. President in the chair. All enjoyed very much an instructive and helpful reading given by Rev. Duncan. Decided to hold the first Band of Hope in May. A committee of three was formed to arrange for the first programme. Decided to hold our birthday social at the end of May. On Wednesday, May 2nd, our Y girls entertained Mrs Watkins to tea, after which Mrs Watkins gave a very interesting chat on "Home Nursing."

### INVERCARGILL.

May 7. Nearly 40 were present, over which Miss Stewart (Vice-President) presided. Owing to sickness, the President was absent. Mrs Young reported that she and Mrs Lillicrap had visited Riverton and formed a Y Branch. Decided to send greetings to the new Y's. Letters of sympathy to be written to two members. Misses R. Finlayson and Seed, along with their Superintendent (Mrs Young) reported that they had visited and spoken at four Bible Classes, setting forth the aims of our Y's, and had been successful in securing several members, and they hope to visit the remaining classes. Miss Blaikie read an excellent paper on the aims and pledges of our Y's, and Miss Seed spoke for a few moments on some of the different branches of work we take up. Several new members had been gained during the month, and an initiation service for nine was held. The meeting closed with Mrs Lillicrap giving the Benediction.

### THE CALL.

Oh, then, if gleams of truth and light  
Flash o'er thy waiting mind,  
Unfolding to thy mental sight  
The wants of human kind,  
If, brooding over human grief,  
The earnest wish is known  
To soothe and gladden with relief  
An anguish not thine own . . .  
Though only to the inward ear  
It whispers soft and low . . .  
Noiseless as dew fell, heed it well,  
Thy Father's call of love.

—J. G. Whittier.

## L.T.L. Column.

### HAMPSTEAD.

May 4. Despite the stormy night, there was a very large attendance present. Ray Judge elected to the chair. An excellent programme, consisting of dialogue, recitation and action songs was submitted. An appropriate address was delivered by Commandant Bayliss, who instanced sad conditions and incidents encountered by him in his work as an Army officer, and urged those present to sign the pledge and to adhere to it. On the motion of Eric Harrison, seconded by Archie Bradford, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Lay, performers, and to Mr Bayliss for his able address. Decided to give marks for items, punctuality, and attendance, extra marks to be given for Temperance items. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, elected each meeting; Secretary, L. Robinson; Treas., Gordon Brooker; Librarians, Mary Ching and Rita Crawford; Pledge Cards, Miss Mona Marsden; Boys' Committee, H. Cockrane, Phil Johnson, Bruce Patterson, Arthur Hall.

May. Glenice Clayton presided over a good attendance. Pastor Matthew delivered a stirring address, which was much appreciated. An interesting programme was submitted by the children. Prizes are to be awarded to those securing most new members, also for the best essay, the subject of which will be the address at next meeting. Sunshine and Flower Committee were appointed. Six new members enrolled.

### SAWYER'S BAY.

Miss Glanville presided. The Rev. R. S. Bishop addressed the children on "Kindness" and "Temperance," giving the children a most inspiring talk, and urging them to try to live up to their Band of Hope pledges. He stressed the evil of the drink traffic, and urged all boys and girls to be pure in thought, then their lives would be clean and upright. A hearty vote of thanks given to Mr Bishop. A short programme was given. Two new members enrolled.

June 1. Mrs Hudson presided. A short programme was given and much enjoyed. The Rev. Simpson addressed the children, giving them an interesting and instructive address. A very hearty vote of thanks given Mr Simpson for his splendid address. Prize to be given to the boy or girl giving the most recitations. Prizes to be given for the best Junior and Senior Temperance essays.

A man who is turning out careless, imperfect work, is turning out a careless, imperfect character for himself. He is touching deceit every moment; and this unseen thing rises up from his work like a subtle essence, and enters and poisons his soul.—Henry Drummond.

**AUCKLAND** District, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne Street); Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs Dowling, 1 Pompallier Terrace.

**AUCKLAND Y's**, 1st Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m., Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers. Pres., Mr E. Francis Mills, 46 Kensington Avenue, Mt. Eden; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 6 Lawrence Street, Ponsonby; Assist. Sec., Mr H. Bowls; Vice-Pres., Miss Pyle, Mrs Hugh Kasper; Treas., Mrs Rawlinson; Supt., Miss J. Morton, Woodley Avenue, Remuera.

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

**AVONDALE**, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Cook; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. T. Blight; Cor. Sec., Mrs Beath; Treas., Mrs Avery; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Avery.

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

**BIRKENHEAD**, 3rd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Zion Hill, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Jory, Hauraki Road; Sec., Mrs Todd, Crescent Road; Rec. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Hauraki Road.

**BLENHEIM** District, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs Brierley, The Manse, Renwick; Sec., Mrs Smith, Brook St., Springlands; Treas., Mrs T. Pike; Literature, Mrs Wass; Rest and Refreshment, Mrs A. W. Jackson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Pike.

