



FOR GOD, AND HOME, AND HUMANITY.

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ALCOHOL VERSUS EFFICIENCY.

In sentencing a man for driving a motor when intoxicated a southern magistrate said: "If motorists want to drive they must not drink, and if they drink they must not drive; they cannot have it both ways."

For several decades past our scientists have been impressing on the youth of the world this thought: "If you want to be efficient avoid alcohol, if you drink you cannot be efficient." That they have succeeded to a large extent the advertising campaign of the brewers has borne witness. At a Conference of Brewers Sir Edgar Sanders said: "The chief customers of the public house today are elderly and middle-aged men. . . . We want to get the beer drinking habit instilled into thousands, almost millions of young men who do not at present know the taste of beer."

But why is it that thousands of our finest young men do not know the taste of beer? Because sportsmen, scientists, Life Insurance Companies, physical culturists, have with one voice cried to youth, "Alcohol or Efficiency. Which? You cannot have both." And youth is preferring efficiency and physical fitness.

During the Great War every man and woman was called upon to produce more, but the drink trade was drastically curtailed and called upon to produce less. To the Liquor Control Board searching for facts came the unchallenged verdict of science: (1) That alcohol is a narcotic drug; (2) That alcohol taken in beverage form, even in small quantities, has a harmful effect on the centres of the brain. To quote Sir Lauder Brunton, "alcohol paralyses the judgment, and paralysis begins with the first glass."

Insurance companies offer better terms to abstainers. Why? A policy holder asked the reason for abstainers

having a larger bonus, and a famous Actuary thus replied: "The bonus is a matter of fact. I cannot help people dying. Those who don't drink don't die so fast."

Lord Roberts gave the opinion "that 13,000 abstainers are equal to 15,000 non-abstainers—give me a teetotal army and I will lead it anywhere." While Lord Jellicoe asserted that his men's shooting efficiency was 30 per cent. worse after the rum ration than before it. And the Navy sat up and took notice with the result that 60 per cent. of the men take their twopence each day and only 40 per cent. have the rum ration.

The Army also woke up, and at the recent Army manoeuvres only 5 per cent. of the men who took part were drinkers.

Is it any wonder the Brewers are getting anxious and calling out that their "dollars are in danger!"

With cricket teams in England, football teams in Australia, the interest in sport is keen. But the leaders of sport give the Brewers no hope.

Take note of our cricketers' opinions: Jack Hobbs: "The greatest enemy to success on the cricket field is the drinking habit." While his companion in many a Test match, Sutcliffe, says: "Intoxicants are absolutely no use in training. They take away stamina and make one unfit for strenuous games."

Verity says: "Strong drink will not help you to play any game successfully. Cut it out altogether."

Jardine, Captain of the English team of 1930, was stated by the Press to have said: He was not going to interfere with the liberty of his men. He was not going to forbid "staying out late" or attending social functions, but **alcohol he completely vetoed.**

Woodful, the Australian Captain, who is now piling up runs in England,

tells us: "I have never indulged in intoxicating liquors."

Don Bradman maintains "that total abstinence from all alcoholic liquor is a big factor in success."

Wakefield, Captain of English Rugby Football XI. for some years, says: "If you take alcohol you cannot be fit."

Dr. Robertson, of Edinburgh, in "Talks to Footballers," says: "Beer, whisky, or alcohol in any shape are enemies of the athlete. Athletes who drink alcohol in any form never last long."

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, when he arrived at Darwin on his record breaking flight from England to Australia, was offered a whisky and soda. Each of the great "dailies" in writing up the story drew attention to his polite refusal to accept the alcoholic drink. "Thank you, I fly on water," he said.

Brigadier General Albert Bowley, U.S.A. Air Force, addressing a class of young aviators, said: "There is one thing you young men need to remember. Alcohol and gasoline won't mix—particularly in aviation. Remember, you can't go out at night and fill up on alcohol and take a plane up and fly the next morning. Otherwise it will be the regulation six feet underground, and violets on top of you. To say the least, you must have consideration for others. Remember, when you crash with a plane it is not always without harm to others. If you will kill yourselves, please have a little concern for the rest of us. But, seriously, you must let liquor alone . . . it won't go with aviation. You need clear brains and steady hands." Aerial Navigation Companies require abstinence from its pilots during flight, and many require it for 24 hours before any important flight.

Jim Jeffries, a world ex-champion boxer, asked why England was falling behind in the sport of boxing, replied: "Because they are ale drinkers. Beer

makes a man slow. They will never have good fighters in England until they cut out the ale."

Mr. Henry Ford says the time has come when a choice must be made between Liquor Traffic and Motor Traffic. This is precisely what our N.Z. magistrate said.

In view of the above opinions and of others equally strong by swimming, mountaineering, skiing, tennis and other athletes which space will not allow us to quote, is it any wonder Brewers are getting anxious. The Brewers want our boys and girls. Athletics also claims them. Which is to win? Alcohol or Efficiency?

"OUR" LIBRARY.

Yes, the W.C.T.U. really has a very fine Library housed at Headquarters, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington. The strange thing is that few White Ribboners seem to know about it, judging by the use they make of it.

You can't learn to swim unless you go into the water and strike out. Neither can you learn to effectively educate others on our three P's, Peace, Purity and Prohibition, unless you first educate yourselves. And in "our" Library is a perfect gold mine of nuggets to be used. Then White Ribboners get to work and use them in the fight.

And White Ribboner can borrow a book for one month by payment of postage only. Cheap enough, isn't it, even in these days of depression? Mark books when returning "Library Exchange" and address to Librarian, 46 Brougham Street, and the postage will be 2d for the first lb. and 1d for each succeeding lb. up to 5 lbs.

Send for a catalogue, select books and send list to Librarian.

Browsing in "Our" Library."

Spending a pleasant hour at Headquarters, the following books attracted us and are worth-while reading:—

- Lives of Notable Women:—
1. "Glimpses of 50 years" (Frances Willard).
 2. "The Beautiful Life of Frances Willard."
 3. "The Lady With the Other Lamp."
 4. "Josephine Butler."
 5. "Life of Lady Henry Somerset."
 6. "Life of Florence Nightingale."
 7. "Ellice Hopkins."
 8. "Life of Olive Schriener."
 9. "Life of Susan Anthony."

"The Conquest of Disease" is a marvellous story of the romance of medicine.

"The Conquest of Fear" emphasises the Biblical injunction "Fear not."

"Home Making," by J. R. Miller, D.D., gives a beautiful picture of Home Life. Shows how brothers may help their sisters and sisters give their brothers a high ideal of womanhood.

"Week-Day Religion" reminded us of the story of a sister who, while brushing her bachelor brother's Sunday suit,

remarked as she put it in the wardrobe: "There goes brother Joe's religion till next Sunday." This book tells of a religion for every day and all the day.

"The Christ of the English Road" should be read by all. We thrill to the thought of the Christ of Every Road, but let us realise what Christ can be to our own road.

Then for our quiet hours of communion, when in secret we go to the source of all strength, there to gain courage and wisdom to tread "Life's common lanes and dusty streets." Let us read.

"What Christ Means to me."

"A Short and Easy Method of Prayer," by Madame Guyon.

"The Practice of the Presence of God."

Use "your" Library, White Ribboners, and READ! READ! READ!

CONVENTION FOR 1935.

Already plans are being formed for a record Convention next year. At a Dominion Officers' meeting held recently the following suggestions were adopted. Will District Executives and local Unions do their best to assist in carrying out these plans?

Next year will be our Poll year, and special emphasis will be given to temperance work and plans to educate voters for the next referendum on the Liquor Question.

First, to educate ourselves and to perfect our own organisation that it may form a fitting medicine for educating others. Special subjects have been arranged for group and session discussion.

1. Talk on our Constitution, led by Miss Henderson. Bring along your questions and let them be discussed.

2. Model Meeting—Special to arrange for opening of Temperance Campaign. Suggestions welcomed.

3. Treasurers' "Round Table" conducted by Miss Lovell-Smith.

4. L.T.L. Round Table, leader, Mrs. Bathgate.

5. Departmental Work, leader, Mrs. Peryman. Will districts discuss plans of work and send along suggestions for good Temperance Campaign.

Districts are asked to be prepared to lead well known choruses when called upon. Each district make a selection of such choruses and get all its Unions to practise them so that the District delegation can lead a good chorus when called upon.

A good Convention song is urgently needed. It has been decided to ask Unions to send in original songs. Words must be original, but music may be original or adapted.

It has been resolved to hold a short Memorial Service in memory of members who have passed to higher service during the year.

Another distinguished teetotaler is Sir Isaac Isaacs, the new and first native-born Governor-General of Australia.—Exchange.

SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Dear Sisters,—

The second-fold in our "Five-Fold Plan" is "Educating the Child." Again and again the W.C.T.U. has reiterated its purpose to educate the young as one of the prime means of attaining its great goal of total abstinence for the individual and sobriety for the nation. Now, in the Loyal Temperance Legion we see this purpose being worked out.

Every Union should endeavour to mother an L.T.L. or a Band of Hope. So many Unions say they cannot secure leaders for L.T.L.'s. Why not train leaders? The work isn't very difficult—it is a miniature W.C.T.U. in action, and if the leader is a close friend of the children wonderful work can be accomplished by:—

1st.—The programme of study, service, activities, and recreation, which altogether form the curriculum, can easily be carried out.

2nd.—The children will love to come to the meetings if they are given time for conversation, sharing of experiences through reports and activities, songs and plays, also a sufficient recreational programme in the light of the needs of the children.

The following is an Agenda for an L.T.L. meeting:—

Agenda.

Hymn.
Devotions.
The Company Rule.
Roll Call—Answered by Temperance facts.

Minutes.
Motto, Pledge, Allegiance.
Item, Song.
Financial Statement (if any).
Rally Calls.
Address.

Items and games.
Closing: Prayer and National Anthem.
All the Rally calls, Pledge, Motto, etc., can be found in the Loyal Temperance Legion Constitution. Songs Playlets, etc., can be obtained at W.C.T.U. Headquarters.

Sisters, do not be content to be a member of a childless Union, get a group of children together and form an L.T.L. right away. For further information write to Mrs. Bathgate, Dominion Superintendent for the L.T.L. Department. An L.T.L. must be mothered by a local Union.

Yours in the work,

AMY KASPER.

(Dominion Supt. of "School of Methods")

The Crown Prince of Sweden, who has recently been giving a visit to this country, is, according to a paragraph in the "Evening News," a life-long teetotaler, and non-smoker.

The present Mikado of Japan favours total prohibition. At his table no alcohol is allowed. All his servants and his 300 police are abstainers. The abstinence movement was started in 1898, and has now 109,125 members. The example of the Emperor is said to have a good influence over the youth of Japan.—Exchange.

NOTE FROM THE DOMINION PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Members,—

The following extracts from the "International Record" for July, will, I am sure, fill your minds with horror and astonishment. They show, only too clearly, how incredibly heartless are the methods of the liquor interests of the world in their greed for gain.

Is it believable that women can so crush all the love of childhood out of their hearts as to organise themselves in efforts to increase the consumption of drink by youth and children? Yet this is what some appear to be doing—thus utterly ignoring all ethical, moral, and physical means for the preservation of the human race.

Surely this is a clarion call to the W.C.T.U. members all over N.Z. and to every mother in the land to work and watch as we have never done before. To challenge the liquor traffic at every point and to banish from our land this diabolically cruel business that now proposes to attack not only the child in the infant school, but, even the babe in the cradle through the mother.

In face of such revelations, surely every platform and every pulpit should ring with condemnation of such an insidiously destructive propaganda of evil.

I ask myself, and I ask each one of you to do the same—"What am I doing to put an end to this monstrous traffic?"



THE BECKONING HAND OF BEER.

When viewing the international ramifications of the Liquor Traffic in its present-day activities, one feels that Lord Randolph Churchill was justified in calling it "devilish and destructive." Unless there is vigilance and determination, the magnificent work of the Juvenile Temperance Societies of the world is to be undone. "We want to get the Beer-drinking habit instilled into thousands, almost millions, of young men, who do not at present know the taste of beer"—such is the declaration of the British Brewers' Society, through its Director. Judging by the available means of publicity to this end, it would appear that the Brewers have lost no time in acquainting the world of its plans.

Then, following the repeal of National Prohibition in the United States, the Press reports a "liquor ring" established to capture School Children with penny bonbons filled with bootleg liquor as bait. The public has been warned of this by the "Christian Science Monitor": "Complaints made by School teachers and parents to Federal Authorities last December started the investigation. Teachers reported that children who ate the candies during the recess came into their afternoon classes in a semi-stupor. The bonbons—sold from push-carts in crowded metropolitan sections—contained about a teaspoonful of liquor each. This liquor when analysed was found to contain more than 20 per cent. Alcohol, diluted with various kinds of flavouring. Inspector McKinnon, Federal Food and Drug Administration Department (Agriculture), who was put in charge of the investigation found that the pedlars received their supplies in alley-ways and other secluded spots after ordering them by telephone."

Dr. J. Woolever, in the "Pacific Christian Advocate," describing a fraternity dance of the Central High School Students of Washington, States: "In a generation of journalism during my college days, and since, I have never seen so many children who were just dead drunk. It was a new sight—a sad sight."

