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**ALL ROADS LEAD TO—AHM!—  
NELSON.**

And so you are off to Nelson to-morrow. Is it still Sleepy Hollow?

Well! it won't be sleepy after our delegates get there. In fact, it's already awake and busy with preparations.

But do you think we ought to have a Convention this year?

Have a Convention! Whatever do you mean? We have a Convention every year. Why not this year?

Well, in view of the unemployment and the money needed for earthquake relief, do you think we can afford it?

My word, you've got a funny way of looking at things. In view of these national disasters, can we afford to do without a Convention?

I don't understand you! Of course Convention costs money. Some of us think the money is more needed for relief work.

Have you heard of any hotel bars closing down to free money for the Dominion's need? Are they stopping the sale of lottery tickets?

Of course not. Nobody has suggested these things.

Well, if these forces of evil are to work unchecked, why should the forces which make for righteousness cease their activities?

I didn't mean cease work. They could work locally.

This is poll year. Is it not an urgent need that the leaders of our work

meet for prayer, inspiration, and consultation as to plans of campaign? To suspend our activities in the face of the crying need for reform would be a national tragedy.

You speak very strongly.

I feel very strongly. Some people, in face of disaster, entirely lose their sense of proportion. Let me ask you a few questions. Do you believe the overthrow of the Liquor Traffic is the crying need of our land?

Yes! You know I do.

Do you think the W.C.T.U. is in co-operation with our Great Master in this work of reform?

Certainly I do!

Very well, then. Do you think our Heavenly Father is bankrupt?

What nonsense you talk.

Yes! and what nonsense you act. Our W.C.T.U. women, in common with all women's organisations, have done their utmost to help both unemployed and earthquake sufferers, but they know the best help they can give the unemployed is to banish the liquor trade.

How do you make that out?

Well, New Zealand spends over 8½ million pounds in strong drink. What would happen to this money if the bars were closed.

I suppose much of it would be spent in clothing, boots, luxuries, etc.

Quite so. And do you realise that breweries and distilleries employ less labour and pay less wages than any other trade? When you spend £1 on boots or clothes, over 14/- of that goes in wages;

but when you spend £1 on beer only 6/10 goes in wages, less than half. So money spent in clothing instead of beer means twice as much in wages, and therefore many more employees at work.

Yes! that would help to lessen unemployment.

Note these figures. In 1925-6 the N.Z. brewing industries made a profit of over £237,000, but they only employed 978 persons, and paid £266,000 in wages. The clothing, boot and shoe and furniture factories, with a profit of only £208,000, employed 7,634 persons (mind, seven times as many), and paid £1,323,768. You can believe me, the Drink Trade is a vampire sucking the life-blood of our Dominion, and is responsible for most of our economic troubles.

Yes! it seems serious, and if Convention can help to end this trade, it is worth the money spent.

I should think it is. Another thing, in the face of national disaster, the best thing is to get back to normal as quickly as possible. How bravely the people in the stricken areas are doing this. They are simply wonderful.

That is true, I know, for I was there.

Another thing. We want to keep up the credit of our land before its over-sea customers. Already the disaster has been much exaggerated. If Church Conferences were postponed, and Reform Conventions failed to carry on as usual, our neighbours would think we were really down and out.

I suppose it would have that effect.

Too true it would. Remember, that though the Dominion has to sell in the world's markets and take their prices, yet the forces of righteousness have not world markets to draw upon, but the Power House of the Universe is at their command.

At their command?

Certainly. "Ask, and ye shall receive. According to your faith it shall be done." Faith is the live wire along which the power of the Eternal comes to the help of every worker in the cause of righteousness.

And when ye pray, remember, ye receive.

Return not then to doubts and questionings.

The price of answered prayer is this: Believe;

And then thank God, and give your soul its wings.

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#### DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

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##### N. CANTERBURY.

March 11. Mrs Richards presided. Sixteen Adult and four Y Unions represented. Mrs Speight, President of Hawke's Bay District Union, was warmly welcomed.

Votes of sympathy were passed with Miss Blackwell in her illness, and Mrs Mitchell.

A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, who is visiting North Canterbury and West Coast District at the end of March.

Miss Henderson proposed the following resolution, which was passed and forwarded to the Dominion Convention, to be held at Nelson on March 18th:—

"In this time of national financial depression, this Union desires to call the attention of legislators and the public generally to the fact that at least six million pounds is diverted from other trade channels every year in New Zealand by reason of the traffic in alcoholic liquor. The Union further emphasises the position that in any estimate of the revenue derived from this source, account must be taken of the fact that a great proportion of the expenditure upon mental hospitals, hospitals, gaols, and the administration of justice generally, is caused by indulgence in alcoholic liquor."

In the afternoon Mrs Lowry conducted a School of Methods, which was well attended by members from Unions in the district.



The Palmerston North Union entertained Mrs Head, President of New Island Union. Mrs Ferguson welcomed the visitor, and sent friendly greetings to her Union. Mrs Head returned thanks, and said that the headmaster of the school in which she was a teacher was Mr F. K. Hamilton, formerly of West End School, Palmerston North. Mrs Head presented the ladies with samples of work done by her girls, and the above photo. was taken to commemorate the occasion.

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##### AUCKLAND.

March 2. Mrs Morgan Richards presided over a large attendance. The first half-hour was devoted to prayer, preceded by Scripture reading.

Plans of work, remits, and various recommendations were fully discussed. Superintendents of L.T.L. work reported that activities had already begun in that Department for the coming year, and the children were keen to commence. Miss Fyfe, the new President for Mt. Albert Union, was warmly received, and gave a pleasing account of her experiences at the Victorian and New South Wales W.C.T.U. Conventions, to which she was invited while on a recent visit to Australia.

The President reported having received clothing and small donations of money for earthquake funds, which was sent direct in the name of the W.C.T.U., to assist some expectant mothers.

A report of the last meeting of the Women's National Council was given, and representatives on that Council for the ensuing year were announced.

Mrs Taylor was appointed to represent the District Executive at the Convention to be held in Nelson.

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##### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

W.C.T.U. Headquarters,  
Wakefield St., Adelaide,  
Feb. 24, 1931.

Dear Miss Henderson,—

At the State Executive of the above organisation on Wednesday, you were all very lovingly remembered by our members, and it was decided to ask you to accept and convey to our sisters of New Zealand our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the trying time through which you are passing.

