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LITERATURE.

Yes! I've had a very hectic time, it's literature speaking. No, I don't want another Licensing Poll just yet, and when it does come I hope my W.R. sisters will start in good time. Start now!

Look at this picture of my office room, shelves filled with educational matter which ought to be going out all the time and not in a frantic rush the last 2 or 3 months. The only way to win is to educate and education is a slow process. Literature is the best way to educate. Radio sends a message, speakers give facts which are only dimly remembered, but I am always on their shelf to be referred to.

I am very proud of our team work on eve of election. The Editor, my Superintendent and our printers formed a team hard to beat. Altogether we sent out 18,000 How to Vote, 125 books of stickers, each containing a gross, and 75,000 leaflets of various kinds. Posters, 100 and Facts, 200, Keeping Fit, 250, all added to our totals. Our smartest bit of work was when an order arrived on Saturday morning (a holiday in the trade) but in spite of this 5000 How to Votes and 5000 Dividends were printed and on board the express on Tuesday, 10 a.m.

The Political issue looms large at the last and their literature is scattered broadcast. Let us start now and teach little by little, line upon line and precept upon precept.

"Little man you've had a busy day."

LITERATURE.

A list of literature in stock appears in every White Ribbon, watch this and order.

WHITE RIBBON.

Here is a messenger for temperance, full of facts and of latest information.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPPLEMENT.

Many unions take these to circulate in Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope, and L.T.Ls. But what about our readers taking a few each month to give to your young friends. These with their picture for painting are welcomed in many homes where no other temperance literature would be welcome. You can have 25 each month for 6d., or order 12 each month for 3/- a year.

FRUIT DRINK RECIPES.

These are only 6d each and make a nice Xmas card to send. Many people think they must have wine at social functions because they know of nothing else.

A hostess in one of our cities said: "I will not serve alcoholic cocktails," and the W.C.T.U. supplied her with good non-alcoholic recipes. Another White Ribboner after using recipe from our book wrote "They were much appreciated and it's the first wedding in our family without wine."

These books have been carefully prepared and we depend upon our unions and our White Ribboners to make them widely known and used to take the place of alcoholic drinks.

Neal Dow said Maine did not carry prohibition until they sowed the state knee deep in literature. Sow New Zealand knee-deep in literature, temperance, Peace and Social Hygiene, all of which can be purchased at W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 46 Brougham St., Wellington, E.I.



AT HEADQUARTERS. LITERATURE ROOM AND LIBRARY

What are you doing to place it in every home? How many of your friends have you asked to become subscribers? What about sending a year's sub. for a friend as a Xmas Box, only 3/- not an expensive present.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

MAORI AND LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

I am looking forward to getting the reports from branches of their work in the Maori and also in the Legal and Parliamentary Department. I know that there was a good deal of activity in both departments this year, so don't fail to send your reports. If there are no superintendents for these departments in your branch, will the Secretary please send the reports. The best time to do it is immediately after your Annual meeting, but in any case I want the reports before Dec. 31st.

All remits intended for Convention should be sent to me at the same time.

Yours in the work,

C. HENDERSON,
Superintendent.

Dear Sisters,—

Will all Cradle Roll Supts. kindly send their reports to their respective Dist. Cradle Roll Supts. as soon as possible after their Annual District Convention. Where there is no district superintendent please send them to me.

The reports should contain this data:—(a) No. on roll (b) increase for year (c) summary of activities for year—cradle roll parties, literature distributed, homes visited, etc. If this is done it will not be necessary to send questionnaires to each union. Please forward reports to me by Nov. 30th. Should like every union to be mentioned in this year's annual report to Convention.

Thanking you, in anticipation,

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,
L. M. BREWER,
Dom. Supt. L. W. R.

THE SIGIL

Dear Sisters,—

I fear it is long since you heard from me. I do hope that none have slackened in your work on that account. During the anxious weeks that have just past it has been a great comfort to know that thousands of our members and others in sympathy have been praying:—

"Our Father in heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"I say unto You if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father in Heaven."

Dear Sisters will you claim that promise, now, and in all the days to come. The world needs our prayers—our young people need our prayers, more perhaps than ever before.

Will all who care write and tell me

that you will join me in definite prayer for the children and youth of country and the world over.

Yours for service.

JESSIE FIELD,
The Rocks,
Nelson.

The book "The man who would save the world." 1/6 each. The Sigil 25 for 6d.

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—

The time has arrived when I must again draw your attention to one of our most important departments of work—that of endeavouring to encourage and maintain the teaching of the Bible in our State Schools.

Last year's reports from Unions showed that much earnest effort had been made in this direction.

It would appear that parents and the public to a considerable extent do approve of some measure of spiritual teaching being included in the primary school syllabus.

We all know what the welfare of a country depends on the character of its people, and the character of its people depends above all else on the home and school atmosphere.

In the matter of religion the home and school are inextricably bound up together, indeed it is doubtful which has the greater influence on the child, the school and environment and home lessons certainly absorb most of the child's waking hours on five days of the week.

The recognition of God as a factor in the child's life must be of immense value in the making of character. A country Superintendent of Schools (in another country) says:

"If children hear the Bible read daily for the first five or six years in the public schools, they have a foundation for life."

Let us believe, dear friends, that God's word shall not return to Him void as far as our school boys and girls are concerned, and let us see that this education continues to be imparted to them.

Yours in His Service,
M. PATERSON,
Supt. Bible in Schools Dept.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

My Dear Sisters,—

It is drawing near the time for our reports to be coming in, I have not heard a great deal so far, only from a few of our Faithful Friends of our sailors. I have not asked anyone this year to remember our work. We have Faith to believe we will have Plenty, as we usually do always have a little to spare for the poor stragglers that come later. Many of our seamen never have a Xmas only in some strange

port. It makes it so nice and easy when we can gladden the hearts of the men that really keep our country going and a great help towards World Peace. How thankful we are to have two fine Sailor's Rests all belonging to our W.C.T.U. which stands for "God, Home and Humanity. Do you ever think that God holds the sea in the hollow of His Hand? Our seamen are safer there from temptation than on land. The dreadful drink traffic is their greatest temptation on land.

My dears, every one, I must get to the point. I am sure you will be interested enough to send us the usual gifts. Those who would like to send comforts to New Plymouth Rest could send them direct. Those who send to Timaru Seamen's Rest kindly send direct to me as I like to get them, it makes the work easier for Mrs. Woodward and myself, so please send Parcels as early as possible and reports of all work being done anywhere, not later than the end of December.

Truly yours in loving service,

MARGARET NORTH,

57A Wai iti Rd., Timaru.

Dom. Supt. Work Among Seamen.

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Mrs. Catherine Stewart, M.P.

The newly elected member for Wellington West.

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"Organised womanhood, fired with zeal for a righteous cause, is a political power to reckon with, as some of our politicians have discovered."—Dr. Ella A. Boole.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

My dear friends,

Our prayers have not been answered according to our desires but God will answer prayer. He answered, in saving our no license areas from the hand of the spoiler, and He will answer the thousand prayers for deliverance from the shackles of alcohol. How will He answer? I believe by a spiritual revival. Let us not grow weary in prayer, and the Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing great and glorious.

Our part is to pray and to work.
 "Give me the good stout arm
 To shield the right,
 And wield Thy sword of truth
 With all my might,
 That, in the warfare I must wage for
 Thee,
 More than a victor I may ever be."

Now is the opportunity to assume the offensive. Let us get out into the open. We must co-operate with other organisations, and go with them into battle against the Liquor traffic. Although the vote was in favour of the Trade it is not a stable vote. Thousands voted thoughtlessly. These may be won. There is a great future for the W.C.T.U. Christ never suffered defeat and we are going out on an adventure for Him. You will find ways in your districts. Be outspoken in your churches. If doors are not open do not say "I cannot enter there." Open the door. Do everything in your power to teach the children temperance. We have everything on our side. First God, then right.

I hope that you have noted that our vote was larger than three years ago, and that the Liquor vote was less than at the previous poll. God keep us faithful to our great and holy task. May no one be stamped into thinking that something less than abolition should be our aim.

Jesus never faltered although all forsook Him and we are in this adventure with Him.
 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
 He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him;
 be jubilant my feet!
 Our God is marching on.

Yours as ever,

JESSIE HIETT.

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LIQUOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

In one year Great Britain spent on (1) Education; (2) Old Age Pensions; (3) Hospitals and treatment of disease; (4) Maternity and Child Welfare, a total sum of £154,674,000.

This was £83,000,000 less than was spent on drink for the same period.

LINWOOD PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS.

"Garden Party" given in honour of all workers of Linwood Union, also hostesses, and guild members of the three churches, who supplied afternoon tea and supper for delegates of Convention, held at Linwood, in September, proved a great success, glorious day, well attended and nine new members for my Union. Speaker, Mrs. C. Darrell.

OXFORD'S BIRTHDAY.

Sept. 28th, the 27th Birthday of the Oxford W.C.T.U. 45 ladies present. Devotions, Mrs. Morris. Solos by Mrs. W. Daley and Mrs. C. Johnson. President welcomed members from Sefton and other visitors. Address, Mrs. Brigadier Gray, who gave a most thrilling and outstanding address on the work of the Army for which she was heartily thanked.

Elocutionary and musical items rendered. A beautiful birthday cake cut by the President. Sympathy with Miss Caverhill and the family on the death of Mrs. L. M. Isitt. Miss Caverhill is one of the faithful foundation members, we all missed her at the meeting. A motion of thanks to all who helped to make the meeting a success. Decided to hold a combined prayer meeting on October 12. Benediction.

PORT CHALMERS CELEBRATES.

Oct 3rd. Excellent attendance. Mrs. Hiett, Dom. Pres., spoke on helpful work for Union to carry out before polling. She also presented medals and prizes in connection with the recent local Temperance Exam, and highly complimented Mrs. Mirams, local Pres. and her band of workers on both work and result. A beautiful floral tribute from the children was presented to Mrs. Mirams by Valerie Gibson for all her work on their behalf. The following is the prize list:—Intermediate, Medallist, Kathleen Gardiner; 2nd Prize, Betty Fraser; 3rd Prize, Dorothy Cardno; Junior, Medallist, Shirley Porteous; 2nd Prize, Don Macleod and Gordon Mathieson (equal); 3rd Prize, Valerie Gibson. Gifts were also given to the unsuccessful candidates.

RICCARTON'S MUSICAL.

On Wednesday, September 28th, a musical afternoon under the auspices of the Riccarton W.C.T.U., was held at the residence of Mrs. Clark. Much appreciated items were rendered by the following:—Piano duet, Mesdames Woodward and McIvor; Recitations, Mrs. Hindle, Vocal Solos, Mesdames Stewart, McIvor and Colthart. Rev. Clarence Eaton gave an informative and interesting address on the ravages of the Liquor Traffic, and the need for every

SPECIALS

Christian to throw their weight into working for the abolition of such an evil in our midst. Afternoon tea. Votes of thanks to the hostess, speaker and performers brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

AUCKLAND FAREWELLS
MISS READ.

Under the auspices of the Auckland district executive, quite a large gathering of members and friends met in George Court's tearooms, on Friday afternoon, 30th Sept., to bid farewell and bon voyage to Miss L. M. Read, the late district president, who is shortly leaving on holiday for Honolulu. A beautiful dressing case was presented to Miss Read from the officers and members of all local unions. Mrs. Joiner also presented Miss Read with a bouquet of spring flowers, and Mrs. H. Kaspar, district president, who presided, with a shoulder spray of primroses. Mrs. J. Williams spoke on behalf of the district officers and quite a number of members of the various unions wished Miss Read God Speed and a safe return. Miss Read suitably replied. Items were given by Mrs. J. Pool and Mrs. A. L. Lewis, with Mrs. N. Walker at the piano.