We also learn from France that the Wets have formed a Women's National Committee—which it is intended shall be international—to further the consumption of wine among both young and old. Mme. Pollet-Gambrouze declared at the inaugural meeting that "the French must drink more wine." In Bulgaria, throughout one large area at least, children are being given wine instead of milk for breakfast. One school master recently stated that "the children behaved very curiously in morning classes, some falling asleep regularly and others very plainly ill," which is no wonder.

Desperate efforts are being made by the Wets in all lands to win the young over to the Drink habit. The methods are clever advertising, liquor sweets and in some cases free distribution of liquor. The Declaration of Geneva cannot be too often repeated: "Mankind owes to the child the best that it has to give." If the infinite possibilities of childhood are to be sacrificed to the illgotten gains of the Wet Interests, who will give us back the youth we shall have lost? The people must rally to the protection of the child, not someday—but **NOW!**

SPECIALS.

MT. ALBERT'S 7th BIRTHDAY.

A most delightful afternoon was spent on Thursday, 12th July, the seventh anniversary of the Branch. Splendid attendance. Mrs. Laird presided. Miss Cunningham led the devotions. The organisers of this branch were Mesdames Banfel, Kasper, and Williams. These ladies carried the Union successfully through the first year.

Mesdames Kasper and Williams were among those present, also Mrs. Bruce, who was the first elected President. Mrs. Kiff, the first elected Secretary, sent an apology—it being too far out of town for her to come. Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., gave an inspiring address on the emancipation of women, following history through the Old and New Testaments to the present day—finally leaving to the members the Toc H slogan of "Think Fairly," "Build Bravely," "Love Widely," "Witness Humbly." Mrs. Kasper gave a brief outline of the first year's work, and urged members to continue "Building bravely" as Mr. Emmitt had said.

An enjoyable programme of music was given by Mesdames Walton and Sims and Mr. W. Astley.

Bouquets presented to Mesdames Kasper, Williams and Bruce.

ONEHUNGA HOME MEETING.

July 12th. A very large gathering of mothers and little ones; over 100 invitations sent out by our Cradle Roll Superintendent, who has gained over 150 new names on the C.R. since March.

President occupied the chair. Miss Fountain told of the little girl-mothers in India, whose babies on an average weighed only 4 lbs., and of whom 280 out of every 1000 died in their first year. She spoke of the girl-wives and of the 27 million widows, many of them under 14 years of age, saying there was only two objects in most Indian women's lives—child-bearing and preparing food for their husbands.

Many deeds of self-sacrifice and torture were told us, and she said: "If we want to win India we must win it through their womanhood and by improving their life."

The speaker spoke of the wonderful benefit resulting from taking the Gospel to them, and said it was "wonderfully worth while doing so."

In reply to questions some information regarding the customs and food of the people was given and dresses and curios shown.

Songs were given by Mesdames Montgomerie and Penny; a recitation by Mrs. Sibbin. Afternoon tea. One member re-joined.

PUBLIC MEETING—UPPER HUTT.

Inclement weather rather spoiled the success of a well arranged meeting in connection with the W.C.T.U., but the audience, though small, very much appreciated the fine programme that was provided.

Mrs. Spencer (President) occupied the chair and gave a brief talk on "Why I

belong," mentioning, as reasons, the many reforms of the Union. Miss Phyllis Martin rendered two solos, accompanied by Miss Conlon (piano), and Mr. V. R. Brown (flute).

Rev. J. R. Blanchard gave a fine address that had many interesting statistics. It also held much encouragement for those engaged in the cause of Temperance. He closed the address with extracts from the American papers that explained the true position in U.S.A.

Miss Martin sang, two items by Mr. A. Pocknall (elocution), Mr. W. J. Mason conducted a happy "sing" which everyone enjoyed. Mr. V. R. Brown gave two flute solos. Mr. Duff, J.P., then passed a vote of thanks to all those who assisted, also to Mr. Heald who allowed the Hall to be used. Bucquets (made by Mrs. Jarvie) were presented to the ladies. National Anthem brought the programme to a close.

NAPIER.

Recently, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., a Band of Hope has been started in Napier, and meetings are being held in Willard Hall each month. Attendances at the first two meetings were not large on account of experimenting for the most suitable evening, but at the last meeting, held on Monday, July 23rd, there was a good attendance and more enthusiasm. Already 24 children have responded to the challenge and have signed pledge cards. Mr. Donnelly was the chairman and speaker at this last gathering and gave an informative address on "Cells." Hymns were sung and a programme of items consisting of recitations, songs, duet and trio was supplied by children. Under the direction of Mrs. Lewis a group of girls and boys enacted splendidly a sketch depicting the harmful effects of alcohol on the vital parts of the human body.

A big "Thank you" to the Wai-pukurau W.C.T.U. for a package of Campaign song books, of which we hope to make good use at future meetings.

MEMORIAL DAY.

On July 25th a number of members and friends gathered in the Anglican Hall, Blenheim, to commemorate T. E. Taylor Day. Mrs. W. M. Smith was in the chair. After a short musical programme an address was given by the Rev. F. W. Marshall on "But the mountain shall be thine, for it is a wood and thou shalt cut it down."

The speaker likened the evils of this world to a forest which must be destroyed, a blow at a time.

The drink trade is a mighty forest of evil, which cannot be smothered, but must be destroyed, a tree at a time.

The speaker concluded his address with the hope "that we might take the axe of Faith, sharpen it with Prayer, and set it to the roots of the evils around us."

Mr. Marshall was heartily thanked for his inspiring address.

ISLAND BAY'S 3rd BIRTHDAY.

July 18. A pleasant afternoon was spent in the Methodist Sunday School to celebrate our third birthday. Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P., District President, gave a helpful talk, which was much appreciated. After wishing the branch "Many happy returns" Miss Kirk concluded her remarks with this message: "Consider the way the Lord thy God has led thee." Solos by Mesdames Ayrton and Tait, a piano solo by Miss Grace Hendrickson, recitations, solos, and a dialogue by the Band of Hope and Cradle Roll members formed a delightful programme. Visitors were present from the Johnsonville and Brooklyn branches, also Revs. Wainwright and Prosser. Greetings received from the Central and Petone branches. The birthday cake, which had been presented by the Secretary, was cut by Miss Kirk, and a dainty afternoon tea was served.

ASHBURTON'S "SEAMEN'S DAY."

Aug. 7. A very successful gathering, held in connection with Seamen's Day, when Mrs. Robinson presided over a large attendance and conducted the devotional exercises. Minutes read and received. A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. S. Thomas, Mrs. G. Dalley, Mrs. Lovell-Smith, Mr. H. E. Bonnington, and Mrs. V. Ellen Stavely. Letters to be sent to sick members. Correspondence received and dealt with. Mrs. H. Graham, New South Wales, wrote, forwarding a booklet on "Cocktail Parties," which was received, and a number of orders taken. Invitations were received to attend meetings at Salvation Army Hall and Tinwald on August 15th accepted. Brief reports of 4th anniversary of the I.O.G.T. Lodge was given by representatives appointed. The appointment of delegates to N.C. District Convention in September was held over until next month, the Secretary, in meantime, to write and arrange hospitality for two. Sum of £5 voted to N.Z. Organising Fund, and £1/1/- to Ashburton A. and P. Prize Fund.

Reference was made to Seamen's Day by President, and Captain N. E. Bickwell spoke on the work of the Salvation Army, among the men of the fishing fleets around the coast of Great Britain, where 33 Homes are controlled and supported by the Army, and thousands of men are provided with homes away from home, and every man a Temperance enthusiast.

An enjoyable programme was contributed to by Mrs. P. Frew, and the Misses L. Ford, L. Robinson, and K. Jackson. Collections, 18/-. Two members were enrolled. Tea was served and Mr. G. W. Andrews briefly addressed those present. With a hearty vote of thanks to speaker, performers, and hostesses, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

CHRISTCHURCH "MEMORIAL DAY."

Christchurch held Memorial Day on July 25th. Miss Henderson presided. The room had been tastefully arranged with Iceland poppies and Christmas

roses by Mrs. Whetter. Visiting members were welcomed from Sydenham and Linwood, also Mrs. Aikenhead from Ashburton.

Mrs. Israelson was congratulated on attaining her 93rd birthday and presented with a posy of flowers on behalf of our Union.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the friends of Mrs. K. W. Lovell-Smith, President referring to her great work in organising and carrying on the campaign for the women's franchise. A vote of sympathy was also passed with Miss Blackwell on the death of her brother.

Members were asked to assist at the street collections for the combined orphanages' appeal on August 10th, a number volunteered. Members were requested to write to their local Members of Parliament protesting against the extension of the term of Parliament.

The President introduced the Rev. W. Kings, who gave a splendid address, referring to the memorial work of the Union's pioneers, and stressed the need for continued action and the great importance of the Band of Hope work, which he found to his sorrow was much neglected in these days.

Mrs. Woodward sang a solo and Mrs. Adkins rendered the Memorial Hymn from the White Ribbon Hymnal.

AUCKLAND FAREWELLS MRS. HUTCHINSON.

The members of the Executive of the Auckland Union entertained Mrs. Hutchinson, who is returning to Melbourne by the "Monterey" on Friday, to afternoon tea in the New Savoy Tea Rooms on Wednesday, August 8th.

On behalf of the Union Mrs. Cook wished Mrs. Hutchinson Bon Voyage and expressed the pleasure it had been to meet her again after her six years' absence in Australia. In thanking the members for their good wishes Mrs. Hutchinson said how much she had enjoyed her visit to New Zealand and the meeting with so many White Ribbon friends. It had been a privilege for her to be present at the Dominion Convention. She was returning home much improved in health and expressed the hope that some of the ladies would visit Melbourne during the Centenary celebrations. She was presented with a bouquet of sweet peas.

A WEIGHTY OPINION.

"I give this as my personal testimony. I have lived under many liquor laws; I have visited many states and foreign lands over which different liquor laws were in operation; I have never observed a liquor law that was enforced; I have never known a liquor law that was liked by the people. Personally I believe in prohibition because it is a better law and is better enforced than any other liquor law I have observed. I shall continue to think it is the best law for this land until a better law appears. No such law has come as yet."—Carrie Chapman Catt.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

SOCIAL AND MORAL HYGIENE.

The work of Moral Hygiene in Family Life, must be on positive lines of instruction. The principle which should fill the mind of the mother is the three-fold nature of the child—body, mind and soul—and that it is her business as a mother to bring, to the best of her power, these three sides of Nature into relation with each other.

This mysterious three-fold nature has been given us in unerring wisdom by the Will of God. Mothers realise that the body of the child must be nourished—the mental powers of thought be brought out, and the spiritual powers of Love and Faith developed.

"Those of us who realise the God-given three-fold nature of man will remember that we have to take into account these animal appetites in our children. Reason takes the place of Animal Instinct. Many mothers leave Reason entirely out of their reckoning in dealing with their children, and generally treat them as young animals only—appealing merely to their animal tastes, and appetites, in their daily life—with a more or less frequent demand upon their spiritual powers through exhortation to be 'good children.' This is unfair and unwise; it is to expect the children to control their animal nature by instinct, of which they have very little, and without teaching them to use and develop their nobler gift of Reason.

"Those who realise the Beauty and Perfection of the Divine Laws for every part of Nature—long for their children to do so also. The true mental attitude of parents toward Moral Education means guarding, guiding and perfecting Family Life."—Extract from Mrs. Penrose. "The Place of Moral Education in Family Life."

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- (6) Purity and Impurity. A booklet for lads.

3d each; 1/3 for the set of 6, including postage.

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HEADQUARTERS, W.C.T.U.,

46 Brougham Street, Wellington.

Dear Sisters,—

Have you ever been thankful that women have the franchise—that you have a vote? Have you ever thanked God for this privilege?

In September we, as Unions, celebrate Franchise Day. Does your Union observe our Notable Day? If you have not done so, start now, and see what an added interest it will give to your meetings.

If you wish for a paper to read at your meeting in connection with any

of these days (except for White Ribbon Day or Peace Day, which are otherwise provided for) I will be pleased to supply one on receipt of request.

February—Frances Willard Day. Are you thankful that Frances Willard had the great vision? (Collection for Missionary Fund.)

May—Peace Day.

June—White Ribbon Day. Are you a subscriber to this wonderful little paper that keeps us vitally in touch with our Dominion officers and with all other Unions?

July—T. E. Taylor or Memorial Day. Are you doing your best to complete the work that he so loved?

September—Franchise Day. (Collection for N.Z. Fund.)

October—Maori Day. Can we afford to neglect their call—"Come and help us!"? (Collection for Maori Fund.)

Best wishes to all.

Yours in the work,

JEANIE C. SMYTH.

(Superintendent Notable Days.)

HOME MEETINGS.

Dear Sisters,—

I am wondering how many of you are making these dull, short days bright with the Home Meetings. We little know what help and comfort they would be, and perhaps result in getting new members by a drawing room meeting.

The secret of all success in God's work lies in fervent, pleading prayer. From communion with Him springs all that is worth doing. He is the Worker, we are the tools. All other work than this is "wood, hay, and stubble," and will not stand the testing fire. Let us be up and doing and remember that no time is lost which is spent at His feet.

