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PLANS OF WORK.

Scene: The Editorial Sanctum.

Characters: Editor, District President, and a Superintendent of Department.

Editor seated by fire correcting proofs. Knock at door, enter District President and Superintendent.

Ed.: "Good evening, friends, it's good to see you. How are you both?"

D.P.: "We are well, and if you can spare time, we want to talk over our plans of work before we go to Convention."

Ed.: "Always delighted to hear about people who are ready to work."

S. of D.: "Well, we are ready, I'm sure, but we want to know what is the best work we can do."

Ed.: "I believe our best work is to increase our own membership. Every member is a pledged abstainer."

D.P.: "But so many members are like the woman, whose son said, 'Father is a Christian, but he's not working at it now.'"

Ed.: "Yes! That is so, but in our great organisation is work for all, and it is the part of our leaders and officers of Unions to find out what is the special gift of each member, and set them to work along those lines."

S. of D.: "You think members need educating as well as non-members?"

Ed.: "Most certainly I do. We have many members, who are Pro-

hibitionists, but they are not 'White Ribboners.'"

D.P.: "Are not all 'White Ribboners' Prohibitionists?"

Ed.: "Certainly, but Prohibition is only part of 'White Ribbon' work. And, according to Euclid, the whole is greater than its part."

D.P.: "I don't quite follow you. Is not prohibition our main objective?"

Ed.: "Yes, just now. But we want to get rid of this dreadful traffic in order to do more effective work."

S. of D.: "Don't you intend to rest when we win Prohibition?"

Ed.: "No! I intend, then, to begin real work."

S. of D.: "Real work! Is not Prohibition Campaign real work?"

Ed.: "Yes! of one kind. But the prohibition of the Liquor Traffic is chiefly destructive work. Now, no Society can grow and flourish on a purely destructive policy. The W.C.T.U. has a magnificent constructive policy, which many of our members never think about."

D.P.: "We are so anxious to destroy this evil trade, that it takes all our time and energy. But I see what you mean. Purely destructive work, psychologically, is doomed. We must construct to endure."

S. of D.: "I think many of us don't realise this. We are impatient of any work not purely prohibition work."

Ed.: "And therein we defeat our

own objective. To be a 'White Ribboner,' in the highest sense, is to be a woman consecrated to destroy all that injures the individual and the race, but alive and alert to foster and help all that makes for the uplift of humanity and the building of noble character."

D.P.: "How shall we make our members 'White Ribboners' in deed as well as in name?"

Ed.: "Educate them, by voice, by pen. And, above all, circulate our own Official Organ."

S. of D.: "Do many members take it?"

Ed.: "Not half our members are subscribers, and some of the other half don't read it."

D.P.: "How can we induce them to study the work, and read our own reports?"

Ed.: "Only by personal effort and by faithful work. It is work every member can do. Ask your neighbour and your friends to subscribe."

D.P.: "But times are very hard just now."

Ed.: "True, but there's many folk can afford 3d. a month."

S. of D.: "But 3s. a year seems so much."

Ed.: "Well, let the Union take a supply and sell them monthly. Surely there are at least a dozen women in most Unions who can sell one copy a month. It's everybody's job; don't leave it to the Agent or one or two members."

D.P.: "Well, its hard to get members to read or to buy."

Ed.: "Most worth while work is not easy. And, if you'll forgive me for saying so, I think your attitude of mind is fatal to success."

D.P.: "What do you mean?"

Ed.: "Well, you don't expect results and, of course, you won't get them! It's a matter of faith and confidence."

S. of D.: "You mean we should not expect failure? But times are hard; ought we not to face facts?"

Ed.: "Certainly! But times may be bad, but worse than all is the mental depression. Don't forget that we've come through bad times before, and we shall win through now!"

D.P.: "It's good to be so optimistic."

Ed.: "Dear friends, get the vision of a Dominion freed from the curse of strong drink and ready to listen to the voice of wisdom. Don't you realise that our Official Organ belongs to you, to every member? Its financial success means a help to all our activities. The reading of it will teach about those activities. Remember, if the W.C.T.U. is to do the splendid, constructive work taught by its founders, its members must know all about it. Let us go to Convention resolved to pray and work to bring this about."

D.P.: "Then your plan is largely building up a body of educated and trained 'White Ribboners'?"

Ed.: "Just so! Increase our membership, ask every woman you meet to join us. If she isn't ready to do so, give her our paper to read and learn about us. We are the only Woman's Society that stands four-square against the Liquor Trade. We are a Christian Union, we build our membership and our Union upon the rock Christ Jesus, and not upon the shifting sands of public opinion. We pray devoutly, but we also hammer away stoutly!"

TWO OF A KIND.

Two Irishmen had just laid a wreath of flowers on a comrade's grave, and while crossing another section of the cemetery they saw a Jap lay some rice on the grave of a countryman.

One of the Irishmen asked, "When do you expect your friend to come and eat the rice?"

"When your friend comes to smell the flowers," was the quick reply.

JOKES FROM PETONE.

During a Prohibition Campaign in Canada recently, a business man who is an ardent prohibitionist, was surprised by a visit of his small son to his office.

"Hullo, young man," the father said, "What brought you to town?"

"I have been in a parade," the little boy said proudly. "What parade?" asked the father. "I don't know," he answered, "but I carried a big sign."

"What was on the sign?" asked the man curiously. He almost collapsed when his son replied: "My father's a drunkard! I've got no boots!"

Mrs. Black was a very enthusiastic worker in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was in session that afternoon. Having left her start to the last minute, she dressed hurriedly and came downstairs panting. "Mary," she called to her maid, "Run upstairs and get my 'White Ribbon' badge." "Yes, ma'am, I know it well," said Mary. She could not read, but she knew white ribbon when she saw it, and had no trouble finding it, and fastening it on the dress of her mistress.

Mrs. Black was too busy greeting her friends to notice that they smiled broadly when they looked at her. But, later, when the family had attended at the tea table, Mrs. Black was greeted with shouts of laughter by her children, who made her look at her badge for the first time. Gold lettering on the ribbon read: "Redfield Poultry Show: First Prize Bantam."

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EARTHQUAKE IN HAWKE'S BAY.

"White Ribboners" will all join in extending sympathy to our stricken sisters in Hawke's Bay. On that fateful Tuesday the District Executive was to have met in Hastings, and were arranging for Miss C. M. McLeay to work in their district. Mrs. Smales, the President of Waipukurau, was on her way to the railway station to take train for Hastings when the shock occurred. Bravely all are taking up their work in the stricken districts, and the greatest courage and devotion has been shown. The response to the call for help has been Dominion-wide. The W.C.T.U. in Wellington is co-operating with other women's societies in the work of relief. All social functions have been postponed, but our business meetings are earnest and sincere.

In face of this national disaster, we feel that the economic waste of the Liquor Trade must stop, and grimly in earnest we meet to do our part in the work.

SPECIALS.

MAUNGAKARAMEA CRADLE ROLL PICNIC.

Thirty-one little "White Ribboners" were present at the home of Superintendent, Mrs. Hannam, on Thursday, January 27th. Quite a number of mothers present. Lunch and afternoon tea on the lawn in the shade of a beautiful walnut tree, from which were suspended many coloured balloons.

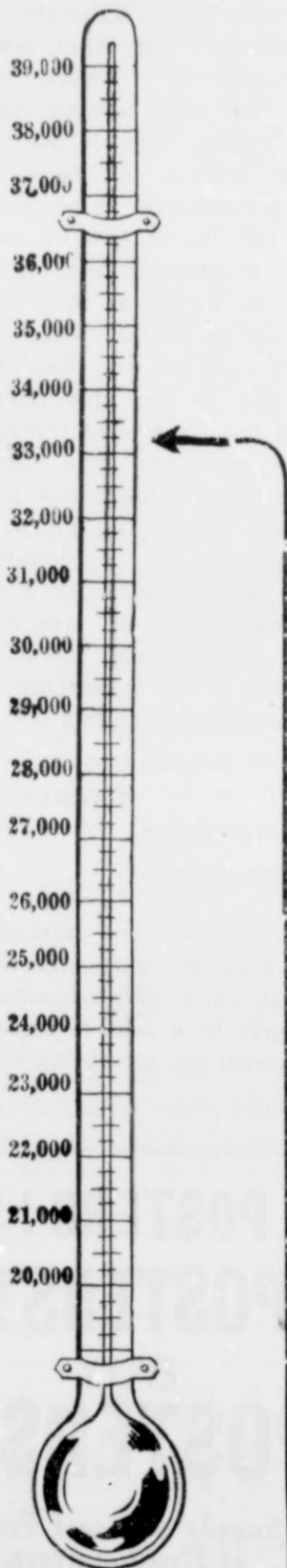
Mrs. Hannam called the roll—47 on roll. Mrs. Weir handed each child a toy. Bags of lollies handed round; photos taken. All enjoyed the games.

Mrs. Hannam deserves great praise for her untiring efforts.

THE CRADLE ROLL.

Babies short and babies tall;
Babies large and babies small;
Blue-eyed babies, babies fair;
Brown-eyed babies with lots of hair;
Babies so tiny they can't sit up;
Babies that drink from a silver cup;
Babies that coo, babies that creep;
Babies that can only eat and sleep;
Babies that laugh, and babies that
talk;
Babies not large enough to walk;
Dimpled fingers and dimpled feet
What in the world is half so sweet?

MILLION SHILLING CAMPAIGN.



Watch the Arrow rise month by month.

MILLION SHILLING FUND.

	Shillings.
Total January 10th ..	32,814
Te Kuiti	6
Onehunga Birthday League	20
Levin	5
Styx	100
Geraldine	30
Wanganui "Y."	40
Otaki	3
Wanganui Central	8
Mrs. K. W. Lovell-Smith ..	21
Wakefield	8
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	33,055
Add Headquarters ..	147
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Total to date	33,202

February 10th, 1931.

N.Z. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received, exclusive of Capitation Fees for month ending February 10th, 1931:—

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

North East Valley, £5; Wanganui "Y's," £1; Hawera, 5s; New Brighton, 5s 4d.

N.Z. HEADQUARTER'S FUND.

Geraldine, £1; Waverley, £1; Hawera, 10s; New Plymouth, 17s; Tua Marina, £4.

ORGANISING FUND.

Stratford, £4 2s 6d; Makotuku, 18s; Okaiawa, 13s 6d; Richmond, £2 8s; Darfield, £2 0s 6d; Matakana, 13s 6d; Te Kuiti, £1 4s; Tuarua, £1 13s; Napier, £9; Levin, 10s 6d; Greymouth, £1 10s; N.E. Valley, £9 16s 6d; Rangiora, £3 7s 6d; Geraldine, £3; Inglewood, £2 1s 6d; Gonville, 10s 6d; Lawrence, £1 19s; Colliagewood, 19s 6d; Seddon, £1 11s 6d; Otautau, £1 7s; Kaikorai, £2 0s 6d; Port Albert, £2 5s; Edendale, £1 13s; Woodville, £1 1s; Taumarunui, £1 1s; Maungaturoto, £1 2s 6d; Waverley, £1 4s; Hawera, £1 10s; Birkenhead, £1 11s 6d; Henderson, £1 13s; Devonport, £1 11s 6d; Tinwald, £1 10s; Port Chalmers, £3; Gore, £9 15s; Mosgiel, £6; New Plymouth, £3 14s; Otaki, £1; Mayfield, £3 9s; Carterton, £6 16s 6d; Petole, £1 10s; Russell, 18s; Feilding "Y's," 3s 6d; Wanganui "Y's," £1; Invercargill "Y's," £1 10s; Levin "Y's," 2s; Te Kopuru "Y's," 6s

SPECIAL ORGANISING FUND.

