

6.—Send to Business Manager for back numbers of the paper to give away to non-subscribers.

7.—Study the list appended here and say are you proud of the position of your Branch.

8.—Take suggestions for improving the paper and send on to Editor, when they will get careful consideration. Remember if you gain subscribers you educate voters, but you also provide funds to improve our paper. In the Editor's words to a District Executive: "Give me the funds and I'll give you a paper that will astonish you all."

"Great things attempt for Him, great things expect; whose love imperial is, Whose power sublime."

Below is last year's record from 1937 to 1938.

Convention Query.—If one woman can gain 40, 30, or 20 new subs., why can't every member get one?

**North Auckland District.**—Maungakarama 9; Whangarei 3; Dargaville 2. Total—14.

**Auckland District.**—Auckland 1; Birkenhead 1; Devonport 1; Grey Lynn Y's 3; Leigh 1; Onehunga 3; Ponsonby 1; Papatoetoe 1; Remuera 1; Sylvan Ave. 4; Warkworth 1. Total—18.

**South Auckland District.**—Hamilton 15; Opatiki 5; Otorohanga 4; Te Awamutu 4; Cambridge 2; Tauranga 1. Total—31.

**Taranaki District.**—New Plymouth 4; Waitara 1. Total—5.

**Wanganui District.**—Wanganui 15; Wanganui East 3; Aramoho 3; Raetihi 2. Total—23.

**Manawatu District.**—Feilding 4; Levin 2; Palmerston North 1. Total—7.

**Hawke's Bay.**—Napier 17; Hastings 2; Waipukurau 2. Total—21.

**Wellington District.**—Wellington Central 38; Petone 13; Upper Hutt 6; Lower Hutt 4; Karori 3; Johnsonville 3; Masterton 1; Masterton Y's 2; Wellington 1; Brooklyn 1. Total—72.

**Mariborough District.**—Blenheim 44; Springlands 12; Rai Valley 1; Picton 2. Total—59.

**Nelson District.**—Nelson 10; Wakefield 1; Motueka 1; Takaka 1. Total—13.

**North Canterbury.**—Riccarton 29; Spreydon 8; St. Alban's 8; Sumner 7; Christchurch 6; Woolston 6; New Brighton 5; Hokitika 3; Sydenham 3; Linwood 2; Rangiora 2; Belfast 1; Oxford 1. Total—81.

**South Canterbury.**—Mayfield 7; Ashburton 3; Rakaia 3; Temuka 2; Waimate 2. Total—17.

**Otago.**—N.E. Valley 8; Port Chalmers 2; Mosgiel 2; Dunedin 2; Balclutha 2; Kaikorai 1; Dunedin South 1; Lawrence 1; Oamaru 1. Total—20.

**Southland.**—Invercargill Central 8; Invercargill North 5; Ohai 3; Otautau 2; Gore 2; Wyndham 1; Winton 1. Total—22.

Altogether there were 70 Branches who did not get one new sub. for the whole year.

We shall await with great interest the reports of W.R. Day meetings and prepare to book up the new subs. sent.

## MOTHER'S DAY—A HAPPY DAY.

The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day for White Ribboners around the world. Whatever other organizations may do in the way of observance, the Women's Christian Temperance Union makes it a day to be designated in which to honour Mothers, to be observed in the churches by tributes to Motherhood, and in the home by special kindnesses by every member of the family. Even little children can have a part in it. Young people can show their appreciation of what Mother does in the home by relieving her of responsibilities and by special attentions. Father, too, can mark the day, and though good fathers are as essential as are good mothers, yet **this is Mother's Day.** It is a day in which all can be especially thoughtful of aged mothers, and one in which those whose mothers have left for the other world may recall memories of the past.

Mother's Day is singular, not plural, so let us make the day very personal—a day devoted to mother love. Even as there can be no substitute for members in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, so there can be no substitute for Mothers in the world.

Let us individualize the day and make Mother's Day a Happy Day!

