

# The White Ribbon

For God, and home, and humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"Turn towards Tomorrow as its dawn with glory glows;  
Turn towards the Future and the promise that it shows."  
—Patience Strong.

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## THE CLAIMS OF YOUTH

It would seem, judging from reports received, that an awakening to the need for more concentration of our forces upon the Youth of the community is taking place. The revival of the Band of Hope here and there; the planning for our Educational Officer's work in schools and colleges; the appeal which comes to us from the "Y" president: and the emphasis being placed on Youth work in Church, municipal and industrial circles, all seem to point to a realisation of the need for definite action.

The devastation of war in the ranks of the young of this generation makes the matter more urgent even than usual. In every department of life something will depend on the outlook and training of those now in process of preparation for the tasks of life in the world as it will be. Always important, this will have more dependent upon it in the next decade than perhaps ever before. Everything points to the probability of great changes; indeed, we see them taking place now before our eyes. How desperately necessary it is for men and women of clear vision, of definitely and deliberately chosen idealism, and most of all, of resolve, to work and spend self and all one has for the bringing in of "The brave new world." This will not come

by accident. It will **not** develop as a mere process of evolution. It must be an aim and object to be planned and most earnestly pursued.

What are we going to do about it? Life is short. Time flies fast. Mental and bodily vigour alike become feebler as the years pass on. It is now that we should be moving with determination to do our share in assisting to equip the boys and girls just stepping into the world outside the school walls; outside the home protection; the world of strange temptation, of difficult problems, and of rosy promise of pleasure as yet untried.

If our hearts are full of the desire to help, and if we realise that youth does look for a lead, even unconsciously, ways and means will be opened to us. The main thing is for us to admit our responsibility. We cannot escape it. Let us organise in our District Conventions, in our Unions, for a great campaign among the youth of our towns. Our time for new plans is almost upon us. Help is available through our Literature Department, our Educational Officer, and our organisers. And let us remember words spoken by Winston Churchill: "Difficulties mastered are opportunities won."

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

**Marlborough:** To be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Blenheim, September 18th. Speaker, Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P., Dominion Recording Secretary.

**South Auckland:** Finally arranged for September 20th in St. Paul's Methodist Church Hall, Hamilton. Speaker, Mrs. Long, president of Auckland District Union. Opening session, 10.45 a.m.

**Young People's Competitions:** It has been arranged that two groups of Competitions shall be held; one before and one after Christmas. All District and Local Unions are asked to interest schools and Sunday schools in these, and to obtain co-operation if possible. Enquiries should be sent to local Union secretaries who should be ready to supply data and to give help if required. Full announcement in Y.P. Supplement.

**Editor's Request:** In answer to many enquiries the Editor announces that reports, etc., should reach her before the sixth of the month. The distance from Wellington where the W.R. is printed makes this necessary.

**Extra Important:** The Dominion Officers request that each Union should appoint one or more of their members to investigate the possibility of organising a "Y" branch. This is a reply to the appeal made in last issue by the President of the "Y's," the Rev. J. Chambers, who is strongly desirous of extending the "Y" branch. We are glad of his energy and enthusiasm and want to help him and our own department also.

### TELL YOUTH THE TRUTH ABOUT ALCOHOL

"Someone taught you the danger of intemperance, someone inspired you to abstain from the use of beverage alcohol," wrote Mrs. Colvin in her article, "Tomorrow's Children." She said also, "There is no greater service than to help a boy or girl to become the man or woman of whom any home, any Church, any school, any nation may be proud."

Have you often thought that you would supervise a YTC some time? Have you promised yourself that just as soon as you could find time you would organise and lead an LTL? Well, now is the time you are needed. Do not wait until it is too late.

### "NOT FROM THE BOTTLE"

From London came opinion  
After their V-E joy.  
Unto N.Z. Dominion  
In truth without alloy.

"The Spirit of the People"  
Which made bell-ringing start  
In every extant steeple  
"Came from the British Heart."

Distillers did not make it,  
Beer-brewing played no part,  
No Bottler did fake it,  
Its source the British Heart.