Miss McKinlay, £1; Mrs. J. N. Walker, £3.

MAORI FUND.

Sawyer's Bay, 5s; Matakana, 3s; North East Valley, £1 10s; Rangiora, 8s 6d; Devonport, 10s; Invercargill "Y's," 10s; New Brighton, 6s 7d; Dunedin Central, £1.

FRANCHISE DAY FUND.

Johnsonville, 9s 9d; Hawera, £1; Devonport, 9s 6d.

WORLD MISSIONARY FUND.

Johnsonville, 16s; Hawera, 5s; Devonport, 10s 3d.

A WORD TO UNIONS.

You will remember that, at last Convention, it was definitely agreed to raise a large sum to clear off the second mortgage on Headquarter's property before the end of 1930.

Some Unions have worked well and carried their share of responsibility, but others, for reasons best known to themselves, have failed to do their part. It was hoped that these Unions would have made endeavours, during the holiday season, to raise their quota, but so far their cash has not been paid in to the Treasury.

At the present time we are appalled by the dreadful catastrophe in Hawke's Bay, and it is right and natural that we should feel it our first duty to attempt to comfort and help those in the stricken area. Many of us have friends and relatives there who have a special claim on us. But, to meet the needs of all in our Dominion at this time, we must remember also those who need work, those who are unable to help themselves, and our obligations, too, of a purely business character, the non-fulfilment of which may bring distress on others.

The old rule—

From each according to his ability;

To each according to his need—is still the best guide we can have.

Will "White Ribboners" please remember their individual responsibility to their Unions, and so enable their Treasurer to meet all the claims on her purse before the 28th inst.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,
Treasurer N.Z.W.C.T.U.

TOTAL LAST MONTH, 32,814.

TOTAL THIS MONTH 33,202

NO-LICENSE IN MASTERTON.

Is Prohibition a Success in U.S.A. is a much disputed point? Well, don't worry about U.S.A., friends, look at home. New Zealand has no prohibition territory, but it has electorates which have outlawed the open bar and made liquor more difficult to obtain.

Masterton is one of these electorates, and last September a large Public Demonstration was held there, to celebrate the Coming-of-Age of No-License in Masterton. Twenty-one years is a fair trial, is it not? At that meeting the following resolution was passed unanimously. It was broadcasted by the Press Association, and is the opinion of people who live there, not of folks passing through and having a few days' experience.

We commend the text of this resolution to all earnest men and women, who desire the best welfare of this Dominion. The following is the resolution:—

"That this large and representative gathering of citizens express their appreciation of the great benefits derived from the closing of public house bars. The population has steadily increased from 5,182 in 1911 to 8,485 in 1930. Crime has decreased, convictions for drunkenness in 1909, with little more than half the population, were 287, while last year there were only 32 persons convicted of drunkenness, and these latter in many instances were persons who had come from neighbouring towns. The Post Office Savings Bank's deposits have increased from £66,733 in 1909 to £314,630 last year. In 1918 the capital value of the property of the borough was £1,201,395, and in 1928 it was £2,298,144. The value of property had considerably more than doubled in ten years, and still the town grows. In 1928 building permits were granted amounting to £47,762, in 1929 £53,248, and during the year ending 30th June, 1930, permits amounted to £83,847. In many ways the town has improved. The amount spent on liquor in New Zealand is £6 per head, and this would have meant £50,000 annually. In Masterton this money has been spent in a manner which has made the town more prosperous, morally cleaner, and the people happier, and this meeting

pledges itself to work with enthusiasm and sacrifice to retain No-License in Masterton."

The above is being reprinted, and copies may be had from Mrs. Peryman, "Sunnybrae," Johnsonville, at 1/6 per 100.

SINGLETS FOR INDIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

(To the Editor).

February 5th, 1931.

To report all the Missionaries said in response to the numerous parcels they received, would take up too much space, so I must confine myself to the briefest extracts. The Pandharpur letters say, "Very, very many thanks for your three large parcels so neatly packed and sewn; how delighted the parents and children were to get the singlets. The three stockings in one garment are splendid, especially the woollen ones, because they are so warm and roomy, but the large, silk ones were also most acceptable. Our native Bible-women, and the whole Staff, write in warmest thanks to every one who had a share in the work, and give you this message from God's Word, "Fear not, for the work shall be rewarded."

Three dozen women's vests, made out of men's and women's undies, bloomers, cardigans, etc., were sent to Ramabai Mukter Mission, and acknowledging them, Miss Hastie said, "I wish you could come, by airplane, and see those vests on our farm women; they get up at 5 a.m. to milk cows and buffaloes and goats, and it is bitterly cold; how nice and warm these lovely woollies will keep them. I believe they will use them to sleep in, too. You should have seen their beaming faces when they got them; they are ever so grateful to you all." Similar things were said about the garments of all sizes that were sent to their babies and growing children. Miss Viney, of Coonoor, was on furlough when her two parcels arrived, but she arranged for their disposal at Christmas time; this lady is evidently of the practical sort, for she tells how the women, in their eagerness to get garments for their children, offer money for them, and though the amount is infinitesimal, she has quite a tidy sum to

put in their building fund. Mr. and Mrs. Culver, of the Tamil Indian Mission at Engledene, sent a snap of the dozens of children that were at their Christmas Party, and each had a gift of a woolley vest, which some put on straight way. Pastor Samuel, who ministers to the jungle-folk, tells some pathetic stories of shivering children without clothes or blankets or covering of any kind, revelling in the comfort of a warm garment, which they wear both day and night. Mrs. Valpey, late of Hebron, tells similar stories, and sends warmest thanks, reminding us of "Inasmuch." This, but the fringes of the many letters overflowing with thanks and gratitude which, at their request, I now pass on to every donor of stockings, to each one who plied the needle so busily, to the kind friends who helped pay the cost of transport, and to the gentlemen who carried and motored those numerous parcels to the Post Office; the joy of parents and children of Missionaries and native workers is worth it all. Let us endeavour to do even more this year. Please send your cast-off stockings to the undersigned; I'll get them distributed among the workers.

Gratefully yours,

RACHEL DON.

5 Bellevue Street,

Roslyn, Dunedin.

P.S.—It may be interesting to know that 508 garments were sent away in 1930, and numerous stockings have been sent in since Christmas, which are now being made.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PRESIDENT OF INGLEWOOD.

MRS J. B. SIMPSON.

Again we have to report that the hand of death has removed from our midst a familiar figure.

Very suddenly, very quietly, with no warning, the call came, and our President, Mrs Simpson, passed to her reward. How we shall miss her.

Our Inglewood Branch of the W.C.T.U. was opened in the June of 1922, and before the end of the year Mrs Simpson was enrolled as an active member. In the July following she became our President.

My acquaintance with Mrs Simpson began with her enrolment under our banner. Mrs Simpson was always a keen Prohibitionist, and has been an enthusiastic member of the W.C.T.U. Her first District Convention as our representative was Waitara, then all in succession since 1923. As delegate at Dominion Convention and at New Plymouth, Napier and Wellington, she became a District Vice-President, and what joy to her to go to our weaker Unions and do what she could to help and encourage them.

She was ever ready to give a helping hand to the needy. Her car and driver were at our disposal for the extension of our work. She hath done what she could.

Durham Road and District will miss her. That has been her place of residence for about 30 years.

The Rest Room Committee will miss her, she having been a member for some years.

The Union will miss her. Always at her post, consistent, thoughtful, and eager for the advance of our work, and ready to spend and be spent in His service.

And now. The place that knew her shall know her no more. She has passed onward.

Mrs Phillips, our District President, came to our meeting last January 28th, and in place of the usual devotional portion of our meeting, a Memorial Service was held. The service in our special service book was used. All members stood while our Vice-President, Mrs Longbottom, paid a tribute to our late President.

Many of our members have noticed how frequently of late Mrs Simpson referred to the fact that the Inglewood old Methodist Church was the church of her childhood. It was her spiritual

home, our devotional part of the meeting her joy.

Mrs Simpson was born in Sussex 61 years ago, and landed in New Zealand when five years old. With her parents, Mr and Mrs W. Lawrance, she came to Inglewood, and has resided in this district nearly all that time, so that she has watched the district from the early pioneer days.

Our loving sympathy goes out to her husband and two daughters, Mrs J. Patterson, Kaimiro, Miss Simpson, and Miss Marjory Simpson, her niece, who has lived with Mrs Simpson from tiny childhood; also to her aged mother.

We feel our President's message to us all would have been "Carry on, carry on."

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,

Those of you who were present at the last Dominion Convention, will remember that the question was raised as to what was the best remedy to carry with one when likely to encounter such conditions as resulted in the Mount Cook Tragedy.

I wrote, re the matter, to Lady (Victor) Horsley, our World's Superintendent of the Medical Temperance Department, and this is her reply:—

"In regard to the practical point you raised as to what provision climbers can make against exposure to extreme cold, I wrote to Professor Dixon, F.R.S., M.D., Lecturer in Pharmacology and Assessor to the Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge, and Examiner in Pharmacology in the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London. He says: 'I talked the matter over with Sir Frederick Hopkins (the discoverer of vitamins) and he agrees with me that the most important food is Carbohydrate, that is to say, they must have an ample supply of starchy food; fats to any extent are undesirable.

'As regards drink, water is, of course, far the best. I used to find that a little ginger added to it gave it a relish and produced a feeling of warmth and comfort.'

'Alcohol is, of course, utterly bad, as it dilates the superficial blood vessels, and the temperature of the

body falls with attendant evil results.'

'The best form of carbohydrate is, of course, ordinary brown sugar. I am not suggesting that they should carry this with them, but it is prepared in palatable form, which they could easily carry. Chocolate is much less valuable than is usually supposed, as it is composed almost entirely of fat.'

I trust that all delegates, present at Convention, will make a point of securing an ample supply of literature to take back to their Unions for distribution.

This is one of the things we can all do to forward our work.

Yours in "White Ribbon" bonds,
CLARA M. NEAL,
Dominion Supt. Medical
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5 Park Crescent,
Parnell, Auckland.

TO THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD!

Dear Friends,—

It is a sacred privilege to count one in the ranks of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to become an inheritor of its radiant past, a participant in its luminous present, and a builder in its brightening future. No matter how numerous nor how varied the great interests that claim your time and sympathy, we affectionately invite you to make room in your heart for our compelling programme for the protection of the home and the child, and to give to it some of your best activities.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES.

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY.

Will delegates to Convention de-
siring hospitality, send their names to
Mrs. J. H. Walker, 22a Bronti Street,
Nelson. As Nelson has no trams and
few buses, it would facilitate billeting
if delegates would state if they could
undertake a 5, 10, or 15 minute walk.
Also, please notify Mrs. Walker of
your time of arrival, and whether
you are travelling by boat or by
service car.

Please note that, by a regulation
of last Convention, requests for
hospitality must be sent in a week
before Convention, and early applica-
tion will be much appreciated by
Nelson Union.

PRAY, SISTERS, PRAY!

It is the earnest wish of our
Dominion Officers that Unions should

pray for a blessing upon our Con-
vention, also that Unions arrange prayer
meetings at home while their dele-
gates are sitting in Convention.