ELLA A. BOOLE,

President World's W.C.T.U.

[We deeply regret that the April W.R. was printed before this reached us.—Ed.]

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

**North Canterbury.**—April 6. 26 representatives present. Reported a new branch at Shirley, with 14 members; that Mrs. Hett's meetings were a great success at Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Belfast. Miss Henderson urged all branches to send a protest to Hon. R. Semple re the granting of licenses at Health Resorts. Report of Convention given by Mrs. Hall.

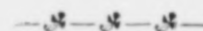
**Auckland.**—April 4. Miss Read presided. Good attendance. Welcome extended to new members. Decided to take a stall for Poppy Day Appeal. Miss Read, our representative to N.C.W. Report of Dominion Convention given by Miss Read and of Maori work by Mrs. Babbington. Mrs. Kasper reported new branch of L.T.L. making 14 branches working in Auckland district.

May 2. 26 present. Decided to hold Peace meeting, May 2. Mrs. Kasper to be speaker and to hold concert in aid of District Funds in July. Thanks to Mrs. Brewer and her helper on Poppy Day. Report of N.Z.A. Convention by Mrs. Hayr and of recent visit to Warkworth and Matakana Unions by Mrs. Kasper. Strong protest sent to Minister of Education re terminating daily voluntary religious exercises.

**Wellington.**—May 10. Mrs. Brewer presided. Good attendance. Mrs. Tanner appointed Dist. Supt. for Membership Campaign. Pleasure expressed at promise of Women Police for which reform W.C.T.U. has laboured for about 40 years. Convention resolutions re-affirmed and those necessary sent to Ministers of the Crown. Two beautiful solos by Mrs. Kennedy, sister of our Mrs. Norrie. Mrs. Peryman accompanying.

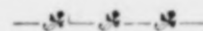
## IN MEMORIAM.

I have to regretfully announce the death of our Treasurer, Mrs. Fryer. Mrs. Fryer has been ill in hospital 9 months, and passed away on Wednesday night. Four children are left to mourn, and the Balclutha Branch of the W.C.T.U. has lost a good active member. Six members of the Union attended the funeral and presented the wreath, and all gained great comfort from the officiating minister's words, which gave such hope of eternal life. We could feel the presence of the Christ as the holy words were being spoken, and can trust that "The Everlasting Arms" will be ever around and under those left behind.



## GARDEN PARTY.

A Garden Party and "Bring and Buy" Sale was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Gibbs, North East Valley, the object being to augment the funds of the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Gray, President, in opening the function, spoke briefly on the liquor traffic and its accompanying evils. She urged the large gathering of women present to do the utmost in this year of opportunity to remove this great evil from this fair land. Mrs. Judge was presented with a badge of honour for gaining the largest number of members for the year. Mrs. A. Batchelor and Mrs. H. Smith rendered solos, Mrs. Christie played the accompaniments; and Mrs. Orr two recitations; all of these were much appreciated. Small tables were placed in the garden and afternoon tea served in the most delightful surroundings. Stalls were arranged laden with useful articles, all of which were quickly disposed of. Mrs. Hancock and Miss Gibbs were heartily thanked for the use of their beautiful home and grounds.



## SPECIALS.

### Farewell Afternoon.

On Friday afternoon Wanganui Central met to do honour to Mrs. Beggs, who, with her much esteemed husband—Rev. Beggs, is leaving Wanganui and will in future live in retirement in the Hamilton district. Wanganui E., Gonville and Aramoho Unions joined with Central in expressions of appreciation and regret in losing so loyal a member. One to be depended on. One whose deeply spiritual messages made an impression, as well as those along scientific lines—in connection with Alcohol's twin evil—tobacco. Beautiful flowers from the Sister Unions as well as a gift from Central was lovingly made by Mrs. Upton. Mrs. Beggs suitably replied. Mrs. Beck, Miss Zena Boyd and others entertained. Afternoon tea, best of good wishes and God be with you brought a happy meeting to a close.