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

September Report

New members for the month:—

Auckland District:

Mt Eden—2 new members.

Wellington District:

Masterton—4 new members.

Nelson District:

Nelson—6 new members.

These reports have now been sent in for publication for six months and the total number of new members in that period is 318. There have been a number of transfers and some Honorary members credited to the Unions but they are not included in this total.

October Report.

Hawkes Bay:

Napier—3 new members.

North Canterbury:

Linwood—9 new members.

New Brighton—1 on transfer.

Otago:

Mosgiel—3 new members.

L. M. MITCHELL,

Dominion Director of Membership.
 November 10th, 1938.

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CORRECTION.

In the September Beacon the photo over the name Dr. Ella Boole is not our World President. By mistake a photo of Mrs. Boxall, one of Wellington's earliest members, was substituted for Dr. Boole.

**NEW ZEALAND
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LICENSING POLL.

The Licensing Poll once more has been held and though there is nothing in it to cause exultant rejoicing there is much to give cause for thankfulness.

The figures distinctly show that the pendulum is swinging against the trade.

Continuance secured 501,420 votes which is 19,747 votes less than was recorded at last Poll in 1935. With a drop of nearly 20,000 in their vote the Liquor Trade cannot rejoice in a victory.

The vote for National Prohibition was 244,183, a gain of 1098 over the 1935 Poll. Not a victory but a distinct indication of victory to come.

State Purchase and Control got 94,205, a gain of 36,706 over their vote in 1935. Truly this is illuminating, 94,205 people are dissatisfied with the Liquor Trade and have cast their vote against it. Did they salve their conscience by going half way and voting "We don't want the Liquor Trade, but we do want Liquor." Did they imagine State Control would be an improvement on the present system. A W.C.T.U. officer said to us "I do hope we don't get State Control. I lived for years in Canada under State Control and it is much worse than our licensed liquor Trade."

An Australian told of a man who took managership of a State Hotel. His minister remonstrated with him upon going into such a business. He replied: "My wife and I believe we can run decent premises and we are going to keep to the law strictly." They kept such a respectable hotel that at the end of 3 months they were dismissed because the trade had decreased so much. Just so. To satisfy either brewers or State (it really doesn't matter which owns the hotel) the manager must sell beer and yet more beer, must increase trade, must secure young men and women to take the place of those who pass on.

Whoever sells alcohol sells a body-diseasing, mind beclouding, soul destroying poison.

The W.C.T.U. believes that the only remedy is Abolition of a Trade which refuses to be regulated and has never obeyed any law, human or divine.

We have enlisted till death or victory, and victory is nearer than many think. No sane person doubts the evils of the trade, but many consider them necessary evils. There we disagree because we do not believe in necessary evils in a world which God has made. "Thy Kingdom Come." "Thy Will be done on earth as in heaven." Thousands daily pray this prayer. Do they expect God to answer it? If they vote for Liquor Trade it has no place in God's Kingdom and must go before that kingdom can be established on earth. We are believing and expecting an outpouring of spiritual power which will sweep away these evils.

NO LICENSE AREAS.

We have great cause for thanksgiving in that all 12 areas remained dry and that 7 out of the 12 areas recorded a majority vote against Restoration. But the comparison between the vote for local prohibition and that for national prohibition causes one furiously to think.

These 12 areas gave 74,061 for local no license, but only 47,457 for the National issue, i.e. is 26,604 more for local than for national prohibition. When a good cause is defeated the only question its supporters need ask is: "When do we fight again?" We are already preparing for the next fight for they never fail who dare to try again. And glancing back over the many reforms won during the centuries long progress we agree with the poet who said:

"For freedom's battle once begun
Bequeathed by bleeding sire to son,
Though baffled oft, is ever won."



VERY IMPORTANT!

SUPTS. AND SECS. PLEASE NOTE INSTRUCTIONS.

111 Lonsdale Street,
New Brighton,
Christchurch.

Dear Sisters,—

Secretaries of all Local Unions will have received their Schedule from me before this is printed, and I do ask that these be filled in as fully as possible and returned to me, at the above address, at an early date.

Do not omit the numbers asked for nor the names and full Postal addresses of the Officers for the coming year.

Please see that Departmental Reports are sent in correctly, you will find names and addresses of all Dominion Superintendents on pages 48 and 49 of the Handbook. Reports of the Peace Dept. are to be forwarded to me as no one here has yet been appointed in place of Mrs. T. E. Taylor.

I am anxious to have my Annual Report as full and up-to-date as possible, will you help me in this by supplying the necessary information in good time.

Sincerely yours for Service.

L. M. MITCHELL,

Dominion Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sept. 1st-Oct. 1st, 1938.

Franchise Day Fund.

Wanganui Central, 2/7; Dunedin Central, 5/6; Balclutha, 4/-; Ponsonby, 10/-; Petone, 4/-; Ashburton, 9/-.

World's Missionary Fund.

Petone, 6/-; Dunedin Central, 2/6.

N.Z. Fund.

Greymouth, 10/-; Feilding, 7/-; Papanui, 10/-; Matakura, 7/11; St. Alban's, 4/6; Wanganui East, 8/1.

N.Z. Headquarter's Fund.

Ponsonby, 10/-; Tinwald, £2; Tua Marina, £1; Petone, 15/-; Nelson District Birthday League, £1/8; Tinwald, £1; Waianiwa, 19/6; Wanganui Central, £1; North Brighton, £1; Dunedin Central, £3/5/-; Warkworth, £1; Pukehuia, £1; Mt. Albert, £1.

Organising Fund.

Wanganui Central, £1/1/-; Auckland, £8/5/-; Matakura, £1/8/6; Pukehuia, 6/-; Mt. Albert, £2/5/-; Nelson, £15; Invercargill, £2/14/-; Ponsonby, £1/11/-; Remuera, £1/10/-; Ashburton, £2/17/6.

Maori Fund.

Ponsonby, 5/-; Dunedin Central, £1; Bluff, £1; Levin, 9/-; Mt. Albert, 10/-.

D. K. ROBINSON,

Assistant Treasurer.

Oct. 1st-Nov. 1st, 1938.

Franchise Day Fund.

Rangiora, 6/9; Christchurch, 13/9; Pahiatua, 11/-; Hastings, 18/10; River-
ton, 5/-; Napier, 10/-; Woolston, 4/-; Winton, 5/-.

World's Missionary Fund.

Rangiora, 17/4; Woolston, 5/6; River-
ton, 3/6; Hawera, 10/-; Blenheim, 5/-.

N.Z. FUND.

Riverton, 10/-; Tauranga, 2/6; Opawa, 10/-; Titirangi, 10/-; Masterton, £1; Winton, 5/-.

N.Z. Headquarter's Fund.

Waihi, £1/10/-; Mrs. Davidson (Wellington Central), £2; Lower Hutt, £3; Mt. Roskill, 10/-; Riverton, £1; Hawera, 10/-; Opotiki, £3; Auckland, £5; Wairoa, £1; Hamilton, 10/-; Titirangi, 10/-; Waimate, 19/-; Grey Lynn, 6/6; Dannevirke, £10; Henderson, £1/1/-; Well-wisher (Johnsonville), £1.

Organising Fund.

Feilding, £3/10/6; Leigh "Y," 13/-; Nelson, £1/1/-; Hamilton, 10/-; Titirangi, 15/-; Wellington, £5/6/6; Waimate, £6/3/-; Grey Lynn, £1/4/-; Wellington Central, £2/17/-; Masterton, 10/6; Temuka, £3/15/-; Winton, 7/6; Stratford, £1; Dargaville, £1/16/-; Ashburton, £1; Otahuhu, £3/1/6; Blenheim, £4; Palmerston North, £3/6/-; Onehunga, 13/-; North Invercargill, £1/13/-.

Maori Fund.

Ashburton, 15/-; Matakura, 15/-; Blenheim, 12/-; Feilding, 11/4; St. Alban's, 6/6; Tauranga, 12/-; Opawa, 3/6; Riverton, 5/-; Titirangi, 7/-; Warkworth, 10/-; Napier, 5/-; Wellington Central, 18/-; Woolston, 3/-; Winton, 5/-; Henderson, 10/-; Tinwald, 19/-; Pahiatua, 9/6; Rangiora, 4/1.

D. K. ROBINSON,

Assistant Treasurer.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

AUCKLAND.

With about 80 delegates attending, the 15th convention opened on Sept. 12 with an "At Home." Miss L. M. Read presided, welcomed delegates, members and friends.

Devotions led by Pastor Campbell. Many greetings received from representatives of kindred organisations. The Rev. J. F. Jack appealed to all present to stand firm to the ideals of the W.C.T.U.

A programme of musical and elocutionary items. Songs by Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. J. Walshe, Miss Alice Rimmer, Miss Peace, and Mr. W. Gard; recitations by Miss May Bruin, and pianoforte solos by Miss Paterson and Miss Binns.

Supper was served by members of executive.

On Sunday evening a Church Parade of delegates was held in the Pitt St. Methodist Church, when the service was conducted by the Rev. E. T. Olds.

Business session opened at 9 a.m. Miss L. M. Read presided, welcomed delegates.

Devotions led by Mrs. Christopher and a temperance fact given by Mrs. Carr.

Report of corresponding secretary by Mrs. J. Williams, and recording secretary by Mrs. Joiner. Membership throughout the Auckland district 613, an increase for the year of 83. The Little White Ribboners' report by Mrs. Williams showed an increase for the year of 62. A total of 1208.

Reports of the various Auckland branches were given.

Annual memorial service for all sisters of the various unions who had been called to higher service during the year was led by the district president, Miss L. M. Read. 61 delegates present. Presidential address by Miss Read, covered a great deal of ground dealing with world conditions of today, and with the danger in the streets of cities today caused by intoxicated motorists. District Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs. H. Kaspar; Vice Pres., Mrs. Pace; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Williams; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joiner; Dis. Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Lewis.

On Wednesday, at 10 a.m. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. Williams and the afternoon devotions by Miss A. M. McLay.

49 delegates present at the morning session and 47 at the afternoon session. The following reports from departments were received:—Evangelistic, Mrs. Christopher; L.T.L.s., Mrs. H. Kaspar; Notable Days, Mrs. Heard; Home Meetings, Mrs. Hayr; Back Blocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Anti-Gambling, Mrs. McCombs; Methods, Mrs. H. Kaspar; White Ribbon, Miss E. Kitt; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Hunter; Flower and Philanthropic, Mrs. Bragg; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Brewer; Auckland District "Y," Mrs. A. T. Lewis; Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance and Temperance Facts, Mrs. Carr; Educational

Bureau, Miss Dewar; Press, Mrs. J. Joiner.

Mrs. Holmes appointed Supt. of the Social and Moral Hygiene department and Mrs. Pace of the L.T.L.s.

The banner which was presented by Mrs. Kaspar for the best work done in the L.T.L. department was won by the Devonport Union, and the Silver Vase for the best work done in the Methods department was won by the Grey Lynn Union. Several resolutions were passed. Votes of thanks were accorded to:—Pastor Campbell and the Church Officers, the Rev. E. T. Olds, the district officers, the lady soloists, Mrs. Cropp, Mrs. Bragg, Miss Evans, Miss Wallace and Mrs. Roberts. Convention concluded with service in hymn book.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

The Annual Convention of the South Auckland District was held on Thursday, Sept. 29th, at Cambridge. The District President, Mrs. Christian of Tauranga conducted the business of the Convention which was attended by delegates from Hamilton, Cambridge, Waihi, Fencourt and Tauranga.

Speeches of welcome were made by the Mayor of Cambridge and by the ministers of the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches.

The morning devotions were led by Miss Appleby, the organiser, who urged members to pray, plan and work for the ideals of the Union.