If you cannot, at Convention,
Plan to save our own loved nation,
You can pray that grace and glory,
Gild each day, Convention's story.

LATE REPORTS.

Several reports of December meet-
ings did not reach our Office until
February, and so found their way to
waste paper basket. December re-
ports must appear in January issue;
they are too stale news for February.

The White Ribbon.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

Wellington, February 18, 1931.

CONVENTION.

March 18th-25th, 1931.

In Methodist Hall, Hardy Street,
Nelson.

Wednesday, March 18th.

10.0 a.m.—Meeting of Executive:
N.Z. Officers, Presidents (or failing
the President, the other officers in
the following order:—Vice-Presi-
dent, Corresponding Secretary,
Recording Secretary, Treasurer),
and the Dominion Superintendents.
2.0 p.m.—(If necessary) Meeting
of Executive.
8.0 p.m.—Public Reception.

Thursday, March 19th.

9.0 a.m.—Convention called to
order by President. Crusade
Hymn. Crusade Psalm (see
"White Ribbon" Hymnal, p. 106).
Reading, Address, Prayer.
9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Greetings. Appointment of Com-
mittees (Courtesies and Resolu-
tions), of Convention Letter-
Writer and of Press Reporter.
Report of Executive Committee.
Report of Corresponding Secre-
tary. Correspondence. Treasurer
and Organising Treasurer's Report
and Balance-Sheet. Appeal for
donations to N.Z. Fund.
12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Let-
ter of sympathy.
12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2.0 p.m.—Devotions, Roll Call.
Minutes, Greetings.
2.45 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.

3.15 p.m.—President's Address.
Adoption of President's Address.
5.0 p.m.—Adjournment.
7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Praise Meet-
ing, conducted by Mrs. Cook.
Address by Mrs. Peryman.

Friday, March 20th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.
10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Report of Headquarters Com-
mittee. Financial Statement and
proposals from Executive. Dis-
cussions of these and of any
recommendations brought forward.
12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Re-
port of Literature Committee, pre-
sented by Miss Lovell-Smith.
12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2.0 p.m.—Devotions. Plans of
Work: (a) Scientific Temperance
Instruction; (b) Report of Little
"White Ribboners."
2.45 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.
3.15 p.m.—Report of L.T.L., fol-
lowed by a Demonstration.
7.30 p.m.—Y.P. Speech Competition
and Debate, "State Control v.
Prohibition."

Saturday, March 21st.

Social Function.

Sunday, March 22nd.

Convention Sermon.

Monday, March 23rd.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.
10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Report of "White Ribbon" Editor.
Report of Business Manager. Ap-
pointment of "White Ribbon"
Editor and Business Manager. Ap-
pointment of Associate Editor.
Orders for Convention Number of
"White Ribbon." Votes of grants
in connection with "White Rib-
bon."
12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Do-
minion Superintendents speak on
"Literature of Departments."
12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
2.0 p.m.—Devotions.
2.15 p.m.—Minutes. Report of Y.P.
Conference.
2.45 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.
3.15 p.m.—Report on Peace and
Arbitration. Plans of Work.
7.30 p.m.—"Y." Demonstration.
Tuesday, March 24th.
9.30 a.m.—Devotions (Favourite
Quotations).
10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Re-
solutions. Notices of Motion.
Plans of Work.
12 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Re-
solutions.
12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

- 2.0 p.m.—Devotions.
 2.15 p.m.—Minutes. Reports.
 2.45 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.
 3.15 p.m.—Special Resolutions on Police Women; Domestic Courts; Child Welfare and Film Censorship Boards; moved by Miss Henderson.
 5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
Wednesday, March 25th.
 9.30 a.m.—Devotions (Favourite Hymns).
 10.0 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Tellers. Election of Dominion Officers. Resolutions.
 12.0 noon.—Noontide Devotions. Reports.
 12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
 2.0 p.m.—Devotions. Minutes. Greetings. Question Box.
 2.45 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.
 3.15 p.m.—Example of Model Procedure. Arrangements for next Convention. Votes of thanks.

WORLD WAR NOW ON!

"Right now there is a world war on; a world war between those who are out for themselves and those who believe in service. Its a straight-out fight to determine whether we have a country or not, whether we have a Constitution or not, whether the decent people of America rule or not. Prohibition is our battle—and a major engagement it is—in that war. I have no doubt of the outcome all along the line.

"Who is for Prohibition repeal? I don't seem to recognise, among our noted repealers, any names that are representative of the service ideal in business or in politics, or in any other walk of life. I don't see any great associations of mothers or wives calling for the return of the Saloon. The accents of the wet language are not American. No one who knows the trend of our people could be for repeal. That is one reason why the wet patter has never interested me. There is nothing noble or durable behind it. The 'me first' crowd don't disturb me in the least. Prohibition in the Constitution is notice that we are going to remove another disease from our country, and I expect to live to see the work fully accomplished."—Henry Ford, in the "Christian Herald."

REMITTS FOR CONVENTION.

Auckland District:

- (1) That the W.C.T.U. press upon the Government the urgent necessity for the appointment of a woman censor of picture films.
- (2) That no officer be eligible to hold office for more than three years in succession without a year's interval. This to apply to Dominion, District, and Local officers.
- (3) That the Local Option issue be added to the ballot paper, thereby giving the opponent of Continuance of the Liquor Traffic two choices, as those who favour it already have.
- (4) That all L.T.L.'s, Bands of Hope, or any other class of Temperance teaching come under the same ruling, provided they are affiliated with a branch of the W.C.T.U.

Aratapu-Te Kopuru Branch:

That the Dominion Convention appeal to Parliament to remove the disability at present suffered by the Maori citizens of New Zealand in regard to the right to vote on the licensing issue.

Hawke's Bay:

- (1) That the Dominion Convention should seek some avenue whereby the picture programmes shown to children may be improved.
- (2) That the Dominion Convention again issue to warning to all branches to discountenance all raffles and guessing competitions.

Marlborough District:

That storekeepers shall not be allowed to sell intoxicating liquor (wine and cider).

North Canterbury District:

- (1) That the by-laws governing representation upon District Executive meetings be amended to provide that each Union shall be entitled to have one voting delegate (not necessarily the President) at each meeting.
- (2) That Convention consider the advisability of Adult Unions exercising more supervision over "Y" meetings and socials.
- (3) That the Dominion Convention be asked to define the scope of the Good Citizenship Department.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

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A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

Lord of all pots and pans and things,
 since I've no time to be
 A saint by doing lovely things, or
 watching late with Thee,
 Or dreaming in the dawn light, or
 storming heaven's gates,
 Make me a saint by getting meals
 and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's
 hands, I have a Mary mind,
 And when I black the boots and
 shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find,
 I think of how they trod the earth,
 what time I scrub the floor;
 Accept this meditation, Lord,—I
 haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love,
 and light it with Thy peace,
 Forgive me all my worrying, and
 make all grumbling cease;
 Thou who didst love to give men
 food, in room or by the sea,
 Accept this service that I do—I do
 it unto Thee.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

March—Prayer Commanded. Reading: Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 18:1-8.

"Every vision of the world's unsolvable problems is a call to prayer."

"There is something beautiful in the faith of a little child that trusts God implicitly, because He is its Heavenly Father. There is no prejudice, no hesitation, no reservation in the whole-hearted trust of the little one. It is such faith that moves God's hand to perform miracles, and which He has made the one way by which all must enter His Kingdom."

Prayer Topics.

1. Those oppressed by the drink habit.
2. Those oppressed by the liquor traffic (wives, mothers and children who suffer).
3. Dominion Convention and "Y" Conference.
4. Those in authority.
5. The coming Poll.

THE MOCKER.

CHAPTER V.

(Continued.)

Anne, surnamed Russell, and nicknamed Waddler, was entirely at home in the Moore ménage. When she was at college with Phyllis, her parents had been killed in a motor smash. Mrs Moore had immediately taken the lonely girl into her heart and home, and, while at college, and subsequently during her nursing training at the Public Hospital in Waikana, a large town near Hinewhareua, she had spent her holidays and "days off" with the Moores. It was during her college days that Anne had received her nickname, bestowed upon her by terribly clear-eyed and mercilessly out-spoken class-mates. Phyllis had always been known as "The Linnet," on account of her exceptional vocal abilities. To her small circle of friends, then, Anne was still "Waddler," but to the majority of people she was Sister Russell, an energetic and capable Plunket nurse. For after finishing her hospital training, she had taken up Plunket work, and, to her delight, had been appointed to the district of Hinewhareua. A sincere love for children, and a keen sense of humour, added to her undoubted ability and skill in her profession, made Anne friends in nearly every home in her district. But it was only among these old and tried friends that she relapsed into "The Waddler," for here she felt at home, and to them she turned in joy or sorrow, sure of true friendship and loving understanding. Here she aired her frank opinions and her latest slang, sparred with Ralph, confided in Phyllis, and consulted Mrs Moore, for whose wise counsel and sensible advice she gave, in return, a daughter's sincere love and respect.

She had been away on holiday for several weeks, and had only just returned on the day of her visit to the Moores. Her demand to be informed of all the local happenings during her absence was therefore quite natural, and she was surprised when none of them seemed anxious to answer her questions.

"Well, come on," she said. "Don't be so bashful! Who's been hatched, matched, or despatched while I've been away? Any scandals?"

She became aware that there was something not quite natural in the silence that greeted her enquiries. Everyone seemed to be waiting for someone else to answer.

She sat up suddenly, and demanded, "There's no bad news, is there? Anything wrong with any of my babies?" and she fixed an accusing eye on the doctor.

"Keep your hair on, nurse," Billy replied cheerfully. "As far as I know, your numerous family are as fit as fiddles."

"Well, what's biting you all?" she wanted to know.

"Don't be vulgar, Waddler!" admonished Ralph, as he returned, laden with lemonade and biscuits.

"Well, tell me what you are all looking so hang-dog about. Quick. Ralph! Has someone pinched Elizabeth?" referring to the small car she used on her rounds.

"No, nothing so disastrous," answered Ralph, proffering his tray. "Here, get outside this, and then Phyl will take you inside to tidy up before afternoon tea. You really don't wear well in the heat, Waddler, and your nose needs powdering, and your hair is like nothing on earth!"

So he teased her as she drank her lemonade. When she had finished, Phyllis slipped off her seat, saying, "Come on, Waddler. The others will excuse us, I know," and went quickly indoors. Anne followed her obediently, knowing her friend had something out of the ordinary to tell her, and evidently wishing to tell her in private.

Phyllis led the way to her bedroom, and seated herself on the broad, cushioned window-seat, motioning Anne to do likewise.

"Sit down, Waddler," she said. "I wanted to break my news to you myself, and that is the reason of the seeming mystery. As she spoke, she held out her left hand, upon the third finger of which Billy's diamonds shone and sparkled in the afternoon sun.

"Who?" asked Anne tersely, looking suddenly very grave.

"Billy," answered Phyllis. "Tell me you are pleased, Waddler, old dear!"

For a few seconds Anne stared out of the window, then she stood up, thrusting her hands deep into her coat pockets, and throwing her head back with a gesture characteristic of her when there was any unpleasant task to be performed.