Yours very sincerely, on behalf of  
State Executive,

L. M. HUPPATZ,  
State Secretary.

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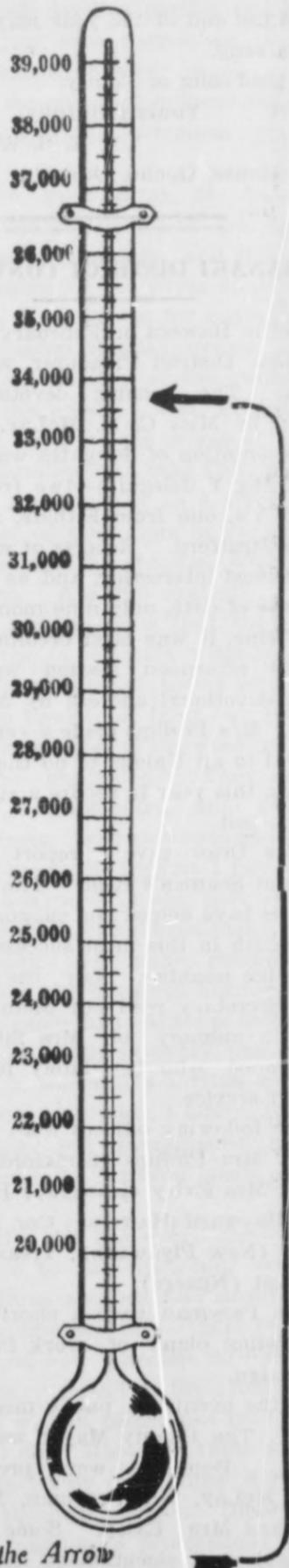
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**MILLION SHILLING CAMPAIGN.**



**MILLION SHILLING FUND.**

	Shillings.
Total Feb. 10th, 1931	33,202
Foxton	20
Oamaru	10
Rakaia	5
Takapuna	2½
Sydenham	60
Invercargill North	10
Nelson	40
Sefton	13
Waimate	6
Miss McAlister, Orepuki	20
Mrs. King, Orepuki	20
Mrs. Wylie, Orepuki	20
Mrs. McIntyre, Orepuki	20
Mrs. Garden, Orepuki	20
Mrs. Noble, Orepuki	20
Mrs. Brown, Orepuki	20
Wellington Central	15½
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>33,524</b>

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,  
March 10th, 1931.

**N.Z. TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Amounts received (exclusive of Capitation Fees) for month ending March 10th, inclusive:—

**ORGANISING FUND.**

Hastings, £6 9s; Foxton, £1 16s; Takapuna, £3; Birkenhead "Y's," 7s; Greytown, £1 4s; Opotiki, £1 1s; Ballance, 14s 6d; Eltham, 15s; Dunedin Central, £9; Waiuku, £2.

**SPECIAL ORGANISING FUND.**

South Canterbury District, £20; Mrs. J. H. Walker, £2; Mrs. T. E. Taylor, £5.

**MAORI FUND.**

Foxton, 1s 5d; Wyndham, 5s 6d; Pleasant Point, 4s 2d.

**WORLD MISSIONARY FUND.**

Ashburton, 11s; Foxton, 4s 2d; Pukekohe, 6s 3d; Riccarton, 8s; Southbrook, 2s 6d; Belfast, 2s 9d; Maungakarama, 7s; Blenheim, 19s 3d; North Brighton, 8s; Ohai, 8s 9d.

**FRANCHISE DAY FUND.**

Foxton, 9d.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,  
Treasurer.

**SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE FACTS.**

**Riccarton.**—The prescribed daily dose of Wincarnis contains the same amount of alcohol as a wine glass of whisky.

**Palmerston North.**—Minister of Health in Victoria stated 612 gallons of alcohol used in manufacture of cigarettes in 1929-30. In the whole of Australia, last year, 7315 gallons of alcoholic spirit used in process of cigarette-making.

Send along a fact for this column. **Must be short and pithy.**

**PERSONAL.**

Our old comrade, Mrs Lee-Cowie, is paying a flying visit to New Zealand. It needed an earthquake to bring her to us, but we are thankful that she found her loved ones uninjured.

Mrs Head, of Niue Island, we hoped to have had at Convention. But our colder climate does not suit her. A heavy cold distresses her, and her doctor has ordered her home by the first boat. We give her our loving farewells, and wish her speedy recovery.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.**

Dear Sisters,—

The Educational Bureau has done a thriving trade lately, something like a dozen papers upon the life of our great leader having been sent out and read at Union meetings in connection with Frances Willard Day. This is good and inspiring.

I regret to say several Unions have overlooked the request at the foot of the paper and affixed insufficient postage, and fines have been charged by the Post Office authorities.

Also, will all note the increased postage. All papers sent out after March 1st have been corrected according to the new rates, but papers already held by Unions will need extra stamps, or the Bureau will be bankrupt! Verb sap.

Your Comrade,

M. S. POWELL,

Supt. Educational Bureau.

130 Forbury Road, St. Clair, Dunedin.

P.S.—A letter received a few days ago reads:—"The paper arrived in time for our meeting, and our members were very interested. They wished me to tell you how grateful we are to be able to get these interesting papers." Such words of appreciation repay one for much thought and labour.—M.S.P.

**TOTAL THIS MONTH, 33,524.**

**TOTAL LAST MONTH, 33,202.**

## MEMO. ON THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN NEW ZEALAND.

Submitted to the Rt. Hon. G. W. Forbes, Premier, and the Leaders of the Reform and Labour Parties.

This private memo. is forwarded hopefully. Mr Forbes and the Leaders of the Reform and Labour Parties can hardly fail to recognise this crisis as one not far from war emergency, to be met only by decisions as vital and sweeping as war measures.

The country awaits with tensely the economic conclusions of conference between the three political parties. Moreover, the more intelligent citizens recognise the moment as one for decisions economic indeed, but strangely excluded from open summary of the situation. Though only a private individual, not committed to any political party, the writer represents a large, silent, non-partisan vote, turning always at the last to the party with the most solid programme of moral reform. The best world-economists now inevitably associate true moral reform with true economic reform.

Briefly, then, I beg to submit that the time has now come when no effective adjustments to ease a deplorable situation can possibly exclude heroic measures with regard to drink and gambling. Any scheme apart from such measures will fail the country at its need, and entail dire consequences on ourselves and posterity.

The writer would entreat the Leaders to consider this not as a New Zealand crisis alone, but as a Britannic crisis, in which the same factors operate in one close, clamant Imperial necessity. Is it needful to point out how the difficulties confessed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be lessened if even £200,000,000 of the £280,000,000 now annually spent on alcohol in Britain were restored to the people? Would not that tally with the proportionate result if even £1,000,000 out of the £8,500,000, the approximate annual expenditure on alcohol in New Zealand, were turned to the country's benefit? Add to that the less easily tabulated but enormous sum spent on horse racing alone, and it will be seen what a reservoir of capital true statesmanship has to draw upon in this pan-Britannic crisis, a reservoir incalculably deepened by the contingent uplift of physique, home life, and morality.

What lies before us if we postpone putting our house in order? Social chaos at home; facing abroad such

problems as India in revolt, with its inevitable repercussion on Africa. Competition not only with America, but with progressive lands like Germany and Scandinavia, awake to the alcohol menace, and meeting it with education and enactments of a more and more prohibitive cast. Deadliest of all competition with the gigantic, awaking Powers of the East, where drunkenness has never been the prime racial vice.

If Britannic peoples are mad enough to stagger on under this incubus of a past age, what hope even for us in the world-race now begun?

JESSIE MACKAY

Cashmere Hills, Christchurch,

February 20, 1931.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

Do you think it would be possible to spare space asking Branch Presidents to urge their members to wear the white ribbon?

It is so rarely to be seen, except at W.C.T.U. meetings, that very much of the advantage that we could gain from the silent advertisement of keeping our badge prominent, or even visible, is lost.

Practically all members own badges, and, financially speaking, they cost no more displayed to view than left hanging up in the wardrobe. As it is, it is a constant surprise to find how often the meaning of our badge is unknown to all but our adherents, while such ignorance is unnecessary. Advertisement pays. Why should we throw away such an easy means of advertisement as merely wearing our badges? The repeated display all the time will pay more than wearing them only about election business.

Yours faithfully,

KATHERINE MERCER.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

Through the medium of your paper I wish to thank the Dominion President and officers of our W.C.T.U. for their kindly Christmas and New Year message. That I was one of many made the remembrance no less appreciated.