The secretary's Report showed that much educative work was being done. At the Scientific Temperance Examination a Hamilton entrant, Miss Effie Mills of Melville had gained 96 per cent. of marks, and had won the gold medal. Outstanding work had been done by the Opotiki Union who have materially helped to provide a hot shower bath and a meal for young Maori footballers in order to keep them from the temptation of the hotel bars. Tauranga Union was giving temperance Education by means of cinema slides. Both Thames and Hamilton Branches distributed literature and the official organ. The White Ribbon is supplied to Plunket Rest Room and library. The Hamilton Branch with help of other women's organisations, had successfully carried out a street collection to raise funds to help in the proposed Maori Hostel in Hamilton, £100 being thus raised.

A gracious message of thanks on behalf of her Maori people was received from Princess Te Puea.

Devotions led by Capt. Houghton of the Salvation Army, her theme being: "Courage," stressing the fact that while physical strength is not always to be had, spiritual strength may always be obtained by grace and kept by compliance with spiritual laws.

Resolutions passed by Dominion Convention were re-affirmed.

Mrs. Paterson, the Dominion Vice-President, addressed the gathering. In a thoughtful speech she referred to

Frances Willard's Polyglot Petition against drink and drugs. An eminent doctor had declared that alcoholism must be put in the category of the world's worst diseases—T.B., cancer, rickets, venereal disease and alcoholism. We must have faith to go on working for our ideals—"Faith must never bend, but love must unbend."

Two vocal solos by Cambridge friends were much enjoyed as were morning and afternoon tea abundantly supplied by the Cambridge Union. An invitation from Hamilton for next convention was accepted.

Election of officers:—President, Mrs. Christian (Tauranga); Secretary, Mrs. Exley (Tauranga); Treasurer, Mrs. Page (Waihi); Vice-President, Mrs. Stephenson Craig (Hamilton); Hymn and Benediction brought Convention to a close.

HAWKES BAY.

Held at Napier Trinity Hall, Oct. 4th, 10 a.m. Morning tea on arrival. Delegates and members welcomed by Mrs. Lewis, Napier President. Devotions by Rev. Lambert. Subject, "What is in My Hand? A rod." Pointing out how at first Moses feared the rod, afterwards his stronghold. So we must go forth and not be discouraged in our work. Present: Mrs. Hickmott in Chair and with her Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lewis. Secretary, Mrs. Webb; Treasurer, Mrs. Smales. Number present morning session, 24, afternoon, 66. Delegates from Waipukurau, Waipawa, Hastings, Havelock North, Napier, Gisborne, Apologies, Wairoa, Dannevirke, Matokuku. Annual report read by Sec. and adopted, showing good work done by all Unions. Compiled from the reports of nine Unions in Hawkes Bay. Treasurer reported balance in hand of £16/11/5. Noontide devotions by Mrs. Smales, Waipukurau. Greetings from Hastings, Mrs. Peryman, Miss Kirk. Greetings to Mrs. Venables, Napier. Resolutions from Hastings and Napier. Presidents' address on "Why we Work." Afternoon address, Bishop Bennett. Chief points being that we believe we are on God's side in this matter, there is greater power than money, God is bound to be victorious over evil, He also spoke on the degrading effect of drinking on the young women folk of the country and they should be taught of the evils which they will have to face and fight when they become of age. Re drinking in Pa's, he said: "I am positive that drinking today among the Maoris is worse than 20 years ago. Also Hawkes Bay District is remarkably clean." He concluded by saying that there had been 1,000 people killed in N.Z. directly as a result of the liquor problem since the earthquake.

Correspondence, from Miss Henderson asking all Unions to ask their election candidates during meeting:—(1) will you oppose the granting of liquor licenses to Tourist resorts where, at present there is no liquor licenses, (2) will you oppose any attempt either

to abolish the Licensing Polls or to extend the time between Polls.

Letter writer, Mrs. Cunningham; Press Reporter, Mrs. W. B. Wilson; Mistress of Courtesy, Mrs. Wells. Minutes of last Convention were read and confirmed. Mrs. Hiett gave greeting from Dominion officers "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Correspondence was read. Treasurer's statement was submitted and was very satisfactory. Organiser's report of work in the district was read. Reports from following unions:—Blenheim, Picton, Springlands. Tua Marina, Canvas-town and Rai Valley all showed excellent work done. Excellent Y Branches at Spring Creek and Picton. Band of Hope report showed Blenheim is decreasing, Springlands is doing well, Tua Marina and Picton in excellent condition. White Ribbon report showed that 7 unions had a total for the district of 124. Blenheim won the banner for largest number of new subscribers. Cradle Roll report showed 6 unions doing good work. Mrs. Hiett stressed the importance of enclosing a leaflet for the mother with every C.R. card sent out. A very excellent address was given by the District President, Mrs. Wilson.

Noontide, hymn and prayers.

Luncheon adjournment.

Afternoon session opened with devotions by Mrs. Hiett.

Election of officers:—Pres: Mrs. Wilson. Vice-Pres: Mrs. Leov. Rec. Sec: Mrs. Underhill. Cor. Sec: Mrs. Harris. Treas: Mrs. A. M. R. Mills. Band of Hope: Mrs. G. Robinson. Y Supt: Mrs. A. Robinson. Peace: Mrs. J. Stewart. C.R. Supt: Mrs. E. Leslie.

A very fine and inspiring address was given by Mrs. Hiett and listened to with marked attention. Mrs. Hiett was very warmly thanked.

Mrs. Hiett presented the Y banner to Mrs. Powell for the Picton Branch.

Certificates for Temperance Exam were presented by the Dominion President to Dallas Burns, Mary Duffet, Jennifer and James Gregg, and Doreen Robertson, all of Picton. A recitation by Mrs. Forbes was much enjoyed.

The beautiful Closing Service brought the 1938 Convention to an end.

An invitation from Blenheim Union for 1939 Convention was accepted.

Resolutions passed:—

1. That this Convention commend the action taken by the Government regarding the suspension of pernicious literature.

2. That a paper or pamphlet be prepared for the purpose of teaching the facts of life to children.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Question Study for 15 mins., Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne taking part.

Noontide. Mrs. Smales conducted with hymn and prayer. Officers:—

Pres., Mrs. Hickmott; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lewis and Goffee; Secretary, Mrs. Webb; Treasurer, Mrs. Smales; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs. Gwynne; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Atherfold; Notable Days, Mrs. Pepperill; Maori, Mrs. Austin; Evangelistic, Mrs. Olsen. Votes of thanks. Collection, £1/15/0. Closed Benediction.

NORTH AND SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Mrs. H. M. Hall presided over Convention, which was held in Linwood Baptist Church, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13th and 14th.

Mrs. H. W. Robinson conducted the opening devotions, when the solo, "The Stranger of Galilee" was sung by Mrs. Woodward. 51 delegates answered the Roll, 7 being delegates for the first time.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Hiett, Mrs. Pirrett, Miss Blackwell, Linwood Ys, and Mr. C. N. R. Mackie. Motions of sympathy were passed with Mrs. H. W. Robinson, Mrs. S. E. Lowry, Mrs. Comyns, and the relatives of the late Miss Jessie Mackay and Archbishop Julius.

District Secretary's reports were presented by Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Woodward. These reports were discussed and adopted.

Five five minute papers were given as follows:—

Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs. Lowry; Pioneer Women, Mrs. Archer; Peace, Mrs. C. N. R. Mackie; Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg; Temperance, Mrs. Ryan.

These papers were very educational and votes of thanks were passed to the writers.

Eight superintendents of departments reported on the work in their individual departments, which showed good progress. The election of officers for North Canterbury resulted, as follows:—

Mrs. C. W. Barrell, President; Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, Vice-President; Mrs. R. Woodward, Secretary; Mrs. Atkins, Treasurer.

South Canterbury election resulted in all officers being re-elected.

Mrs. H. W. Robinson, President; Mrs. Cave, Vice-President; Mrs. Roy, Hon. Secretary; Mrs. Gillon, Treasurer.

Sister Alice spoke briefly on her work on the West Coast. Two new Unions were formed, Hokitika and Westport. All the other Unions were visited and new members gained. Several questions from the Question Box were satisfactorily answered by Miss Henderson, J.P. Owing to the lack of time, there was no new plans of work, but Mrs. Hall asked all Unions to distribute literature, and display posters where possible, also hold special prayer meetings up to the time of poll. The usual votes of thanks were passed including the President and members of Linwood Union who entertained Convention so royally.

Convention was brought to a close with a verse of "God be with you till we meet again," and the benediction.

RECEPTION TO DELEGATES.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 13th, a reception was given to delegates. Mrs. Mackie presided and Mrs. Hall welcomed delegates on behalf of North Canterbury. Musical and elocutionary items were given by visiting artists.

Welcome speeches were given by representatives of the local churches, Kindred Societies, and the National Council.

At the conclusion supper was served.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Wednesday evening, September 14th.

A public meeting was held on Wednesday evening, September 14th, when a stirring address was given by Rev. H. S. Kings on Temperance. Mr. C. N. R. Mackie followed with an address on the "Peace" question.

Votes of thanks were passed to both speakers for their splendid addresses.

Mrs. C. N. R. Mackie presided.

WELLINGTON.

Delegates from the Wellington District of the W.C.T.U. met in the Karori Methodist Church for their annual convention. In her opening remarks Mrs. Brewer (District President) asked members to stand for a few minutes silent prayer of thanksgiving that war had been averted. The doxology was then sung.

Mrs. Peryman led devotions, reading from II Kings 6:17, dealing with the prayer of Elisha for his servant that his eyes might be opened to see the mighty army of God surrounding them. She said that we could see marvellous things if our eyes were opened to see God in all around us.

Roll call was taken, and many apologies received, sickness claiming many members.

The President gave an outline of the preparation for the Congress of the Women's Pan Pacific Union. Several Branches reported having taken special collections for the Spanish Children's Relief Fund, and were all working for the coming Convention. Greetings were received from the Nelson District Convention and also from the Ys.

Comprehensive annual reports were given by the following Branches—Wellington, Wellington Central, Brooklyn, Island Bay, Karori, Petone, Lower Hutt, Masterton, Upper Hutt and Johnsonville.

During the Noontide recess, Mrs. Shearer, who has been a member for 43 years, was presented with a floral spray, which was pinned on by the President, who spoke in appreciation of her years' of service.

Election of officers:—President, Mrs. Brewer; Vice-President, Mrs. Lopdell; Secretary, Mrs. Gregg; Treasurer, Mrs. Sawden; District Membership Superintendent, Mrs. Tanner; District Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Butler; District "White Ribbon" Superintendent, Mrs. Pickering; Delegates to the National Council of Women, Mesdames Israel, Brewer, McBride, Mowlem, Peryman, Miss Kirk and Miss Atkinson.

Delegates then adjourned to the schoolroom where luncheon was served by the Karori Union.

Many visitors who were present at the afternoon session were given a

warm welcome. Mrs. Enting beautifully rendered a sacred solo, much appreciated.

An address given by Miss Kirk, J.P., disclosed that some of the results of the liquor traffic was shortage of food and clothes to many women and children, loss of life. We hear of the toll of the road, but do we hear of those who have died through taking excessive alcohol. Unless we are prepared to sacrifice a child of our own, or someone else's child, we must vote alcohol out. Miss Kirk stressed the point that dry areas did not want restoration in their districts again. Alcohol is not good as a food, nor is it a stimulant and hospitals have greatly reduced the quota per patient in their allowance of alcohol.

Votes of thanks were accorded Miss Kirk for her splendid address and to the Karori Branch for their hospitality. Afternoon tea brought the sessions to a close.

NELSON.

The Annual District Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Baptist Sunday School, Richmond, on Wednesday, September 28th, 1938, presided over by Mrs. J. H. Walker, District President. Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Unions were represented by 22 Convention members, while many members and friends attended both morning and afternoon sessions.