"Phyllis, there has always been absolute plain speaking and straight dealing between us, so I must say, even if I hurt you, that I think you are making a mistake. I was afraid before I went away, but I was hoping that it was only the artist and not the man, in

whom you were interested. However, Linnet, you know I wish you happiness, and I hope I am wrong in my diagnosis. It's not the angel of pity stunt, is it, old dear?" she asked, half humorously, but looking keenly at her friend as she spoke.

Phyllis did not shrink from the penetrating glance, but gave her back the clear, direct gaze of a mind, steadfast, true, and absolutely sure of itself.

"No, Waddler, it's the real thing, and I am very happy. You will try to rejoice with me, won't you?" standing up beside Anne and laying an arm round her shoulders.

"Of course, I am awfully glad you are so happy, Linnet, but I felt I had to speak as I felt. I hope I am mistaken, as I said before. I would give anything to keep you happy."

"Good old Waddler! No compromise, as ever!" said Phyllis laughingly, giving the broad shoulders a sudden, hearty squeeze. "You're a staunch old pal, Anne," speaking gravely and earnestly now, "but you know 'There is a divinity which shapes our ends'—"

"And I must stop trying to rough-hew yours, I 'spose," said Anne, turning to smile into the beautiful face at her shoulder. "Oh, well, let me wash my hands and scratch up my scanty locks before we return to the bosom of the family."

Phyllis was right when she spoke of Anne as a staunch friend. At college, and afterwards, these two had been "kindred souls," as Anne expressed in her humorous way. The Waddler never said she liked or disliked anyone. They were simply "kindred souls" or otherwise.

Anne was proud of her friend's beauty and musical gifts, for although she herself could not hum "God save the King" in tune, yet she loved music, and had, with her sympathy and encouragement, helped her more temperamental friend over many a rough piece of road. Phyllis, in return, admired Anne's nursing skill, and loved her for her honesty of soul and her humorous, philosophical attitude towards life.

As they descended the staircase, Ralph called from the hall below, "Hurry up, you two! Afternoon tea is now on in the dining car." Then, as they joined him in the hall, he added, "Spare the crows, Waddler, did you forget to powder your nose?"

Phyllis said "Ralph!" and Anne said, "What's wrong with it?" feeling the bony, rather prominent feature in question.

"What's right with it, you mean," Ralph teased, mischief written on his face. "Walk to church with me to-night, old dear, and we won't need a lantern. The effulgence of your nasal organ will be all that is needed to make the rough places plain."

"No, thanks, none of your mile-a-minute, last second rushes for me," Anne declared emphatically. "I'm built for comfort, not for speed."

"Comfort's all very well, nurse, but there are times when a turn of speed is very desirable."

"Such as the present," said Anne, as she gave her tormentor a shove towards the open door of a nearby cloak cupboard, and, before he regained his balance, slammed the door.

"Here, cut it out, Anne! This is worse than the Black Hole of Calcutta," called Ralph, as Phyllis and Anne stood chuckling in the hall.

"Is my nose shiny, then?" asked Anne severely.

"No, kind, fair one, it is a beautiful, genuine Duke of Wellington, non-skid—I mean shine—flawless and lovely."

Utter silence greeted this fulsome compliment, so Ralph tried another tack.

"Let me out, and I'll tell you something," he promised.

"I know it," his gaoler answered unkindly.

"Well, I'll give you——" he commenced.

"I've got it," cut in Anne rudely.

"Oh, go on, Queen Anne, darling," he wheedled. "Let me out, and I'll be a faithful servant of your court for ever."

"Faithful fiddlesticks, but no court is complete without its fool!" Anne jeered, opening the door. "So, come out, and don your cap and bells, donkey."

"You nurses are a rough crowd, anyway," Ralph grumbled, as he emerged, blinking.

"Doctors are the only ones they obey, Ralph," sympathised Bill, coming into the hall. "Leave her to me," scowling fiercely at Anne.

"And a fat lot I worry about your frowns and threats," interrupted Anne. "Why, I'm told you even say 'please' and 'thank you' to your nurses, so you cannot be such a fire-eater as you would have us believe. Anyway," holding out her hand, "I must offer you my hearty congratulations."

"And I must offer you a cup of tea," he laughed, shaking her hand heartily. "Thanks, nurse, and come on, all of you. I was sent to hurry you along."

Later in the evening, after the others

had gone to the evening service, Mrs Moore and Anne sat in friendly silence on the moon-lit verandah. Presently the older woman said:

"Well, Anne?"

"I have a feeling he is not quite a kindred soul," stated Anne softly, from the depths of her arm-chair.

(To be Continued.)

UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT.

A WOMEN'S PETITION.

The following petition has been largely signed in Great Britain and U.S.A., as well as in Europe. It is to be presented to World Disarmament Conference at League of Nations in Geneva:—

"International Declaration on World Disarmament. The nations have renounced war. Let us also renounce the instruments of war. The undersigned men and women, irrespective of party, stand for world disarmament. They are convinced that competition in armaments is leading all countries to ruin without bringing them security; that this policy renders further wars inevitable; that wars in future will be wars of indiscriminate destruction of human life; that the Government's assurances of peaceful policy will be valueless, so long as those measures of disarmament are delayed that should be the first result of the Pact for the Renunciation of War."

Numbers of outside organisations are co-operating with the W.I.L. in England, Australia and the United States in the work of getting signatures, including many branches of the League of Nations Union, all the peace societies, a number of branches of the National Council of Women, and most of the other women's societies, as well as the National Union of Seamen and kindred associations.

SUBSTITUTE FOR BRANDY.

Tincture of ginger, aromatic spirits of ammonia (or salvolatile), chloric ether, equal parts of each. Keep in a well-stoppered bottle. Use one teaspoon in two tablespoons of water for faintness, spasms, diarrhoea, or sudden pain. Repeat, if necessary, in half-hour.

(Sent by a White Ribboner who has proved its value.)

A DISCOURTEOUS HOSPITAL BOARD.

Some time ago the Aratapu-Te Kopuru W.C.T.U. sent the following resolution to the Kaipara Hospital Board:—

"That the accommodation of the North Wairoa Hospital Annexe is inadequate, beds being provided for six patients only, also that a night nurse be engaged, and the sleeping apartments of the nurses be away from the patients."

Dr. Marshall admitted that more accommodation was required, and also that the Annexe had been the whole winter without any provision for heating it. Surely a woman's society was in order in asking for better treatment, both for patients and nurses? But the Kaipara H. and C.A. Board, knowing it had no case, followed the good old legal precedent "to abuse the other side."

The Chairman, in moving that the letter be "not received," asked what right the W.C.T.U. had to interfere. Cr. Hunt suggested to post it back without a stamp, a suggestion greeted with laughter. Evidently, when these gentlemen went to school, their parents omitted to pay the extra 1d. for them to be taught manners!

To the honour of our N.Z. manhood, we would say that treatment like this is rarely given to the W.C.T.U. or any women's organisation which is seeking to help its sister women. The Wellington Board and Medical Superintendent always welcome such suggestions, and treat them most courteously.

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MENTAL HOSPITAL AND PRISON WORK.

Dear Friends,

It is nearly two years since I wrote to the "White Ribbon," giving a brief account of the work being done at the Mental Hospital and the Prison by Mrs. G. Wakelin, Evangelistic Superintendent of the Ponsonby Branch of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Wakelin's aims are to bring joy and cheer to the patients, to help them to a deeper realization of the great love of God, to benefit them, mentally and spiritually, to re-unite broken families, and to interest the general public in a section of the community, for whom the majority have little sympathy because they have little knowledge. It is my purpose to show instances where these aims have been accomplished, and to tell something of the methods employed.

On alternate Saturday afternoons Mrs. Wakelin, often accompanied by a Christian friend, meets a number of patients in a quiet room, which the Lord has provided in answer to prayer. As the roll is called, each member of the circle recites a verse of Scripture. The members then take part in singing, prayer, Bible-reading and personal testimony. Thus is provided ample scope for self-expression. The leader or her friend then gives a short, interesting, spiritual address. This happy little circle has grown from four to thirty-six in number, and still more are seeking admission.

By gaining the co-operation of others, Mrs. Wakelin is able to give some of the patients an occasional day's outing, and the opportunity of attending a Church service outside the Institution. We, who have been with her on these occasions, who have met the patients in the morning, dull and uncommunicative, and have watched them drive away in the afternoon happy and talkative, realize just what the day has meant to them. The Hon. Stallworthy, Minister of Health, has kindly promised to lend two cars, one Sunday, for this work, and has also promised to have a chat with our Superintendent about the Mental work in general, before next session. Also, a well-known business man in the city has promised to continue, for a third year, to pay for a taxi one Sunday a

month; and a member of the Salvation Army lends his car and gives his time, also once a month, for this purpose. Baptist car-owners gave fourteen patients the pleasure of attending the Old Folks' Gathering at the Baptist Tabernacle.

Mrs. Wakelin has other valuable helpers in the work, to whom she is particularly grateful. One, a hard-working woman, has been deeply touched, and has come to the Lord because of the kindness shown to her son and others in the Mental Hospital. She helps the work with financial support, which, humanly speaking, she can ill-afford. (Divinely speaking, nothing is too much to afford for the Lord's service). She and one or two others also render great help by the kind and friendly spirit they show to the patients during their Sunday outings. Another helper is a dear, delicate little Christian who, at a great sacrifice, accompanies the Superintendent, on Saturday afternoons, to give a spiritual message.

Sometimes parents have noticed that a stranger is taking a keener interest in their afflicted children than they themselves have taken, and have come to realize a deeper sense of love and responsibility.

One girl had been in the Mental Hospital for six years. Mrs. Wakelin found her a home, where she improved rapidly. Imagine the joy of the mother (an old "White Ribboner," by the way) when her girl was able to return to her for a time. Mrs. Wakelin is now negotiating with the Defence Department in New Zealand and a Minister in England, in an endeavour to restore to his mother in the Old Country, a patient who, since the war, has suffered from loss of memory. The mother's letters are full of yearning to see her son again.

By attending the patients' Annual Picnics, their Xmas Tree Party and their Sunday afternoon Church Services, our Superintendent has gained a deeper knowledge and understanding of those whom she seeks to help. She has been invited to speak at various meetings, and has already spoken at the Mothers' Club and the Birkenhead Branch of the W.C.T.U. In this way, she is able to set before the public some idea of the need and nature of her work.

The sick (in body) at the Hospital and the costly Home receive much practical love and sympathy from fine Christian men and women. But many Christians, because they fear the supernatural, are afraid to visit the sick in mind. As Mrs. Wakelin says, the mentally-sick are just as precious to the Master as the physically-sick, and surely God will help and protect those who work in this corner of His Vineyard.

Again, I ask for the prayers and practical help of the readers, remembering always that, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Praise the Lord for what He has already enabled us to do in His Name.

I remain,

Yours in His service,
A PRAYER PARTNER.

MAORI COLUMN.

FRANKTON.—Itu te hui ki Whatawhata ite 20.0 huanere, 1931, Mrs. Whatu te temuaki himene na Mrs. Whatu inoi tuahine Nikora te kupu o te paipera tuahine Atawhai, pooti inga apiha. Pres., Mrs. Whatu; Sec., Mrs. Downes; Treas., Sister Nicholls; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Pokungi; paahi ngia nga meneti, tuahine Atawhai naana i whakaari kite ropu nga mate eputa mai ana iroto ite waipiro a pai ana hoki te mataki taki ate hui, te patai na Mrs. Roberts, he aha te mahi anga ropu he tumuaki ia no to te Awamutu a kawhia nga tau kaore ano ia ikite ite pai heoi ano kote utu ite 2/6 ka mutu te whakahoki a Mrs. Downes ite mate onga ropu Maori o Waikato he kore moni hei kaupapa kia haka ai kite whakaaro inga mea e mate ana a ietahi mea atu i kotetehi he kore kai tiro tiro a whaka mahara hara tiana ko Mrs. Downes ko Mrs. Whatu ranei hei tiro tiro kote mate he kore huarahi kua hoki mai ano a Mrs. Roberts ke te ropu o Frankton na Mrs. Whatu i whaka mutu te hui kete inoi.