Difficulties are the stones out of which all God's houses are built. She who does the best she can is always improving. Her best of yesterday is outdone to-day, and her best of to-day will be outdone tomorrow. It is this steady progress, no matter from what point it starts, that forms the chief element of all greatness and goodness.

I wish, I can, I will—these are the trumpet calls to victory.

With loving greetings.

Yours in His sweet service,

E. F. CHISHOLM.

FLOWER AND PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENT.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—

Hallo, everybody! The above department is calling to all the happy and busy Unions, who have throughout the year been endeavouring to bring joy and gladness into the hearts and lives of those who know it not. The call is extended, too, to those Unions who have not shared in this fine work. Somehow, though, I believe that every Union is a power for good in many ways, but it would be so much nicer if we could know just what you were doing. It may be argued by some, that work done for others, should not be made known. (A friend wrote in this strain last year.) Have you ever thought that by sending in a report just once a year,

saying what you are doing, may be the means of giving other Unions an opportunity of wider service? Whilst none work for public praise, there is a wonderful gladness when Dominion Convention comes to hear that so very many of our Unions are proving "channels of blessing" to others.

Do I need to remind those who have never yet reported how they can help? Sick visiting (Hospitals, Homes, Orphanages, gifts of flowers, helping tired mothers, books, magazines, for hospitals, garments for those in need), Oh, so many other avenues for you to find, and now, all of you, please get ready very soon to let me know how well you are working, for the Master's sake.

Just before District Convention reminders will be sent so that all delegates attending will have no excuse to say they did not remember.

Over 90 Unions reported last year, quite a few saying that it was their busiest department. If your Union was not included, then make sure you are not outside any more.

I am looking forward for 100 per cent. replies, so do not fail to do your part.

God bless you all.

Yours in His glad service,

(Mrs.) ADA SPENCER, "Chingford," Belmont, Hutt Valley, Wellington.

PLEDGE SIGNING IN BIBLE CLASSES.

Feeling that the Bible Classes of the different Churches should be asked to take a definite stand on the drink question, the Napier W.C.T.U. has organised a series of pledge-signing meetings with very worthwhile results.

The method adopted is as follows:—The minister of every Church is asked for permission to hold a special Temperance talk with the object of securing pledges. Cordial response was given in all cases, and a date is then fixed (preferably in the usual class time) and a forceful speaker sent to meet the combined girls' and boys' classes. We found it advisable, in all cases, to send a gentleman speaker where the talk was not given by the minister himself. A simple pledge card was specially printed, and at the close of the address an opportunity was given for these to be signed. The response at one Church was 60 pledged young folk, at another 20, and the work is still going on, two or more W.C.T.U. members attending each meeting.

CAUTION.

White Ribboners are cautioned not to be victimised by a man, who has been going about Auckland city and suburbs professing to be related to prominent White Ribbon officers and getting help from our Auckland sisters. The man is an imposter and the matter is in the hands of the police.

ADDRESS BY BISHOP BENNETT

"Co-Workers with Jesus Christ."

I am glad to be with you this afternoon and to express my sympathy with you and to encourage you in your work and the ideals for which you are striving. Jesus Christ is using the W.C.T.U. to cure the moral diseases of the world. You are working not only for the improvement of the individual, but for the nation; you are not building for to-day only, but for the future.

We do not realise how important each individual's work is, each one's talents differ, and every member of the W.C.T.U. has a contribution to make which is of value in the sight of God. It is important for you to carry out in your everyday life the ideals of your W.C.T.U. It is easy to lose sight of the goal, and easy to be distracted from the ideal. God's leaven has been committed to you, and if you are faithful it will spread and leaven the whole. I would like to congratulate you on tackling the serious matter of picture films and posters. These days are days when we all need to be on the watch. The days of depression are days when there is a more healthy spiritual nature evident in man, and when he is more susceptible to the claims of God. In the story of the Prodigal we find when his days of depression came his inner conscience was more alert. Don't let us miss our opportunities. Now is the time when we should be more wide-awake than ever before. We should use the times and see that temperance matters are improved.

Some of our young men and women are being lured away by drink. Our girls are drinking in the spirit of bravado and show off. We with children are awfully nervous about them. One does not know what is going to happen next. We must do what we can for our girls. We don't want these depression days to pass away without doing something to inspire them with the danger of this drug alcohol. There is a symbol of unity in the W.C.T.U. which I long to see in all our Churches—without race, colour or creed—a unity also in heart and soul.

In the national flag, we have the emblem of St. George. You know the story of St. George and the dragon. The incident is related how the great monster became angry, and to appease him a daily sacrifice of a little child had to be made. The time came when the King's own daughter had to be sacrificed. St. George felt very upset over this, and armed, and killed the dragon, or "tutaeporoporo," as our Maori people say, and saved the life of the child. This tutaeporoporo was killed for the sake of a girl, and I wonder what that girl thought of her saviour, of St. George?

Time was when the drink dragon used to eat men mainly, but now it is going for the girls.

When in Auckland recently I was looking for accommodation, and I pushed open a door in an hotel, and found to my horror a room full of women

drinking. The drink tutaeporoporo waiting and waiting for the human sacrifice. The brewers can't live without the human sacrifice. A Maori fishing one day and pulled up a special little fish, and because it was rare, he made a hole and filled it with water and fed the fish, until one day it grew as big as a whale. The Maori people would say this was a perfect true story, but it is one of our legends. In time the fish grew so big it ate its master, and later when his servant was searching for him, he discovered the tutaeporoporo, and also discovered that he had not only devoured his master but whole canoes full of men, women and children. At last some one came who said he could kill the monster, and by strategy this was done. A big box was built, weapons were made, and entering the box with the weapons in hand he commanded that he should be thrown in the water. Immediately he was swallowed by the huge monster which presently became very uncomfortable, because with the weapons the man was sawing away at the internal organs of the tutaeporoporo, with the result that he died. One man slew the dreadful monster, but each of you must go forth and do all you possibly can to save men, women and children—little children—from the tutaeporoporo. Go forth, not at the risk of your lives, and not in your own strength, because behind you stands One Who has called you to extend His Kingdom. Go forth inspired to save this country from the ravages of the terrible drink tutaeporoporo.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" How defiant, how sullen, how mean, Were those words of evasion uttered from a heart of hatred and spleen,

Down through the ages they pass through many a changing scene;

Am I—Am I my brother's keeper.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Since rings, now, in the tone.

Yea; you are your brother's keeper; for man may not live alone;

Christ's own words, "Love one another," your brotherly duty has shown,

Am I—Am I my brother's keeper.

You are your brother's keeper! We more needful of your help than to-day For your brotherly kindness, your tolerance and your understanding pray,

Not words alone, nor deeds, but a sympathetic heart by the way;

You are—you are your Brother's keeper.

I am my brother's keeper! Of his welfare, his body, his soul;

By self-denial, self-sacrifice, and by my own self-control

I take the beam from my eye, and the mote from my brother's I roll

I am—I am my brother's keeper.

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The South Auckland District Convention is fixed for September 11th, at Cambridge. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Bennett are expected to be present.

Will Secretaries please forward Annual Reports immediately after August meeting to Mrs. Stephenson Greig, Acting Secretary, 12 Peachgrove Road, Hamilton.

AUCKLAND.

District Convention opens with reception on Wednesday evening, 5th September, at 7.30. Convention Sessions on Thursday and Friday, 6th and 7th September, in Y.W.C.A. Hall.

The following nominations have been received:—District Pres., Mrs. Kasper, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Miss Read, Mrs. Williams; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Carr; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Williams; Treas., Mrs. Clark.

CANTERBURY.

The Canterbury District Convention will be held in New Brighton on September 18th and 19th.

Will the delegates requiring hospitality please write to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Lonsdale Street, New Brighton, before September 14th.

Will Local Secretaries please forward the names of their delegates as soon as the appointments are made to the District Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Lonsdale Street, New Brighton.

The White Ribbon.

"For God and Home and Humanity."

WELLINGTON, AUGUST 18, 1934.

IN PARLIAMENT.

The House is now in session, and after some delay is getting down to serious legislation. Several Bills are before the House which are of great interest not only to White Ribboners but to women in general.

Bible in Schools Bill.

This Bill has been read a first time and second reading put down for August 29th. Mr. Holland, the sponsor of the Bill, was unwilling to let it go to a committee and for evidence to be taken. The W.C.T.U. has always supported the Nelson System, and under that system many schools have the Bible teaching. But the children of today are growing up ignorant of Bible history and with its story untold. This is not entirely owing to its absence from the school curriculum. It is largely due to the fact that the Bible has been banished from the home. How many families have family worship? How many study the Bible as our grandparents used to do around the family table?

Closed Courts.

Mrs. McCombs has introduced a Bill to exclude from Courts all people who come from idle curiosity, while divorce, maintenance and affiliation cases are being tried. We hope to see this put upon our Statute Book.

Nationality of Married Women.

In connection with the Bill now before the House, a deputation consisting of the Parliamentary Watch Committee of the N.C.W. waited upon the Minister of Internal Affairs, and pointed out that women wanted:—

- (1) That a British woman who marries an alien shall not automatically lose her nationality.
- (2) That a foreign woman who marries a British subject shall not have British nationality imposed upon her.
- (3) That a married woman may apply for and be admitted to British nationality in her own right, and have the same right as a man to retain or change her nationality.

The Minister gave a most sympathetic hearing to the deputation and was in agreement with its points. He pointed out that it was his intention to ask the House to grant N.Z. women the right to retain their nationality in this Dominion, but this Dominion cannot confer upon its women British nationality throughout the Empire. But the Minister intends, if the Bill becomes law, to then ask the House to allow the N.Z. Government to approach the Imperial Government and ask that N.Z. women be granted the right to retain their nationality in any part of the Empire.

The deputation thanked the Minister for his courteous hearing and for his support to the women's request.

We think it is highly improbable that the Imperial Government will discriminate in favour of women from this Dominion, but the request from our Parliament, if it is sent to them, may lead them to make the N.Z. Bill Empire-wide and grant justice to the women throughout the Empire.

Four Year Parliaments.

The measure to lengthen the life of our Parliaments to four years is now before the House as a Government measure. The present Parliament is to have a four year term by a special act passed last session. It is now proposed to lengthen the life of all Parliaments. The measure is being strongly opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received exclusive of Capitalisation Fees.

N.Z. Fund.

Spreydon £1/1/-; Motueka 10/-; Aramoho £1; Dunedin £3/3/-.

Headquarters Fund.

Brooklyn £1; Spreydon £1; Hawera £1; Mosgiel £1.

Organising Fund.

Hamilton £1; Brooklyn £1; Winton £1/5/6; Ashburton £5.

Maori Fund.

Hastings 18/-.

Jubilee Copper Trail.

Amount previously acknowledged—38,675.

Warkworth 60; Cambridge 240; Otahuhu 60; Rangiora 18. Total to date, 39,053.

Treasurers please note:—I shall be glad to receive donations to N.Z. and Headquarters Funds promised at Convention.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

August 10, 1934.

THIRSTY, BUT T.T.**Few Beer Drinkers in the Army Manoeuvres.**

1,500,000 Cups of Tea.

Only 5 per cent. of the men who took part in the recent army manoeuvres were beer drinkers, according to the Navy, Army, and Air Force institutes.

In the institutes it was found that tea and lemonade were the most popular drinks, and during the period of the manoeuvres over 1,500,000 cups of tea and over 1,500,000 glasses of lemonade were served to the troops.

Goodness is no name, and happiness no dream.—Byron.

No man doth well but God hath part in him.—Swinburne.

Mrs. K. W. Sheppard (Mrs. Lobell-Smith).



THERE is a story told of the great hurricane in Samoa, when ship after ship was piled in ruins on the shores of Apia harbour. The "Calliope" steamed out in the teeth of the gale, with every ounce of steam that could be given her she barely had steering way. As she sailed past the "Teuton," a U.S.A. ship, fast drifting helplessly to the rocks, its doomed sailors raised a cheer as the "Calliope" fought her way past them. Doomed as they were to destruction, yet with courage and true sportsmanship, they saluted their comrades who were escaping.

And there are times when we of the present day should stand at the salute to the noble women of the past who, through showers of sneers, storms of obloquy, gales of passion, and gusts of derision, fought and won for us the battle of freedom.

And such a time is the present when not only White Ribboners but social workers of the Dominion are mourning the loss of one on the "old brigade." Nay, one who led that brigade in their fight for women's franchise. It is an old story now, but time cannot dim the lustre of the crown they won by service and by sacrifice. By their victory in 1893 they cleared from our statute book the slur cast on the noble womanhood of the colony of New Zealand. The women pioneers of this fair land had fought side by side with their fathers, brothers and husbands, had borne the hardships of pioneer

life and had planted homes in the wilderness. But they were classed with "lunatics, minors and criminals" when it came to voting.

The Electoral Bill extending the Franchise to women took away this slur, though it was not for a long period that full justice was done by allowing women not only to vote for Members of Parliament, but also to be voted for as M.P's.

As Franchise Superintendent for the W.C.T.U., Mrs. Sheppard led the women to victory, and on September 19th Mr. Seddon forwarded to her the following telegram: "The Electoral Bill assented to by His Excellency the Governor at a quarter to twelve this day." The pen with which the Bill was signed was presented to Mrs. Sheppard, and by her request is to be placed at the W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington. There it will remain as a relic of a fight in which the Union bore so brave a part.