Mrs. Walker took opening devotions, reading from St. Matthew 5, stressing the words of the Master "Ye are the light of the world." Christians could only be lights so long as they received their oil from Him, a wick would fade away soon after being lit unless the lamp had oil in it to feed the wick. She emphasized the power of faith, faith in God was the key note of all Christian work. Miss Tarrant, president of Richmond Union, gave a welcome to Convention, with a special welcome to the visiting Dominion Officer, Miss C. E. Kirk, and then presented beautiful bouquets of spring flowers to Miss Kirk, Mrs. Walker and Miss Cooke, Nelson President. After repeating the pledge, the temperance fact was given by Mrs. Ross, being an extract from an article by the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Mowll.

Miss Kirk, recording secretary of the Dominion gave greetings from Mrs. Hiett and Mrs. Peryman and a message was read from Miss Henderson. The district secretary's report and the treasurer's balance were considered very satisfactory. Miss Kirk then gave an encouraging talk to members. She had noticed that unions were more awake to the value of prayer and she urged all members to exercise their belief in the power of prayer. There was much to hearten us, other Women's Organisations like the W.I. and the W.D.F.U. and the Townswomen's Guilds are strongly with us in the fight against the drink traffic. Many hints were given as to how to introduce and distribute literature and how

to do the educative work of the W.C.T.U. It is the only Women's Organisation that has been in existence over 50 years doing a steady work of educating all in Christian Temperance principles. A quantity of literature was distributed, members undertaking to give or post it to those in their near neighbourhood. Noontide devotions, the Nelson President, Miss F. J. Cooke, prayers being offered for the Dominion Officers, all Unions, leaders and members, for the sick and bereaved ones, for the young people voting for the first time, for the world's leaders, and for peace among the nations.

Afternoon session. Devotions by Mrs. J. K. Robinson who spoke of Joshua as an example of great courage. Miss Kirk's afternoon address was on "What is the value of the liquor traffic to any community, has it any?, of what use is it?" Rev. Every proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Kirk, seconded by Mrs. Saunders.

Reports of work for the year were given by the secretaries of Motueka, Richmond and Nelson and these showed that progress was being maintained in the various departments of the union. The lately formed branch at Takaka reported that its membership had increased from 5 to 13, but owing to its scattered area, found it most difficult to hold regular meetings.

A vocal solo: "Today and Tomorrow." was sung by Miss Lloyd and was much enjoyed, and the playette called "The Medicine Shelf," by five L.T.L. members was a splendid item. Two of the performers were the winners of the gold and silver medals in the Temperance Essay examinations held this year. Mrs. Andrews said 28/- had been sent to the Headquarters Fund from the Birthday League. Mrs. Gubb reported that Peace Day had been kept by all unions. Miss Tarrant said there were 36 babies on the Cradle Roll for outlying Districts and Mrs. Moyes spoke of the literature distributed in the Backblocks. The following District Officers were elected:—President, Mrs. J. H. Walker; Vice-Presidents, each Union's President; Secretary, Mrs. W. Andrews; Treasurer, Miss F. J. Cooke.

Morning and afternoon tea supplied by the ladies of the Richmond Churches was much appreciated.

The Benediction brought a very happy and worthwhile gathering to a close.

MARLBOROUGH.

Convention met in the Methodist Sunday School, Picton, on October 7th, 1938. There was a good number of delegates present. Welcome was extended by Mrs. Millen, President of Picton Union. Morning tea was provided by entertaining Union. Mrs. Wilson, District President, called Convention to order at 10 a.m. and led devotions. Special welcome to Mrs. Hiett, our Dominion President. Rev. Buck, on behalf of clergy, extended a welcome. Mrs. Wilson thanked Mrs. Millen and Rev. Buck for their welcome.

TEMPERANCE PAGEANT.

Under the auspices of the Auckland District a Temperance Pageant was held in the Beresford Street Congregational Hall, on Saturday, the 8th October.

This Pageant depicted the work of the W.C.T.U. in a great many countries of the world, and was illustrated by over 30 children from different L.T.Ls. and Bands of Hope, carrying banners showing the names of these countries. Quite a number of countries were further represented by the members of the various unions who were dressed in the costumes of the countries they represented. Britannia was represented by Mrs. Holmes, New Zealand by Mrs. Pace, Scotland by Miss Wallace, France by Mrs. Joiner, America by Mrs. Bragg, India by Mrs. Williams, Japan by Miss Cowan, China by Mrs. Allely, and Norway by Mrs. Tennant.

During the scenes musical items were rendered by Mrs. Kersey, Miss Alice Rimmer, Mrs. A. L. Lewis, Mrs. E. Rimmer, and the Rev. A. E. Orr.

The Pageant was under the direction of Mrs. H. Kaspar, Mrs. E. Rimmer and Mrs. A. L. Lewis. The accompanists were Mrs. N. Walker and Mrs. Crapp. The Auckland W.C.T.U. was represented by Mrs. Brocklehurst, Mrs. Heard and Mrs. McKinnie. A short temperance play was also given, those taking part being Miss Read, Miss Cowan, and Mr. Hill, also a little girl. During the evening a short talk on the work done by the W.C.T.U. was given by Mrs. Kaspar. While the solo, the "Old Rugged Cross" was being sung by Miss Alice Rimmer a young girl was seen clinging to the cross.



SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Nov. 7. A "School of Methods" was held in the Temperance room, by the Auckland District Union of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided. There was a good attendance of officers. Superintendents of Departments and representatives from the various Branches. At the morning session, "Parliamentary procedure," Chairmanship, Duties of officers and the development of self-confidence, Mental power and Personality were the subjects studied.

At the afternoon session the subject of "Food Reform" and its connection with alcoholism was the subject dealt with. Mrs. Tennett gave a very interesting address on the subject.

Mrs. Pace, the Secretary, was farewelled on her departure for Australia.

The Auckland District Union held a "School of Methods," on October 3rd. Mrs. H. Kaspar presided. The public speaking lesson was given and some of the members read parts for the Pageant. At the afternoon session a choir practice was held and the work of the Supts. explained, the Treasurer giving the stationery and postage for their work. The session closed with chain prayer.

News of the Union.

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Dargaville.—Oct. Evening meeting, 11 present, Mrs. Jolly presided. Tribute paid to the late Mrs. Simmons and sympathy expressed for the relatives. Appreciation for faithful work by Mrs. Hay as B. of H. Supt., regret at her removal. Miss Edmed, report of work done for Poll and the distribution of literature. One new member.

Maungakarama.—Oct. 19th. Mrs. Weir presided. 7 present. Devotions, Mrs. Purdee. Arrangements made for Convention. Decided to have a Bring and Buy at next meeting for school Bible lessons, Benzine Fund. Solo by Mrs. Harvey much enjoyed. Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. H. Walker served afternoon tea.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—Oct. 11. Maori Day observed, a collection taken for Maori fund. Mrs. Stimpson presided and expressed deep gratitude and thankfulness to God for the wonderful deliverance from War which seemed so imminent. She read an article written by Bishop Bennett on Our Native Race and his earnest appeal to the people of N.Z. to protect his people from the ravages of the Liquor traffic. Report of District Convention by delegates. Report of N.C.U. by Mrs. Swan. Mrs. Holmes reported upon the successful Temperance Pageant recently presented.

Auckland (Evening).—Oct. 10. Pay Up Social. Mrs. J. H. Patterson in chair. District Executive report by Mrs. Kasper. District Convention report by Mrs. McKay. Musical items rendered by Mrs. Patterson, Misses Evans and Cowan. Mrs. Tennent gave interesting talk on "Nutrition." Two new members. Benediction. Supper.

Birkenhead.—Oct. 6. At Mrs. Dingley's. President in chair. Devotions. Pledge. Temperance Fact given. Mrs. Williams gave a good report of the recent Dist. Convention. Hymn. Benediction. Mrs. Dingley kindly served afternoon tea.

Grey Lynn.—Oct. Mrs. Pace presided. Sister Grace spoke on Temperance. Mrs. Neal congratulated for increased membership of Cradle Roll.

Kohi-St. Helier's.—Sept. 28. Report of District Convention given by Mesdames Lediard and L. Eady. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on how the women won Franchise and deplored that so little use had been made of it. Mesdames McLaren and Mills, hostesses.

Kohi-St. Helier's.—Oct. 26. Good attendance. Mrs. Kasper spoke on Mental troubles caused by alcohol and other causes. Successful Bring and Buy. Solo by Mrs. Warburton. Children's Party on Dec. 10th. Thanks for hospitality to Mrs. Phillips.

Leigh.—Sept. 29. At Mrs. Grigg's. Fair attendance. Mrs. Yearbury read an article and gave the Temperance Fact. Interesting discussion on drink taken to the Public Hall on dance evenings. Resolved to send a letter of protest to the Chairman of the Hall Committee. Animated discussion on the coming Licensing Election. Hostesses, Mrs. Yearbury and Mrs. Grigg.

Mt. Eden.—Sept. Drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Pickering's. 30 present. Mrs. Brocklehurst led devotions and welcomed visitors. Solos by Mrs. Trendgold and Misses Mather and Rimmer. Recitations by Mrs. Poole. Mrs. Kasper spoke on "Why I am a Prohibitionist." Afternoon tea. Votes of thanks closed one of the best meetings yet held.

Onehunga.—Sept. 8. Good attendance. Earnest prayers, much business arranged. Decided to ask local Ministers to hold United Prayer Meetings, also to print sample Ballot paper, with two top lines struck out, in their Church magazines previous to Poll. Very interesting and instructive address by Miss Anita Webster on her travels in Central Europe.

Sept. 28. Evening "at Home" meeting at Church of Christ. Good programme of musical and elocutionary items, competition, and a very stirring address by Rev. J. O'phert.

Onehunga.—Oct. 13. Reports and Business. Reported members had assisted at Polling Booth. Enjoyable Home meeting on Oct. 25th., at Mrs. Petchell's. Sister Jessie told of her visit to Honolulu.

Otahuhu.—Oct. 20. Mrs. Eccersall presided. Devotions, Mrs. Vercoe. Mrs. Hutchinson gave interesting talk of work of Protection Society. Collection for Maori work.

Ponsonby.—Sept. 15. Miss Read presided. Good attendance. Miss Read is leaving for a holiday trip to Honolulu, and was presented with a bouquet. Sister Jessie just returned from Honolulu, spoke of life and work of people there.

Ponsonby.—Oct. 20. Miss Read presided. Officers elected for coming year. Pres., Miss Read; Vice-Pres., Sister Jessie and Miss S. Ryle; Sec., Mrs. Joiner; Treas., Miss Kitt. Miss Appleby spoke on our duty to our Maori people. 1 new member.

Remuera.—Oct. 18. Mrs. Kasper presided. Devotions, Mrs. Hallburton. Pledge. Temperance Fact. Report of Farewell to Miss Read. Maori Day observed. Mrs. Kasper spoke on Maori work and prayer offered for its success.

Titirangi.—Oct. Meeting held at "Quambi." Session of Prayer for Election and Licensing Poll and for World Peace. Experimental Temperance Fact demonstrating effect of alcohol on the Brain. Miss A. McLeay read a most interesting paper on "Winning the Franchise for Women." Collection for Maori Fund, 7/-. Afternoon tea.

Waiuku.—Oct. 12. At Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith's, at Kohe Kohe. Mrs. J. K. Hull presided, 22 present. Rev. Binet gave a splendid address on temperance matters, and Rev. Graham gave the Bible reading and a prayer. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Graham. Two new members, two Little White Ribboners enrolled. £2/14/6 raised for the Willard Children's Home.