Ite aoinga ake kahaere a Sister Nikora raua ko Mrs. Downes kite Kaharoa ite kino o te ua kaore ihui heori ka karakia kinga mea ite kainga.

U.S.A.

Read at W.E.A.

(Contributed.)

The time allowed for the following review of the United States of America is twenty minutes, but twenty minutes is not enough. Twenty hours might be devoted to the subject, and still leave much to be said about the mighty United States of America. We will start at the beginning with Columbus, who, with one hundred and twenty men and an enormous amount of courage, set out on August the third, fourteen ninety-two, to find what was described as the "Land of Promise," which promise has been amply fulfilled, and the honoured name of its discoverer will live for ever in the history of the continent of America, and by the way he has the distinction of being buried four times, the last removal being 290 years after his death, when he went to his final rest at Havana, exchanged for Florida. No name appears on the first map of America. It is believed to have got its name after the death of Columbus through the suggestion of a man named Martin Waldseemüller, who wrote a year after the death of Columbus a book on the four voyages of Amerigo Vespucci, who knew and may have sailed with Columbus. Waldseemüller wrote, "A fourth part of the world since Amerigo found it we may call Amerigo or America," and again, "Now a fourth part of the world has been found by Amerigo Vespucci, I do not see why we should be prevented from calling it Amerigo, or America." This seems to be a reasonable explanation of the name, which is familiar to all the world, and which is so often belied by the Press. Recently I asked a reading man what he had to say about America. "It's the greatest country in the world to-day," was the prompt answer. The reply of another to the same question was, "It is the most wide-awake country in the world." How often, in writing of things in America, we find this statement, "The greatest in the world," and it is indeed the greatest English-speaking nation in the world, and its aims and interests are very similar to England's, and I like to think of it as just a greater Britain, without the class distinction of England, and with a greater freedom. The United States of America has three important advantages over the Old World. First, it is free from such vast deserts as cover a large part of Asia and Africa, which not only with-

draw the use of the soil from man, but are obstacles to communication between the settled districts, and generate the heat, which is often injurious to health, and always destructive to industry. Secondly, no part of its soil is so far from the ocean as the central regions of Asia or Africa. Thirdly, the interior of America is penetrated by majestic rivers, greatly surpassing those of the old continent in magnitude, and still more in facilities they present for enabling the remotest inland districts to communicate with the sea.

America was once part of the British Empire, and is Britain's best customer, and is only separated from Canada by a geographical line. America stands for Peace, Progress, and Prohibition.

The area of the United States is 3,557,000 square miles, in the centre of which one could travel for weeks over almost perfectly level land. The chief industries are those connected with agriculture, manufactures, mining, commerce, and forests, and fisheries. Fully one-half of its people are engaged in agriculture. The amount of production cannot be judged by the exports, as there is an enormous exchange of goods between the States. The wheat-growing occupies the central States near the great lakes, and lumbering is a prominent industry in the north-east and along the shores of the great lakes. Cattle-rearing is largely carried on along the slopes of the Rocky Mountains. The States of Florida and California excel in fruit-growing. Coal fields are very extensive, and cover an area of 190,000 square miles, and extend continually from Alabama to Pennsylvania, and seams are found up to 2500 feet thick. The foreign commerce of the United States is very extensive. The chief exports are cotton and grain, petroleum, flour, and timber, gold and silver, and tobacco. The chief articles of manufacture are cottons, woollens, machinery, iron and steel goods.

America has derived much of its power and greatness from the strength of its Presidents. Many of these have been supermen, men of character and decision, men who placed righteousness above gain. Beginning with Washington, who refused to be crowned king, we find a list of men very fit to build up a great nation. Thomas Jefferson, the then most conspicuous apostle of democracy, and the best scholar of Latin and Greek in the State; James Monroe, the founder of the Monroe Doctrine, or neutral policy of America,

which prevents American interference in European politics, of spotless character; also James Madison, whose influence drafted the American Constitution, and by his force and oratory got it ratified against adverse public opinion; and Abraham Lincoln, perhaps the best known to all, who was great in every sense of the word. He had unchanging faith in self-government, and history must accord him a rare sagacity in guiding a great people through the perils of a revolution, and the courageous seizure of the right moment to free his nation from the incubus of slavery, a benefactor to posterity. As statesman, ruler, and liberator, civilisation will hold his name in perpetual honour. These men, right down to Mr Hoover, of the present day, can claim a place in history that many a king might envy.

Here is a tribute to the language of the Americans paid by a noted historian and a lover of the English language: "All through an immigration of every language and dialect under heaven, the English language has been protected in its supremacy," and again: "In two points the Americans were strong, and had done good work. Such men as Jonathan Edwards had excelled in various departments of theology, and American preaching had reached a high degree of quality and influence. State papers ranked among the highest of their kind, having a very clear idea of their political purposes. Having been restricted in study and reading of the great masters of pure and vigorous English, American leaders came to their work with an English style which could hardly have been improved." So much for the Americans of yesterday in the way of our own language.

Hear the words of one of our own most cultured men: "They never get into a groove, or remain satisfied with old methods, just because they are old. This is especially noticeable in education, where they are spending millions in their endeavours to devise the best types of education for various districts and varied pupils. They have gone far to make the education suit the child, instead of thrusting the child into a standardising machine, and are making positively heroic attempts to convert a mass of races into one nation." It is common—indeed, the usual thing—to find schools with pupils of twenty different nationalities, Asiatic and European pupils, whose home environment is completely foreign, that is, the parents can only speak in Portuguese, Japanese, or Italian. Hence all

the flag-waving and parading of American patriotism that so jar on English nerves, are really necessary for the very existence of the U.S.A. By schools and by adult education at night, America is tackling a tremendous problem, and giving an object lesson to the world. Their eminently practical outlook on life is a certainty. Their science is not searching after new stars, but it is the applying of scientific discoveries to their workshop methods and their mechanical contrivances. A boy going on the land is taught, not Latin and mathematics, but cropping and stock-breeding. A girl going into a home is taught not French and Algebra, but house craft and home management. "They have wonderful administrative gifts in public life. The men at the head of their affairs, in business and in schools, are freed from the petty details of their business, and are allowed to concentrate on large matters of policy. They do not allow their administrative officers to become mere glorified clerks, as we are apt to do. Their desire to experiment in all phases of public affairs has given them an openness of mind and a readiness to receive new impressions, and an adaptability of character, and a cheerfulness in approaching new situations that is very remarkable. Their wonderful buildings and roads, and, by the way, they have just completed eight thousand miles of concrete road. Their engineering triumphs, turning deserts into gardens, bringing water from hundreds of miles away over and through mountain ranges, and the amazing comfort and convenience of their public buildings and homes, and means of travel, and the resulting liberation of people, especially women, from the drudgery of menial operations, to allow them to develop their social and cultural natures."

We find in "Outlines of History" this comment on America:—"Her people are as patriotic and spirited as ever. Why did not the United States develop armaments, and an aggressive policy? Why was not the stars and stripes waving over Mexico? America had opened up Japan, and after doing so had let that Power Europeanise itself. If a Europeanised Power had been in the place of the U.S.A., Great Britain would have had to fortify the Canadian frontier from end to end; it is now absolutely unarmed. The United States is constitutionally incapacitated from any kind of foreign policy that has kept Europe so long on the verge of war." These are facts about America's part in

keeping the peace of the world. America has commercial advantages over Canada, which has been settled almost as long, and has only about eight and a half millions of population, and about equal mileage as the U.S.A., which has over a hundred millions of population, and has advanced by leaps and bounds, and, I believe, can be said to lead the world in agricultural as well as most other branches of industry. Compare the United States of America with Russia, which is as great or a greater country, but how very inferior in conduct and conditions. Visualise if you can the great difference in the lives of these two peoples of these two great nations.

America's railways are the most extensive in the world, and have been put down at the rate of seven thousand three hundred miles per annum, and the freights less than one cent per ton per mile.

We have it from high authority that the United States in 1921 controlled 20 per cent. of the world's gold supply, 25 per cent. of the wheat, 40 per cent. of the iron, steel, lead and silver, 50 per cent. of coal, 60 per cent. of cotton and copper, 66 per cent. of oil, 75 per cent. of corn, and 85 per cent. of the automobiles, and of the world's wealth it has twice as much as the British Empire. In 1870 America stood third in world's wealth, in 1880 they passed France, and stood second. This country, whose population has been developed in 280 years, already does one-third of the world's mining, and fourth of its manufacturing, and one-fifth of its agriculture and at least one-sixth of the world's wealth is concentrated in the strip of territory in Central North America.

Here are some impressive figures of America's industries:—

Value of motor vehicles produced in one year	£944,000,000
Iron and steel furnaces produced in one year metal to the value of	740,000,000
Meat packing products one year	6,000,000
Clothing value, one year	475,000,000
Newspapers, books, periodicals, etc.	450,000,000
Lumber and timber products	420,000,000
Cotton goods	360,000,000
Electric machinery	300,000,000
Bread bakery products	250,000,000
Silk goods, value	160,000,000
Butter, milk and cheese	190,000,000
Boots	180,000,000

But it is not America's wealth that places her first on the list of nations. It is more her ability to get there in all she undertakes, her marvellous unity, with such a varied population, her splendid freedom, her success with great reforms, her now aggressive policy, and her wonderful progress. Much has been said and printed of the evils of America; in fact, the Press has spared no pains to bias public opinion against our cousins in America, and with the unthinking or ignorant the propaganda has been successful; yet to America it has been no more harm than a sandfly on an elephant; in fact, the harm has acted more as a boomerang to ourselves.

Truly, America is very great. She was great enough to outlaw slavery, and is now at grips with another form of slavery, the Liquor Traffic, and we well know that what America undertakes America does, and we can be proud to claim relationship with her people, and take our hats off to them as the greatest and most progressive nation in the world to-day.

IN MEMORIAM.

A large circle of friends of Mrs. Chisholm, widow of the Rev. James Chisholm who, for many years was the Presbyterian Minister at Milton and later at Roslyn, Dunedin, were grieved to hear that she had passed away, after a brief illness, on January 24th. Mrs. Chisholm was a woman of many intellectual gifts, widely read and interested to the last, she was greatly esteemed and loved for her personal worth and for helpful service in all good movements. She was a stalwart for Temperance, and up to a few years ago, took her part in house-to-house visitation to win votes for prohibition. At one time she was Vice-President of Dunedin Central Union. She was keenly interested in all work that benefited women and girls. For many years was a member of the Board of Governors of the Y.W.C.A., and latterly was a Life-Member.

The Dunedin Central Branch thank God for the memory of a God-fearing, earnest Christian worker, and sent a floral tribute of love and appreciation for one who ever had our cause at heart.

News of the Union.

Write in ink; on one side of paper. Don't send newspaper reports. Don't send reports 2 months old; they only go in waste paper basket.