To myself, and I am sure many others, your greetings brought a warm glow of fellowship. It certainly feels good to belong to a "Sisterhood of Goodwill," whose banded objective brings no personal benefit beyond that of the joy of service to God, Home, and Humanity.

Surely the response shown by the citizens of our land to the sufferers in Hawke's Bay during this past week gives us pause. When the heart is deeply touched, response quickly follows. So with confidence we pray—

May the eyes of our country be opened wide,

and the whole of the facts to see,  
That the end of the year may bring us a song,

A glad song of victory.

Yours faithfully,

E. S. WILCOX.

The Manse, Opoho, Dunedin.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT CONVENTION

Met in Hawera on February 26th, Mrs Phillips, District Treasurer, was in the chair. The opening devotions were taken by Miss C. M. McLay. A fine representation of delegates was present, including Y delegates—two from Inglewood Y's, one from Eltham, and three from Stratford. Reports of work given were most interesting, and, as owing to change of date, only nine months' work was done, it was most creditable.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional address by Mrs Peryman. Mrs Phillips made a very earnest appeal to all Unions to do their utmost during this year to secure a strong vote at the poll.

Miss Drew gave a report of work done at Seamen's Rest. The Taranaki Unions have helped and supported New Plymouth in this most successful work.

At the noontide hour the President and Secretary read our Memorial Service in memory of Mrs Simpson, of Inglewood, who had lately passed to higher service.

The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Phillips (Stratford); Vice-Pres., Mrs Exley (Hawera); Rec. Sec., Mrs Hayward (Hawera); Cor. Sec., Miss Drew (New Plymouth); Treas., Mrs K. Tarrant (Ngaere).

Mrs Peryman gave a short address suggesting plans of work for coming campaign.

In the evening a public meeting was held. The Deputy Mayor was in the chair. Bouquets were presented to Miss McLay, Mrs Peryman, Mrs Phillips, and Mrs Exley. Some excellent musical and elocutionary items were given. Addresses were delivered by Miss C. M. McLay and Mrs Peryman. Votes of thanks to all who had helped were given, and the National Anthem closed a very fine meeting.

## IN DEFENCE OF AMERICAN WOMEN.

(By A. A. Adams, in the "Spectator," London, January 5th, 1929.)

"American women are so spoiled," is a common saying, and the usual remark in articles of which the only theme seems to be the price of their pearls, their desire for change, their nervous tension, their dazzling parties, and their preoccupation with themselves to the utter exclusion of other people. But these are the wives of millionaires, and even then only the frivolous of the species.

Now the millionaires of America, though much in the public eye, are in a microscopic minority, and it is no fairer to judge by the wives of millionaires than it would be, for example, to generalise about English women from the riders in the Row or the owners of boxes at the opera. And, even then, one could write of the wives of those other millionaires who take their wealth seriously, look upon it as a trust, and spend most of their time in personally superintending the charities which interest them. Are they spoiled?

Do the writers know that there are many towns in America without one single, solitary servant, towns where all the women have to do their own housework, cooking, most of the washing, and usually the gardening? They do it cheerfully, competently, and swiftly. The American woman's standard of housekeeping is the highest I have seen (at close quarters) in any part of the world; comfort, cleanliness, light, food, and warmth are made matters of thought, and she brings to her problems her fresh, eager mind anxious to do the best for her family in every way. Her standard of warmth is a trifle high in some parts of America, I admit, for my British lungs, but otherwise her housekeeping, with its balanced meals, is delightful.

Naturally, she has every mechanical contrivance to help her, but, however many buttons she has had installed in her house, she has to be there to push them in and out. Houses do not run themselves, though the competent American woman sometimes make me think they do. Moreover, these labour-savers are costly, and when they are installed in small houses, those little houses belonging to professional men with fixed and unexpanding salaries, each of them has been bought after years of saving. A good deal of "doing without" could be written into the history of every new comfort.

For the ordinary American is not rich, and I wish to say this very clearly. Salary or income may be larger than that of his opposite in England, but his expenses are bigger; and that is why, were he living in England, his wife could have one servant, possibly two of them. The wife of the ordinary middle-class American cannot, then, in the nature of things, be spoiled. Certainly, her children are a help to her very soon. That rather terrifying young citizen with the weird garments, coatless and hatless, who rushes past you on the side-walk on his scooter, defying the law and yelling at the top of his voice, has washed his own face and has brushed his hair since he was three years old. By the time he is seven years old he is a handy man in the house, with chores to do, which he really does. Then, take the little girls with wise mothers. (I am not thinking of the children or badly assorted parents, who have miserable homes, and who spend all the time they have money for in the movie-talkies; in England we know all about them, just as we know about the number of divorces in America. I am talking about the children in well-adjusted homes, with decent, happy parents, where there is a home life, and where there is a background. Such homes exist by the million, though to read the newspapers one might not think so. At the age when her little English cousin is having her hands washed for her, and her frock buttoned, Maimie is promoted—note the word—to setting the table and tidying away the odds and ends after meals. Just last week, a little friend of mine, aged eight, whose mother was called to a sick-bed out of town, cooked and served dinner for herself and her professor father. Her father lifted the pots from the gas range to the table; honesty compels me to add that they dined in the kitchen, and ate their steak stew and vegetables out of the dish it was cooked in. But she served a three-course dinner, and between them they made coffee.

And that is why American women do their housekeeping so deftly and with so little fuss. They have always known how. They have grown up without servants and it has never occurred to them that there is anything derogatory—or splendid about housework or cooking. Everybody does it.

When they are ill, they have to go to hospital to get the care that an ordinary Englishwoman in the same station of life would get from her servant

as a matter of course, or else they have to be ill as best they can at home. Neighbours are very good and kind. In fact, one of the surprising things about home illness in America to me at first was the way that friends cooked and took in dainties to the sick. When we lived in England, if any of my friends had brought me in a jug of soup, and a sweetbread stewed in milk, my feelings would have been mixed. The meal would have been flavoured too highly by My Lady Bountiful for my palate. But here, where a woman is dependent on her husband's cooking, or on her children's, she is only too glad of the custards and cream soups that her friends arrange among themselves to bring her at stated intervals. Besides, after a few days of a mother's illness, the husband and children have enough to do to get the meals for themselves, with out cooking dainties for the sufferer.

If anybody has ever seen an American woman of the professional classes ill at home, with nobody to change sheets, answer the telephone, give her a cup of tea—or the American equivalent—until the children come home, that person will never again think of the bulk of American women as being spoiled.

The American woman, a well-dressed and gracious hostess, sitting at a perfectly appointed table, dispensing delicious food to her friends, with apparently everything she wants, talking of her trips abroad, past and future, gives the visiting Englishman or woman a feeling that she really has too much, and she is therefore to a certain extent responsible for this misrepresentation.

Her overseas guests—especially English lecturers who only see the bright side of the picture—do not realise that she has cooked the meal herself, has set the table, and that the woman who waits so deftly is there at so much the hour, and that when the hostess excuses herself for a moment it is for the prosaic reason that she has gone to pay her, so as to let her go the moment the last fork is washed. And, of course, if she has a daughter big enough to wait, and one competent to dish up, there will be no outside help employed. The reason the ordinary housekeeping American woman talks so much about the good time she has abroad is surely that she works so hard at home.

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What word will, if you take away the first letter, make you sick?—Music.