**CARTERTON**, 3rd Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Every; Cor. Sec., Mrs H. Knutson, Victoria Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Braithwaite, Clifton Avenue; Treas., Mrs August Anderson, High Street; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll, Mrs Moore; W.R. Agent, Miss Watterson.

**CAMBRIDGE**, 2nd Thursday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. W. Cocks; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Beer, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Miss A. Davies, Hamilton Road; Treas., Mrs E. J. Easter, Princes Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cocks, Box 4.

**CHRISTCHURCH**, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans.

**DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hutchinson, Edward Street; Vice-Pres., Miss Heaton; Sec., Miss Heaton, Cadman Road; Treas., Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, 22½ High Street.

**SOUTH DUNEDIN**, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Miss Powell, Cliffs Road, St. Clair; Sec., Mrs E. L. Johnston, 36 Baker Street, Caversham; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson Street, South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 67 Main South Road, Caversham.

**DUNEDIN**, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Hanover Street Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 264 George Street; Cor. Sec., Miss M. S. Powell, 120 Cliffs Road, St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Alexander, Dundas St.; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Malier St., Mornington; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori Work, Mrs Romerill; Evangelistic, Mrs Bennett; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Driver; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Work Among Seamen, Miss Nicol; Cradle Roll, Mrs Marcella; Home Meetings and Press, Mrs Hutton.

**DEVONPORT**, 2nd Thursday, Congregational Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Burnett, Ubbie Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs Elliott and Mrs. Armitage; Sec., Mrs. Trevurza, Craiccroft Street; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Tainui Road; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnson, Albert Road; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Sheppard.

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

**EDEN**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Rd. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Rd., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs Scanlan, 2 Mars Avenue, Edendale N.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Auld, 14 Tenterden Avenue, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs Cartwright, Huia Villa, Dominion Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hudson, Richmond Road, Mt. Eden.

**FIELDING**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Pack, Sandilands Street; Rec. Sec., Miss A. Svendsen, East Street; Cor. Sec., Miss H. A. Mayo, 9 Denbigh Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Road; "W.R." Agent and Press Reporter, Miss Svendsen, East Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mal.

**GORE**, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs E. C. Smith; Sec., Mrs T. Dunlop; Treas., Mrs McAskil; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rhodes and Stewart; Cradle Roll, Mrs McAskil; "W.R." Agent, Mrs T. Stevenson.

**GREYMOUTH** District, Business only last Tuesday. Prayer Meeting, 2nd Tuesday in Sailors' Rest Hall. Pres., Mrs James; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaskin and Parkinson; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Wilson, Cowper Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Reynolds, Karora.

**GREYTOWN**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Vice-Pres., Mrs R. Anker; Sec., Miss Oates, Wood Street; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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

**HAWERA**, last Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. Tait; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hall and Bone; Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs Burge, 18 Furlong Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

**HAMILTON EAST**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs E. Watkins, 131 Grey Street; Sec., Mrs Mears; Treas., Mrs G. Jack, McFarlane Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs R. Mears, 176 Grey Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Day, Albert Street.

**HASTINGS**, 4th Wednesday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Fawcett; Vice-Pres., Mrs McEean, Mrs Moore; Sec., Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs Pullar, 715 Heretaunga St.; V.P. Agent, Mrs Paul, Box 276.

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

**HAMILTON** District, 1st Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Morton, Riro Road, Claudelands; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jones, Davey, and Densem; Sec., Mrs Paul; Treas., Mrs Hull; W.R. Supt., Mrs Craig.

**INVERCARGILL**, Y's meet 1st Monday, in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss E. A. Lopedell, 53 East Road; Rec. Sec., Miss D. Blackmore, 140 Crinan Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Cunningham, Nith Street; Treas., Miss A. K. Blakie, 171 Crinan Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Rita Finlayson.

**INVERCARGILL** District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Pres., Mrs. F. Gillicrap, 57 Farn St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Carlisle, and Mackenzie; Sec., Mrs B. Walker, 232 Conon Street; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs Matheson.

**INVERCARGILL NORTH**, Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Sec., Miss Dewar, 10 Newcastle Street; Treas., Miss Hardie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Kent.

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

**KAIAPOI W.C.T.U. ASSEMBLY ROOMS**, Union meets last Wednesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mr. R. Merrin, Sewell Street; Sec., Mrs Stewart, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Stanton, North Road.

**LOWER BUTT**, 4th Wednesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. Balgent, King's Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Reyes, Brunswick Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Musson, Pretoria Street.

**MANAIA**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gilbert and Smith; Sec., Mrs C. Hansen; Treas., Miss D. Patterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Sandford, Mania 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 Rosa.

**MORRINSVILLE**, meets 2nd Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Richards, The Manse, Allen St.; Sec., Mrs Cooper, Allen Street; Treas., Mrs Willis, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

**MOTUEKA**, last Wednesday in month, 3 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Richards, The Manse, Riwaka; Vice-Pres., Captain Hammond, Greenwood Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Glover, King Edward Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Bradshaw, c/o Haw Post Office; Treas., Mrs Quayle, Atkins Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hulbert, Poole Street.