Warkworth.—Oct. Maori Day meeting, at Mrs. Roke's. Fair attendance. Pledge affirmed. Facts about the W.C.T.U. repeated. Roll call. Competition—Bowl of flowers. Mrs. Roke, 1st; Miss Martin, 2nd. Rev. Hickman gave a very interesting talk on "Prohibition." Prohibition is our opportunity to help our weaker brothers. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Hamilton.—Oct. 6. Maori Day observed—article by Bishop Bennett read by secretary—temperance fact in the form of a recitation (only sixteen) by Mrs. Burnett. Agreed to help in a street collection on Nov. 1st for Sunshine League, organised by Women's Institutes. A very fine and exhaustive report of District Convention compiled by Mrs. Robertson was read by the president in Mrs. Robertson's enforced absence. The resignation of Mrs. Bartlett as President was accepted with regret. Thanks for her help and devotion to the cause. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. J. Davey for his help in the Union's efforts for Maori hostel was carried. Afternoon tea.

Te Awamutu.—Sept. 15th. Fair day. Good attendance. Mrs. W. Alexander occupied chair. Mrs. Cruickshank spoke on Faith and Prayer, and time was spent in prayer to God that the people might be led to record their votes aright on the license question—quite a number of ladies prayed. Report of Mrs. Kasper's meeting in Hamilton. President drew attention to S.A. W.C.T.U. Conference to be held in Cambridge and asked for a good representation. Snapdragon seeds received from Michigan were taken to be planted and distributed to members. Hymn. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Taurarunui.—Oct. 13. Sister Allison in chair. Good attendance of members. Sister Allison opened with devotions. Business regarding the work in hand for the election campaign was dealt with. Mrs. Capt. Hay gave a most interesting Bible talk. Meeting closed with the affirmation of our pledge.

Tauranga.—Oct. Annual meeting. Fair attendance. All officers re-elected with unanimous approval. Various reports read, and adopted. Arranged we send a regular copy of the White Ribbon to the Women's Institute Club Rooms, and also one to Women's Public Rest rooms. Arranged the W.C.T.U. and the Cradle Roll, both re-open with the same Garden Party next year. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Tauranga.—Oct. 4. Good attendance. Mrs. Christian in chair. Circular relating to keeping the Sunday Schools open during the holidays approved. Nasturtium seeds distributed. Fine address by Sister Francis of Ngaruawahia. Various facts relating to

the Maoris, given by members. Collection taken up for Maori fund. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth.—Sept. 8. Meeting well attended. Mrs. Jamieson presided. Pay Up social. Temperance Fact. Devotions, Mrs. Elliot. Two questions re liquor trade to be sent to local Parliamentary candidates before the poll. Rev. V. Mead gave a talk on Australia, remarking on the large Temperance Hotel in Brisbane which is a huge success. Miss Drew thanked the speaker. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

New Plymouth.—Nov. 2. Good attendance. Mrs. Jamieson (chair). Sympathy with relatives of late member, Mrs. Winhurst. Maori Day. Solo by Mrs. Hawkins. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Stratford.—During the month we entertained the members of the W.D.F.U. Rev. Mr. Paterson addressed the ladies on "Social Problems." Two solos rendered. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy for Headquarter's Fund early in New Year. 11 sent to Organising fund. Busy with The Campaign. One new member. 12/6 donated to Prize for "Road Safety" Essay. Mrs. McCallum farewelled. A faithful worker for over 20 years.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Aramoho.—Sept. 29. President in the chair. Sympathy and hopes for speedy recovery sent to Mrs. Good and Mrs. Tizard. Thanks to collectors. In response to appeal for Makogai lepers one member donated gramophone and records. Gifts to be sent to Porirua Mental Hospital. Scrutineers arranged for, also refreshments to workers on election day. Social afternoon to be held early in November. Mrs. Greig gave report of District Convention. Aramoho invited next Convention. Afternoon tea.

Aramoho.—Oct. 27. Mrs. Hallan in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Greig. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Read. Arrangements for Annual Social Afternoon, on November 16th. Proceeds to be devoted to Headquarter's Fund. Allocation of Monies made. Chaplain Fraser gave a very interesting talk on the Maori race and was heartily thanked. Afternoon tea. Mesdames Walker and Withers.

Wanganui Central.—Oct. 6. Devotions, Mrs. L. Wilson. President took the chair and gave a welcome to all. Mrs. Blake gave the Scientific Fact, taken from the White Ribbon. Mrs. Grinstead, Sup. S.S. Temperance, reported only two replies received to her appeal. Mrs. Laird to be scrutineer on Polling Day. Two new "White Ribbon" subscribers received. Maori Day observed and Chaplain Fraser (native) gave a most interesting address dealing with the coming of Christianity to N.Z. when Rev. Marsden gave the first Gospel address to the Maoris on Xmas Day in 1814. But unfortunately with the coming of the white man came the vices of the European including the introduction of alcoholic liquor which has so shamefully degraded the noble Maori. By request he also gave a hymn and invited all to join heartily in the chorus. Offering received towards Maori work. President announced Annual Meeting next month, also Sale of Work.

Wanganui Central.—Oct. 7. Fair attendance. Mrs. R. Wilson, devotions, and also gave the scientific Fact, taken from White Ribbon. Report of District Executive by president. Election of officers and Supts. of departments. Mrs. A. H. Duxfield, Pres.; Mesdames Upton, Goodey, and R. Wilby; Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Les. Wilson, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Laird, Rec. Sec.; Treasurer held over. Annual report and Balance Sheet to be presented next month. Donation of £4 given towards adopting a Chinese orphan for one year. Members regretfully heard of the illness of Mrs. Heatley, a loyal and faithful member. Hostesses for Dec., Mesdames Laird and Duxfield. Bring and Buy did good business.

Wanganui East.—Sept. 13. Mrs. Day presided. Good attendance. Devotions by Mrs. Ogier. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Day reported on Dominion Executive meeting. Rev. T. Weston spoke on "Where there is no vision the people perish." He was heartily thanked. Benediction.

Wanganui East.—Oct. 13. Mrs. Day presided. Good attendance. Devotions by Mrs.

Hoare, who read paper on "Remnants of Life." Temperance fact, Mrs. Horsley. Cradle Roll Party on Nov. 5. Mrs. Carter gave report on District Convention. Appreciation of Mrs. Beck's help as Evangelistic Supt.

HAWKES BAY DISTRICT.

Hastings.—Sept. 29. Franchise Day celebrated with an open afternoon. Attendance good. Mrs. J. B. Campbell gave a very fine address. Two soloists, Mrs. Kees Kemp and Mrs. Colin Bartle (daughters of former White Ribboners).

Oct. 3. Special evening meeting for business. Few present. Decided to distribute leaflets etc. for campaign purposes. Reports received. Special Orphanage afternoon held.

Hastings.—October 27. Good attendance. Address given by Rev. F. W. Marshall, from text: "Other Sheep I have." An inspiring appeal for more work and workers for Maori people. Good collection. 2 new members. Decided send congratulations to newly elected Woman M.P. for Wellington West.

Havelock.—Oct. 28. At Mrs. Webb's. 5 present. Apologies (2). Devotions, Pres., Miss Hill. Prayers by members. Annual meeting, Nov. 23. Delegates report from Napier Convention. District President to preside at Annual Meeting. 3 members collected 19/6 for Headquarters' Fund. Bring and Buy 10/- for same object. Tea. Benediction.

Napier.—Oct. 18. Mrs. Lewis presided. Fair attendance. Delegates to District Convention, Mesdames Ennor and Bruce, gave interesting reports. Sympathy with Mrs. Robinson in loss of her husband. Miss Jerome Spencer, O.B.E., gave an interesting travel talk on two trips to Islands South of Stewart Island with a party of Naturalists. Three new members. A letter read from Mrs. Thompson, of China Inland Mission.

Waipukurau.—Oct. Mrs. Snales presided. 8 members present. Report of Convention read. Nominations received for officers. As we meet on 4th Thursday no meeting will be held in December.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Feilding.—Oct. Mrs. Spence presided. Devotions, Mrs. Wright. Report of District Convention by Mrs. Wright. C.R. Day. Good attendance. Pastor Falla gave address. Items by the children much enjoyed. Sweets and balloons given to children. Happy meeting closed with prayer.

Levin.—Oct. 14. Mrs. Kennedy presided. Devotions by Mrs. Roberts. Helpful and encouraging address by Mrs. H. Paterson. Interesting programme by several members of L.T.L. Spray presented to speaker by Mrs. Nye. Successful Bring and Buy. Apron competition winners, plain, Mrs. Dennis; fancy, Miss K. Dennis. Hostesses, Mesdames Andricksen, Henskie and W. Ransom. Prayer and Benediction.

Palmerston North.—President in chair. Devotions, Mrs. (Major) Taylor. Fact, Miss Sutherland. Greetings from W.C.T.U. of Sunshine, Victoria. Miss Thompson reported on C.R. Party and helpers thanked. Mrs. Carter reported on work done on Election Day. Solo, Miss Long. Inspiring address by Mrs. Taylor. 1 new member. Hostesses, Mesdames Hardisty and Dyer and Miss Pihmer.

Palmerston North.—Oct. 4th. Pres. in chair. Devotions. Scientific fact and Pledge, Miss Sutherland. Reports on Dist. Convention, Mesdames Carter and Beggs. Arrangements made for Cradle Roll Party, Oct. 8th. Committee appointed to help with catering for scrutineers on Polling day. Songs by Mrs. Maule. Mrs. Hulbert, 1st Pres. of Northcote Branch, spoke a few words in reply to welcome. A mock Ballot then took place in order to assist members to vote correctly at the coming Poll. Afternoon tea. Hostesses, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Thompson. Good attendance. Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—Oct. Mrs. Reed presiding. Devotions by Mrs. Raine. Votes of sympathy with Mesdames Gilling and Bateman in recent sad bereavements. Temperance fact, Mrs. Jordan. Brief resume of licensing Poll results by Mrs. Reed. Mesdames Raine and Pearce gave interesting reports of An-

nual Dist. Convention. Address on our Maori work by Mrs. Brewer. Arrangements made for jumble sale and social afternoon, also for a children's party for "Y Supplement" competitions. Baptist ladies hostesses.

Brooklyn.—Sept. Large attendance. Chain prayers for success of licensing poll campaign. Every house in Brooklyn district supplied with literature by our union. Posters displayed. United prayer-meetings after church services. Mesdames Raine and Pearce delegates to Annual District Convention to be held at Karori. Address on "How we won the Franchise in N.Z." by Mrs. Baudinet. Jumble sale arranged for Dom. Convention funds. Afternoon tea by Presbyterian ladies.

Carterton.—Oct. 5. 15 members present. Mrs. Tyler presided. Mrs. Peters offered a Thanksgiving Prayer and The Crusade Psalm was read. Mrs. Church spoke of W.C.T.U. work in the Old Country most interesting. Tea served. Benediction.

Lower Hutt.—Sept. 28. President in the chair. Devotions Mrs. Swift. Business for polling done. Decided to put an appeal in the Hutt News, which is delivered to every household signed by President and Secretary, re temperance lessons in S. Schools. A letter from Union sent to Ministers fraternal. For Headquarters decided to send 13. Mrs. Heyes and Teasdale appointed delegates to District Convention. Decided to vote that present district officers be re-elected.

Lower Hutt.—Oct. 26. Mrs. Crawford presided. Mrs. Swift, Devotions. Small attendance. Mrs. Feyes gave a report of the District Convention. Several members gave readings and papers. Hostesses, Mesdames Teasdale and Clark. Decided to hold the Cradle Roll Party the last Saturday in November. Benediction.

Wellington.—Nov. 3rd. President in chair. Devotions, Miss Kirk. "Break up your fallow ground." Mrs. Mowlem told of Queensland Temperance League's successful venture into hotel running on temperance lines. Stall for Convention Funds.