## WOMEN'S

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Wellington, March 18, 1930.

**THE WICKERSHAM COMMISSION.**

President Hoover's Commission on Law Enforcement has returned its findings, and the National Parliament of U.S.A. spent seven days in hearing their statements and proofs of them. Its findings have been acclaimed by Drys and Wets. It seems to have satisfied both sides. But judged by the findings we give below, the Wets must be easily satisfied. The Commission stated that Prohibition laws are more efficiently enforced than any others.

That the rate of decrease in commitments for all crimes is 37.7 per cent.—U.S. Census Bulletin 8-5503A, 1926.

American youths are drinking less to-day than ever before.

American women are determined that the benefits of Prohibition shall be continued.

The old-time saloon, with all its attendant evils, has been driven out for ever.

The youth of to-day and to-morrow will escape the temptations that beset their fathers.

Enforced abstinence has saved more than 100,000 lives in nine years from Bright's disease, cirrhosis of the liver, and other alcoholic diseases.

American working men are saving or constructively expending 2,900,000,000 dollars to 6,000,000,000 annually that formerly went over saloon bars.

Prohibition is so important a reform that 100 years will not be too long to try it.

Prohibition is the law of the land, and all good citizens should observe it.

Beer and wine would be the opening wedge for the return of the saloon.

Restore the legal sale of liquor, even under State Control with moderate restrictions, and every restriction will be violated.

A ten-year-old law, like a ten-year-old boy, is not perfectly regulated, but requires example, support, education and discipline.

The distillery, the brewery, and the saloon are gone. They will never come back.

**TEMPERANCE EXAMINATION.**

W.C.T.U. AND Y BRANCHES.

Leaders of Bands of Hope and L.T.L.'s,  
Please Note!

- (1) That an examination in Scientific Temperance will be held in September.
- (2) The examination will be open to—
  - (a) Junior Grades, ages 9 and under 12.
  - (b) Intermediate Grade, ages 12 and under 15.
  - (c) Senior Grade, ages 15 and under 18.

Junior Grade: To study "Ten Simple Lessons on Alcohol."

Intermediate Grade Study Book: "Alcohol a Cell Poison," first 20 pages.

Senior Grade Study Book: "Alcohol a Cell Poison."

First prize Junior Grade, silver medal, ditto Intermediate, and Senior gold medal.

**EVANGELISTIC.**

A CALL TO PRAYER.

April.—Prayer Encouraged.

Reading: Psalms 20; 67.

"Everyone that asks receives—good things" (Matt. 7:11).

"God's Word assures us that prayer is not an impotent, empty ceremony, but a vital link with Him Who holds the universe in His hands. Behind us is that power that can subdue floods and melt mountains, whether they be physical or spiritual: and just as it is possible for the electric light globe to give forth strong light when it maintains close contact with the current of electricity, so it is possible for us to maintain prayer power when we are in close contact with God. His prayer promises can never be exhausted, and it is for us to see that we keep in close contact with the Divine Dynamic that power may show through us to our associates and to the wider fields of spiritual service which need our help."

**Prayer Topics.**

1. Thanksgiving and Praise.
2. The Forward Movement.
3. Our Young People's Work.
4. Our Leaders.
5. The Coming Poll.

**EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.**

A Word from the World  
Superintendent.

The world is passing through a great time of testing, and we all know that only by faith in God and by prayer and communion, can we ever hope to see things made right. I would urge that all our W.C.T.U. members seek more earnestly to get power and wisdom from the one true source.

Yours sincerely,

T. M. HOLDER.

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**MODERATE TARIFF.**

## THE MOCKER.

## CHAPTER VI.

Six months later, late in the evening of Anzac Day, Phyllis Moore sat in front of a blazing log fire in the cosy library of her home. Janet Pryor occupied one of the high fender seats, and opposite her Anne Russell was busy with toasting-fork, currant buns and butter. Further back, Jim Pryor leaned comfortably back, legs crossed, listening idly to the three girls' chatter. Billy and Ralph had gone to some celebrations in connection with Anzac Day at Waikana, and Mrs. Moore was away on holiday, visiting friends in the South Island.

"If the doctor and fat Ralph don't hurry, these buns will be spoilt," announced Anne, as she put aside the toasting-fork and placed the dish of buns close to the fire to keep them hot.

"Yes, I wonder whatever has happened to keep them so late," Janet said.

"Run out of petrol or had a puncture," was Jim's contribution.

"I expect they will come any time now," Phyllis said cheerfully.

As she spoke, the door-bell rang loudly and long. "Whoever is that at this time of night?" she asked.

"Well, seeing I am the only man of the party, would you like me to investigate?" Jim was moving across to the door as he spoke, and scarcely pausing for answer, he went out into the hall, pulling the library door to after him.

For there was a persistent fear at the back of Jim's mind that it was neither tyre trouble nor lack of petrol that had delayed the young men's return. He knew wine would flow freely where they had been, and that, if their good resolutions failed and they returned under the influence of liquor, there was pain and humiliation in store for Phyllis. So he opened the front door, and was more dismayed than amazed at the sight of the sorry looking pair of scarecrows which confronted him.

"Ye Gods and small fishes," he marvelled, under his breath. "You have made a welter of it!"

Dirty and dishevelled, red of cheek and nose, glassy eyed, they gazed owlishly at him, while he frantically racked his brains how to dispose of

them before they were discovered. If he took the doctor home, there was still Ralph to be looked after. If only he could get them both safely up to Ralph's room, perhaps he could concoct some story to satisfy the girls afterwards. He would have to lie like a trooper and, as his thoughts raced along in this fashion, the devil whispered in his ear. Why should he lie to save the man who was his successful rival? If Phyllis saw her future husband now, would she not turn from him in anger and disgust? It would be doing her a good turn, anyway, as she would find out what he was sooner or later, and it would save her a lot of suffering, perhaps, to know first as last.

Jim pulled himself up and resolutely routed His Satanic Majesty and his cunning logic. Phyllis' disillusionment must not come from his—Jim's—hands. No! he must find some way to shield the two culprits, and with this firm determination, he turned his attention again to his two problems.

Their collars and shirts were limp and bedraggled, and Jim guessed—rightly, too—that someone had soused their silly heads in cold water to sober them enough to return home. Billy's dark hair was plastered untidily over his eyes, and Ralph's tousled head was adorned with a gaudy-coloured clown's cap. The latter clasped in his arm a faded bunch of flowers, and the former, dragged by a stout rope over his shoulder, a large bouquet of golden-brown chrysanthemums, evidently part of the holiday decorations.

"You damn fools!" burst out Jim, in a fierce whisper. "Come upstairs, you precious idiots, and I'll help you to bed before you are found out."

"Really, James, your language is rather overwhelming, my dear chap," said Billy, who was nothing, if not polite, when he had looked upon the cup, when it was red. Indeed, the deeper his potations, the more polished became his manner, and by the extreme ceremony of his conduct now, Jim realised that the doctor was very, very drunk. "I am not accustomed to retiring at this early hour, James, and I will trouble you to announce us to the ladies."

"Home, James," joined in Ralph, with a foolish laugh. "Oh, come on," urged Jim, fearful that one of the girls would come out before he

could get them away. "I'll help you up the stairs."

"Thank you, James," said Billy, drawing himself erect and nearly overbalancing in the attempt. "I am not in need of any assistance and, as I mentioned before, I do not wish to retire. I will thank you to step aside and allow us to enter."