Mrs. Sheppard was the first Editor of the "White Ribbon" and occupied the editorial chair until her departure for a trip to England.

Shortly after the winning of the Franchise, the Petone No-License League held a public meeting in the Oddfellows Hall to hear from Sir Robert Stout and Sir John Hall some particulars of the fight in the House. The Hall was packed, and the Secretary of the No-License League, who was first mistress in the Petone Central School, was deputed to move a resolution thanking the two Parliamentarians for their efforts to secure the vote for women of N.Z. It was her first bit of work in the cause of feminism, and she listened eagerly while Sir Robert spoke of Mrs. Sheppard's fine work and able leadership in the campaign. But still more was she impressed in the quiet supper room (where as hostess she entertained the speakers and friends) listening to Sir John Hall tell of visits to Mrs. Sheppard's home, and speak of its beauty and orderliness, and how public work had never interfered with private duty. Little did that young teacher imagine that she would ever occupy the editorial chair of the "White Ribbon" and stand in noble succession to those who founded our official organ.

During the difficult years of the Great War when problems in our departments of Peace and Purity almost daily pressed upon the Editor, and it was difficult to speak truth and not offend against the War Regulations, then the advice of Mrs. Sheppard was invaluable. Always wise and tactful, with an intimate knowledge of these subjects, her counsel was often sought and her words of encouragement helped us to "carry on" when all was dark and difficult.

To the last her interest in the "White Ribbon" was keen, and in the office is the feeling of sadness with the severing of another link with the past, and the loss of a wise counsellor and friend. But whenever the story of the Woman's Franchise Movement is told the name of Kate W. Sheppard will be honoured.

"She being dead yet speaketh"

KATE WILSON SHEPPARD.

LEADER AND PIONEER.

(An Appreciation by Jessie Mackay.)

TO many people the title of Mrs. K. W. Lovell-Smith veils the identity of Kate Wilson Sheppard, a name that rang throughout New Zealand like a trumpet call forty years ago. In this brief retrospect, let us for clearness revert to the old familiar name throughout linked for ever with the rise of temperance and feminism in our country.

Kate Wilson Malcolm was born in Islay in 1848. Her father's bent towards music and metrical expression gave her one tradition; her uncle's devotion to the Free Church, young and poor, but rich in honour, early begifted her with love of great causes. Reared and educated in Scotland, she arrived, with her mother and sisters, in New Zealand towards the latter 'sixties. Her home henceforth was in Christchurch, where she presently married Mr. Walter A. Sheppard. As a Congregationalist, she was well in the line of active, independent thought, when the first call to the front came. In the middle 'eighties came Mrs. Mary Leavitt to found a branch of the young and zealous Women's Christian Temperance Union in New Zealand, and soon Mrs. Sheppard's harmonious qualities and clarity of vision showed her an ideal White Ribboner.

Soon came the definite call for women to free themselves, if they willed to free the world from error. Franchise was the new word and symbol of this civic emancipation. Unsought, the task of leadership was laid upon Mrs. Sheppard. She was then in her young prime of beauty, graciousness and gallant enthusiasm; yet, as a well-placed wife and mother, already ripe in the management of affairs and free to meet the struggle ahead. That struggle absorbed her energies and tested her manifold fitness in strategy to the utmost for seven years. It took her to every centre of New Zealand, brought her into contact with every politician of note, and strengthened the bond of co-operation not only between men and women but between all shades of honest patriotism in action. Possessing a golded mean in temperament, she demonstrated how sweet a suffragist could be. Her firm arguments were advanced with a good humoured patience that disarmed prejudice and warded off hostility. But if she had the full support of men with the goodwill and vision of John Ballance and Sir John Hall, she had to fight trickery, subterfuge and falsehood from carpet-bag politicians and stagnant opposition from hard-shell Tories. Many a rebuff, not a few betrayals, tried the noble band of women ranged under Mrs. Sheppard's leadership. She was their good comrade and inspirer to fresh effort, however sick at heart herself. The work of women like Lady Stout, herself a British suffragist, later, Mrs. Hatton, Mrs. Daldy, Mrs. Schnackenberg, and many more must never be forgotten in the franchise story.

Let us leave that for a moment to interpolate the rise of a third aspect of consecrated feminism. Temperance and suffrage were both launched before the modest beginnings of feminist journalism pointed a new offensive on the flanks of ancient darkness. Most fitly it was born of both. The men who led against alcohol—may their names be written in gold!—had already founded the "Prohibitionist," forerunner of the "Vanguard." In this paper a page for women, arranged and paid for by the

Christchurch Union, was inaugurated on June 6, 1891, edited by an Esperanto student signing herself "Penelope." In this way did Mrs. Sheppard become the pioneer feminist journalist of New Zealand. The grand old formula: "For God, Home and Humanity" headed this first regular page of women's work in temperance and other branches of betterment as, just four years later, it headed the first issue of our own "White Ribbon" in 1895. Again Mrs. Sheppard's capabilities and taste marked her obviously for the first editor; her able associate being Miss Lucy Lovell-Smith, whose sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Lovell-Smith, rendered signal service as Union Treasurer.

In 1893 Franchise was won; not a call to rest, but a jubilant summons to become trained and consecrated citizens. Societies of women to study public questions and influence higher nationhood sprang up like mushrooms over the country. In such a soil the rising idea of women's national councils germinated rapidly. The first National Council of New Zealand women was held in Christchurch in 1896. Mrs. Sheppard was President and took a large part in Council activities till its suspension for financial reasons in the first decade of our century.

About the middle of that decade, Mrs. Sheppard took a deserved holiday in travel. Miss L. Lovell-Smith left to full editorship of the "White Ribbon." Both then and in subsequent travels, Mrs. Sheppard's fame as the pioneer leader of successful national world-suffrage brought her into happy relations with the great feminists of Britain and America. A fuller story returned with her to inspire a new order of feminist energy. Seventeen years ago the National Council was revived, and again she became the first President of it. The result of these battle-years is reflected in the noblest pages of our Statute Book, and in the higher social conditions which endear our country to lovers of true progress. Where Mrs. Sheppard no longer openly headed these new campaigns of righteousness, her wise and tactful private counsel long permeated the work of younger leaders.

There could hardly be set a time when Mrs. Sheppard grew old. She was indeed one who defied time to wither the youthfulness of a spirit responding to all things bright and good. But she who had never sought place or power, gladly withdrew from the world at last into the peace of life's mellowing eventide. Sorrow had not passed her by. Bereft of her only son, later of her only grandchild, and widowed, she, as Mrs. W. S. Lovell-Smith, found new home ties and devoted care which surrounded her, past her second widowhood, to the winter day last month when she laid down the burden of her eighty-six years, peacefully as a child drops to slumber.

The story of work like hers is a heritage to New Zealand, above all to New Zealand women. Most fitly in the women's newspaper which took its first imprint from her careful hand and loyal heart do we mourn her passing, but rejoice that her life beheld such fruition. There came the crown of all her franchise labours last year, when she saw the first woman enter our Parliament, Elizabeth Reid McCombs—a woman cradled in temperance, feminist, and humanistic tradition, and living for that grand, transcending formula of ours, "For God, Home and Humanity." This was the last happy sequence of the many already met in the long life of this sunny Britomarte of ours, and now she is enfolded in the Eternal Peace that waits for all such champions as Kate Wilson Sheppard.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. HUGH McLEAN.

At Waipawa, on August 4th, Mrs. Hugh McLean, one of the oldest members of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., passed to her reward. Mrs. McLean, who had reached her 91st year, was born at Fars, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and arrived in New Zealand seventy years ago. She was one of the pioneer members of the Hastings W.C.T.U., joining shortly after Mrs. Leavitt's visit to New Zealand. This was fifty years ago and it can be certainly said that never once in all these years did she stay away from a meeting unless prevented by illness, accident, or some quite unavoidable happening.

Mrs. McLean was a staunch worker for Women's Franchise in the days when the Franchise was considered only a fad of extremists. She often told how she went from door to door with petitions, and always denied the statement that the N.Z. Women's Vote was freely presented to them without effort on their part. The cause of Temperance was very dear to Mrs. McLean, and to the last days of her life she took a deep interest in the cause of Peace and Arbitration. Within a few hours of her death she whispered hopes of peace in Europe, which shows how near and ever present was her desire for peace.

Mrs. McLean to her last kept well abreast of all subjects relating to the welfare of women and children and had a wonderful grasp of New Zealand politics and international questions. For the last few years her eyesight failed to a great extent, but in spite a partial blindness she sent a gift of knitting to the W.C.T.U. Jubilee Bazaar, and even after that sent some of her work to an effort in her own Church in Waipawa. She was for nearly twenty years President of the W.C.T.U. in Waipawa and the members feel that a very mother has been taken from them.

Mrs. McLean had remarkable vigour and health till she reached the age of ninety, and was mercifully spared from long illness and suffering at the end. Her last words were, "Tell me the old, old story," and the hymn was sung by the children in her memory at the Presbyterian Church the Sunday after her death.

As the members gathered at the graveside we rejoiced in the memory of her long and splendid life, and we pray that grace may be given to follow the example she has left to us all.

MISS S. A. AMBURY.

Miss Sarah Ambury arrived in New Zealand with her brother about 40 years ago. She made her home at New Plymouth, and with the exception of four years being spent in Auckland, until 1925, when she came to Hamilton to live with her sister, Mrs. Maisey. At New Plymouth she linked up with the W.C.T.U., and for eleven years was their Secretary. Then she became Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, and was a most efficient officer. Hamilton Union was very pleased to welcome her to our

ranks and she was at once elected as our Superintendent for the Cradle Roll, with Mrs. Mitchell as her assistant; in fact, we all became her assistants, as usually her first greeting would be, "Have you got a baby for me?" If we said no, she would ask, "Why haven't you?" Needless to say, our roll grew by leaps and bounds.

Latterly, through failing health, she was obliged to spend a good deal of her time in bed, but the cards were addressed and sent out with many a prayer and many a little note or leaflet to the mother that the little ones might be kept safe from the liquor traffic. This year she was obliged to give up her work, and on July 13th she passed to higher service at the ripe age of 81. Truly it can be said of her, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them." May her mantle fall on every Union member. She was an inspiration to all of us.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 30. School of Methods well attended. Subject of study was "Good Citizenship." A letter read from Miss Gray, Dunedin, showing that all social work is included in this department, such as Justices of the Peace, School Committees, Welfare Societies, also two protests against unseemly picture posters, picture shows, and advertisements in newspapers and on hoardings.

At the Executive which followed three Dominion Superintendents were present, eleven District Superintendents, and members from 14 Unions. The business was:—(1) Arrangements for Street Lecture for Hospital Auxiliary Fund. (2) For District Convention commencing on Wednesday evening, 5th September, with a Reception; Thursday and Friday, 6th and 7th inst, Business Sessions. All members pleased to know Mrs. T. E. Taylor will be present. (3) Winter Show report showed that 250 pledges had been taken from boys and girls, and a temperance competition had been well received.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

August 1. Mrs. Richards presided. 15 representatives attended. Votes of sympathy with the friends of Mrs. K. W. Lovell-Smith, and Miss Blackwell on the death of her brother.

Successful Bands of Hope had been held at Styx, Linwood and North Beach. The Agenda of the Provincial Convention considered and arrangements made.

Resolved: "This Union desires to support the Bill to regulate the reports of Judicial procedure, and hopes it will become law this session."

The Union also wishes to urge that the Bill should contain a provision prohibiting publicity after sentence has been passed, or further details as to the condemned person's sayings and doings.

The next Executive will be held the first Wednesday in September.

DEVOTIONAL.

The Goodness of the Lord.

The goodness of the Lord. Jer. 31:12.
How great is Thy goodness laid up for men. Ps. 31:9.

The Lord God abundant in goodness. Ex. 34:6.

The memory of Thy goodness. Ps. 145:7.

The goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Ps. 27:13.

My people shall be satisfied with My goodness. Jer. 31:14.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. Ps. 65:11.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. 33:5.

He hath filled the hungry with good things. Luke 1:53.

I will make all My goodness pass before thee. Ex. 33:19.

The riches of His goodness. Rom. 2:11.

He filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Ps. 107:9.

Delighted . . . in Thy great goodness. Neh. 9:25.

Praise the Lord for His goodness. Ps. 107:8.

Thou has prepared us Thy goodness. Ps. 68:10.

The goodness of God endureth continually. Ps. 52:1.

The goodness of the Lord leadeth thee to repentance. Rom. 2:4.

Towards thee, goodness if thou continue. Rom. 11:22.

How great is His goodness. Zech. 9:17.

"It passeth praises that dear love of thine

My Saviour Jesus, yet this least of mine

Would sing that love so full, so rich, so free,

Which brings a rebel sinner such as me
nigh unto Thee."

"What God hath ordered must be right
'Tis the least I know of Thee my Lord
and God,

That fills my soul with peace, my lips
with song.

Thou art my heart, my joy, my staff
and rod:

Leaning on Thee—in weakness I am
strong.

More of Thyself, oh show me hour by
hour—

More of Thy glory—Oh! my Lord and
God;

More of Thyself in all Thy grace and
power;

More of Thy Truth—Incarnate Word."
—H. Bonar.