ASHBURTON.—Feb. 3. A large attendance, presided over by Mrs. W. Grigg. Several apologies for absence received. Temperance fact, supplied by Mrs. Grigg, on "Success of Prohibition in America." Vote of sympathy with relatives of late Mrs. J. McKee, for many years a member of Union, also with Mrs. Thornton in bereavement. In recognition of "F.W. Day," Rev. R. B. Tinsley delivered a deeply interesting address on "Missions," with special reference to life and work of Henry Martin, Chaplain to British East India Forces in Calcutta. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Tinsley. A collection (£1 1s 1d) taken in aid of W.M. Funds. A cordial welcome extended to visiting members from New Brighton and Mayfield Unions. Unanimously decided to extend invitation to Canterbury District Union to hold Convention here in September next. Mrs. Robinson and Miss Watson were elected delegates to N.Z. Convention. The sum of £3 10s voted to "Y." Branch, part proceeds on Labour Day. Appreciation expressed of successful efforts of local Police Force in maintaining law and order in our midst.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.—Feb. 3. Good attendance. Mrs. Keen, from Auckland, gave a short message, urging all to use what talents they had, whether great or small. Two new members initiated. Sympathy extended to the relatives of an old and honoured member, Mrs. Chisholm, and to several other members who have been bereaved. Decided to hold Garden Party at Larnach's Castle on February 28th. A recent case from Palmerston, which was before the Police Court a few weeks ago, and was concluded in the Supreme Court on Monday, was discussed; members were astounded that a child of 14 years and 4 months was victimised, after which she was sacrificed in order that a man, three times her age, should escape being adjudged a criminal. A remit to be sent to Convention, urging Government, to raise the age of marriage, so that such a marriage would be legally impossible.

HAWERA.—Jan. Mrs. Exley presided; fair attendance. Vote of sympathy with relatives of Mrs. Simpson, a District Vice-President. Mesdames Spavin and Irvine delegates to District Convention at Hawera on February 26th. Mrs. Squires reported that £5 5s was result of Shop Day. Thanks to all who helped to raise this amount.

LOWER HUTT.—Jan. Very small attendance; still on holiday. Letters to be written to sick ones. Mrs. Routley in the chair. Our delegate to the Council of Women, gave us a brief report of the three meetings she had attended, and they were enjoyed by all. Arrangements made for the Cradle Roll Afternoon, Mrs. Bayley kindly offering her home and grounds for the occasion. Mrs. Taylor was appointed Assistant to Cradle Roll Superintendent. The election of President was held over till the next meeting. Afternoon tea.

MASTERTON.—Feb. 5. Mrs. Dyson presided. Notices of motion for Dominion Conference considered. Mrs. Tankersley appointed delegate, with Mrs. Dyson substitute. The President asked to represent Union at District Executive Meeting, to be held at Hutt on 12th February. No further business done; meeting closed with prayers for homeless and sorrow-stricken people of earthquake areas.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Jan. 28. Fourteen present; President in chair. One delegate appointed for Convention and a promise from President to also attend. The balance-sheet of the Seamen's Rest showed a satisfactory year's work, there being a balance in Savings Bank of £8 17s 5d. During the year, £143 had been received, and £73 16s had been spent, while £200 had been invested since the Institution had been started. Visits from seamen during the month were 1,984. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Dixon who, for seven years, had faithfully acted as Agent for the "W.R." paper. A letter was read from Mrs. Cook on "The

need of Prayer in the Union gatherings." Remits from the Taranaki Unions to Convention re Women Police and Duty on Beer were approved of. Nine members were asked to attend District Convention at Hawera on February 26th. Next meeting, Frances Willard Day.

OXFORD.—Jan. 21. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs. C. Rossiter in her husband's serious illness, and with Miss Waterman in her illness. The Secretary read a message of New Year's greetings, sent by the Dominion Officers to all Union's members. The President read several interesting extracts from the "Vanguard." Arrangements made for the more efficient working of the Flower Mission Department. A small Committee, with power to add, was appointed to take charge of the Band of Hope. The next Sale day afternoon tea having been offered to the Union, it was resolved to undertake the responsibility, and arrangements were made.

LATE REPORTS.

BLENHEIM.—Feb. 3. The monthly meeting was held in Wesley Hall; Mrs. W. M. Smith presided over a splendid attendance. Feeling reference was made to the late Mrs. Dalton, all members standing as a mark of respect to her memory. Arrangements were concluded regarding the Cradle Roll Picnic on 21st instant. Decided all members attend evening service at Methodist Church on 15th inst., when Rev. G. E. Stockwell will hold a special Service on "The Life of Frances Willard." Frances Willard Day to be held in Wesley Hall on 17th February. Mrs. J. Stewart sent a Scientific fact. Mrs. W. E. Wilson read a splendid paper on "Anti-Gambling," which was much appreciated. Mrs. W. M. Smith was elected delegate to Conference. Mrs. Gascoigne, Junr., welcomed to Union, and one new member enrolled.

GERALDINE.—Feb. 3. Seventeen present; Devotional being taken by Mrs. Prattley and Capt. Avenell. Decided to take over the Band of Hope work. Delegates arranged for Convention and Executive Meeting. Afternoon tea and a very able address was given by Lieutenant Doran on "God, Home and Humanity." Two new members.

LINWOOD.—Jan. Mrs. Richards presided. Scientific fact read by Mrs. Grigg. Cradle Roll Picnic was arranged to be held on the 21st February. A very interesting address was delivered by Mrs. Drury. Afternoon tea was served.

LEIGH.—Jan. Mrs. Matheson in the chair; small attendance; one visitor. Mrs. Grigg read Dr. Dodd's famous sermon on "Malt;" Mrs. Gozar contributed a solo; Miss Grigg sang and rendered a musical item. Mrs. Gozar read an article entitled, "Should License Fees be Increased." Mrs. Torkington read the account of the W.C.T.U. at Niue Island. Resolved to change the day of meeting to last Thursday in the month.

REMUERA.—Feb. 5. Good attendance; presided over by Mrs. Kasper. Plans of work fully discussed, and a good year of usefulness anticipated. Reports given of Jumble Sale for funds, and of L.T.L. Christmas meeting at Kohimarama. Motion of sympathy passed with all who had suffered bereavement through the earthquake at Napier and Hastings, and several homes offered for those in distress.

STRATFORD.—Jan. Attendance small; some members attending a District Executive. Sympathy was extended to the relatives of Mrs. Simpson, of Inglewood, who has passed, the members standing in silence. Arrangements were made to hold a Picnic, commemorating Frances Willard Day, and to raise funds for delegate's expenses to the Annual Convention. A delegate was appointed to Provincial Convention, to be held at Hawera on February 26th. Hospital afternoon tea was arranged for February.

TIMARU.—Feb. 3. Special prayers for Convention, Dominion Officers and the Poll. Copies of Syllabus for 1931 distributed. Paper on "Gambling" read. Decided to send it on to Ministers' Association for consideration. Mrs. Low appointed delegate to Convention. Interesting reports on work done during the holidays received from Hospital Visitors and Seamen's Entertainment Committee. Decided that, this year, flowers, instead of fruit and cakes, be taken to Hospital, and money used for election purposes—this, in view of the fact that

patients are well cared for. Mrs. Arthur agreed to act as "Y." President. Mrs. Woodward heartily thanked for her valuable work with the girls.

TAURANGA.—Jan. Decided to get 100 blotters for distribution. President read report of recent Convention. Arranged that Mrs. Brown give an address at our next meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

TAKAPUNA.—Jan. Held its Annual Cradle Roll Picnic on Thursday, 5th of February, at Kitchener Park, Milford. There was a fair gathering of members and friends. Mrs. Morgan Richards opened the function with prayer, and introduced Mrs. Escott, who had travelled from Tuakau to be present on this auspicious occasion. "A Mother's Influence in the Home" was the subject of Mrs. Escott's address. Games and a ramble through the Park, after which all enjoyed the good things provided by the members of our Adult Union. Great praise is due to the Superintendent, Mrs. George Winstone, for her untiring effort in this department of our work.

WELLINGTON.—Feb. 5. Mrs. Murray presiding. The President spoke of the terrible disaster by earthquake and fire, and urged all members to give practical help in every way with food, clothing and hospitality. Decided to hold Frances Willard Day at our next meeting on March 5th. Mrs. Murray delegate to Convention. A new member was received, and afternoon tea served. Mrs. Peryman then gave a fine address on "This Important Election Year." She spoke of the catastrophe, the depression and the liquor traffic. She urged all to join in the Membership Campaign, and make this our "Victory" year.

CAPE PROVINCE (SOUTH AFRICA) CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in East London from September 29th to October 4th, 1930, when over 50 general officers, women and young women delegates, were present. The business sessions were presided over by Mrs. Maskew Miller, who made an exceptionally bright and happy chairwoman. Reports of departmental activities were read, revealing progress in many directions. Poster work is carried on extensively, especially on the railway stations. The month of May is devoted to a big Raisin Campaign, as we endeavour to assist the grape growers to produce raisins rather than make wine. In connection with Scientific Temperance, copies of "Physical Fitness" are presented by the Union to students at the Coloured Training Colleges, and both local and provincial Unions arrange essays on this subject. The W.C.T.U. sends each scholar, on leaving school, a helpful message warning them against strong drink and other dangers. These have been greatly appreciated by teachers and scholars. Assistance to prisoners on their release is given by some Unions. Our activities are not confined to our own organisation, as we meet and co-operate with churches, kindred temperance and other philanthropic societies. This year Parliament has at last granted the Euro-

pean women of South Africa the vote, and we trust this will facilitate the passing of the Local Option Bill. In this connection the South African Temperance Alliance is aiming at collecting £25,000 for the Local Option fight. The new Roos Liquor Act is certainly an improvement on past legislation, but far from ideal, and the Liquor Trade are continually pressing for greater privileges, which have to be combated. In Cape Province there are 48 Unions, with a membership of 2185 and 1549 Little White Ribboners. Unfortunately, this is a big decrease on last year's figures, due in many instances to the affiliation fees being sent too late. Mrs Maskew Miller has been re-elected President, but has been granted a year's leave of absence. During this period Mrs Miller will study Local Option in Scotland, Prohibition in the United States, and will also attend the World's W.C.T.U. Convention at Toronto. The delegates were entertained to a Mayoral Reception, when a most cordial welcome was given, and high tributes were paid to our work. A motor drive to a local beauty spot was greatly enjoyed. The public devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs Shennan, World's Superintendent for Social and Moral Hygiene, and was most inspiring. Mrs Shennan was also the speaker at a public meeting, when the world-wide aspect of the work was discussed. The local M.O.H. delivered a paper on the history of Temperance from the early days at the Cape. The young people's over tea conference produced many helpful suggestions for Y work. They also gave the entertainment at the Y night, which was bright and interesting. Convention closed with the Consecration Service, and all left encouraged and inspired for the work ahead.

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APITI, 2nd Thursday, in the Schoolhouse, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Murray, "The Manse;" Vice-Pres., Miss Leslie and Mrs. E. Miller; Sec., Mrs. W. A. Churchill; Treas., Mrs. L. Gould; "W.R." Agent, Miss K. McKenzie.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU, 2nd Tuesday, Oddfellows' Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Morgan; Sec., Mrs. Hill Taylor; Treas., Mrs. Dewsbury; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Waring; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Wordsworth, Senr.