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

**NAPIER DISTRICT**, 1st Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashburton Rd; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Lensk, and McAlister; Rec. Sec., Mrs Field, Hastings Street Extension; Cor. Sec., Mrs Paul, Chauver Road; Treas., Mrs Greenaway, 46 Macdonald Street; Evangelistic, Mrs Ladds; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens.

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

**NORMANBY**, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall. Pres., Mrs Scott, Normanby, Rural Delivery; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Miss Anthony, Normanby; Treas., Mrs Linn, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs Clement; W.R., Mrs Gaze.

**NEW BRIGHTON**, 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hale, Wainui Street, Bexley; Sec., Mrs Moses, Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs Gibson, Union Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Read, Parsonage; W.R. Agent, Mrs Whitty, Waverley Street, N.B.; Notable Days, Mrs Langley; Cradle Roll, Mrs Good.

**NORTH EAST VALLEY**, 4th Thursday 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frame St.; "W.R." Supt., Miss M. Prattley, 131 Main Road.

**NEW PLYMOUTH** District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Scott, Mt. Edgecumbe Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chapman, 496 Devon Street; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Miss Taunt, Carrington Road.

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

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

**OTAHUHU**, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hosking Station Road; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs McDonnell, Albert Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs West, Pannure Road.

**OTAUTAU**, meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church, at 3.30. Pres., Mrs J. N. Brown; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington.

**ROSGEL**, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taleri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inglis Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Forth Street.

**OXFORD**, first Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs D. Hawke, Main Street; Sec., Mrs C. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R.," Mrs T. Gainsford; Cradle Roll, Mrs Roi; Evan., Miss N. Gainsford; Flower Mission, Mrs Cooper; Home Meetings, Mrs Comyns; Notable Days, Mrs G. Ryde.

**OAMARU**, 2nd Monday, at Baptist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Milligan, Wharfe Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Steenson and Scott, Misses Wilson and Stephenson; Sec., Miss J. C. Smyth, Hull Street; Treas., Miss Day, Tees Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, Eden Street.

**PALMERSTON N. DISTRICT**, 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., —; Cor. Sec., Mrs Collins, Amesbury Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan Street; Treas., Miss Hodder, Allan Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Burrell, 28 Bourke Street.

**PETONE**, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jones; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rowse, McEwan, Johnston, J. Collins, and Corner; Sec., Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street; Assist. Sec., Mrs Collins; Treas., Mrs Donoghue; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 45 Richmond Street.

**PICTON**, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jardine and Jackson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Tobell, Devon Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Millen, High Street; Treas., Mrs Clemens, Scotland Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Wilkes; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. Wells, Milton Terrace.

**RICHMOND** (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs O. Sutton, Hill Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fittall and L. Sutton; Sec., Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs Cropp, Salisbury Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Aithorpe."

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

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

**STRATFORD**, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs J. McAlister; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McKenzie and Lilley; Sec., Mrs D. McCallum, Mirandi Street; Treas., Miss Lilley, Juliet Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hann; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. Clarke, Oriando Street.

**SYDENHAM**, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, in Elgin Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Teague.

**TAURANGA**, meets every 2nd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith, "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

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

**TE KUITI** meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Vestry. Pres., Mrs Edgar, Waitete Road; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott; Treas., Mrs J. Nicholls, Matai Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs E. H. Hardy, Awakino Road.

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

**TIMARU** District, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailor's Rest. Pres., Mrs. Norrie; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, 12 Rosina Ter.; Treas., Miss Pearson, Turnbull St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs King, Bank St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street.

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

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

**WANGANUI** District, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Warwick, Great North Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Siddells, 163 Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Reed, Nelson Street; Treas., Mrs Goodey, 26 College Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs H. Smith.

**WANGANUI EAST** meets 2nd Thursday at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Chapel. Pres., Mrs Duxfield, "Okoiia," Wanganui E.; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Black; Cor. Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 91 Jellicoe Street; Rec. Sec., Miss E. Frethey, Ledgebrook; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young Street.

**WHANGAREI**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Galpin; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lovatt, Lochore, Goodall, and Curtis; 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; L.T.L., Mrs W. Goodall.

**WINCHMORE**, 2nd Wednesday, alternately at Greenstreet and Winchmore. Pres., Mrs. Robinson; Sec., Mrs W. Bennett, "Dayleaford," Winchmore; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Bennett, Winchmore.

**WELLINGTON** District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs. Webb, 127, Constable St.; Sec., Mrs. Webb, 57 Hall St.; Treas., Mrs. Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Moller, 6 Burwah Street. Y Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St. Pres., Miss Kirk, Wadestown; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Caughley, Hughes, Macdonald, and Remington; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. C. Webb, Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark, 18 Sussex Square; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 148 Oriental Bay; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Port, 24 Austin Street.

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