

A GIGANTIC EVIL.

"The Alliance News and Temperance Reformer," the organ of the United Kingdom Alliance, in a recent issue, under the headline, "A Gigantic Evil," publishes this quotation from "The Brewers' Gazette" of November 9th, 1916:—

"In our trade it seems to us particularly necessary never to forget that we are, as a trade entity, the Esau among traders. . . . We deal in a ware the misuse of which brings sorrow in its train; and modern conditions have made the exigencies and affairs of society so interdependent that it is no longer possible for the individual to work out his own damnation in whatever fashion he chooses to do it, without society as a whole being subtly affected."

ON PRAMS.

Every day, when the weather's fine,
The prams go by in endless line,
Prams of brown, and prams of blue,
Family prams, and prams brand new.

And pushing the prams along the street
Are trudging mothers with weary feet;
While in every pram, it is quaint to
know,

Is a man or woman in embryo.

A few more years, and each will be
A doctor or clerk or wise M.P.,
Perhaps a Professor in cap and gown,
Perhaps a Lord Mayor of London Town.

And if they are baby girls—why, then,
They are the future mothers of men.
O babies, whatever in time you are,
Whether you foot it or keep your car,

Remember that once you rode the
street

Pushed by a mother with weary feet,
And whatever heights you may reach
some day,

She gave you the first push on your
way.

—B. Noel Saxelby.

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

AUCKLAND Y'S, 2nd Wednesday 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 Street; 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 Street W.; Joint Secs., Mrs J. Thompson, Wakanui Road, and Miss Treverza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs H. Ibbotson, Tancred Street E.; W.R. Agent, Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Zion Hill, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Le Roy, Hauraki Rd; 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 W. W. Rowntree, York Terrace; Sec., Mrs Smith, Brook Street, Springlands; Treas., Mrs T. Pike; Literature, Mrs Wass; Rest and Refreshment, Mrs A. W. Jackson; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Pike; Cradle Roll, Mrs A. Mills.

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 Street, opposite 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 Street; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester Street; 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 Mailer St., Mornington; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori Work, Mrs Romerli; Evangelistic, Mrs Bennett; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Driver; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gair; 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, Jubilee Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs Elliott and Mrs Armitage; Sec., Mrs Treverza, 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; Sec., Miss H. Hall; Treas., Miss Cranstoun; W.R. Agent, Mrs Horace Niven.

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Road, 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.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Pack, Sandlands 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., —; 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 Road; 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 Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Boucher, Manawapori; Treas., Mrs Burge, 18 Furlong St.; 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 Dey, Albert Street.

HASTINGS, 4th Wednesday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Fawcett; Vice-Pres., Mrs McBean, Mrs Moore; Sec., Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs Pullar, 715 Heretaunga St.; W.R. 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 Williaras; 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 Densum; Sec., Mrs Paul; Treas., Mrs Hull; W.R. Supt., Mrs Craig.