Realising it was useless to try to get them quietly away, Jim, acting on a sudden impulse, went quickly to the library door, thrust his head in, and said, "Waddler, you're wanted here a jiffy."

Perhaps Anne could help him resolve the situation, he thought desperately. She was used to all sorts of emergencies, and had a good head on her shoulders.

Meanwhile, Billy and Ralph had come into the hall. As Billy came in, the flowers on the end of his rope bobbed and bumped over the carpet and caught in the legs of a fern-stand, bringing the whole thing down with a crash.

Anne appeared in the hall and stood for a moment surveying her two friends.

Two or three times she opened her lips to speak and shut them again. At last she said scathingly, "You beauties! Thank goodness Mrs. Moore is not home!"

(To be continued.)

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# News of the Union.

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**BELFAST.**—Feb. Attendance good. Sympathy with sufferers in earthquake area. Editorial from "White Ribbon" was read, and a paper on Life and Work of Frances Willard. Collection for World's Missionary Fund. Reports of North Canterbury Executive given. Quarterly church rally on March 8th.

**BAINHAM (NELSON).**—Feb. 18. A meeting of ladies presided over and addressed by Miss A. M. McLay, who gave an interesting account of the "Crusade" and of the work now being done in New Zealand. The speaker urged every woman to take a definite stand against the Liquor Traffic, and emphasised the high ideals of the W.C.T.U., and that it is the only woman's organisation which stands four-square against the Liquor Traffic. A Branch was formed, and eight ladies initiated. The following officers were appointed:—Pres., Mrs K. L. James; Vice-Pres., Mrs H. Graham; Sec., Miss Elsie Tibble; Treas., Mrs Tibble; Temperance Facts Supt., Mrs A. Graham. Meetings to be held in the Public Hall on 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m.

**DEVONPORT.**—Feb. Mrs Williams presided. Good attendance, and a lot of business put through, special mention being made of Frances Willard Day. Deep sympathy expressed for those who had suffered through the recent earthquake.

**DARGAVILLE.**—Feb. 17. Mrs Reynolds presided. Good attendance, and much business dealt with. Suggested that members bring cast-off stockings to next meeting, to make garments for Indian children. Mrs Reynolds reported on North Auckland Executive meeting. Decided to start the Band of Hope in April.

**EPSOM.**—Feb. 26. Encouraging attendance, presided over by Mrs Benfell. Sympathy to all sufferers through the recent earthquake disaster. "Willard Day" observed by the reading of "Life of Frances Willard." Financial statement read and discussed, and suggestions made for increasing funds. Mrs Kasper delegate to Convention. A pleasing feature was the gift of a bouquet of flowers to Miss Lillian Edger, who returns to India next month. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Judson, who has been seriously ill, but is recovering satisfactorily.

**GORE.**—Feb. 24. Good attendance, Mrs Harper presiding. Sympathy sent to earthquake sufferers and to bereaved members. Decided to receive gifts for Sale and donations for Headquarters Fund at next meeting. Pastor Raymond Simpson spoke on "Why I am a Prohibitionist." Sacred solo by Mrs Sim.

**GREYTOWN.**—Feb. 24. Met at Featherston. Wet day, small attendance. Mrs D. McKenzie delegate to Convention. President gave talk on Frances Willard, much enjoyed. An appeal to all to get new subscribers for our paper.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH.**—Feb. Mrs McKinnon spoke on "Be Strong, Be of Good Courage." Annual balance-sheet read by Treasurer, and Mr C. N. Brown thanked for auditing same. Short address by Mrs Pasley.

**INGLEWOOD.**—Feb. 25. Mrs Mackinder presided, and read a report of the year's work. Mrs Benny and Mrs Clarke delegates to District Convention. Vote of sympathy to bereaved sister, Mrs Hobbs. Miss C. M. McLay gave a very interesting address on "Balking the wall around Jerusalem."

**KAIAPOI.**—Feb. Mrs Vickery in the chair. Remits for Conference were read and discussed. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Young for auditing the books. Reports of Officers and Superintendents were read, showing: Paid-up membership, 34; Little White Ribboners, 38 girls and 35 boys; Band of Hope, new pledges, 20; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 21.

**LINWOOD.**—Feb. Mrs Richards presided. Sympathy expressed with sufferers in earthquake area. Mrs Anderson reported on Cradle Roll picnic. Mrs Francis gave interesting address on missionary work, and collection taken for World's Missionary

Fund. Speaker heartily thanked. Mrs Brewins delegate to Dominion Convention. Mrs Gilbert nominated for North Linwood School Committee.

**LOWER HUTT.**—Feb. Mrs Lopdell appointed President. Delegates appointed to Convention. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Social at Mrs Lopdell's residence early next month. Cradle Roll afternoon was very enjoyable, the weather being perfect, and the children having a real good time on the lawn. Mrs Bayly and Miss Davis prepared a stall, which brought in 17/6, and with a collection, the sum of £2 6s 6d was handed over for Cradle Roll work. During the afternoon solos were sung by Mesdames Sharpe, Burgess and Johnston. Votes of thanks were passed to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success, especially Mrs Bayly, who placed her house and grounds at our disposal.

**MAKOTUKU.**—At residence of Mrs Christoffersen. Mrs Fothergill presided. Good attendance. Vote of sympathy to sufferers in earthquake area. Vote of condolence to Mrs Smith. Afternoon tea provided by hostess.

**MAUNGATUROTO.**—Feb. 18. At the Manse. Officers to remain as at present. Treasurer's report read and adopted. Cradle Roll Supt. reported several children reaching age of eight this year, suggested that Band of Hope be revived, which has been in abeyance for a year. President reported having attended North Auckland Executive meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

**NELSON.**—Feb. 17. President in the chair. Vote of sympathy to relations of one of our members, passed away. Congratulations extended to Mrs F. W. O. Smith on her appointment to Justice of Peace. Miss McLay gave an interesting and appealing address on increasing our membership. A very successful sale of produce by Richmond Union in aid of Convention funds.

**OHAKUNE.**—Feb. Annual meeting. Nine members and one visitor present. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Lynn; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Nightingale, Freeman and Parr; Sec., Miss Donald; Treas., Mrs Freeman; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Morgan. Afternoon tea concluded a pleasant meeting.

**OAMARU.**—Feb. 9. Good attendance. Mrs Keen, of Ponsonby, took devotional reading. Miss Cowan delegate to Dominion Convention. Miss Webb reported on arrangements for relief in earthquake area.

**PUKEHUA.**—Feb. 19. Six members present. Mrs McFarlane elected Secretary. Mrs Keane given the social part, and Mrs Samson "White Ribbon" Agent. We all decided to do what we could to fill up the gaps in our ranks. Decided to send for fuller information re Bible in Schools. The President gave an account of the North Auckland District Union meeting, held in Whangarei, when six Northern Presidents and other officers met to consider future work. Mrs Legarth then gave us facts about alcohol and its action on the heart. Short talk about Frances Willard.

**PUKEKOHE.**—Feb. 16. Mrs Escott presided. Good attendance. Miss McLay gave us a very interesting talk on the life and work of Frances Willard. Collection taken for W.M.F. Afternoon tea brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**—Feb. 17. Mrs Ferguson presided. Fair attendance. Mrs Ritchie sent apology and scientific fact. Port Albert W.C.T.U. sent £2 10s for relief of earthquake sufferers. Grateful thanks sent to Port Albert. Mrs Birdsall delegate to Convention. Miss Dorothy Ferguson read most interesting paper written by Mrs Hiett on Frances Willard. To have heard this paper was worth coming to the meeting.