Hurrah! The British Spirit  
Which plays so great a part  
And which we all inherit,  
Comes from the British Heart.

## DEPARTMENTAL WORK

### REPORTS AND IDEAS

#### Organising Department

Dear Fellow-worker,

You will have noticed in last month's "White Ribbon" that I have taken up organising work again. Just at present I am resting, for I have realised that twenty months in the Hostel, although it has been very interesting work, has sapped a little of my strength.

When one remembers that over 130 Maori girls have been contacted and cared for; also informed that the rules of the Hostel must be adhered to, and various other duties considered. Well, it has certainly proved a busy experience.

But I felt well rewarded when a few nights before I left the Hostel, I received a lovely little gift from the girls, a set of poker work table mats in a stand, and a lovely little hanky in a sachet with the word "Mother" worked on it.

And then I shall ever appreciate the little farewell talk given by Nancy Paul on behalf of the girls; also letters of appreciation for the home influence.

As I am working throughout the various parts of the Dominion, I hope again to renew the friendships formed.

Yours in service,

E. M. APPLEBY.

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#### Flower Mission Department

##### AGENDA FOR A "FLORAL" MEETING

Suitable hymn. Devotions, reading St. Matt. 6:24-34. Welcome. Pledge. Temperance Fact. Apologies. Minutes and business arising. Correspondence. Financial statement. Reports. Programme items: Song, "Thank God for a Garden," or any suitable song; Recitation, "Gardens and You"; Reading, anything suitable. Address, or the story of the origin of the Department. Song or duet, "Consider the Lilies." Closing.

**Note:** Make the room a bower of flowers. Arrange competitions for the best vase of flowers and the most artistic shoulder spray, with small prizes for winners. Flowers to be sent to the sick and "shut-ins," and the sprays could be sold for funds or presented to the speaker and performers.

##### A GARDEN HYMN

(For Floral Day)

Give me a lovely garden, and the rest of the world you can take;  
Give me the songs of earth, each morning when I awake;  
Give me the earth's bright rainbow of petals alight at my feet;  
Give me a lovely garden in exchange for a busy street.

Give me the laughter of Nature, which breaks into coloured smiles.

Give me one foot of flower-filled earth in exchange for shop-lit miles.

Give me the gold-splashed sunshine, and shady nooks, green, dim;

And give me the soft rain falling like cool notes of a peaceful hymn.

—Jean Morton.

#### GARDENS, AND YOU

(Recitation for Floral Day)

A garden's smile is a friendly smile in the radiant morning sun,  
Through the blazing noon, in the dream-filled dusk,  
When the tired day is done;

What a welcome breathes from each shining leaf,  
From each blossom drenched in dew!

A garden's smile is a friendly smile,  
And so is the smile of you.

A garden's ways are such gracious ways;

For a garden could not grow  
Its wealth of bloom from a selfish heart;

Its loveliness bestow  
Unless there were some secret spring of Joy, on which it drew.

A garden's ways are such gracious ways;

And so are the ways of you.

A garden's life is a helpful life,  
For never a passer-by

Can look upon its smiling face  
Upturned to a smiling sky;  
And not discover that his heart  
Has been uplifted too.

A garden's life is a helpful life;  
And so is the life of You.

A garden's heart is a loyal heart

That meets the daily test  
By keeping faith with every trust,  
And giving forth its best.

A promise made is a promise kept  
In its code so staunch and true;

A garden's heart is a loyal heart,  
And so is the heart of You.

A garden's faith is a boundless faith,

Deep-rooted, changeless, sure  
That the sun will shine and the dews will fall

And the twinkling stars endure;  
That, back of them all is a love divine;  
As infinite as the blue,

A garden's faith is a boundless faith,  
And so is the faith of You.