"There hath not failed one word of all
His good promise."

"If you're on the Gloomy line,

Get a transfer.

If you're inclined to fret and pine,

Get a transfer.

Get off the track of Doubt and Gloom.

Get on the Sunshine train, there's
room,

Get a transfer."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor,

The "White Ribbon."

Dear Madam,—

At our monthly meeting it was a pleasure to hear our President refer, as I am sure many other Presidents and private members have done, to the particularly good quality of the last White Ribbon. But there was one expression which it seems to me might have been improved. Why say "Back to the Kitchen" as if the kitchen of necessity means drudgery, and only drudgery? If we are to have homes we need kitchens, and the better type of brain used there (not misused or left to addle itself) the better for the home life, both physical, mental and spiritual. Children of every age need good food, in all three ways, and it takes a mind, alert, well trained and generous to supply that need. We have made far too much mistake in our system of education in not impressing on the last generation that home-making is the highest profession, and that those who give their lives to it are to be honoured.

The W.C.T.U. can help the country, now and in the future, if it lays stress on the importance of this attitude. It does not sweep a room as for His Majesty—we all know the feeling comes without warning, sometimes in the most unobtrusive of routine jobs, and the day is spoiled. Thanks be for the knowledge that God sends every housewife sometimes, if she loves her work, "This house is mine, and Thou my ministering priest. To make it holy for Thy people to enter in, Thy work is not the least." Would not we be wiser to use this as a slogan, Forward in the Kitchen? Forward all the time, for us and for our children. Our children don't inherit our early enthusiasm, they have to be trained in it, and the home, of which the kitchen is a basic part, is the training-ground God has given us. If the country is to live it needs comfortable homes, so we can't afford any snobbishness in regarding home-making as below any girl's ambition, and in that side of education, as in others, it is for the W.C.T.U. to lead.

KATHERINE MERCER.

Had our correspondent looked carefully she would have seen that "Back to the kitchen" was a quotation. We are entirely in accord with the writer as to the importance of the kitchen. But our objection is to the contention that the kitchen is the only place for women. Also, what of the women who never have kitchens to work in? Woman is an individual and has a right to any position for which God has given her talents.—Ed. "W.R."

STOP PRESS.

Just as we go to Press comes the sad news that Mrs. B. H. Low, our Peace and Arbitration Superintendent, has passed away after a short illness. Our sympathy goes out to her family and sons in their great loss.

News of the Union.

Reports MUST,—

- (1) Reach Editor by 8th of month.
- (2) Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
- (3) Be short and to the point.

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Dargaville.—July 10: Mrs Wordsworth presided, and gave a very beautiful reading from the book, "Through Open Windows." Decided to carry on Band of Hope. Delegates to attend District Convention at Russell. Large attendance. Very enjoyable meeting. Closed with afternoon tea.

Leigh.—July 26. Home meeting at Mrs Grigg's, President in the chair. Fair attendance. Report of Executive meeting. Mrs Neeley read "Zulu Manners and Customs," Mrs Horton read "Lord Snowdon and the Liquor Question," Mrs Woodcock read "Closed Courts." Mottoes were read by members. Mrs Dill read a poem, "Did You?" Mrs D. A. Matheson read "A Scotch Lady's Recipe for Long Life." Mrs Torkington read "Temperance according to U.S.A. brewers." The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Grigg and Torkington.

Russell (Bay of Islands).—July 10: Successful Cradle Roll Rally held in the Hall. Nine members present, and 14 non-members and 26 children. Mrs Clow presided. The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer and Scripture reading. An excellent entertainment was given by the children, who had been carefully trained by the C.R. Superintendent, Mrs Rummins. Number of names on the Russell C.R., 27. Five new adult members enrolled.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—July 10. Annual Pay-up social. Mrs Cook presided. Large gathering of members and friends. Mrs Skinner, an old member, was presented with a long-service badge. The following resolution was passed:—"At the meeting of the Auckland W.C.T.U., held on July 10th, the following resolution was passed: 'Believing that righteousness exalteth a nation, and in the interests of the children of the primary schools of New Zealand, we urge upon the Government to give whole-hearted support to the Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill.'" Copies of the resolution were sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, local M.P.'s, also to local papers. Mr Falkner gave a very forceful address on the Temperance outlook. A very pleasing programme of solos and recitations was contributed. Afternoon tea.

Grey Lynn.—July 12. President presided. Devotions. Pledge repeated and Temperance Fact given. One new member initiated, and warmly welcomed. Memorial Day observed. A scientific temperance address was given by Mrs Singleton on "The Use and Abuse of Alcohol." Pianoforte solo by Mrs A. Hes much appreciated. Mesdames Gussey and Lewis served afternoon tea.

Henderson.—July. Pay-up social afternoon. Fair attendance. Mrs Platt in the chair. Report of Fair held at Airedale Street, and thanks to members for contributions towards same. Letter to be sent to our Member (Mr H. G. R. Mason) asking him to support the Bible-in-Schools Bill. Decided to ask schoolmaster to allow Standards V. and VI. to write essays as usual. Paper read on "How to Make Our Meetings More Interesting." Discussion followed. Afternoon tea served by members. Gifts on the table were all sold.

Kohimarama.—July 18. Good attendance. Mrs C. Perkins gave a devotional address. Resolution in support of the Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill was passed, and wires sent. Mrs Kasper gave an address on "Bridge Building." Mrs Lewis read a poem of her own composing, and Mrs Herick rendered a solo.

Northcote.—July 19. Mrs Hulbert in chair. Mrs Kasper spoke of the import-

ance of keeping up even small branches of our Union, and the work they could do. She had recently visited hotels in the city with a Salvation Army lass, and sold "War Crys" with her. She saw a lot of drinking amongst women, and urged that this matter be given attention; also the conditions of same. Afternoon tea served.

Otahuhu.—July 19. Mrs Eccersall in the chair. A paper on "The Life and Work of Our Pioneers in the Cause of Temperance" read, and the Memorial Prayer repeated. Afternoon tea served. Hostess, Mrs Hall.

Onehunga.—July 24. A well-attended home meeting at Mrs Yockney's. Mrs Mountjoy occupied the chair. Songs given by Mesdames Sturgess and Pearson. A duet by Mrs Angus and Mrs Smith, recitations by Mrs Hodder and Miss Cornish, and a reading by Mrs Perritt. Mrs Stacey gave a short talk on "Malays and Their Customs." A dainty tea was served, and a competition won by Mrs Perritt. Votes of thanks passed to all who had taken part and to our hostess.

Ponsonby.—July 19. Miss Read presided. Good attendance. Devotional talk by Mrs Christopher. Solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock," by Mrs Lewis. Being "In Memoriam Day," the Rev. G. I. Laurenson spoke on the life and work of the late Rev. John Dawson; also dealt on the evils of alcohol from the scientific standpoint. A telegram was also sent to the Prime Minister re the support of the Ponsonby Branch to the Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill.

Remuera.—July 17. Good attendance. Mrs Kasper presided. Mrs Gilmore, formerly of Christchurch, was welcomed, and gave greetings. A report upon N.C.W. was given by Mrs Robinson. Arrangements for members to take a day at the Winter Show to help at W.C.T.U. stall were made. A resolution supporting Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill was passed, wires to be forwarded. The President brought booklets to form a library, and other members offered to donate books. Sister Grace and the President gave short addresses. Mrs H. Kasper congratulated on her election as President of Auckland branch of N.C.W.

Sylvan Avenue.—July. Noteworthy for the number of plans proposed, and suggestions made for various departments of the work. Miss Pudney in the chair, reported on the work of the District Executive. Miss Jennie Street exhibited curios from Asiatic and European countries, and told of Temperance work and the need for it in the lands from which they came, and, as a visitor, expressed admiration for the way in which the meeting had been prepared for, with an arresting anti-alcoholic poster outside, and within a good display of Temperance literature, the five-fold campaign diagram on view, and a boldly written Temperance fact on the blackboard.

Warkworth.—July 12. Fair attendance. Mrs F. F. Thompson gave an interesting address, comparing the works of Tennyson, which are read and appreciated to-day, with those of W. T. Stead, which were for his own period of time only. Each member to bring Temperance item for next meeting.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Hamilton.—July 2. Mrs J. M. Jones presided. Large attendance. Feeling reference was made to the loss the Union had sustained in the death of Miss S. Ambury. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect. Letter of condolence sent, and a wreath. Members had attended the service in the chapel and at the graveside. The President announced that arrangements were being made for the District Convention, to be held at Cambridge on September 11th. Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, and Mrs Bennett, of Wellington, a delegate to the Pan Pacific Conference at Honolulu, would be present. Rev. H. G. Gilbert and Mrs Gilbert gave three delightful musical items, and Rev. Gilbert gave a most inspiring address. Afternoon tea.

Tauranga.—Aug. Good attendance. Committee formed to work up a Bring and Buy afternoon, to be held on our usual date next month. Decided we try and arrange for a Bible Class Rally on the 26th. Afternoon tea.

Te Awamutu.—July 19. Good attendance. The business included the visits of Mrs T. E. Taylor and Miss Andrew, the latter being a delegate to Pan-Pacific Conference, also the matter of the District Convention. Mrs J. M. Jones, District President, addressed the meeting on "Child Welfare." Mrs Berry's rendering of "My Task" and "In My Garden" was much enjoyed. Afternoon tea served.

Thames.—Aug. 1. Well-attended meeting, presided over by Mrs Paul. Attention to the purchasing by children of sweets containing alcohol. Mrs Jones gave a very interesting talk and report of Convention. A solo by a member from Auckland was much appreciated. Afternoon tea served. One new member.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

Hawera.—July 31. Fair attendance. Mrs Hayward in chair. Mr Dickie, our M.P., wrote that he agreed entirely with the remits forwarded. Resolved to send £1 10s to Seamen's Rest, New Plymouth, from Bring and Buy held in June. Vote of sympathy to relatives of the late Mrs Irvine, one of our oldest members. Our President attended a "Welcome" afternoon held in the Women's Club for Miss Jean Batten, and presented her with a posy from the members. Mrs Hayward brought greetings from several Union meetings attended by her in Auckland. Mrs Barron elected Treasurer.

Ngaere.—July 19. At Mrs Tarrant's. Executive meeting held in the morning, when there were present visitors from New Plymouth, Inglewood, Stratford, Eltham, and Hawera. In the afternoon usual monthly meeting. Good attendance. Mrs Mackinder and Miss Drew were the speakers. One new member initiated. Afternoon tea served.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Feilding.—Aug. 2. Mrs Spence presided. Moderate attendance. Mrs Terry, delegate to District Convention. Mrs Spence to represent Union on Bible-in-Schools League. An interesting article from the "Outlook," entitled "What We Do Not Hear from America," was read by the President. Next meeting to be combined pay-up and Cradle Roll social.

Levin.—July 13. Social afternoon. Large gathering of members and friends. Mrs Sorensen referred to it being T. E. Taylor Day. Solos sung by Mesdames Vincent and Allen, much appreciated, accompanist Miss Peck. Dialogue, written for White Ribbon Day, was presented by Mesdames Kennerley, Bott, Sorensen, Andricksen, Young, Nye, and Sims. A knitting competition created considerable interest. Prizes won by Mesdames Mew and Barrie first, and Mrs Tomlinson second. A Bring and Buy, in charge of Mesdames Rawson and Nye, disposed of a good supply of produce. Scientific Fact by Mrs Bott. Afternoon tea.

Palmerston North.—July 6. Mrs Hodder presided. Letters of sympathy to Miss Moore and Mrs Ritchie in their illness. Letter of congratulation to Mrs H. Paterson, of Pahiatua, on being re-elected President of Women's Institutes. Mrs Doreen and Miss Ward gave brief reports of their respective departments. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Ram and R. Allen. A dialogue, referring to the paper "White Ribbon," was presented by Mesdames Randall and Mullon and Misses Willson, Jamieson, Hardisty, Ward, Hunter, and Nancy Randall.

Palmerston North.—Aug. 4. Mrs Hodder presided. Congratulations extended to Mesdames Collins and Ritchie on their recovery from illness. Mrs H. L. Richards sang two songs, much enjoyed. Afternoon tea. Mr T. R. Hodder gave an address on the Bible in Schools question, and stated it was now 57 years since religious exercises had been conducted in primary schools, though such exercises were conducted in secondary schools and colleges. Religious training would only occupy two hours per week, and would at least give some recognition to the Almighty. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Hodder.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Hastings.—July 25. Good attendance. President in the chair. The Bishop of Aoteroa, Rev. F. E. Bennett, gave an inspiring address, reported elsewhere. Maori Day was celebrated, as in October the Bishop cannot be present. Mrs A. B. McDonald sang "Thank God for a Garden." Reports received from Y Supt. and from Home and Visiting Committees. Sewing meeting conducted. Protest re films and posters sent to Borough Council and M.P.

Havelock North.—July 30. Fair attendance. President presided. Scientific Fact given. Story of "Two Wheatstack Lumpers." Speakers, Rev. Millar, on "Temperance, and What We Stand For," Mrs Wilson, District President, spoke on much the same lines. Donation of 3/- to "White Ribbon." Devotional meeting August 10th. Literature given away at meeting, also by post by members. Paper signed by members re Bible-in-Schools, to be sent to Parliament.