**RICCARTON.**—Feb. Attendance fair. Mrs White delegate to Convention. Vocal solo by Mrs Scarse. Members asked to contribute monthly to Forward Movement Fund; to attend Model Meeting. Mrs Pirett read a paper on "Five Phases in Life of Frances Willard." Syllabus distributed, and members urged to attend meetings and bring friends with them.

**RYAL BUSH.**—Feb. 25. Balance-sheet showed credit £2 1s 6d. Mrs Wilson elected President, and Mrs Gaitt Secretary and Treasurer. Both returned thanks. Resolved that each member do what she could to help Southland District Rally for Headquarters Fund. President read paper on Convention, and was thanked. Letter of condolence to bereaved member.

**RANGIORA.**—Feb. Fair attendance presided over by Mrs C. Ayers. Several apologies were received. Temperance fact supplied by Mrs Taylor on "What was best to carry with one when mountain-climbing." It was a treat to listen to Mrs Lowry as she read extracts from and spoke on "The Life of Frances Willard."

**RAKAI.**—Feb. Mrs Boag presided. Miss A. G. Oakley Supt. of Y Branch. Mrs Saunders presented balance-sheet; £16 14s had been sent to Headquarters Brick Fund. Miss Oakley reported on District Executive meeting. Mrs Robinson to represent Union at Dominion Convention.

**SPREYDON.**—Feb. 10. Twenty members present, and spirit of fellowship prevailed. Reports read and adopted. Mr Voss thanked for acting as Auditor. Motion of sympathy with earthquake sufferers. Mrs Pirett read stirring extracts from life of Frances Willard. Hostesses, Mesdames Sim and Fehsenfeld.

**STYX.**—Feb. 18. Mrs Donald presided. 11 present. Sympathy expressed for sufferers in Hawke's Bay earthquake. Mrs Lowry gave interesting address on Life of Frances Willard, and was heartily thanked. Collection for World's Missionary Fund.

**STRATHFORD.**—Feb. Prayer meeting at 2.45 p.m. Prohibition League waited upon meeting, offering fullest co-operation during polling year, particularly transport to country places. Mrs Phillips thanked deputations, promised hearty co-operation, and with Mrs McCallum, appointed to represent W.C.T.U. on League's Committee.

**TEMUKA.**—Feb. 6. Mrs Hewson presided. Attendance, 24. A vote of sympathy was passed with residents in earthquake area. Mrs Douglas to attend District Executive meeting. Mrs Hewson delegate to Dominion Convention. Arrangements were made for the coming Garden Party at Mrs Blackmore's on 19th February. Decided to have a speaker present; stalls, afternoon tea, and a programme. Members were asked to put forth a special effort this year, owing to it being election year. Solo by Mrs Ensign Smith.

**WANGANUI EAST.**—Feb. Mrs Duxfield presided. Sympathy with Mrs Brown in her illness. Balance-sheet read, showing credit £6 14s 9d. Mrs Andrew delegate to Convention; Miss Sanson substitute. Miss Sanson read an excellent paper written by a Y member on Life and Work of Frances Willard. Attention called to Day of Prayer to be held in St. Paul's Hall.

## LATE REPORTS.

**ASHBURTON.**—March 3. Good attendance; Mrs Grigg presiding. Temperance Fact supplied by Mrs Robinson. Vote of sympathy passed with bereaved in Napier and Hastings; also with Mrs Grigg and Mrs Nielsen in bereavement. A warm welcome extended to Mrs G. Miller, of N.E. Valley Union (and a former President), also to Mrs Tinker, who was admitted into membership. Mrs Robinson submitted an interesting report of South Canterbury District Executive, and stated that Temuka would entertain September Convention. "Why my 17 papers are dry," by Mr F. E. Gaunt, J.S.A., was read by Mrs Robinson, and much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Saunders for valuable services as Treasurer during the past three years. Mrs Tulloch elected Treasurer. Requested that the Unions should meet for prayer during Convention. The Commissioner of Police, Wellington, wrote acknowledging with thanks receipt of copy of resolution passed at last meeting.

**ARAMOHO.**—Feb. 26. A successful sale of cakes. Mrs Duxfield and Mrs Andrews, of Wanganui East, paid us a visit. I.T.L. Leader, Mrs Gilmour. Members of Union made garments for earthquake refugees. Helped one day at Drill Hall, and collected fruit, vegetables, and jam for Palmerston North refugees. Several members helped individually.

**BLenheim.**—March 3. Splendid attendance. Mrs W. M. Smith presided. Remits for Convention were discussed, and delegate instructed how to vote. Decided to ascertain from Convention the best method of forwarding assistance to members in Hawke's Bay. £1 to be sent to Headquarters, as usual. A syllabus for 1931 was handed to each member. A number of Temperance blotters were received for distribution in schools. Next month meeting on April 14th, when the report of Convention will be submitted.

Feb. 21. The Cradle Roll picnic was held in Pollard Park in perfect weather. There were about 300 Little White Ribboners present, and about 50 mothers. Games and races were indulged in, each child being presented with a small toy and a bag of sweets. A most enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction.

**CARTERTON.**—March 4. Good attendance. Mrs Every in the chair. Devotions conducted by Mrs Tyler. The resignation of Mrs Madden as Secretary was received with regret. Mrs Every appointed delegate for Convention. Scientific Fact read, telling of best food to be taken in very cold weather, condemned alcohol, as it dilates the blood vessels, and the temperature of the body falls, with attendant evil results.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—Feb. 11. Miss Henderson presided. Sympathy with earthquake sufferers. Satisfactory balance-sheet presented by Treasurer, and appreciation of her work expressed by members. Arrangements for Annual Tea and Concert at Jubilee Home. Miss Henderson gave an interesting address on "Three Famous Women"—Elizabeth Fry, Josephine Butler, and Florence Nightingale.

Feb. 25. Miss Henderson presided. One new member. Decided to take 100 copies of "Commonsense." Miss Goodchild elected delegate to Convention.

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL.**—March 3. Good attendance. Members from Rakaiā welcomed. Prayer for sufferers in earthquake area. Report of Garden Party at Larnach Castle; about 200 present; very wet day; members prepared for 600; after expenses were paid, £20 was cleared, £10 of that amount being handed to Earthquake Fund. Miss Avison appointed delegate to Convention. Several remits to be sent forward, referring to women police, women on Censor Board, raising of marriage age, in re boys and girls entering hotel bars to sell newspapers, family allowance, compulsory Dominion provident scheme, and punishment of drunken motorists.

**EDEN.**—March. Mrs Hayr presided. Sincere sympathy was expressed for sufferers through the earthquake, while some members reported having sent assistance to immediate needy cases. Mrs Neal gave an instructive address on "Medical Temperance." Mrs Thompson and Miss Read contributed a song and recitation respectively, and afternoon tea was served.

**YEILDING.**—March 5. Mrs Spence presided. Fair attendance. The scientific fact showed the great danger of alcohol to motorists. Mrs Spence appointed delegate to Convention. Two extracts from "Vanguard" were read. Resolved that a letter of congratulation be written to Mrs Darragh, an ex-Vice-President, on her appointment as a J.P. Remit to come before Convention read and discussed.