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#### Auckland District School of Methods

At the July School of Methods, Mrs. Kasper was the conductor. Mrs. Lovatt was appointed pianist for the choir. Mrs. J. Williams gave an address on "Expression in Public Speaking"; Mrs. E. Mackey, district superintendent for "Seamen's Rest," described the work of her department. In the afternoon Miss E. M. Appleby spoke of her experience

of the "Seamen's Rest" work. Mrs. Holmes, district superintendent for "Moral and Social Hygiene," gave an address on "Almost a Man." Mrs. Kasper opened the discussion on the "Press" Department, and the following suggested plan of work was drawn up.

#### Press Department

Report to the local Press every meeting possible. Space shortage will right itself before long. Write **letters** to the editor. Our propaganda and the objectives of our organisation can thus be put before the public when no other way is open to us. It was suggested that a suitable letter-writer could be appointed by the Union.

**Church Magazines:** Articles about our work will always be welcomed and Temperance Facts also.

**"White Ribbon":** Send reports to the editor in good time.

**Vigilance Committee:** Set up a small committee to watch the papers and see that any incorrect statement about our work or the Liquor Traffic is corrected.

**Newspaper Clippings:** Paste into a copy book clippings that can be used for reference.

**Prayer:** Remember this important department in prayer. A beautiful prayer in the "Service and Prayer" book should be used.

**Special Note:** This plan of work has been approved by the Dominion superintendent, who stresses the point that care should be taken in writing to the Press that statements made are authentic.

#### Social and Moral Hygiene Department

The following is a resumé of a paper given at a School of Methods, by the Auckland District Superintendent of the Department. It has been shortened because of space requirements.

"This department aims to possess all the requirements of the position to which it has been assigned in the W.C.T.U. (1) It aims to promote healthy Christian moral standards of living in the Home, in the school, and in public; not so much to bring to light the evils—we all know of them—but to bring forward an educational scheme to combat social evils. (2) To urge parents to instruct their children in sex matters and ensure that their outlook is based on Christian ideals before it is perverted by the degrading conceptions liable to be thrust upon them by films, novels and conversations at school and elsewhere. (3) By the term "Sex Education," we mean all educational measures which in any way may help human being of any age, but especially in childhood and adolescence, to prepare for the many situations and problems which arise directly from the natural relations of the sexes; and which in some measure come into the normal experience of every normal man and woman. These experiences have a wide range. "In



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short, sex education is a part of living" ("National Education").

(4) We feel that no teacher should leave Training College without an understanding of sex hygiene, not necessarily to impart it to others, and not only as an individual member of the community, or as a future parent, but as a member of a profession which has great responsibilities in the care of the young.

Great care is needed in giving explanation of these matters to the child mind for children never forget what they learn when young. As an example, the story is told of how a wise, sympathetic teacher, who, instead of feeling that the natural attraction of two school children of opposite sexes, and of early adolescent age, was a terrible and evil thing, tactfully and courageously faced the task of enlightening and helping to a higher conception the lad of good intelligence, who might have steered on to the rocks of ignorance and low ideals. Among other things, this teacher says: "We seldom think how much of beauty and loveliness is due to sex. It is because of sex that we are gathered in families and enjoy all the delights of home. It is because of this that we have the ties of kindred relations. The tender ministrations of mother and sister in times of sorrow or illness are only possible because of sex. It is claimed by some wise men that our love of music, of poetry, of romance, of beauty, are due to sex. In all organic life we find the same force at work. The song of the bird to his mate, the chirp of the cricket, every charming voice in wild nature, are notes of love, and were it not for these, field and forest would be silent."

This wise approach to a difficult matter should appeal to all interested.

**SOME TEMPERANCE FACTS**

According to the "International Record," three popular Hollywood film stars, Frank Morgan, Clark Gable, and Spencer Tracy, each demand a substitute for the liquor they are supposed to be drinking in a picture. The first takes cold tea, the second insists on sweet cider, and the third on any soft drink. Not a drop of alcohol amongst them.

The "Medical Temperance Journal," of England, says: "In the whole history of the unholy alliance with medicine, alcohol has not cured a single diseased person; it is an antidote for nothing, a cure for nothing, a preventive for nothing."