Waipukurau.—Aug. 3. Very good attendance. Scientific Fact in future to be written on the blackboard. President gave a report of recent District Executive, and resolutions were fully discussed. Mrs T. E. Taylor to be asked to visit our branch while in Hawke's Bay. Mrs Cahill to act as supervisor at the Band of Hope examination. Mrs Brown and Miss King hostesses.

Wairoa.—July 10. Mrs Whealen sang "The City Four Square." Decided to send telegram to M.P. re Bible-in-Schools. Temperance Fact was comparing the amount spent on drink in New Zealand with the Railway Department, and hospitals, charitable aid and mental hospitals. Community chorus, "Let All the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me." Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Dawson and Galbraith. The gift table added 7/6 to the funds.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Aranui.—July 26. President in the chair. Good attendance. Regret at removal from the District of Mrs McKay, a helper. Mrs Gilmour appointed Cradle Roll Supt. Members stood in silence out of respect to the memory of Mrs Lovell-Smith, and Secretary to convey our sympathy to the relatives. Mrs Hamer appointed Secretary and Treasurer for the autographed tray cloth. Decided to send for six copies of the booklet "Cocktails" for the Union. Mrs Duxfield spoke of Temperance work in the early days in New Zealand, and of the wonderful work wrought by both men and women, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Competition resulted in Mrs Nicholson first, Mrs White second. After singing "For All Thy Saints," the meeting closed with Benediction. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Ansell and Withers.

Ohakune.—July 19. Mrs Farr presided. Nine present. Captain Elliott, S.A., gave an interesting and inspiring address on our White Ribbon motto, "For God and Home and Humanity." A vote of thanks to the speaker. Afternoon tea served.

Wanganui East.—Good attendance. Mrs Duxfield in the chair. Feeling reference was made to the passing of Mrs Francis Brown, members standing in silence in respectful sympathy. Resolutions passed: (1) "We the members of the Wanganui East W.C.T.U. are decidedly in favour of the community-owned wireless being freed from all the present restrictions which prevent it being used to the fullest extent for the education of the people of the Dominion through a critical two-sided treatment of the vital social questions of the hour." (2) "That the Wanganui East W.C.T.U. agrees that the present allocation of relief money is quite inadequate, but finds it cannot support any scheme which deals only with the effect and neglects the cause of unemployment." Arrangements made in connection with the 21st birthday of the Union, to be held on August 6th. Mrs Ogler reported 100 names on the Cradle Roll. The President reported on the formation of Band of Hope. Pastor Fred. Purnell, B.A., B.D., gave a very helpful and inspiring address on "The Christian Woman of the Hour."

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—July 31. At the residence of Mrs Webster. Good attendance. Mrs Brewer presided. Mrs Tanner thanked members for message of sympathy. Mesdames Brewer and Pickering represented the Union at the recent demonstration to the Prime Minister. Decided to ask our M.P. to support Bible in Schools Bill. Report of District Executive given by delegate, Mrs Gillings. Rev. Mr Takle spoke from the text, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," going on to the "marks" of the tribes of India, whose people are labeled everywhere with coloured marks and marks of heathen gods on their foreheads. Thanks accorded to Mr Takle for instructive address, and to Mrs Webster. Afternoon tea.

Carterton.—Aug. 1. Mrs Tyler presided. Reluctantly decided to cancel Miss Andrews' address, the day and time arranged being considered unsuitable. District Convention to meet in Carterton on our regular meeting day, September 5th. Mrs Butler's afternoon arranged for Tuesday, August 14th, in Methodist Schoolroom. Mrs Shirley hostess for afternoon.

Johnsonville.—July. Coin afternoon at Mrs Rodda's. Miss Kirk, of Wellington, gave an interesting address on the work of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children. With some musical items, competitions, and afternoon tea, a pleasant time was spent.

Johnsonville.—Birthday celebrations on July 19. Good attendance of members and friends. Mesdames Turner, Barrow and Martin sang, and Maureen Cook recited. Mrs Odell gave a very interesting address on her work in the East of London Mission. The birthday cake was made and cut by Mrs Johnson. Afternoon tea enjoyed by all. Mr Martin proposed a vote of thanks for address and items.

Lower Hutt.—July. Fair attendance. President in the chair. Two members welcomed to our Union, Mrs Cooper Masterton and Mrs Wilson (Wanganui), bringing greetings. A very interesting letter from Niue Island W.C.T.U., telling of the work done by the members, who visit the sick and help each other. Campaign to increase the consumption of liquor noted, also attention drawn to number of cocktail parties being held. Monthly thought, "To have faith is to create; to have hope is to call down blessing." Duets by Mesdames Aldersley and Taylor. Mrs Lopdell gave an interesting account of her recent visit to the Maori Mission Field carried on by Sister Jessie.

Masterton.—July. Fair attendance. Miss E. Jones in chair. Final arrangements made for Paddy market on 3rd August. Decided to send 10/- for work among seamen. Miss Jones gave a report of the District Executive meeting. Miss V. Jackson, just returned from Australia, welcomed, and gave a brief talk on the W.C.T.U. work in Australia. Greetings from Ballarat and Queensland Unions. Mrs Coddington was hostess.

Successful Paddy's Market on 3rd August, when some articles from the Jubilee Bazaar were disposed of, also stalls of produce, cakes and sweets. Afternoon tea did good business. The proceeds will help with the local Union.

Plimmerton.—July. Mrs Cummins gave an address on the late T. E. Taylor. An article on the menace of alcohol to the adolescent girl was read and discussed. A favourable report of the work of the Band of Hope, under the charge of Mrs Hooper, was received. Decided to entertain the members of the Band of Hope to afternoon tea at the August W.C.T.U. meeting, when a Bring and Buy stall is also to be held. Several visitors were welcomed, and Mrs Wallace, of Palmerston North, gave a message of encouragement.

Upper Hutt.—July 26. Very fine attendance once again. Short, article read "Wee Folk Under the Rock," and another, "Be a Brick." Comments upon these, suggesting courage when meeting a disappointment. (We had one, too!) All were interested in the report of District Executive, and members were urged to attend any of our District meetings, as an education for our work. Short musical pro-

gramme of songs and pianoforte solos was enjoyed. The initiatory service conducted, and our new member very warmly welcomed.

Wellington Central.—Mrs Wood (District Cor. Sec.) presided, and welcomed visitors. A Tauranga visitor told of a Bible Class Rally and tea they had arranged, at which 10 were present. Thanks received from the British Sailors' Society for help on the Street Day, also from District Executive for hospitality. Interesting report given of District Executive and School of Methods by Mrs Peryman. Afternoon tea. Mrs Andrew sang sweetly, and Mrs King gave a fine recitation, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, ye have done it unto Me." Mrs Odell told of the work done at the East End London Methodist Mission, where she was a sister for four years. Her stories of Queen Mary's pitifulness, her homeliness and graciousness, and the East End's appreciation of her, were listened to with great pleasure.

Wellington.—July. Pleasant social afternoon. Hostesses, Mesdames Hirst and Haylock. Mrs Murray presided. Songs rendered by Mesdames Stuart and Free, while Miss King supplied the elocutionary items. Some correspondence was read re the Bible in Schools demonstration in Town Hall this month, and tickets given out. Decided to make a donation to the hospital for necessities. Arrangements were completed for the Cradle Roll afternoon to be held on August 30th. An interesting competition arranged by Mrs Porte was won by Mrs Ross. Tea was served.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—July 17. Memorial Day. President in chair. Good attendance. Memorial notices of past notable workers were given by Miss Cooke (of T. E. Taylor), Mrs Field (Mrs T. Kirk), Mrs Watson (Miss Ruth Atkinson). The President gave a short account of the first W.C.T.U. meeting held here in 1885, when Mrs Nightingale was elected President. Her photo. holds a place in our meeting room. "Roll call of all members passed away. Vote of sympathy passed to the relatives of Mrs White, Mrs Tall, and Mr T. Pettit. Bring and Buy and Copper Trail at each meeting. A very impressive meeting.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim.—July 17. Mrs Smith in the chair, 20 present. Scientific Fact, "The use of alcohol as a beverage sooner or later dulls all the finer senses of the body." Agreed that the W.C.T.U. offer help to the Girl Guides in their soup kitchen for needy children. Decided to help the Salvation Army by providing for a table at their Jubilee Tea. Impromptu speeches by members.

Rai Valley.—Meeting held in Page's Hall. Poor attendance, on account of sickness. Mrs Neal presided. Report of the District Executive. Noted that the District Convention to be held at Tua Marina in September. Mrs Williams gave report of Convention, and presented to the Union the blue ribbon won for the second highest increase in membership. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the efficient way she had carried out her duties.

Tua Marina.—July 17. At the Parsonage, 25 present. President in the chair. Several letters sent to sick and bereaved members. Miss Fawcett gave a very interesting address. Dainty afternoon tea.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—July 11. Miss Henderson presided. A letter of thanks was received from Central Relief Depot, and a parcel of clothing sent by the Union. A number of resolutions were discussed, and the President read a number of letters from ministers in reference to resolutions sent from the Dominion Convention. The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs McCombs., J.P., and the Hons. J. A. Young and J. G. Cobbe, M.P.'s, thanking them for the efforts they are making to place the Union's point of view before Parliament. Members of the Sydenham and Linwood branches to be invited to attend the T. E. Taylor Memorial Day.

Darfield-Greendale.—July 26. Mrs Cullen presided. Fair attendance. Memorial

meeting on T. E. Taylor. Mrs Gianville read article on "The Sydenham Campaign," and what it led to, 1887 to 1896, by Hon. L. M. Isitt. Mrs Cullen read Seamen's report. Collection for Sailors' Rest. Bring and Buy next meeting. Vote of sympathy to the relatives of Mrs T. W. Adams. Afternoon tea.

Greymouth.—July 31. T. E. Taylor Memorial Day. Mrs Wilson spoke of her memory of hearing a very moving sermon from Mr T. E. Taylor. A chapter was read from "Temperance and Prohibition in New Zealand," where Mr Isitt speaks of his association with Mr Taylor in the great work for Prohibition and Temperance.

Kaipoi.—July. Mrs Brighting presided. Decided to hold September meeting as a social afternoon on the visit of Mrs Lowry, the N.B. Organiser, each member to bring a friend. Members then gave individual items, which were much enjoyed.

Linwood.—July 31. Good attendance. Mrs Woods in the chair. Mrs Turner gave interesting Scientific Fact about cocktails. Mrs F. Grigg reported an attendance of about 60 at the Union's Band of Hope, and that the children were very interested. Miss C. Henderson, B.A., gave a very interesting address on the position, politically and otherwise, of the liquor question in New Zealand and America. Decided to send a letter to the M.P. for our district opposing the extension of Parliament's term. Much appreciation was expressed of Miss Henderson's clear exposition of the liquor question. Afternoon tea served.

New Brighton.—July. Mrs H. M. Hall presided, and welcomed several visitors. Arrangements completed for a public meeting on August 7th, when Mrs B. H. Low, M.A., would give an address on "Disarmament." Satisfactory credit balance reported. Preliminary arrangements for the Canterbury District Convention. Hospitality Committee, Mesdames Mitchell (Convenor), Ellis, Fraser, and Goldman (North Brighton). A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs J. Smith for her work in arranging the programme for the recently held Birthday Social. Social hour. Mrs Rondel the winner of an amusing competition.

North Brighton.—July 17. Fair attendance. Mrs A. Florence presided. Letters of sympathy to members suffering from illness. Vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs K. W. Lovell-Smith, members standing in silence. An invitation from the New Brighton Union to attend a Peace meeting on August 7th, when Mrs B. H. Low, M.A., would be the speaker. Mrs Florence reported that 12 members of the Union had attended the 23rd birthday party of the New Brighton Union. The Secretary to arrange for a speaker for the August meeting. The prayer meeting to be held at the residence of Mrs Warnock on July 26th. Much appreciated vocal items were contributed by Miss Green.

Reefton.—July 10. Miss Watson in the chair. Lieutenant Murray gave an address on the people of the Shetland Island. Miss Watson thanked her for her interesting talk. Mrs Davies hostess.

Spreydon.—July. Mrs Pirrett was in the chair. Miss Reese, of the "Sunlight League," gave a talk on the "Health Camps" for children, containing some very interesting information, and was accorded the customary vote of thanks. Mesdames Watson and Hulston dispensed afternoon tea.

Styx.—July 10. Ten present. Mrs Donald presided. Reference was made to late T. E. Taylor. Suggested to bring a pound of groceries for local unemployed at next meeting. Competition moccasin-making to be held. Next Band of Hope to be held last Wednesday in July. Musical items and afternoon tea.

Sumner.—Aug. 7. A very hearty meeting, presided over by Deputy President. Ensign Ward made an earnest appeal for the value of women's influence and example in the home and outside in fostering all aspirations of the young towards higher things. At the September meeting it was decided to make it an invitation day for the Y's and their mothers or friends. A play was cleverly staged by Mesdames Walker, Clifford, Whittle, Booth, Idle, and

Barbara. Tea hostesses, Mrs Norton and Mrs Hutchinson.