**FOXTON.**—Feb. 17. The monthly meeting held in the Methodist Schoolroom, presided over by Mrs J. Ross (President), who read an interesting paper on "Faith and Courage." One new member enrolled. Meeting closed with the Benediction by Mrs Tapp.

**GERALDINE.**—March 3. Twenty-three gathered together. Devotions were led by Mrs Borrell. A very nice duet by Captain Avenell and Lieut. Doran. Short address by Rev. Southern on "Home." Several matters were brought up for discussion. The resignation of our President was received with regret.

**HAMILTON.**—March 5. Good attendance. Presided over by Mrs J. M. Jones. Several apologies received. A vote of sympathy with relatives of the late Mrs Bailey, also with the Hawke's Bay sufferers in the recent earthquake disaster. Report of Garden Party received. Mrs Seal appointed delegate to Convention. Resolved to hold a small Bring and Buy Sale, provided by two different members at each meeting, to create a Delegate Fund. Arranged that four members provide afternoon tea at each meeting, and a collection taken for the Organising Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Seal for the use of her grounds for the Garden Party, held February 26th. Remits for Convention were read and discussed. Mrs Downes gave a very interesting account of her visits to the Maori Unions.

**NORTH BRIGHTON.**—Feb. 17. Miss Harband presided. Good attendance. Vote of sympathy with earthquake sufferers in the Opetiki district, gave a very in-

teresting talk on her work among the Maori people. Afternoon tea.

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**N.E. VALLEY.**—March. Mrs Peart welcomed Mrs Green, just returned from a trip to the Homeland, and expressed a wish that later she would give an account of her trip. Votes of sympathy with Mrs Wright and Mrs Beckingsale. Miss Gray delegate to Convention. Vice-Presidents elected, Mesdames Miller, Anstice, and Gibson. Letter of appreciation sent to Mrs Begg for her services as letter-writer, and Mrs Green appointed letter-writer; Misses Bayley and Clifford, Band of Hope Superintendents; Miss Gray, "W.R." Agent and Scattered Members' Superintendent; Mrs Coulter, Press and Cradle Roll. Vote of thanks to Mr Gray for auditing books.

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**—Feb. 25. Miss Drew in chair. A short prayer meeting before the general meeting. Frances Willard commemoration was included in this service. A letter was read acknowledging a parcel of clothing sent to the Willard Home from this Union. Letters from Russell and Stratford Unions were received, and contributions of £2 and 10/- towards the Seaman's Rest. Arrangements were set on foot by the President to help the refugees who were camping at East End Beach Pavilion. Mrs Hughes gave an inspiring talk on the character of our beloved leader, Frances Willard. Afternoon tea. Collection for the Missionary Fund. One new member. The following day five members attended the District Convention at Hawera.

**OTOROHANGA.**—Feb. Mrs Tozer presided over a good attendance. A donation of £1 1s sent to Headquarters Organising Fund; also a parcel of clothing sent to Willard Home. An interesting address was given by Sister Rita on the aims and objects of the Union. Mesdames Tozer and Fairbrother were hostesses.

**OXFORD.**—Feb. 25. Mrs Hawke presided. Sympathy with earthquake sufferers. Minuted an appreciation of help given by Rev. D. R. and Mrs. Turner, and regret at their departure. A. and P. Society requested Union to enter for Show, and agreed to do so. Miss Shirtcliffe spoke on work of League of Nations Union. Reported 29 visits paid by Flower Mission Department. Fine paper on work of W.C.T.U. given by Mrs Jones.

**ONEHUNGA.**—Feb. 12. Cradle Roll Party given to Little White Ribboners and their mothers. Short programme of music and recitation, with games and races for the little ones. Afternoon tea provided by members, and a gift for each child. Mrs Mountjoy, C.R. Supt., welcomed the visitors, and spoke briefly on the aims of the W.C.T.U. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Mountjoy for the able manner in which the afternoon had been arranged.

**PAPANUI.**—Feb. 12. Good attendance. Mrs Carr presided. Decided not to send delegate to Convention. Arrangements for Cake and Produce Stall to raise funds. Sympathy with earthquake sufferers. Committee to run Band of Hope. Mrs Pirrett read a paper on Frances Willard, for which she was thanked, and a collection taken for World's Missionary Fund.

**PLEASANT POINT.**—Feb. Mrs McNeur presided. Fair attendance. Mrs Brian read report of Executive meeting. Office-bearers re-elected. The Treasurer reported a small balance. Mrs Brian was congratulated on the good work she was doing among the L.T.L. members. We have 28 financial members, and 30 "White Ribbon" subscribers. Two of our members attended the garden around the soldiers' memorial. Mrs McNeur suggested keeping our old stockings to make into clothes for children in India.

**PONSONBY.**—Feb. 19. A well-attended meeting. Miss Read presided, and welcomed the members back after the holiday season. Sister Jessie, Presbyterian Deaconess in the Opetiki district, gave a very in-

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**TEMUKA.**—Feb. 19. Annual Garden Party at the residence of Mrs Blackmore. The weather most beautiful, and attendance satisfactory. Mrs W. Hewson (President) extended a welcome to all. Mrs Tilbrook gave a short address on the work of the W.C.T.U., and appealed for more members. Musical items given on the lawn, also gramophone items. Mrs Hewson and Mrs T. E. Gunnion (Mayoress) judged a bed-making competition. Members of the Union were in charge of the various stalls. Tables for afternoon tea were set out under a large tree on the lawn, and the lady helpers attended to the wants of all. Thanks was given to Mr and Mrs Blackmore. The Branch benefited to the sum of £11 11s 10d.

March 6. Mrs Hewson presided; 20 members. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Saunders. Thanks to Mr Blackmore, Mr Buck, the Y Branch, and Shepherd Bros. for their assistance. Mrs Douglas reported on Executive meeting. Accounts passed for payment. Next meeting April 10th. Congratulations to Mrs Tilbrook on her appointment as J.P. A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. and Mrs Blackmore for their services and support during their stay in Temuka. Afternoon tea.

**TAURANGA.**—March 3. Very good attendance. President in chair. Letter from former President read, dealing with recent experiences in the earthquake zone. Address on "Lax of Poplar" given by Mrs Brown. Afternoon tea handed round.

**TIMARU.**—Feb. 24. Frances Willard Day. Memorial hymn sung. Sympathy with residents in earthquake area, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Wallace, and Mrs Henderson in bereavement, and Mrs Duggan in illness. Reports received from Treasurer, Hospital Visitor, Sailors' Entertainment Committee, and Y President. Remits for Convention discussed, and delegates instructed how to vote. Mrs Miller received a welcome home. One new member initiated.

**THAMES.**—March 4. Presided over by Mrs Miller. Fair attendance. Our newly-appointed President has left the district, and Mrs Langford was elected President. Arrangements were made to hold a Birthday Party next month. The Secretary to be the delegate to Convention.

**WELLINGTON.**—March 5. Good number present, Mrs Murray presiding. Devotional exercises by Mrs Chisholm. Decided to nominate two members to stand for the Hospital Board. Mrs Mowlem spoke of the plight of many women and girls in the City who are penniless and out of work. Suggested that we do something practical for them. Stated that the new postage rates were going to cost £140 more per year to post our "White Ribbon" paper to subscribers. The only remedy was more new subscribers. Mrs Mowlem read a very interesting paper written by Mrs Webb on "The Mother of Frances Willard." Mrs Brocklehurst, of Napier, gave an address, which was much appreciated. Members were reminded of the day of prayer for unemployment.