The Shetland Islands went dry some time ago during a local option campaign and remain dry. In a population of 26,000 there is almost no unemployment, no crime at all, and five policemen are sufficient to look after 800 square miles.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

I read an article in the May "Union Signal" which interested me, and I pass on a few paragraphs. It is entitled: "The status of women in purposeful living"; and is by Mrs. F. A. Victor. She quotes a writer who insists that he belongs to the superior sex. He said: "Women admit it by imitating us. Unfortunately, they imitate our vices rather than our virtues." Mrs. Victor says: "The fact is, there is neither an inferior nor a superior sex. We are just different, but each is vital to the other. Separate, we are incomplete. Together, complementing and supplementing each other, we become whole. We do not want a woman's world any more than we want a man's world. We want a human world, with men and women working together co-operatively, each rejoicing in the triumphs of the other, each understanding and sympathising with the other. In such a world, men and women would attain their highest level in life. When we are working with men, we should not ask for special favours. We must ask only for a chance to work, and the emphasis would not be on the fact that we are women workers, but that we are workers, ready and willing to render conscientious and efficient service, and the reward we get must be based on the service rendered. We should rejoice in the fact that we are women, and bring to our work the womanly graces, the strength and gentleness, the courage and endurance, the wisdom and the understanding that the word 'woman' connotes."

But even more important than the study of attitudes and aims, is the study of the principles and ideals which should determine the direction their lives should take. . . . Wherever women are, it is their task to lift the level of life, and to do that, their lives must be based on the principles of Jesus Christ. This must be taught in the home. It is in the home that children are given their life direction. The Christian training by Christian parents in a home where God is loved and honoured would do more than any other one thing to bring peace to this war-torn world, because we will not have peace among the nations until in the assembly of the Nations He is crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This ideal for the world must have its roots in the tiny unit of the family.

And we cannot live for ourselves alone. As strong women, we must seek the protection of the weak; we must have a concern for the women who struggle alone; as Christian women we must work for freedom and for justice for all women. How many crooked places could be made straight, and rough places made smooth, if Christian women, reaching out, and placing their hands in the hand of God, would dare to live according to what they say they believe. Is not this a task big enough to challenge the in-

**IN MEMORIAM****MRS. ANNIE WATSON, NELSON UNION**

One of Nelson's well-known temperance workers passed away on Friday, July 6th, in the person of Mrs. Annie Watson, of Washington Valley, in her 82nd year.

Mrs. Watson joined the W.C.T.U. in its early days, and was among the first to receive the thirty years badge for active service. She will leave a big blank in the Nelson Union, as she rarely missed a meeting. She was a familiar figure at Dominion Conventions. She and her husband, Mr. Robert Watson were members of the Good Templars and of the Rechabites. In 1933 they visited England, where they attended sessions of these Orders, and of the British Women's Temperance Union, being welcomed as New Zealand's representatives. Mrs. Watson was a member of the Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for 32 years, a record for women's services on Hospital Boards in New Zealand. She had been a J.P. since 1928.

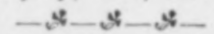
Her husband pre-deceased her several years ago. Two of her sons, Kenneth and Roy, were killed in the first world war, 1914-1918, and three sons and a daughter are left to mourn their loss.

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS GAINED**

1st June to 31st July, 1945

Dunedin, 1; Opotiki, 1; Linwood, 1; Picton, 1; Nelson, 3; Auckland 4; Tauranga, 1; Grey Lynn, 2; Eltham, 1; Te Awamutu, 1; Devonport, 1; Mt. Albert, 1; Epsom-Greenlane, 1; Wanganui East, 1; Christchurch, 11; Cambridge, 3; Mangakarama, 1; Hastings 1; Riccarton, 1. Total, 37.

Total new subscribers from 1st February to 31st July, 1945, 81.

**JULY SNOWFALL**

One morn, late in July, I awake  
Expressions of surprise to make,  
For Hill and Dale, and Town also,  
Are clad in heavy coat of snow.

Despite the damage through this fall  
I see great beauty mid it all;  
In snow-clad Hills, and surely these  
Are blossoms white, on many trees.