ARAMOHO, meets last Thursday in month, in St. David's Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Walker, 4 Paterson Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Murdock; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Mackintosh; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs. Coddington, 39 Robert's Avenue; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Bish, Leur's Avenue.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. W. Grigg, Methodist Parsonage, Willowby; Sec., Miss E. Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs. G. Tulloch, Peter Street West; Asst. Treas., Mrs. McElhinney, Aitken Street; "W.R." Agent, Miss A. E. Watson, 84 Cameron Street.

ASHBURTON Y's, third Saturday, 7.30 p.m., Baring Square Hall. Pres., Mr. J. W. Beck, 64 Beach Road; Sec., Mr. Frank H. E. Silcock, Fairton. Asst. Sec., Miss M. Lewis, 99 Wills Street; Treas., Mr. W. T. Corbett, 11 Cameron Street; "W.R." Agent, Miss E. Thompson, Beach Road.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, in the Club Room, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs. Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Miss Mill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Saturday, at 7.30 p.m., in Christian Alliance of Women and Girls' Room, Upper Queen Street. Supt., Miss Read, "Fernbank," Whittaker Place; Pres., Miss L. Adams, 50 Collingwood Street, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Hullah, 8 Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Cor. Sec., Miss E. Hill, c/o Nurses' Home, Green Lane; Treas., Miss E. Jump, c/o Nurses' Home, Green Lane; "W.R." Agent, Miss E. Carpenter, 78 Lincoln Street; Reporter, Miss M. Hullah.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs. Clark, View Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. James, View Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McIntyre, Renfrew Street; Treas., E. Tosh, Toshvale; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. Clarke.

BIRKENHEAD, 1st Thursday, at 2 p.m., in the Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Todd, The Crescent; Sec., Miss Hayman, Arawa Street; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, 6 Lytton Street, Devonport.

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. M. Smith, Middle Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. A. R. Prussing, Laking Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. V. Underhill, Laking Road; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Reeves, Charles Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. A. Braddock, 86 Maxwell Road; Literature, Mrs. W. Chuck, Bomford Street; Libraries, Mrs. Woodside, Hawkshaw Street.

BLUFF, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Donaldson, Barrow Street; Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. H. Johnston, Foyle Street; Treas., Mrs. Barber, Foyle Street.

BRIGHTON UNION, 3rd Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. H. Hall, Wainui Street; Sec., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 383 Park Road, N.B.; Treas., Mrs. N. Fraser, River Road, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. G. Ellis, Alexander Street, Bexley.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Rec. Sec., Miss Thomas, 34 Crammer Square, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs. Richards, 14 Morris Street, Avonside; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. R. Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. H. Every, Garrison Street; Sec., Mrs. R. B. Madden, Carrington Street; Treas., Mrs. Wisely, Portland Road; "W.R." Agent, Miss Waterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sayers; Press, Mrs. Jansen; Organist, Mrs. C. Jones; Evangelistic, Mrs. Tyler.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Treas., Mrs. Geo. Carter; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. E. James.

COLLINGWOOD, meets last Friday, at 2.45 p.m., in Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Corney and Mrs. Stallard; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Brown.

DARGAVILLE, 3rd Tuesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom and Methodist Church, alternately. Pres., Mrs. A. Reynolds, Hokianza Road; Sec., Mrs. Martin, Turiwiri; Treas., Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Awakino Point; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. D. L. Brady, Dargaville; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Wordsworth, Jervois Street, Dargaville.

DEVONPORT, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., in the Congregational Church, Victoria Road. Pres., Mrs. Williams, "Arnley," Northcote; Sec., Mrs. G. F. Day, 27 Hinemoa Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Jarvis, 50 Lake Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Glassey, 9 Rangitoto Terrace.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Douglas, 19 Bellevue Street, Roslyn; Rec. Sec. and Press Reporter, Miss Airson, Balmacewan Road; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 11 Duke Street; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, Oakland Street, Anderson's Bay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Blakely, 2 Epsilon Street, Roslyn.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs. Williamson, 42 Beach Street; Sec., Mrs. McFarlane, 50 Rankellor Street; Treas., Mrs. W. Brown, Maller Street, Mornington; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine Street, Caversham.

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs. Holland; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stanners and Williams; Sec., Mrs. Penhall, Eltham Road; Treas., Mrs. Lambert, Preston Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Streeter; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Williams.

EDENDALE (Auckland), meets in Balmoral Road Church, 1st Tuesday, 2 o'clock. Pres., Mrs. Mackay, 635 Dominion Road; Sec., Mrs. Kiff, 9 Sadgrove Terrace, Mt. Albert; Treas., Mrs. May, 46 Calgary Street, Edendale.

EDENDALE (Southland), 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. McEwan; Sec., Miss Helen Hall; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Horace Niven.

EPSOM, 4th Thursday, 2 p.m., in Baptist Church, Inverness Avenue. Pres., Mrs. Benfell, 2 Buckland Road, Epsom; Sec., Mrs. Carr, Senr., 27 Fernleigh Avenue, Epsom; Treas., Mrs. Armstrong, 7 Mapau Road, Green Lane; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hood, 380 Manakau Road.

EDEN, meets 3rd Wednesday, in Dominion Road Methodist Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hayr, 2a East Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton, Fenton, Auld, and Hudson; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Fenton, 66 Grange Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Evans, 56 King Edward Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. O'Donnell, Grange Road, Mt. Eden.

FAIRLIE, meets every second Wednesday of the month in Presbyterian Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Barwood, Fairlie; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Sangster, Kimbell; Treas., Mrs. A. Hammond, Fairlie; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sangster, Kimbell; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Barwood, Fairlie.

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

GERALDINE, meets 1st Tuesday, in Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Neutze; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Southern and Mrs. Loach; Sec., Mrs. Wallach; Treas., Mrs. D. Macdonald; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. Prattley.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Harper, Denton Street, Gore; Treas., Mrs. McAskill, Halton St., Gore; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Blackmore, Albany St., Gore; Cor. Sec., Miss Robertson, 33 Coutts Road, Gore; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. A. McLachlan, Kitchener Street, Gore.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Sec., Mrs. H. Morrison; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McKenzie, Anker and Norrie; Treas., Mrs. A. Haigh; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs. Anker; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. J. Allan; "W.R." Agent, Miss Oates.

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HAWERA, meets last Thursday at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. Emmitt, Methodist Parsonage; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Exley, Albion Street; Mrs. Tait, Waihi (R.D.); Sec., Mrs. W. G. Simpson, 1 Grant V.C. Street; Treas., Mrs. R. J. Squire, 256 High Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Spavin, Wilson Street.

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's, London Street. Pres., Mrs. Jones; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Robinson; Sec., Mrs. Seal; Treas., Mrs. Davey; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Watson, 15 Clifton Road; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Watson; Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury, Mrs. Mitchell Assistant.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Platt, Gt. North Road; Sec., Mrs. L. McKay, Gt. North Road; Treas., Mrs. W. Williams, Gt. North Road; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Hickmott; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thompson, Darby, and

Banks; Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs. L. Baumgart, P.O. Box 332; W.R. Agent, Mrs. H. Fawcett.

HAVELOCK NORTH, 4th Friday, 2.30 p.m., at Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. H. Speight, King Street, Hastings; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Waugh and Miss Elliott; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Miss G. Hill, St. Andrew's Road; Treas., Mrs. Webb, Napier Road.

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Simpson, Piakau P.O.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Longbottom, Brooke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Simpson, Piakau P.O.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Mackinder, Mt. Pleasant Junction Road; Treas., Mrs. Young, Waitoriki; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Young; "W.R." Agent and Y Supt., Miss M. Simpson.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fairbairn, McGregor, Parkin; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot Street; Rec. Sec., Miss McCallum; Treas., Mrs. Robb; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. McKinnon; "W.R." Agent, Miss McLaughlan; Press, Mrs. Reidy; Maori Supt., Mrs. Sharpe; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Crozier; Social, Mrs. Richards; Notable Days, Mrs. Lea.

INVERCARGILL "Y's", meet the first Monday in each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Tay Street, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss T. Dawson, 283 North Road; Rec. Sec., Miss Sheriffs; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Dawson; Treas., Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street; "W.R." Agent, Miss Blake.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, meets 1st Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, in the Methodist Hall, Jed Street. Pres., Miss Smith, 165 Yarrow Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Brass, 115 Avernall Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ayson, 91 Deveron Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Johnston, 135 Don Street; Treas., Mrs. Stevens, 94 Baird Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Cole, McMaster Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Crawford, 52 Don Street.

NORTH INVERCARGILL, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., alternately in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. Pres., Mrs. W. Martin, 29 Antrim Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Holland; Sec., Miss M. Langskail, 88 Melbourne Street; Treas., Mrs. Laytham, George Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. L. Fraser; Evangelistic, Mrs. E. Holmes; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. Martin, 29 Antrim Street; Notable Days, Mrs. Walker; Musical, Miss Halliday; Social, Mrs. Walker.

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

KAIAPOI, last Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Temperance Hall. Pres., Mrs. Burnett, Fullers Street; Sec., Mrs. Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Sewell Street; Treas., Miss Evans, Fullers St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Phillips, Sewell St.

KARORI, meets 1st Tuesday of the month, usually in the Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. R. Wood, M.A., 316 Karori Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Dennis; Treas., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. R. Watchman, Campbell Street, Karori.

LINWOOD, meets last Tuesday, in Linwood Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. Richards, 14 Morris Street; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Vinnicombe; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Black, 42 Cranley Street; Treas., Mrs. Roberts; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. Nelson, 19 Cuba Street.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, Church of Christ, Queen Street, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Anderson, 16 Copeland Street; Sec., Mrs. Tait, Cornwall Street; Treas., Mrs. Aldersley, Brunswick Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Heyes, Brunswick Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Schneider, Bristol Street; Librarian, Mrs. Crawford, Waterloo Road.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, Mt. Albert Road. Pres., Mrs. Bruce, 100 Calliope Road, Devonport; Sec., Miss M. W. Fyfe, 29 Belmont Road; Treas., Mrs. Sutherland, 64 Richardson Rd; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Sims.

MARTINBOROUGH, meets in Parish Hall, 1st Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. W. J. Martin, Huangarua; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. Tyler, Jellicoe Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. Shirkey, Grey Street.

MAUNGATUROTO, 3rd Wednesday, in Forester's Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. Flower, The Manse; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Pasley, Station Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. H. Flower, North Road; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Pasley, Station Road.

MASTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Dyson, South Road; Sec., Mrs. S. J. Smith, High Street; Treas., Mrs. M. McGregor, Essex Street, Masterton; "W.R." Agent, Miss O. Caldwell, Women's Hostel.

MAYFIELD, 3rd Thursday, alternately at Ruapuna and Mayfield. Pres., Mrs. Edmond; Sec., Mrs. James Murdock, Box 24, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs. Broughall; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Corbett.

MIRAMAR, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church, Devonshire Road. Pres., Mrs. Evans; Sec., Mrs. Berry, 167 Seatoun Heights Road.

MORRINSVILLE, meets 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Starnes, Allen Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Sage and Mrs. Cooper; Sec., Mrs. Garlick, Studholme St.; Treas., Mrs. Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Oates, Thames Street.

MOSGIEL, 3rd Wednesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Bedford, East Taieri; Sec., Mrs. M. H. Wilson, Inglis Street; Treas., Mrs. A. Lennox, Gordon Road; Cradle Roll, Miss McLeod, Gordon Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Smith, Ayr St.