**WAIKUKU.**—Feb. 27. Mrs Anderson presided. Eleven members present. "An Appeal to Mothers," by Frances E. Willard, was read. Articles of clothing were brought to the meeting for the earthquake sufferers. There was one new subscriber to the "White Ribbon."

## MAORI REPORT.

FRANKTON.—Feb. 27 I tu te hui kite Papaorotu Whatawhata ite kore o Mrs Whatu na Mrs Jones i whakahaere te hui; panui tia nga meneti paahi tia ana i korero a Mrs Jones i nga kupu ote karaipiture menga toimaha tanga metaana inoi ano kinga memo kia hui kia inoi mate inoi hoki ka whiwhi ite utu kanui te hikaka onga mema ote ropu mete kaha hoki kite rapu tikanga hei putanga hereni monga whakaaro ote ropu mete whakaaro hoki oratou k. i Mrs Downes hei kai tiro tiro i waenga nui o Waikato na nga wahine o whata whata iwhaka rite te kapu ti ko Sister Atawhai te pahii ote hui.

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**ARAMOHO**, meets last Thursday in month, in St. David's Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Walker, 4 Paterson Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Murdoch; 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.

**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. Downing, 5 Pompallier Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Miss Hill, 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, Whitaker Place; Pres., Miss L. Adams; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Hullah, 8 Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Cor. Sec., Miss E. Hill, c/o Nurses' Home, Green Lane; Treas., Miss Jump; "W.R." Agent, Miss E. Carpenter, 71 Lincoln Street.

**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, 5 Lytton Street, Devonport.

**BIENHEIM**, first Tuesday, in Wesley Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. M. Smith, Springland; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. M. Mills, Hodson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Prussing, Lakings Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. V. Underhill, Yelverton; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Reeves, Charles Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. A. Braddock, 86 Maxwell Road; Libraries, Mrs. Woodside; Press Reporter, Mrs. Gilmore.

**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; Treas., Mrs. N. Fraser, River Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Numan, Hood Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Hastings, Howe Street.

**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 Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Corney and Mrs. Stallard; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Brown; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Corney.

**DARGAVILLE**, 3rd Tuesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. A. Reynolds, Hokiang Road; Sec., Mrs. Martin, Turiwiri; Treas., Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Awakino Point; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. D. L. Bradly, 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, 17 Hinemoa Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Jarvis, 50 Lake Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Glassey, 2 Rangitoto Terrace.

**DUNEDIN**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. Hiatt, 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, Mailer 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. Holand; 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 Calgry 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. Bun-fell, 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, 33 Williamson Street.

**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'Donnel, 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. McAkill, 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.

**GREY TOWN**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. D. McKenzie; Sec., Mrs. H. Morrison; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Anker and Mrs. Norrie; Treas., Mrs. A. Haigh; Evangelistic, Mrs. J. Allen; "W.R." Agent, Miss Oates.

**GREY LYNN**, meets 2nd Thursday. Pres., Mrs. Hawkey, Woodland Road, Glen Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hobday, Kedgley, and Holroyd; Sec., Mrs. Cox, 4 Stanmore Road; Treas., Mrs. Lewis, 5 Stanmore Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Neal, 14 Old Mill Road.

**GISBORNE**, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. E. G. A. Reynolds, 317 Whittaker Street; Sec., Miss D. Spence, 186 Cobden Street; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Morris, 107 Stout Street.

**HAWERA**, meets last Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Exley, 38 Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Squires; Sec., Mrs. Hayward, Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs. Squires, High Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Spavin, Wilson Street.

**HAMILTON**, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's, London Street. Pres., Mrs. Jones, J.P., 52 Te Aroha Street; Sec., Mrs. Seal, 54 Te Aroha Street; Treas., Mrs. Davy, 53 London Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Watson, 15 Clifton Road.

**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. Hickmet; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thompson, Darby, and Banks; Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs. L. Baumgart, P.O. Box 323; 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, Walforiki; 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 7.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Pasley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fairbairn, McGregor, Parkin; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot Street; Rec. Sec., Miss McCallum; Treas., Mrs. Job; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. McKinnon; "W.R." Agent, Miss McLaughlan; Pres., Mrs. Reidy; Maori Supt., Mrs. Sharpe; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Crozier; Social, Mrs. Richards; Notable Jays, 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. Rineidi, 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, Huangarus; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. Tyler, Jellicoe Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. Shirkey, Grey Street.

**MAUNGATUROTO**, 3rd Wednesday, in Congregational Manse. Pres., Mrs. T. Flower, Manse; Hon. Sec., Hon. Treas., and Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Pasley; Birthday League Supt., Mrs. Knightbridge; Temperance Fact Supt., Mrs. A. Cullen; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. H. Flower.

**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, Anama; Sec., Mrs. Jas. Murdoch, Porateko Rural, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs. Edgar Biddick, Mayfield; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

**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. Willis, 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. H. Read, 50 Gilbert St; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Malcolm, Fulford Street; Treas., Miss Ellis, Elliot Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Sowery, 63 Gilbert Street; L.W.R. Supt., Mrs. Ellis, Elliot 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.

**OPAWA**, meets 2nd Tuesday, in Opawa Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Blackell, 91 Opawa Road; Sec., Mrs. T. Ramsay, 131 Opawa Road; Treas., Mrs. Busing, Dampier Street, Woolston; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Turner, Aynsley Terrace; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Ramsay.

**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. Comyns; Legal and Parliamentary, Miss Caverhill.

**ONEHUNGA**, 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, "Craignuk," 37 Albert Street; Treas., Mrs. Muehat; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Ashby; L.T.L., Mrs. Hunter and Miss Taylor; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mountjoy; Birthday League, Miss Kitt; Press, 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, Pahiatua.

**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, Matakoha.

**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, 146 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, 19 Mary Street; Treas., Mrs. Smillie, Carey's Bay; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Paton, Daly 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; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. E. Richards, Seddon Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Vant, Beresford Street; Treas., Mrs. Smith, East Street; "W.R." Mrs. Patterson, Totara Avenue.

**RAKAI**, 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. Sandford; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lynn, Sezrew, Barnes, and Ensign Laskey; Sec., Mrs. Worthington; Treas., Mrs. F. Pederson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. H. Scarrow; Organist, Mrs. Crochette.

**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. Philp and Mrs. Prosser; Treas. and Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Cassels; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. H. Gray, Palmerston St.

**STRATFORD**, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Kennedy, Broadway; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McCallum and Miss Lilley; Sec., Mrs. C. Rogers, Pembroke Street; Treas., Miss Boyd; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Clarke, Seyton Street; L.W.R. 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 Wilson, McAra., Simpson, Topping 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 Cock; Musical, Mrs. H. W. Heslop; Good Citizenship, Mrs. Henley.

**SYDENHAM**, 1st Thursday in the month, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs. Gilmour, 44 South Crescent Road, Spreydon; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Stewart; 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. Teasey, 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, "Belfon," 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. Langford, Hauraki Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Smith, Sperry Home; Treas., Mrs. C. H. Cooney, Willoughby 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. Bicheno, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs. Hughson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. E. Smart.

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

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

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

**WAIKOA, 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 Carlton 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, 20 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. Johnston; Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. J. Davis; Treas., Mrs. Hickford; "W.R." Agent, Miss M. Johnston; 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, Dhaniss 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. J. P. McWilliam, Park Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Park Street; Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. R. B. Matheson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. E. R. Smart.

**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 Ayson.

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