Sydenham.—Aug. 3. Good attendance. Mrs Woodward presided, and welcomed visitors. Adjutant Huston's address on "Discouragement" was very much enjoyed by all. Solos by Mrs Weatherhead. Afternoon tea.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Ashburton.—July 19. A very successful "drawing-room afternoon," "Remembrance Day," was held at Mrs R. S. Watson's. Mrs Robinson presided over a very large attendance. A number of "records" and guitar solos by Miss M. Carter were greatly enjoyed. Capt. Mrs N. E. Bicknell delivered a most interesting address on "The Life and Work of Miss Frances Willard," our beloved founder, whose outstanding efforts for God, Home and Humanity will never be forgotten. A dainty afternoon tea was served. Collection, 14/-. A very hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, performers, and hostess.

Oamaru.—July. Good attendance. President occupied the chair. Mrs Bridgman recited "The Song of the Sparrow." Decided to provide and conduct a stall for the Salvation Army at their "Sunshine Fair." Mrs Armstrong appointed hospital sick visitor. Miss Smyth reported on School of Methods held in Dunedin. Being Memorial Day, Mrs Mahaffie spoke on the Life of T. E. Taylor, who lived a self-sacrificing life for the betterment of mankind. A successful "Bring and Buy."

Rakaia.—July 12. Good attendance, presided over by President. Arrangements made for Miss Andrews' visit in October. Decided to order one dozen copies of "Cocktails." Decided to hold Bring and Buy afternoon at August meeting, at which Mrs Robinson would be the speaker. Mrs Bicknell gave a very helpful spiritual address on "Home Builders." Vote of thanks passed to the speaker. Afternoon tea. Hostesses, Mesdames McGeorge and Palmer.

Waimate.—July 11. Mrs Roy presided. Good attendance. Enjoyable programme given by members of the Salvation Army. Home League, by Mrs Duckett, after which a brisk Bring and Buy stall was held. Afternoon tea.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Kaikorai.—July 31. Report of School of Methods. Nationalisation of British women discussed. Decided to buy a dozen booklets on "Cocktails," also 50 prayer cards. Mrs Smith gave an address on "Woman's Influence." Afternoon tea.

Mosgiel.—July 24. Mrs Bedford presided, and gave a brief address, also read a paper on the power we women have to help bring "Peace" to the world. Collection.

N.E. Valley.—July. Miss Gray presided. Reports from N.C.W. by Miss Begg and the Cradle Roll from Mrs Coulter were received. Satisfactory freewill offering taken up. Members reminded of District Convention on September 19th. Rev. C. H. Olds spoke of past, present, and future work of the Temperance party, and was heartily

thanked. **Port Chalmers.**—July. Mrs Mirams presided. Annual District Convention to be held at Mosgiel in September. Letters to be sent to Hon. J. A. Young and Mrs McCombs congratulating them on the stand they have taken in urging them to follow up the measures contained therein. Miss Farquharson elected Vice-President. Mrs Mirams reported on Band of Hope work. Decided to hold a local Temperance examination in connection with the Band of Hope. Misses Farquharson and Johnstone kindly donated funds to purchase a medal as one prize. Mrs Mirams donated material for an autographed supper cloth, the proceeds to go towards the funds of the Union.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Bluff.—Aug. 3. Presided over by Mrs Jack Walker, eight present. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for Mrs James Walker, who was a sincere friend of the Union and a trustee of the Willard Hall. Discussion on how to get

new members. Arrangements made for the next meeting, to be of a social nature.

Gore.—July 24. Fair attendance. Miss Robertson presided. An interesting paper was read on "What Has Been Accomplished by the W.C.T.U." A letter was written to Mr D. McDougall, M.P., asking for his support concerning the Bible-in-Schools Bill.

Invercargill Central.—Aug. 7. Mrs McGregor presided. Good attendance. Short business meeting, followed by a concert. Solos by Mesdames Tinnock and J. T. Macdonald. Play-reading given by Mesdames Armour, Campbell, Duguid, and Miss Campbell, much enjoyed by all. Mesdames Wesley and Ayson delegates to District meeting on the 10th August. Afternoon tea served.

Invercargill South.—July. Mrs Richards gave devotional address, and Rev. A. G. Mackintosh Carter, B.A., B.D., spoke on the Brewers' Advertising Campaign, and stressed the need for a "campaign of vigilance." He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Otautau.—July 12. Initiated three new members. A much keener interest is being taken in our work. The Band of Hope is not having a good session, for we are no sooner rid of measles than an epidemic of mumps has broken out, but we are just doing our best.

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ARATAPU-TE KOPURU, 2nd Thursday Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. Godfrey; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Morgan and Hill Taylor; Sec., Mrs A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs Dewbery; W.R. Agent Mrs Marshall; Cradle Roll, Mrs Wordsworth, senr.

A TAMOHO, last Thursday, St. David's Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hallam; Sec., Mrs. H. Good, 2 Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs F. Dempster, Kelvin Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Walker, Paterson Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. McKay, Kells Avenue.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Aitkenhead, Wills Street West; Treas., Mrs G. Tulloch, Peter Street West; Sec., Miss E. Treverza, 169 Peter Street; Assist. Sec., Mrs D. S. Osborn, Burnett Street East; "W.R." Agent, Miss A. E. Watson, 84 Cameron Street.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, in the Club Room, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden, C.3.; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Paul, 323 Mt. Eden Road, Auckland, S.1.; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 137 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, W.1.; "W.R." Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND "Y's," 1st Saturday, 7.30 p.m., in Newton East Hall. Supt., Miss Read; Pres. Miss R. Hullab; Sec., Mr. A. C. Turley, 61 Murdock Rd., Grey Lynn, Auckland W.2; Beacon and W.R. Agent, Miss V. Hullab, 8 Fourth Ave., Kingsland, Auckland, S.W.1.

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France consumes annually 20 litres of absolute alcohol per head, that is, one third more than any other country. Yet we are told there is no drunkenness in France. Does France not suffer from this heavy consumption of alcohol? Listen to M. F. Ruman, Secretary of the "National League Against Alcoholism," and you will get the answer to your question.

In England the average death rate is 12 per 1,000. In Germany it is 13, and in France it is 17. That means that if France's death rate came down to that of Germany or England, France would gain more than 200,000 inhabitants per year. There is plenty of room in France for its people. It has only 74 inhabitants to the square kilometre, England has 182, Italy 130, Germany 133. This itself constitutes a constant temptation to invasion by neighbours more numerous than itself.

French babies, under one year, die in greater numbers than in England, where the figures are 75 deaths per thousand. In France, they are 15 more—90 deaths per thousand.

Yet France is a civilised country, a rich country, and the French love of children is well known. The climate is very healthy, many of its people are engaged in healthy country occupations, owning their own houses and some acres of land. Why so many deaths of children—and adults?

Poisoning the Race.

The answer is that the consumption of 20 litres of alcohol per head demands the payment of the price. That price is in high infant mortality, high death rate of adults, and, in the cities especially, bad housing and wide-spread tuberculosis—which alcohol always encourages.

M. Louis Forest, not himself an abstainer, has declared, "Whosoever tries to promote public well-being without concerning himself with the question of alcohol is a self-deceiver."

France, indeed, is the outstanding proof of Dr. Saleeby's famous dictum: "Alcohol is a race poison."

FACING A VERITABLE FOE.

Sir Edgar Sanders, Director of the Brewers' Society in Great Britain, in presenting the brewers' schemes for the resuscitation of the beer trade, had much to say about the science of advertising. He stated that four leading advertising firms, which had been consulted by the Brewers' Society, have submitted schemes and enlarged on how they would proceed if they obtained the brewers' contract. These suggested plans were condensed thus:—

"Press advertising, bill posting, advertising on public vehicles, possibly in illuminated signs, distribution of literature, lectures and articles by prominent persons, and press propaganda by means of editorial and news items."

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Clark, View Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. McLean, Anne Street, Rosebank; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McIntyre, Lanark Street; Treas., Miss Tosh, "Toshvale"; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Clark.

BALMORAL, meets in Balmoral Road Church, 1st Tuesday, 2 o'clock. Pres., Mrs (Rev.) Gilmour, Paterson Street, Sandringham; Sec., Mrs S. Pearce, 12 Highland Road, Mt. Albert; Treas., Mrs May, 46 Calgary St., Sandringham.

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. M. Smith, Springlands; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Forbes; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. Stephens, Howick Road; Treas., Mrs. J. Prussing; W.R. Agent, Mrs. L. Rogerson, Beaver Road; C.R. Supt., Mrs. H. Braddock, Maxwell Road; Libraries, Mrs. H. Dunckley, Fairhall; Press Reporter, Mrs. J. Stewart.

BLUFF, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Walker, junr., Shannon Street; Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. Speer, The Manse; Treas., Mrs. Barber, Foyle Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Jas. Walker.

BRIGHTON UNION, 3rd Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs H. Hall, Waimui Street; Sec., Mrs Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs N. Fraser; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Langley, Park Road; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs F. Good, Victoria Street.

BROOKLYN, meets last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Treas., Mrs Brewer; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Webster and Sawden; Rec. Sec., Mrs Stinson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gillings, 267 Ohio Road; Treas., Mrs Gittings, 121 Mitchell Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pearson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Butler.

CASHMERE HILLS, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. James' Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Lowry; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Robertson; Hon. Vice-Pres., Mrs. Holland; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Parton; Scientific Temperance, Mrs. McFarlane; Treas., Miss Lennie; Sec., Miss Salmond, 21 Hackthorne Road.

CANVASTOWN, meets quarterly, at 2 p.m., second Saturday, March, June, Sept. and Dec. Pres., Mrs Wm. Murray; Sec., Mrs F. H. T. Flower; Treas., Mrs F. H. T. Flower; Vice-Pres., Mrs M. Bailey and Mrs J. Boun, senr.; Cradle Roll, Mrs F. H. T. Flower and Mrs R. Pike; "W.R." Agent, Mrs R. Diamanti; L.T.L., Miss L. Boun.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Rec. Sec., Miss Thomas, 25 Cambridge Terrace; Treas., Mrs. Adkins, 149 Salisbury Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. R. Day.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Tyler; Sec., Miss Mitchell; Treas., Mrs. Fitzgerald; W.R. Miss Waterson.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Reilly; Treas., Mrs E. B. Kemsley; W.R. Agent, Mrs Epps.

COLLINGWOOD, meets last Thursday, at 2.45 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Hill; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Corney and Mrs. Stallard; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Brown; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Corney.

DARGAVILLE, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. White; Sec., Mrs. Martin, Turiwiri; Treas., Miss Van Renin; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. D. L. Bradley; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Wordsworth.

DEVONPORT, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., in the Congregational Church, Victoria Road. Pres., Mrs. Williams, "Arnley," Northcote; Sec., Mrs. G. F. Day, 27 Hinemoa Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Burnett, 14 Allenbury Avenue.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. L. Tuckwell, 119 York Place; Rec. Sec. and "W.R." Reporter, Mrs. A. Botting, 283 Macandrew Road; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 9 Ffield Street, Roslyn; Press Reporter and Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, 41 Oakland Street, Anderson's Bay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Millar, 39 Oates Street, Roslyn.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Donaldson, 14 Alexander Street; Treas., Mrs. Aburn; Sec., Miss McCarthy; 18 Albert St. St. Clair.

ELTHAM, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Holland; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stanners and Williams; Sec., Mrs. Penhall, Eltham Road; Treas., Mrs. Lambert; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Streeter.

EPSOM, Methodist Hall, Greenwood's Corner, at 2 p.m., 4th Thursday. Pres., Mrs. Neal, 5 Aorere Street, Parnell; Sec., Mrs. Carr, 16 Momona Road, Greenlane; Treas., Mrs. Armstrong, 7 Mapau Road, Greenlane; "W.R." Agent, Miss Katterfeldt, 19 Wapiti Avenue, Epsom.

EDEN, meets 3rd Wednesday, in Dominion Road, Methodist Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hayr, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fenton, Gaulton, Auld, and Hudson; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Chappell, Grange Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clark, 129 Balmora Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Evans, 56 King Edward Street, Mt. Eden; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. O'Donnell, Grange Road, Mt. Eden.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Spence, Grey Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Pack and Hughes; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs. Kendall, Awahuri Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Terry; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Whisker; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Pack, Sandiland Street.

GERALDINE, 1st Tuesday, in Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wallach; Sec., Mrs. Botherway; Treas., Mrs. McDonald; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. C. McKenzie; "W.R." Agent, Evangelical Supt. and Reporter to "W.R.," Mrs. W. Prattley.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss L. Robertson, 33 Coultas Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. McLachlan, 3 Kitchener Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Baldey; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Canning Street.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. R. H. Anker; Sec., Mrs. H. Morrison; Treas., Mrs. A. Haigh; Evangelistic, Mrs. J. Allen; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

GREY LYNN, 2nd Thursday, Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Singleton, 64 Onslow Road, Epsom; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Dickinson, 28 Monmouth Street, Grey Lynn; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Holroyd, 32 Old Mill Road, Grey Lynn; Treas., Mrs. Lewis, 5 Stanmore Road, Grey Lynn; "W.R." and Cradle Roll, Mrs. Neal, Hariston Road, Mt. Albert.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Road; Sec., Mrs. E. G. A. Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road; Cor. Sec., Miss Hickson, 16 Atkinson Road; Treas., Mrs. Morris, 394 Clifford Street.