Snow-roofed, all houses look as though  
They are the homes of Eskimo;  
Take care, that snowy heap out there  
Might be a sleeping Polar Bear.

Come, in this snow-clad Land today  
As North Pole seekers let us play;  
By whom, in Band of Hope, we learned  
Liquors of alcohol are spurned.

terest of the strongest woman, and for the imagination of the most indifferent?

My whole letter is a quotation. May God help us to live our lives courageously for God and for others.

With loving greetings to all,

JESSIE HIETT.

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## "A CERTAIN WOMAN..."

As the time for district conventions draws near reports of work done during the year must be made up. It always seems to be rather a dispiriting record, somehow, because of the magnitude of the task at which we work. We think not of what we have done, but of how terribly much more remains to be done. It is right that we should have the time of reckoning in our fight with the most gigantic, merciless and deadly foe of all that is good in the world. But there is a danger in this very thing. We see the evils against which we are striving apparently suffering no check; rather, indeed, seeming to become stronger. Our work, our organisation, our prayers and tears all seem to have about the same effect as if we stood on the seashore trying to hold back the tide with our two hands; or a little wall of sand. The terrible sense of futility, of wasted effort, or what seems to be wasted, is one of the hardest things any Christian worker has to face. I think that even our Lord had to face it, when He wept over Jerusalem. It is not a wrong feeling; but it is dangerous to our power of perseverance to allow ourselves to dwell unduly on this side of the picture. Those who would seek to deter us in our efforts make great use of this weapon and say: "What use do you think it all is? Why do you go on championing a lost cause? Far better give it up and let people find out for themselves what is the best way for them," and so on. We have all heard them. And we have to be very sure of the rightness of our work to be able to withstand the efforts to draw us back from our uphill pathway.

Are we sure of it? The enemy constantly seeks to undermine our faith in the value of our work and there is no more subtle danger to be prepared for than this loss of certain, definite assurance that we are doing

the work of God. Let us seek to realise that our cause is God's cause. We are like soldiers fighting on a very long front, and we cannot know how the battle is going all the time. We do know, however, that—

"To doubt would be disloyalty;

"To falter would be sin."

We know that we have a Leader Who will bring us to final triumph.

In the ninth chapter of the Book of Judges a strange story is told of the overthrow of Abimelech, the cruel murderer of his 70 brothers and tyrannical oppressor of his countrymen. The smouldering grief and horror caused by his dreadful deeds burst forth at last and Abimelech found himself compelled to defend himself. Having taken a city by force, he thought himself secure and in the way of recovering

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Warkworth.....	2 new members
Linwood.....	1 " member
Invercargill South....	2 " members
Lyttelton Y's.....	4 " "

L. M. MITCHELL.

August 2nd, 1945.

his lost status. Read the story in verses fifty to seventy-five. Think of it, "A certain woman." Who was she? Jael, Deborah, Miriam, Rahab, are all mentioned by name for their bravery and daring, but this woman is never mentioned again. Was she a sister of the slain seventy or a mother, a wife, a daughter of one who perished in that awful mass execution? Was she young or old? Was she just filled with the blood lust which we hear of as a possibility now and then even in the gentlest? Or, was she frenzied with terror of the fate that threatened, the death by fire? We do not know. But this we do know, that she was doing her part. "Doing her part." What a simple thing that seems to be. It is only what we should all do, and usually we do it. All we can say about this woman is that she was there when the moment came for her to save herself and those with her from disaster. She must have been fully visible to Abimelech when she cast down the heavy stone, the hard stone of which the hand mills were made. Her aim must have been good. One wonders whether she felt aggrieved because of the young man who made the final end to save the tyrant from the ignominy of meeting his fate at the hands of a mere

woman: or if she thought nothing mattered except that deliverance had come. What the fighting men had been unable to do was done simply and quickly by a mere woman, just doing her part in the defence of home and country.

The story has its significance for us. When we feel that deadly sense of futility in the doing of the regular work in our Union life, when the disappointment and apparent failure threaten to paralyse our enthusiasm and deaden our hope, let us try to recall this story. Just a stone thrown! But in God's purpose it found its mark.