Wellington Central.—Oct. 19. The President, Mrs. Israel, was in the chair, and Mrs. Weldon led devotions. A hearty welcome back from Australia given to Mrs. Harry, who carried the following greeting from the W.C.T.U. in Perth, Western Australia:—"Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Hospital visitors for month are Mesdames Davidson and Weldon. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Sired for holding a Drawing room meeting at her home in Roseneath, when Mrs. Perryman spoke of the work of women in the Temperance Cause, and songs were rendered by Mrs. Andrew and Miss Low. Going Maori day Mrs. Perryman explained that she had asked both Lady Pomare and Mrs. H. D. Bennett to speak of the Maori work, but neither had been able to come. However, we hope to be able to hear them in the future, and learn how we can help our Maori sisters in the future. Miss Hendrickson gave great pleasure by her rendering of two pianoforte solos. Hostesses for the afternoon were Miss Dyson, Mesdames Webb and Cullen.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—Oct. 11. "Maori Day." President in the chair. Very good attendance. Devotions, Temperance Fact. Sympathy passed to bereaved members. Good reports by delegates to District Convention. Donated £1 to "Maori Fund." Jumble Sale to be held Nov. 2.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim.—Oct. 1. Mrs. Girling presided. Splendid attendance of members and friends. Beautiful paper on "Prayer" by Mrs. Stewart. Songs by Mrs. Underhill and Mrs. Rose and Miss M. Mills. Proceeds from "Bring and Buy" stall, and afternoon tea, £4. A member from another branch linked up with us.

Blenheim.—Nov. 2. Annual Meeting. Very wet weather. Mrs. Girling presided. 13 members. Satisfactory reports of year's work. Vote of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Braddock for her long and faithful service as an officer. Inspiring report of District Convention given by Mrs. Stephens. Mrs. Hiett, while in Blenheim presented long service badge to Mrs. Fisher. Thanking and peace meeting, Dec. 6. Address,

Rev. A. Whitelaw. Musical programme. Afternoon tea and stall. Effort for Headquarters' Fund.

Springlands.—18th. Mrs. V. Underhill presided. Attendance fair. Mrs. Cunningham gave report of the District Convention. President said it was gratifying to know that the no-license areas would still remain so, but more determination to carry on the work of education and uplift was needed. Several members spoke in relation to the subject. Annual meeting in Nov.

Taa Marina.—Oct. 18. Annual meeting. 11 present. Good reports of year's work given. Solos by Mrs. Carr much appreciated. 1 new member. Officers elected:—Pres. Mrs. Harris; Vice Pres., Mrs. Burroughs and Mrs. Smith; Sec., Mrs. Knight; Evangelistic, Mrs. Robinson; W.R., Mrs. Smith; C.R., Mrs. White; Peace, Mrs. Carr; Press Reporter, Mrs. Lucas. Sprays sent to absent members and letter of appreciation to Miss Tarrant.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—Sept. 28. Franchise Day Major Brice gave a helpful address. Members offered help in Kindergarten Street Day collection. Votes of sympathy to relatives of Archbishop Julius and Mrs. Harris. Members took posters for S.S. rooms and literature for distribution.

Christchurch.—Oct. 12. Miss Henderson presided. Sympathy with bereaved members. Report on mental hospital visiting. Mrs. Wood gave report of Provincial Convention.

Oct. 28. Miss Henderson gave interesting figures in connection with licensing poll. Address on Maori work by Miss Henderson telling of great help given by Y branches to Presbyterian and Methodist sisters.

Linwood.—Sept. President presiding. Good attendance. Mrs. J. Black gave her impressions of the recent District Convention and Mrs. Fuller, the Scientific Fact. Mesdames Anstice and Robinson rendered an elocutionary item and songs respectively. The President gave a short paper on the subject "We come to Uplift," taking the initial letters of the words, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and also a talk on Our Pledge. Three new members joined. Decided to purchase literature and systematically distribute it. Benediction. During the month the President organised a Social gathering at Ballantyne's in honour of two members Mesdames Anstice and Black, and a very happy time was spent. Both ladies were the recipients of a book each. The "Y" Branch held a combined meeting at Linwood when Sister Alice gave an inspiring address and one new member was received. Arrangements are in hand for a "Y" Camp to be held at Heathcote on Labour Day week-end. The President is entertaining all helpers at Convention at her home on the 8th inst.

North Brighton.—Sept. 29. Mrs. D. Goidman in chair. Sympathy with Mrs. H. Irwin in bereavement, also to relatives of late Miss Jessie Mackay and Bishop Julius. Scientific Fact by Mrs. Noonan. Band of Hope work reported on by Mrs. A. Noonan and Mental Hospital visiting by Mrs. L. Pepperell. Mrs. M. R. Claridge reported that two big parcels had been sent to Sister Morgan's Maori Mission. Report of Convention was given by Mrs. R. Parker. Benediction.

Oct. 19th. "Bring and Buy" afternoon to augment funds for the purchase of gifts for the Mental Hospital. Devotions, Mrs. J. H. McIlraith, Scientific Fact, Mrs. A. Noonan. Miss Henderson gave an address on "Maori Mission Work." Benediction.

Oxford.—Oct. 19. Good attendance. Devotions. Sacred solo by Miss Jean Comyns. Sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss E. Meyer. Thanks to Mrs. Lowe and the Band of Hope Committee, and appreciation was expressed of their work for the children. Annual meeting, when all Supts. reports to be presented next month. Mrs. H. Cederman gave a report of the Provincial Convention. Collection for Maori Fund.

Papanui.—Sept. 30. Mrs. Graham presided. Good attendance. Arrangements made for Cradle Roll meeting to be held in Oct. Report on Convention was given. Afternoon tea served.

Papanui.—Oct. 26. Annual Cradle Roll meeting. Devotions, Mrs. Carr. Mrs. Gra-

ham presided over a good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs. Machin, a member of the Pan-Pacific delegation, gave an interesting Travel Talk on her visit to Honolulu and Canada. Afternoon tea. Each child received sweets and a balloon.

Riccarton.—Sept. 8. Attendance 19. - Devotions, Mrs. Harris. Votes of sympathy to relatives of late Miss Jessie Mackay and late Bishop Julius. Satisfactory reports on Mental Hospital and Band of Hope given. Children gained 12 prizes at Band of Hope competitions. Two sacks of clothing sent to Maori Mission at Opotiki. Temperance Films on Scientific Facts and "How to Vote" being screened at local Picture Theatre. Brigadier Mrs. Grey addressed the meeting, speaking of the untiring work done in the various Homes under the control of the Salvation Army, there being 33 Homes, 200 institutions and 600 officers in New Zealand. Literature distributed. Hostesses, Mesdames Donaldson and Laughlin.

Riccarton.—Oct. 13. Cradle Roll Day. Good attendance of mothers and children. Congratulations to Mrs. C. W. Barrell, President, on her appointment to District President. Arrangements made for churches in the District to be left open for Prayer on Pleading Day. Band of Hope members rendered items, the following taking part. Helen Rendell, Betty Piper, Betty Brown, Dorothy Turner, Jim Rendell, Brian Gainsford and Ian Hayes. Members assisting with provisions etc. for Y camp, at Heathcote, Labour week-end. Despite a wet night, good Band of Hope meeting had been held. Visits paid to Mental Hospital. Miss Hammond gave an address on Dr. Barnardo's Homes and Nursery Schools. Literature distributed, also toys to the children. Members dispensed afternoon tea.

Rangiora.—Sept. 18th. Mrs. H. Ryan presided. Devotions, Miss C. S. Ayers. Solo, Mrs. Horsley. Sympathy with Mrs. Logan in the death of her husband. Arrangements made for the Women's meeting, day before Poll. Reports of District Convention given by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ellis. Bring and Buy. Collection for N.Z. Fund.

Reefton.—Oct. 11. Mrs. Thompson presided. Good attendance. Flower seeds received from Miss Kirk. Mesdames Waddell and Ebbert to plant same. Treasurer reported 10/- sent towards memorial to Mrs. McCombs. Decided to celebrate 11th Birthday next month. Balance on hand to be sent to Headquarters' fund.

Sydenham.—Oct. 7. Mrs. J. K. Archer presided. Devotions and temperance fact, Mrs. Davies. Reports on mental hospital visiting, district executives' meeting and on contributions towards the E. R. McCombs Memorial Fund. Mrs. Davies (delegate) gave a concise report on the recent Provincial Convention. Solos by Mrs. Reeve. Maori Day. Most interesting and instructive address on "The Maori—his origin, characteristics, religion, customs and legends," given by Mrs. Taylor. A special "Maori Day" collection taken up, hearty vote of thanks to speaker. Benediction.

Spreydon.—Oct. 11, at 7.30 p.m. Good attendance. Presided over by Mrs. Ancall. Great regret at losing Mrs. Goring, a Vice-President who is leaving the district. Appreciation of her work. Mrs. Bowden gave report of the District Convention and received thanks. Mrs. Gemmel and Mrs. Billcliff dispensed supper. Short prayer meeting.

Woolston.—Sept. 27. President presiding. Rev. French took the Devotions. Mrs. Ramsay read the paper of Bishop Bennett's on the native race. Mrs. Lawson gave report of the District Convention. Collection of 4/- for N.Z. Fund. Benediction.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Ashburton.—Oct. 4. Miss Jackson presided. Good attendance. Sympathy with Mrs. Drayton, Mrs. Oliver, and relatives of late Mrs. Hansen. Financial statement by treasurer. Special afternoon arranged for October 28. Maori Day, a collection taken for Maori Fund. Address by Mr. G. Andrews on Maori race their life and character and received a hearty vote of thanks. Arrangements for taking charge of Women's Rest Tent and the A. and P. Show.

Ashburton.—Nov. 1. Sister Mildred presided. Welcome to Mrs. Livingstone, a transfer from Mosgiel. Decided to take up collection for Chinese Refugee children. Special effort raised £7. Letter of congratulations to Borough Council on opening of new Women's Rest Room. Mrs. Tinker spoke on N.C.W. and Mrs. Aitkenhead reported on Provincial Convention. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Rakaia.—Oct. 13. Pres. Miss Oakley presided. Good attendance of 45 friends and members. A very interesting address by Mrs. Moss, a former Maori deaconess, on "The Havoc caused by drink among the Maoris." A sales table, in aid of Headquarters' Fund realised over 15. Annual meeting in Nov. Afternoon tea, all members being hostesses.

Temuka.—Oct. 26. Mrs. Hewson presided. 14 present. Mrs. Douglas, devotions. Arrangements for Garden Sale to be held shortly. Prayers offered for sick members. Letters of cheer to go to two aged members. Pledge repeated. Afternoon tea. Prayer and Benediction.

Timaru.—Oct. Miss Fyfe presided. Fair attendance. Band of Hope and Loyal Temperance Legion superintendents reported good progress in work. Headquarters devoted a silver cup for competition between the two classes. Special Collection for Chinese refugee fund amounted to £1/1/- forwarded to Mayor's Fund. Decided to proceed with painting and renovation of Sailor's Rest. Mrs. Thomson gave a special report of devotional sessions at recent convention at Linwood.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Balclutha.—Nov. 1. Annual Meeting, fair attendance. Hymn, prayer, and talk by Mrs. Miller on "Thankfulness." Annual report of branch read and adopted. Band of Hope discussed. Doxology. Benediction. Afternoon tea. Officers elected: Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clark and Dawson; Sec., Mrs. Moody; Treas., Mrs. Tie; Band of Hope Sec., Mrs. Tie; Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U., Mrs. Gegg.

Dunedin Central.—October 4. Mrs. Hiatt presided, good attendance, reports of District Convention given by Miss Macandrew and others. Members urged to spend much time in prayer. Arrangements made for distributing literature.