NAPIER, 1st Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hull, 66 Chaucer Road, North; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Macalister, Milner; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Brocklehurst, 63 Marine Parade; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, 79 Wellesley Road; Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Saunders, Donnelly, Milner; L.T.L., Mrs. Ruprecht; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent.

NELSON UNION, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Watson, Washington Valley; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Burrough, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Jacka, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Field; Sec., Mrs. J. H. Downes, 56 Haven Road; Treas., Miss F. J. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs. Moyes, Grove Street; "Y's," Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Holloway, 2 Examiner Street.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.45 p.m., Whitley Hall. Pres., Miss Drew, M.A., J.P., Gilbert Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hughes, Courtenay Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. E. Read, 50 Gilbert St; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Malcolm, Fulford Street; Treas., Miss Ellis, Eliot Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Sowery, 63 Gilbert Street; L.W.R. Supt., Mrs. Ellis, Eliot Street.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Treas., Mrs. Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 57 Selwyn Street; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 57 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Gray, 32 Grey Street.

OAMARU, Methodist Lecture Hall, Eden Street, every 2nd Monday in the month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss A. Webb, 22 Wye Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. J. Clarke and Miss Milligan; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bridgeman, 14 Rother Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Scott, 60 Eden Street; Treas., Miss Day, Lees Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Corlett, 62 Eden Street; Evangelistic, Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Tyne Street; Joint Supts Cradle Roll, Mrs. Simpson and Miss Beckingsale.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jas. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs. Vanstone; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Sinclair; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Knowles.

OTOROHANGA, meets last Friday, 2 p.m., in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Tozer; Vice-Pres., Sister Rita Snowden; Sec., Mrs. V. L. Fairbrother; Treas., Mrs. E. F. Fairbrother; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Bell.

OWAKA, 2nd Wednesday, at 2.15 p.m., in Presbyterian Church Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Ryley; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Buchanan.

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

OTAUTAU, meets 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. E. Harrington; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Brooker; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs. Fisher; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. E. Harrington.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs. D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs. C. W. Tritt, E. Oxford; Treas., Mrs. C. E. Morris; Evangelistic, Miss Waterman; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs. J. Baxter; Notable Days, Mrs. G. Jones; Home Meetings, Mrs. T. Gainsford; Band of Hope, Mrs. C. W. Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Rol; Y.P.s., Mrs. R. Comyas; Legal and Parliamentary, Miss Caverhill.

ORIHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Hall, Grey Street, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Leadley, Grey Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Parker, Logan and Stacey; Sec., Mrs. J. Craig, "Craigneuk," 37 Albert Street; Treas., Mrs. Mushet; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Ashby; L.T.L., Mrs. Hunter and Miss Taylor; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mountjoy; Birthday League, Miss Kitt; Pres., Mrs. Stacey.

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

PAPANUI, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Girls' Bible Classroom, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Graham, Matson's Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Tillman, St. James' Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hawker, 24 Bellevue Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Hayton, Harewood; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Elliott, Frank Street.

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

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. A. E. Ferguson, 124 Lyndhurst Street; Sec., Miss C. Jameson, 145 Albert Street; Treas., Mrs. S. Sorenson, 16 Ruahine Street; Evangelistic and Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Richie; Cradle Roll, Miss Astbury; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Dorreen; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Trigg; Willard Home, Mrs. Birdsall, 243 College Street.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Carter; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Silbery; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Playtor; Treas., Mrs. Woolford; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Packwood; Notable Days, Miss Collie; Evangelistic, Mrs. Franklyn; Sick Visitors, Mesdames Jones and Jensen; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Caldwell.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Millen; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Keen and Miss Harris; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Potter; Cradle Roll, Miss Potter; Band of Hope, Mrs. Powell; Y's, Mrs. Head; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Wells, Milton Terrace.

PLEASANT POINT, meets 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. McNeur; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Bishop; Sec., Mrs. Crombie; Treas., Mrs. Waugh; "W.R." Agents, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Oborn, Pleasant Point.

PORT CHALMERS, meets 2nd Thursday, 3 p.m., Currie Street Hall. Pres., Mrs. Tait, Harrington Street; Sec., Miss Gunn, 13 Mary Street; Treas., Mrs. Smillie, Carey's Bay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Paton, Doly Street.

PONSONBY, meets every 3rd Thursday, in St. John's Schoolroom, Ponsonby Road, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Read, Whitaker Place; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Street, Ponsonby; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. B. Farrand, 9a Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Stewart; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Hodgkinson; Birthday League, Mrs. Miller; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Stewart; Evangelistic, Mrs. Turnbull; Visitor Mental Hospital, Mrs. Bragg; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Andrews; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Joiner.

PUKEKOHE, 1st Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Escott, Tuakau; Sec., Mrs. Vant, Beresford Street; Treas., Mrs. Richards, Seddon Street.

RAKAIA, meets on the 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Boag; Sec., Miss Oakley, Overdale; Treas., Mrs. Saunders; "W.R." Supt., Miss Amy Oakley.

RAETIHI, 1st Friday, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Griffin, Seddon Street; Sec., Mrs. Sandford, Duncan Street; Treas., Mrs. W. Scarrow, Valley Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Saunders.

REEFTON, 1st Tuesday, at 3 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Webb; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. McClymont; Treas., Mrs. Duff; Sec., Mrs. Willis; Organist and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Campbell.

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

RIVERTON, meets 1st Tuesday, in Presbyterian Vestry, at 7.30. Pres., Mrs. E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Philip and Mrs. Prosser; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Cassels; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. H. Gray, Palmerston St.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. D. M. Clarke, Seton Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McCallam and Mrs. Phillips; Sec., Mrs. Marsh, Orlando Street; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Davis, Orlando Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Clarke; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs. Huston.

SAWYER'S BAY, 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Polson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Allen; Sec., Mrs. Wallis; Treas., Mrs. Keen, Duke Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Broadley; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Pratley.

SUMNER, meets 1st Tuesday, in the Presbyterian Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. McCombs, Clifton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McAra, Wilson and Sherrard; Sec., Mrs. L. Hutchinson, 20 Colenso Street; Treas., Mrs. J. A. Booth, Clifton; "W.R." Agent, Miss Killner; Cradle Roll, Mrs. F. G. Carter; Evangelistic, Mrs. MacMillan; Anti-Gambling, Miss Cook; Musical, Mrs. H. W. Heslop; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Henley.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday in the month, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs. Gilmour, 84 South Crescent Road, Spreydon; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cartwright Smith, 126 Colombo Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Steward; Treas., Mrs. Gillard, Brougham Street East; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Johnson.

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. G. Grindlay; Sec., Mrs. G. Elliott, Seddon Street; Treas., Mrs. R. B. Cole, Mangarino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hill.

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. Teasay, Edgecombe Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30, in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. W. Johnston, "Belton," Beresford Street, Bayswater; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards and Mrs. Winstone; Sec., Mrs. E. J. Lewis, "Croydon," Victoria Road, Takapuna; Treas., Mrs. R. Hames, Ewen Street, Takapuna; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Morgan; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Winstone.

TEMUKA, meets 1st Friday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hewson, Hamilton Street; Sec., Mrs. Allenby, Main North Road; Treas., Miss Greaves, King Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. R. Smart, Guilds Road; "W.R." Agent, Miss Buck, King Street.

THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Singleton; Sec., Miss M. Smith, Sperry Home; Treas., Mrs. Richmond, Edward Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Scown, Hape Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Paul, Hill Street.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs. Minifie, 27 Wilson Street; Treas., Miss A. A. Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. J. R. King, Grey Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Cave, Raymond Street; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. B. H. Low, 12 Preston Street; Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Arthur, Wal-iti Street; Notable Days, Mrs. Butcher, 50 Arthur Street.

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Robinson; Sec., Mrs. W. Hopwood, Carters Terrace; Treas., Mrs. Wakelin; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hight.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. Roy, Hunter R.D.; Sec., Mrs. R. Gillen, Harris Street; Treas., Mrs. W. Simpson, Waituna; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Graham, Rhodes Street; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Johns and Hosking.

WAITARA, in Knox Church, third Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. B. C. Lawrence, High Street East; Sec., Miss A. Blcheno, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs. Hughson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. E. Smart.

WAIKWORTH, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. L. Phillips, Pulham's Road; Sec., Mrs. I. Hamilton, "The Grange"; Treas., Mrs. G. Civil; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. L. Verry.

WAIKAWA, meets 4th Wednesday in each month, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jas. Bilby; Sec., Mrs. Pepperill; Rec. Sec., Miss T. Johnson, Rose Street; Treas., Miss Johnson; "W.R." Supt., Miss Bilby.

WAIKURAU, meets 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Smales; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Gore; Sec., Mrs. Reid; Treas., Mrs. Dixon; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Gilchrist; Band of Hope Supt., Mrs. Lucas.

WAIROA, H.B., St. Andrew's Hall, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. E. Pomfret, C/o P.W.D.; Sec., Mrs. Alexander, Box 61; Treas. and Cradle Roll, Mrs. McDonald; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Telford, Lahore Street.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Irwin, Maxwell Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Goodey and Mrs. Bathgate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Upton, 215 Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Wilson, 57 Hatrick Street; Treas., Mrs. Heatley, 72 Cariton Avenue, Gonville; Asst. Treas., Mrs. Mara; W.R. Agent, Mr. J. Grant, 55 Plymouth Street.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2.30 p.m., 2nd Thursday, in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs. A. H. Duxfield, Okoia; Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. J. Andrew, Jones Street; Treas., Mrs. F. Brown, No. 3 Line; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. D. Melvin, 29 Young Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames King, McLeod.

WANGANUI "Y's", 3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Mathieson Street Hall. Pres., Miss Edna Watts; Sec., Miss A. M. Sutton; Treas., Miss E. Windle; Supt., Miss Sanson.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in St. Andrew's Sunday School Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. T. Wall; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. M. Johnstone; Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. J. Davis; Treas., Mrs. Hickford; "W.R." Agent, Miss M. Johnstone; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs. Southcombe.

WELLINGTON, meets 1st Thursday in Constable Street Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Murray, 11 Upland Road, Kelburn; Sec., Mrs. Webb, 37 Hall Street, Wellington; Treas., Miss E. K. G. Webb, 37 Hall Street, Wellington; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Perry, 21 Millward Street, Wellington.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.45 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Mrs. Peryman; Vice-Pres., Miss Kirk; Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Crescent; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. C. Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 338 Oriental Bay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Kelly, 55 Palm Avenue, Lyall Bay.

WHANGAREI 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Vyle, 15 Central Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Lovatt, Mrs. Goodall; Sec., Mrs. Goodall, Dinniss Av.; Treas., Mrs. Hughes, Mair St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Green, Kamo Rd.; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Lovatt; Supt. Maori Work, Mrs. Oldcorn.

WINTON, meets 3rd Tuesday in every month, at 2.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. Walker; Sec., Miss Jean McNaught, Park Street; Treas., Mrs. R. Matheson, Queen Street; "W.R." Agent, Dr. M. Gow.

WOOLSTON, meets 2nd Tuesday in Opawa Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Blackwell, 94 Opawa Road, Opawa; Sec., Mrs. T. Ramsay, 131 Opawa Road, Opawa; Treas., Mrs. Busing, Dampier St., Woolston; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Turner, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Ramsay.

WYNDHAM, Pres., Mrs. Shaw; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. D. Adams; Sec., Mrs. G. Wilson; Treas., Mrs. Burstall; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. Howe; Sec. Band of Hope, Miss Avson.

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