We have a battle of deeper significance on our hands, a foe of darker and deeper strength than this woman dreamed of. Our homes, our lives, our dearest and best, are in the direst danger while we live in a land where Alcohol is gaining new recruits every day, where the drink bill has reached such a figure that we mention it with bated breath, where immorality walks unashamed in our cities and towns, where twenty cases of criminal abortion take place weekly, with at least one death resulting, the death of a woman who should have been a happy mother, but whose motherhood only meant to her something to be destroyed, and led to her own sad and terrible death; where one N.Z. hospital treats 23,500 cases of venereal disease, where, in short, the logical results of an encouraged and assisted drink traffic are being manifested. Abimelech slew his seventy brothers, millions have perished in this and the last war, but who can count the victims of this arch-enemy?

Are we going to keep ourselves in readiness for meeting this foe?

What are our weapons? Prayer, believing and constant, which has its effect on ourselves and those with whom we come in contact; personal devotion to the cause, which makes of every chance a real thing; knowledge of the magnitude of the task and of the truth concerning it in all its aspects. These are the arms with which we should equip ourselves. They are not handed out to us; we must set to work to obtain them, and consider it a disgrace to be without them. A band of women devoted to the task and all ready for "doing their part" cannot but be used of God. Let it be our usual attitude of mind to feel this and to remember that "There shall never be one lost good." No seed, sown in faith and hope, humility and love, but will bear its fruit "some glad day."



## Special Reports

### LOWER HUTT

A special afternoon was arranged by the Lower Hutt Union on July 25th in the form of a "Coin" Social, held in the Wesley Infant Schoolroom in aid of "Seamen's Rests" and the District Executive. A "Bring and Buy" stall was also operated. An interesting feature was the programme presented by Mrs. Spencer's L.T.L., which was excellent in every way, being a credit to themselves and to Mrs. Spencer who had given much time to their training. They meet fortnightly at Mrs. Spencer's home after school and wonderful work is being done. Nine of the twelve members are entering for the Temperance Examination. The L.T.L. has just celebrated its first birthday. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the children.

### JOHNSONVILLE TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY—JULY 10th

Mrs. McBride presided over a good attendance of members and friends despite the very cold, wet day. She also conducted the Devotions. Mrs. Peryman, who was unable to be present, sent the following message: "Have faith and look up to God for victory. Expect victory and you will get it." Mrs. McBride added the words: "There is no victory or glory if you don't fight." Pledge was reaffirmed. Songs and recitations were rendered by different friends during the afternoon. Miss Kirk was the guest speaker for the occasion and gave a very interesting talk on "Child Welfare and Delinquent Parents." A

### "THE PROBLEM OF WAR NEUROSES"

The re-absorption of "wounded in mind" casualties into "civilian life."

In what way can citizens help?

First they can demand an active and practical approach to the solution of this major problem by insisting on the appointment of experienced psychiatrists to all selective boards examining recruits to the armed services and by the application of psychiatric knowledge the medical officers can weed out unstable recruits. In his admirable survey entitled "Two years of military psychiatry in the Middle East" Lieut-Col. Craigie, R.A.M.C., tersely remarks about unstable recruits: "They were candidates for hospital treatment." Again, "Selection, then, should start before entry into the army; it should continue throughout the stage of training; and it should apply particularly to all drafts for overseas service."

Citizens should insist that the value of the psychiatrist in the active combat area, the base hospital clearing station, and finally at the stage of boarding out of the army, should be adequately recognised. The value of the psychiatrist in the forward fighting area is amply demonstrated by the number of shock cases he is able to

delicious birthday cake, provided by members, was cut by Mrs. Johnson, who also made it, and pieces were sent to all sick and absent members. Mrs. Andrew closed the meeting with prayer.

### BLENHEIM MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

Mrs. N. Forbes conducted the opening session and spoke of Frances Ridley Havergal, her life and work as a hymn writer, special mention being made of the consecration hymn, "Take my Life." Some very beautiful thoughts were expressed by the speaker.