Kaikorā.—Sept. 28. A fair amount of business was done. A small booklet was read by the President. Leaflets were distributed among members. Final arrangements made about the forthcoming District Convention. The captain of the Local Salvation Army Corps gave a short talk on the work being done by them with regard to the coming election. Afternoon tea.

Kaikorā.—Oct. 26. Well attended and though the result of the poll was not what we would wish, yet we mean to go forward knowing that victory would come "some glad day." Mrs. Adcock read the report of District Convention, listened to with interest. Afternoon tea.

Lawrence.—Oct. 4. Attendance fair. Mrs. J. McKinlay presided. Details arranged for the poll. Also questions to be put to the candidates for the coming election. Sister Alice Hatcher's visit also arranged for Benediction.

Mosgiel.—Sept. 27. Mrs. Graham presided. Attendance fair. Pay up social about 20th November. Interesting reports of District Convention by delegates.

North East Valley.—Sept. Miss Grey presided over a good attendance. Mesdames Sanders and Bruce and Miss Begg were presented with long service badges. This was the first function of the kind in connection with the Valley Union which was formed just thirty years ago. The recipients briefly responded. Miss Campbell addressed the meeting on the evil effects of the licensed liquor trade on the Maoris in certain areas of the North Island. It being a special day afternoon tea was served and a social chat enjoyed by all.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Gore.—Sept. 27. Good attendance, Mrs. E. C. Smith presided. A time was spent in prayer for world affairs. Decided to have extra meetings for prayer until the election.

The Rev. A. L. Kent spoke relative to the coming poll. Members to help to distribute literature. Benediction.

Gore.—Oct. 26. Good attendance. Mrs. J. C. Smith presided. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Rev. A. T. Kent for his interesting and instructive address on a "Forward Campaign for Temperance." Time of special prayer. Decided to send £1 to Maori Fund. Motions of sympathy passed. Members asked to attend the Annual District Convention in Invercargill, on Nov. 23. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Invercargill Central.—Oct. 5. Mrs. R. R. McGregor presiding. Fair attendance. Mrs. Gilmour lead Devotions. Ordinary business, rest of time devoted to prayer meeting for forthcoming poll. Hostesses for Afternoon tea, Mesdames McGregor, Brown and Ayson. Distribution of leaflets.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday, at 2 p.m., in S.S. Union Buildings, Upper Queen Street. Pres., Miss Read, 6 Bellevue Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs. William Arnley, Northcote, N.4.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. C. Alley, Queen Street, Northcote, N.4.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Street, Auckland, W.I.; Treas., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, 1 Oaklands Road, Auckland, S.2.

AKAMOHU, last Thursday, St. David's Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cheswas; Sec., Mrs. H. Good, 2 Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs. F. Read; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Walker, Paterson Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sleight, Stewart Street.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. M. Jackson, Cox Street, Ashburton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Buckler, 215 Cameron Street; Cor. Sec. and L.W.R., Mrs. Harwood; Treas., Mrs. G. Tullock, Peter Street West, Ashburton; W.R. Agent, Miss A. E. Watson, 84 Cameron Street, Ashburton.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, in the Club Room, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Stimpson, "Hinemoa," 8 Alfred Street, Auckland, C.1.; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, 37 Sentinel Road, Herne Bay, W.I.; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungate Street, Remuera, S.E.2.; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND "Y's," 1st Saturday, 7.30 p.m., in Newton East Hall. Pres., Mr. J. Smith; Sec., Miss V. Hullah, 8 Fourth Street, Auckland, S.W.1.; Treas., Miss D. Purdy; Beccol and W.R. Agent, Miss Appleby.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., in Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. Winn, Glasgow Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Moody; Treas. and Sec., Mrs. Tie, Gordon Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Clark.

BIRKENHEAD, 1st Thursday, Zion Hill, Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hannam, Wairoa Ave, Birkenhead, Sec., Miss Tozer, C/o 1 Arawa Street, Birkenhead, N.5.; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dingley, Hauraki Road; C.K. Supt., Mrs. Chappell; Evangelistic, Mrs. Hall.

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. Braddock, Maxwell Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. Forbes; Treas., Mrs. P. A. S. Stephens, Howick Road; C.R. Supt., Mrs. H. Dunckley, Arthur Street, W.R. Agent, Mrs. L. Hodgerson, Beaver Road.

BLUFF, 1st Thursday, in Willard Hall, at 2.30 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, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. G. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe Street; Sec., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs. N. C. Fraser, River Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. N. Clark, 22 Nelson Street; C.R. Supt., Mrs. F. Good, Victoria Street.

BROOKLYN, meets last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Reed, 6 Bruce Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cresswell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Prussing, 119 Burke Street; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; W.R. Agent, M. S. Pickering; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Butler.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straves 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., Mrs. Peters; Cradle Roll, Miss Edwards; Devotional, Mrs. Every; W.R., Miss Waterson.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th Thursday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Sec., Mrs. C. A. Kemsley, Bryce Street; Treas., Mrs. Wesley Hooker, Queen Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Melville, Victoria Road.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Pres., Mrs. E. Paviour Smith; Sec., Mrs. Waite, Methodist Parsonage; Treas., Mrs. A. Lee, Waterloo Street.

DARGAVILLE, meets second Tuesday, 2 p.m., in Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. R. L. Bonner; Sec., Miss Van Renen; Treas., Mrs. G. Jolly; C.R. Supt., Mrs. F. Wordsworth; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Brady; Band of Hope Supts., Mesdames Hilliam, Stewart and Hope.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. A. Botting, 283 Macandrew Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Maxwell, 17 Opoho Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cherry, 6 City Road, Roslyn; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 11 Duke Street, N.E.1.; Press Reporter and Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, 41 Oakland Street, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Millar, 39 Oates Street, Roslyn.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs. Donaldson, 1 Perth Avenue, C.2.; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hayward, 52 Fitzroy Street; Cor. Sec., Miss McCarthy, 18 Albert Street, St. Kilda, C.2.; Treas., Miss Ford, 29 Burke Street, Mornington, W.1.

ELTHAM, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. N. J. Williams, Railway Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Stanners; Sec., Mrs. M. M. Mehrtens, London Street; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Libeau, Collingwood Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, London Street.

EDEN, meets 3rd Wednesday, Dominion Road Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. G. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fenton, Auld and Higgett; Sec., Mrs. J. C. Chappell, 73 Grange Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Evans, 56 King Edward Street, Mt. Eden; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Higgett, Tramere Road, Sandringham.

FEILDING, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Spence, Gray St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Reeve, Pack and Hughes; Treas., Mrs. Kenovan, Gray Street; Sec., Mrs. Kendall, Box 112, Feilding; C.R., Mrs. Heske, h, Gray St., Mrs. Whicker, Kawa Kawa Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss Watt, Gray St.; Devotional, Mrs. Wright.

GERALDINE, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. Borrell; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Coursey and Capt. Dixon; Sec., Mrs. Norton; Treas., Mrs. W. Prattley; C.R. Supt., Mrs. E. G. Keeble; W.R. Agent, Mrs. H. J. Alley; Devotions, Mrs. Coursey.

GORE, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Afton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Baldey, 6 Surrey Street; Cor. Sec., Miss Robertson, 33 Courts Road; Treas., Mrs. McAskill, Halton Street; C.R., Mesdames Smith and Brock; W.R. Agent, Mrs. T. Steverson, Canning Street.

GREY LYNN, 2nd Wednesday, S.A. Hall 2 B.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Pace; Sec., Mrs. Holroyd; Fisherton Street, Grey Lynn, W.2.; Treas., Mrs. Lewis, 5 Stanmore Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gaddis, 26 Wilson Street; C.R., Mrs. Neal; Maori Miss Lovatt.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thomas, Foote and Morris; Sec. and Scien. Fact., Mrs. Wallen, 31 Dalrymple Street; Treas., Mrs. Morris, c/o Mrs. Thomas, 178 Russell Street.

GONVILLE, meets 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, Cambridge Street. Pres., Mrs. Newton 1 Tawa Street; Sec., Mrs. Hussey, 5 Watkin Street, Wanganui; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hammond, 75 Alma Road, Wanganui.

HAWERA, meets Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist B.C. Room. Sec., Mrs. O. Hartmann, 23 Victoria Street; Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 College Street.

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London Street. Pres., Mrs. Bartlett, Ulster Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Burnett; Sec., Mrs. Stephenson Craig, 11 Peachgrove Road; Treas., Mrs. Davey, 53 London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Bradley, Box 12, Hamilton North; Peace and Arbitration; Mrs. Williams, River Road; Bible in Schools, Mrs. Craig; Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Robertson; Literature and Backblocks, Miss Parry.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Platt; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Low and Mrs. McKay; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Biddle; Treas., Mrs. Leman; C.R., Mrs. Hansen.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.W. Room, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Wilson, 600 Charles Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. J. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. Buckingham, 508 E. St. Aubyn Street; Treas., Mrs. Osborne, 311 E. Queen Street; C.R., Mrs. Adamson, Ellison Road; L.T.L., Mrs. McArthur.

HAVELOCK NORTH, 4th Friday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Hill, St. Andrew's Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Waugh and Alderman, and Miss Elliot; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Webb, Karemu, Hastings; W.R. and C.R. Supt., Miss Hill.

HIKURANGI, 4th Thursday, 2 p.m., in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Rarity; Sec. and Press, Mrs. S. Foot, Jordan Road; Treas., Mrs. H. Hawkins, George Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Mackenzie.

INGLEWOOD, meets 4th Wednesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Mackinder; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown Street; Treas. and Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. J. Young; "W.R." Agent and Supt. of Y Branch, Miss J. Fenwick.

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 Cole, Walker, and Holmes; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot Street; Treas., Miss C. Griffiths, 105 Maori Street; W.R. Agent Mrs. Pate; Maori, Evangelistic and Flowers, Mrs. Richards; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Crozier; Notable Days, Mrs. Lambourne; Musical, Mrs. Lea.

INVERCARGILL NORTH meets 3rd Tuesday in Presbyterian B.C. Room. Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson, 57 Layard Street; Sec., Mrs. J. Folland, 262 Herbert Street; Treas., Miss M. Scouthern, 64 Chapman Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Jefcoate; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Harris.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, meets 1st Wednesday, in Jed Street Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. R. McGregor, 266 Crinan Street, Cor. Sec., Mrs. McEwan, 20 Mitchell Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Ruthven, 79 Robertson Street; Treas., Mrs. Gilmore; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Cameron, 33 McMaster Street.

JOHNSONVILLE, 3rd Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. Walsh; Sec., Mrs. McBride, Main Road; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Crescent; W.R. Agent, Mrs. McRae; C.R., Mrs. Markle.

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

KARORI, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Lankshear; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Wood; Treas., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. R. Watchman, Campbell Street, Karori; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Grigg, Mallam Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hull.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. Lopdell; Sec., Mrs. Crawford, 48 Waterloo Road; Treas., Mrs. Cooper, Maire Street, Woburn; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Furness, Bristo Square; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Cropp, Queen's Road.

LEVIN, 2nd Friday, in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. Andricksen, Oxford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Young; Treas., Miss E. Kelly; W.R., Mrs. McKain; C.R., Mrs. Mew.

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday in Baptist Hall. Mrs. Mackle, Pres., "Lavington," 194 Rolleston Street, E.1.; Mrs. Black, Sec., Cranley Street, Linwood, E.1.; Mrs. Roberts, Treas., Hay Street, Linwood, E.1.

MARTINBOROUGH, meets in Parish Hall, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lamb; Treas., Mrs. Hardie, Box 2; Sec., Mrs. A. Tyler; W.R. Agent, Mrs. E. Findlay; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. G. Lumley.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Sunday School, Mt. Albert Road. Pres., Mrs. Turner, 11 Allendale Road; Sec., Miss Andrews, 9 Second Ave., Kingsland; Treas., Miss McGregor, 24 Walseley Street, Morningside, S.W.2.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Davies, 93 St. Luke's Road, Sandringham, S.W.1., C.R., Mrs. Eolt.

MASTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Miss E. Jones; Rec. Sec., Mrs. D. A. Barns, 105 Essex Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Kitchener, 47 Worksop Road; Treas., Mrs. Coddington, Chapel Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Tankersley, Johnston Street.

MAYFIELD. Pres., Mrs. Edmond, Anana R.D.; Sec., Mrs. James Murdoch, Mayfield R.D.; Treas., Mrs. Alex. Murdoch, Mayfield R.D.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. D. H. Elms, Mayfield; Cradle Roll, Misses Corbett and Frost; Band of Hope, Mesdames McIlroy and Glassey, Mayfield.

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

MOSGIEL, meets 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Bedford, East Karori; Sec., Mrs. White, King Street; Treas. and Cradle Roll, Mrs. Bardsley, Irvine Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Smith, Ayr Street.

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis, 5 Hooker Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Macalister, Miller, Oldham, Hull; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfold, 10 Spencer Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hull, 75 Napier Terrace; Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson, 30 Main Street; W.R. Agents, Mrs. R. England, 8 Kennedy Street, and Mrs. Bruce, 8a May Avenue; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Donnelly, 19 Vigor Brown Street.

NELSON, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss F. J. Cooke, Examiner Street, Sec., Mrs. Gubb, Walmea Street; Treas., Mrs. W. Andrews, Brook Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Bronti Street; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Reporter, Miss Petherick, Tahuna; Librarian, Mrs. John Scott, Grove Street; C.R. Supt., Mrs. F. H. Cooke, Richmond Avenue.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jemison, 119 Pendarves Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wood, Lower Cutfield Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Ellis, Elliot Street; Treas., Mrs. Green, Belt Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Drew, J.P., Gilbert Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Malcolm and Mrs. Henderson.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Miss A. Gray, 32 Grey Street; Sec., Miss McKenzie, Gladstone Road; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 57 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Ritchie, 13 Alison Crescent, N.W.1.

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden Street, at 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Parker, 7 Cross Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Grocott, Mrs. Snell, Senr., Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Cowan and Miss Smythe; Treas., Mrs. Snell, Jr., 14 Nen Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Martyn, 228 Thames Street; W.R. Agent and Evang. Supt., Mrs. J. Clarke, 62 Tyne Street; C.R. Supt., Miss M. Foss; Press Reporter, Miss Tosh.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey Street. Pres., Mrs. Mushett; Sec., Mrs. Mountjoy, 71 Quadrant Road, S.E.5; Treas., Mrs. Petchell; Cradle Roll, Miss Caughley; W.R. Agent and Home Meetings, Mrs. Ashby; Flower Convener, Mrs. Pace; Tea Convener, Mrs. Breese; Press, Mrs. Mushett.

OTOROHANGA, meets last Friday, 2 p.m. in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Tozer; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Webster and Hodgson; Sec., Mrs. J. C. Clark, Te Kuiti Road; Treas., Mrs. W. Black; W.R. Agent, Mrs. C. F. Hood, Pirongia Road.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. R. Comyns; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hawke, Ryde, Tritt, Roi; Sec., Miss N. Waterman; Treas., Mrs. Tritt; Evang., Miss Pascoe; W.R., Mrs. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Squier; Band of Hope, Mrs. Lowe; Flower Mission, Mrs. Magrath; Parliamentary and Press, Miss Caverhill; Notable Days, Mrs. Jones; Y Branch, Mrs. B. Comyns; Outlying Districts, Mrs. Ryde; Pianiste, Mrs. Fenwick; Home Meetings, Mesdames Johnson and Walsh.

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, Otahuhu, S.E.7; Treas., Mrs. Hall, Nikau Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. West, 49 Atkinson Avenue.

OWAKA, meets 2nd Wednesday, in Presbyterian and Baptist churches, alternately. Pres., Mrs. E. Wright; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Knox and Miss Blair; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. McNutt; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Pritchard.

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

OTAUTAU, 2nd Thursday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. Harrington (Acting); Sec., Mrs. J. Brooker; Treas., Mrs. A. Gutschlag; C.R. Supt., Mrs. J. Corkhill; W.R. Agent, Mrs. E. Renowden.

PAHIATUA, 1st Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Pater-son; Sec., ; Treas., Mrs. Greaves; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Ryan, George Street, Pahiataua.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Tuesday, Baptist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. Beggs; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. R. Hodder, 1 Alan Street; Treas., Mrs. Scott, 46 Marne Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. and Miss Stuart; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Doreen; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Carter.

PAPANUI, 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Graham; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hawker, 35 Bellevue Avenue; Sec., Mrs. Tillman; Treas., Mrs. E. Carr, 95 Matson's Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Elliott.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Sydney Street. Pres., Mrs. Jane Davis, 40 Victoria Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jones; Sec., Mrs. Wallis, 13 Gear Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dawson, 30 Victoria Street; C.R. and Philanthropic, Mrs. Annett, 46 Buick Street; Evangelistic and Literature, Mrs. Jones, 7 Buick Street; Social, Mrs. Woodbury.

PICTON, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. Millen; Sec., Mrs. Wells, Milton Terrace; Treas., Miss Harris; W.R. Agent, Miss Bremner; C.R. Mrs. Davies; Band of Hope and Y, Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

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

PONSONBY, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. John's Schoolroom, Ponsonby Road. Pres., Miss Read, 6 Waterloo Quadrant, Auckland, C.I.; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie, 1717 Kewato Street, Honolulu; Vice-Pres., Miss McKenzie; Sec., Mrs. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Street, Ponsonby; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss Kitt, 2a Hamilton Road, Herne Bay; Little White Ribboners, Miss Warren; Evangelistic, Mrs. Christopher.

RAKAIA, meets 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Miss E. M. Oakley; Sec., Miss K. McKie, R. D. Rakaia; Treas., Miss S. C. Oakley; W.R. Agent, Mrs. McGeorge; Supts., Ys, Miss E. M. Oakley, Cradle Roll, Mrs. and Miss Rapley.

REEFTON, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. Gilmour, Shiel Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hallaran, Buller Road; C.R., Miss Watson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Willis and Waddell.

RAETIHI, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Scarrow; Sec., Mrs. W. H. Sandford; Treas., Mrs. C. S. Houghton; Band of Hope, Mrs. Worthington; Maori, Mrs. Jenkins; C.R., Mrs. Godley; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Christopherson.

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dudley, Saunders and Cropp; Sec., Mrs. Heaven, Queen Street; Treas., Mrs. B. Cropp, Salisbury Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson "Aithorpe."

RIVERTON, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist and Presbyterian alternately. Pres., Mrs. E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Philp and Tweedie; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Cassels; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. H. Gray, Palmerston Street.

STRATFORD, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Lilley, Flint Road; Sec., Mrs. McCallum, Orlando Street; Treas., Miss Bilkey, Flint Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Davis.

SUMNER, 1st Tuesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss E. A. Henderson; Sec., Mrs. Anderson, Fort Evans Pass Road; Treas., Mrs. Ford, 27 Bury Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Carter; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Matheson, Harper Street.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs. J. K. Archer, 166 Colombo Street; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker Street; Treas., Mrs. Hutton, 21 Baretta Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. E. Rogers, 39 Thackeray Street.

TAURANGA, meets first Tuesday, in Methodist Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian, 5th Avenue; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. York, 1st Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Teasey, Edgcombe Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

TAKAPUNA, meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. George Winstone; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Reynolds and Escott; Sec., Mrs. Mowday, Rangitoto Terrace, Milford; Treas., Mrs. Galbraith; Reporter, Mrs. Blackwell; Devotional, Mrs. Reynolds; W.R., Mrs. Morgan; C.R. and L.T.L., Mrs. Winstone and Miss B. Keane; Ys, Mrs. Galbraith; Temperance Fact, Mrs. J. Lewis; Birthday League, Mrs. Roper.

TEMUKA, meets last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. room, Hamilton Street. Pres., Mrs. Hewson; Sec., Mrs. Butler, Hayhurst Street; Treas., Mrs. Buck; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Allanby; Evang., Mrs. Douglas; Rest Room, Mrs. Blackmore; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Hewson, Jr., Grange Settlement.

THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Paul, Upper Richmond Street; Sec., Miss M. Smith, Sperry Home; Treas., Mrs. Gleeson, Karaka Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Riley.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest, Pres., Miss M. W. Fyfe; Sec., Mrs. F. Cave, Raymond Street; Y Supt., Mrs. Head; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Hayward; W.R. Agent, Mrs. McAlister; Supt. for Seamen, Mrs. Norrie, 57a Wai-iti Road.

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m., in the Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Olson and Bryant; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera, R.D., Te Awamutu; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Kihikihi Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R. Mrs. J. W. Civil; Evangelistic, Mrs. N. Parkinson.

TE KOPURU, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Vickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Hill-Taylor; W.R. Agent, Miss Taylor; L.W. Ribboners, Mrs. J. Widdup.

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. M. Hopwood; Sec., Mrs. J. Ford, Nelson Street, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. G. Wakelin; W.R., Mrs. Hight; C.R., Mrs. G. Clark, Nursery Gardens.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Kippenberger, Waimate; Sec., Mrs. H. Palmer, Shearman Street; Treas., Mrs. Simpson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Tooley, Grace Street; L.W.R., Mesdames Johns and Jelly.

WAIANIWA, meets 4th Thursday, in Ha 2.30 p.m., Pres. and C.R., Supt., Mrs. R. Young; Vice-Pres, Miss Blue; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. Parr; Evangelistic, Mrs. J. Price.

WAIPIKURAU, meets 4th Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. G. Smales; Vice-Pres., Mrs. L. Griffith, Jr.; Sec., Mrs. F. Fraser; Treas., Miss Burdett, W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dixon; C.R., Mrs. Edmonds.

WAIROA, H.B., St. Andrew's Hall, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. MacDonald; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Finch; Sec., Mrs. Alexander, 16 Kopu Road; Treas., Mrs. G. Simpson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Edlington, Kabul Street.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. Duxfield, Okaia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Upton, Beggs and Goodey; Sec., Mrs. R. Wilson, 48 Campbell Street; Treas., Mrs. Phizaclea; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Laird, 15 Parkes Ave.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, in St. Alban's Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. H. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. J. Andrew, P.O. Box 4; Rec. Sec., Mrs. E. Scott; Treas., Mrs. H. Bloor; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hoare; C.R., Mrs. Jones.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. Roke; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hickman and Evans; Sec., Mrs. Sanderson; Treas., Mrs. W. Hamilton; W.R. Agent, Mrs. C. H. Rowe, Sandspit Road.

WELLINGTON, meets 1st Thursday, in Constable Street Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Rowe, 8 Prince Street, Wellington, E.I.; Cor. Sec., Miss J. Atkinson, 57 Pitt Street, Wadestown, N.2.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington, E.I.; Treas., Mrs. Gardner, 24 Fernhill Terrace, Wadestown, N.2.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., N.Z.E.I. Rooms, "Evening Post" Building, Willis Street. Pres., Mrs. Israel; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cullen, 17 Lawrence Street, S.I.; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Miss Helyer, 238A Oriental Parade, E.I.; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Long; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Vyle, 15 Central Avenue, Whangarei; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinniss Avenue; Min. Sec., Mrs. Cheeseman, Stanley Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinniss Street; Treas., Mrs. Hills, 12 Norfolk Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Oldcorn, Kamo Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Goodall, 5 Dinniss Avenue.

WINTON, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Eglinton Street; Sec., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, No. 2 Section, Otahuti R.D. Invercargill; Treas., Mrs. M. J. Goodall; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. McKenzie, North Road.