GONVILLE, meets 1st Wednesday, in Baptist Church, Collins Street, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Newton, 1 Tawa Street; Sec., Mrs. Hussey, 5 Watkin Street, Wanganui; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hammond, 75 Alma Road, Wanganui.

HAWERA, meets last Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Exley, 88 Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hayward; Sec., Mrs. O. Hartmann, 36 Collins Street; Treas., Mrs. Squires, High Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Spavin, Vogel Street.

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's, London Street. Pres., Mrs. J. M. Jones, 30 Station Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Craig and Robertson; Sec., Mrs. Hayward, Whatawhata Road, Frankton; C.R., Mesdames Mitchell and Atkinson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Bradley, Box 12, Hamilton North.

HENDERSON, 3rd Thursday at Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Platt; Sec., Mrs. Barton; Treas., Mrs. Williams; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McKay and Miss Duncan; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Grainger.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Hickmott, 603 Princes Street; Vice Pres., Mesdames Wilson, Paul, Banks, Darby, McArthur; Secs., Mrs. G. Osborne and Baumgart, Box 322; Treas., Miss I. Mitchell, 801 Duke St; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Murtagh, Nelson St.

HAVELOCK NORTH, 4th Friday, 2.30 p.m., at Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Hill; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Waugh, Alderman, Miss Elliott; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Webb, C/o P.O. Hastings; "W.R." Agent, Miss Hill; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Haggett.

ISLAND BAY, meets at 2.30 p.m., third Wednesday, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Mowlem, 175 Owen Street, Wellington South; Sec., Mrs. A. M. Tanner, 40 Tiber Street, Island Bay; Treas., Mrs. A. Ireland, 21 Tamar Street, Island Bay.

INGLEWOOD, last Wednesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Mackinder, Mt. Pleasant; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Longbottom; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown Street; Treas. and Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. J. Young, Lincoln Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hobbs, Brown Street.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall, Grace Street. Pres., Miss McCallum, 35 Venus Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McGregor, Cole and Smart; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot Street; Treas., Nurse Griffiths, 134 Eye Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Bain; Maori Supt., Mrs. Sharpe; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Crozier; Notable Days, Mrs. Robb; Evangelistic, Mrs. Richards; Musical, Mrs. Lea; Custodian of Property, Mrs. Latham.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., alternately in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. Pres., Mrs. W. Martin; Sec., Miss M. Lankskaill, 88 Melbourne Street; Treas., Mrs. Laytham; Cradle Roll, Mrs. L. Fraser; Evang., Mrs. E. Holmes; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Martin, 29 Antrim Street; Notable Days, Mrs. Walker; Social, Mrs. Potts.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, meets 1st Tuesday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Hall, Jed Street. Pres., Mrs. Macgregor, 266 Crinon Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Matheson and Wesley; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Walker, 91 Lewis Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Chalmers, 39 Thomson Street; Treas., Mrs. Stevens, 94 Baird Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Brass, 115 Avenal Road.

JOHNSONVILLE, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Halliday; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Henderson, Burgess Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McBride; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Sowerby; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Davies.

KAIAPOI, last Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Temperance Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking, Cam Road, Kaiapoi; Sec., Mrs. H. Rinaldi, Sewell Street, Kaiapoi; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans, Fullers Street, Kaiapoi; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Phillips, Sewell Street, Kaiapoi.

KARORI, meets 1st Tuesday of the month, usually in the Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Wood; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Blair; Treas., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. R. Watchman, Campbell Street, Karori; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Hearn; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hull.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m., Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. Lopdell, St. Ronan's Av.; Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.; Treas., Miss Page, Price's Rd., Melling; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Taylor, 9 Tui Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Baigent, King's Cres.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Crawford 48 Waterloo Road.

LEVIN, 2nd Friday, in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Sorensen, P.O. Box 53; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Rawson, King's Drive; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Young, Durham Street; Treas., Mrs.

A. C. Kennerley, "W.R." Agent, Mrs. McKane; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Nye.

MARTINBOROUGH, meets in Parish Hall, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. J. Martin, Huangarua; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. Tyler; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. E. Findley; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. G. Lumley.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Sunday School, Mount Albert Road. Pres., Mrs. Laird, Baptist Manse; Sec., Mrs. Gaister, 9 Domain Road, S.W.2.; Treas., Mrs. Mason; W.R. Agent, Miss McGregor, 24 Woiseley Street, Morningside, S.W.2.

MASTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Miss E. Jones; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. E. Freeman; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Kitchener, 47 Workshop Road; Treas., Mrs. Codrington; "W.R." Agent, Miss Tankersley, Johnston Street.

MAUNGATUROTO, 4th Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. E. Flower; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Pasley, Station Road; Temperance Fact and Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. Cullen; Birthday League, Mrs. Knightbridge; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. H. Flower.

MAYFIELD, 3rd Thursday, alternately at Ruapuna and Mayfield. Pres., Mrs. Diamond, Anama; Sec., Mrs. Jas. Murdoch, Poratake Rural, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs. Edgar Biddick, Mayfield; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

MORRINSVILLE, meets 1th Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. J. H. Starnes; Vice-Pres., Mrs. F. G. Brown; Sec., Mrs. G. N. Garlick; Treas., Mrs. G. Oates; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Oates, Thames Street.

MOSGIEL, meets 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Bedford, East Taieri; Sec., Mrs. Irvine; Treas., Mrs. A. Lennox, Gordon Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Bardsley; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Smith, Ayr Street.

NAPIER, 1st Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lewis, 5 Hooker Av.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Macalister, Hull, Oldham and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, 45 Nelson Crescent; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hull, 34 Hospital Hill; Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson, Main Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Alexander, 4 McVay Street; Cradle Roll and Birthday League, Mrs. Donnelly, 19 Vigor Brown Street.

NELSON UNION, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss F. J. Cooke, Examiner Street; Sec., Mrs. C. U. Ross, Mount Street; Treas., Mrs. W. Andrews, Brook St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. F. H. Cooke, Richmond Avenue; L.T.L., Mrs. Moyes, Grove Street; Y's, Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Bronti Street.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Miss Drew, J.P., Gilbert Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Chapman, Leach Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. S. A. Jemison, 119 Pendarves Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. W. Brown, Westown; Treas., Mrs. Green, Westown; W.R. Supt., Mrs. Sowry, Gilbert Street.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Miss A. Gray, 22 Grey Street; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 57 Selwyn Street; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 57 Frame Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Vallance, 43 Chambers Street.

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden St., at 2.30 the 2nd Monday. Pres., Miss Smyth, Hull Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Scott, Snell, Misses Milligan and Cowan; Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Bridgman, 14 Rother Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Dodds, 31 Caledonian Road; "W.R." Agent and Press Reporter, Mrs. Corlett, 62 Eden Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. J. Clarke; C.R. Supts., Mrs. Simpson and Miss Beckingsale.

OTORAHANGA, meets last Friday, 2 p.m. in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Tozer; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rogers and Hall; Sec., Mrs. V. L. Fairbrother; Treas., Mrs. W. Black; "W.R." Agent, Miss Rogers.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Comyys; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ryde and Mrs. Hawke; Sec., Miss N. B. Waterman, High Street; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Mrs. C. Morris; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hawke; Notable Days, Mrs. Ryde; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Rol; Band of Hope, Mrs. Dewe.

OTAHUHU, meets 3rd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs. Eccersall, Baptist Manse; Sec., Mrs. W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs. Hall, Nikau Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. West, Panmure Road.

OWAKA, 1st Wednesday, at 2.15 p.m., in Baptist and Presbyterian Church Vestry alternately. Pres., Mrs. James; Vice-Pres., Mrs. D. McNutt; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. McNutt; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Pritchard.

OPOTIKI, meets 2nd Thursday, at St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jas. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Box 85; Treas., Mrs. Vanstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Sinclair; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss V. Thompson.

OTAUTAU, 2nd Thursday, 3 p.m. Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. E. Harrington; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Brown; Sec., Mrs. Brooker; Treas., Mrs. Gutchlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Maxwell; "W.R." Mrs. E. Harrington.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey Street. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Sec. and Press, Mrs. Stacey, 104 Grey Street, Onehunga, S.E.5; Treas., Mrs. Mushet; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Bickle; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Ashby; Home Meetings Supt., rs Laybourne; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thornley and Stacey.

PAHIATUA, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Paterson; Sec., Miss H. Ross; Treas., Mrs. O. Johnson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Ryan, Main Street, Pahiatua.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Moore; Rec. Sec., Miss Jamieson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. R. Hodder, 1 Allan Street; Treas., Miss Wilson, 186 Main Street; Evang. and Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Ritchie; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Dorset and Miss Arthur; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Doreen; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Ward, 214 Featherston Street; Willard Home, Mrs. Birdsall, 243 College Street.

PAPANUI, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Graham; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Tillman; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hawker, 24 Bellevue Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Hayton; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Elliott.

PAPAROA, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., at Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. J. Hanes, Paparua Railway; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. E. T. Birtles; Treas., Miss J. Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Roigard, Matakohe.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. Playter, 7 Roxburgh Street, Petone; Cor. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. L. Battersby, 44 Oroua Street, Eastbourne; Treas., Miss Collie, Jackson Street, Petone; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Chalmers, Nelson Street, Petone; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Murgatroyd, Nelson Street, Petone; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. E. Carter, Petone.

PICTON, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Millen; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wells, Milton Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Potter; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Bowden; Y's, Mrs. McKenny; Band of Hope, Mr and Mrs Powell.

PLEASANT POINT meets 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Brien; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McNeur; Sec., Mrs. Crombie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Chisholm.

PORT CHALMERS, meets second Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Currie Street Hall. Pres., Mrs. G. Mirams; Sec., Mrs. D. Macpherson, Gasworks House; Treas., Mrs. Smillie; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Farquharson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. G. F. Mirams; Cradle Roll Assistant, Mrs. Tresider.

PONSONBY, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. John's Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Read, Whitaker Place; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Joiner; Treas., Miss Kitt; Evang., Mrs. Christopher; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. H. Young, 34 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, S.2; W.R. Agent, Miss Kitt and Mrs. Wheeler; Notable Days, Mrs. Bragg; Cradle Roll, Mrs. De Silva; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Joiner.

PUKEKOHE, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Churches, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Escott, Tuakau; Sec., Mrs. J. E. Richards, Seddon Street; Treas., Mrs. Ellis, Helvetia; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Patterson, Totara Avenue.

RAKAIA, meets 2nd Thursday in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Boag; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wilson; Treas., Miss S. C. Oakley, Overdale; W.R. Agent and Y Supt., Mrs. A. J. Wilson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. and Miss Rapley; Birthday League, Miss S. C. Oakley.

REEFTON, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Fairlie Evans and Miss Watson; Sec., Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Road; Treas., Mrs. Switzer, Coal Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Day; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Watson.

RAETHIL, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Lynn, Balance Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Scarrow, Mrs. Farr; Sec., Mrs. W. H. Sandford, Duncan Street; Treas., Mrs. A. W. Ashwell, Seddon Street; W.R. Agent and Organist, Mrs. Clochette.

RICHMOND (Neison), 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cropp, Pittall and Oliver Sutton; Sec., Mrs. Heaven; Queen Street; Treas., Mrs. B. Cropp, Salisbury Road; "W.R." Agent, Miss Dyson, "Althorpe."

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STRATFORD, meets 1st Tuesday, in Presbyterian Vestry, at 7.30. Pres., Mrs. McCallum; Sec., Mrs. A. Lilley, Flint Road; Treas., Miss M. Phillips, Box 15; L.W.R., Mrs. Huston; W.R., Mrs. Davis.

SUMNER, meets 1st Tuesday in the Presbyterian Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. McCombes; Sec., Mrs. L. Hutchinson, 20 Colenso Street; Treas., Mrs. J. A. Booth; Evangelistic, Mrs. Smith; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Henley; "W.R." Agent, Miss Killner; Cradle Roll, Mrs. F. G. Carter.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs. Woodward; Sec., Mrs. Greenway, 48 Thackeray Street, Spreydon; Treas., Mrs. Drewett; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Weatherhead; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Filer; Evangelistic, Mrs. Davies.

TE KUITI, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Sutherland, The Manse; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Nicholls, Matai Street; Sec., Mrs. G. Elliott, Tawhana Street; Treas., Mrs. Bowick, Rata Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hill, Rimu Street.

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TEMUKA, meets 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. room, Hamilton Street. Pres., Mrs. Hewson; Sec. (pro tem), Mrs. Cross; Treas., Mrs. Buck; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Reid; Band of Hope, Miss Mills; Evang., Mrs. Douglas; Rest Room, Mrs. Blackmore; W.R. Mrs. Cross.

THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Paul, Hill Street; Sec., Miss M. Smith, Sperry Home; Treas., Mrs. Standen; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Langford.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. F. Cave, Raymond Street; Sec., Mrs. R. R. McAlister, 3 Evans Street; Treas., Mrs. H. H. Brown, 49 High Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Rawson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. C. Butcher, 50 Arthur Street; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. B. H. Low; Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Nelson; Notable Days, Mrs. Minifie; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. M. Norrie.

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WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. Roy, Hunter R.D.; Sec., Miss H. Palmer, Sherman Street; Treas., Mrs. W. Simpson, Waituna; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. H. Buckingham, Mary Street; L.W.R. Supts., Mesdames Johns and Hosking.

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