Mrs. F. Bythell followed with the next session and continued her address from last month's meeting, her subject being "The Work of the Scripture Union throughout N.Z."

In the afternoon, Mrs. Crow was the first speaker and her subject was "Bible, and Present-day Miracles." The speaker for the closing session was Mrs. A. Fear, who told of the life and customs of the people of India among whom she and her husband worked in the mission field for a number of years. Well-known hymns were sung, all joining in whole-heartedly. Fervent prayers were offered. Attendance good. The organist was Mrs. E. Leslie, and the pianist, Mrs. A. Milgrew.

These meetings, held on the last Friday of the month, have met a real need in the community. Originally begun as a war effort, all the mission fields of the world are now included in the subjects for intercession, as well as local needs. It is strongly felt that it should be continued even on the close of the war.

return to combat duty after a few days' treatment.

The question of hospitalisation of "wounded in mind" casualties is most important. In his report on "a social experiment in psychiatric medicine," Dr. D. E. Sands poses this question: "To what extent can mental hospital services, at present largely organised to meet the maintenance needs of an abundance of chronic patients, be adjusted to secure the confidence of the early recoverable patients, so that this confidence would lead to their early treatment and lessen the incidence of chronicity?" Dr. Sands discusses the need for psychiatrists able to use comprehensive schemes of treatment, including psychotherapy, insulin comas, modified insulin therapy, continuous sleep, electrically induced fits, etc., and combinations of the foregoing according to the requirements of the individual patient. He also comments favourably on the good results obtained at the Sutton psychiatric ward in Sussex. Citizens should endeavour to ascertain whether it would not be possible to commit only cases suffering from suicidal, homicidal, sexual mania or violent anti-social tendencies to the custodial care of general mental hospitals. They should enquire as to the possibility of establishing psychiatric

curative centres on lines similar to the Sutton psychiatric wards in England which have proved so successful. Citizens should urge the control of custodial mental hospitals by boards elected at the same time and by the same franchise as Public Hospital Boards.

For the period of transition from hospitals to real life suggestions based on the annual report (1942) of the Cassel Hospital for Functional Nervous Disorders would be most helpful. In this report Dr. C. H. Rogerson suggests "An intermediate type of hostel or hospital largely run by the patients, supervised by a trained nurse and with only occasional medical supervision, because such a place would be principally concerned with occupation and recreation as a step towards the outer world." This report stresses the importance of co-operation with vocational advisers and the value of a sympathetic attitude on the part of employers.

Citizens, whilst recognising that the numerical aspect of the neuroses problem in New Zealand will not be as large as in countries with larger populations will realise the necessity for classification and getting the recoverable cases back to civilian life by the most pleasant and helpful ways possible. Representations could be made to have the intermediate hostels or sanatoria placed under the control of the N.Z. Red Cross Society.

Right throughout the whole gamut of hospitalisation of our "wounded in mind" casualties from custodial mental hospitals to sanatoria, citizens should regard it as their bounden duty to see that all the amenities of a good home are provided: comfortable sleeping accommodation, reasonable privacy, hot and cold showers and baths, a good standard of clothing, properly served appetising, nourishing food with plenty of fruit, vegetables and milk, various indoor and outdoor recreation and occupational facilities, and above all a constant recognition on the part of those persons charged with the care of these cases "that these patients have been wounded in their country's service and all that can be done to help them is but a pitifully inadequate recognition of the debt we owe to them for the preservation of our liberty and country."

Citizens should strive to realise what these wounded men and women have sacrificed. In our custodial mental hospitals are patients who served in the 1914-1918 war—a generation sacrificed for their country. Surely the very least citizens can do is to insist that they are deprived of no alleviation, comfort or amenity it is possible to afford to them. In short, citizens must insist that our custodial mental hospitals and sanatoria measure up to the high standard so admirably expressed by a writer in the British Medical Journal, 13/11/43: "A psychiatric hospital is no longer simply an 'asylum' or retreat; it is a 'hospital' in the ancient sense—a guest house for those ultimately on their way back to real life."

## Australian Greeting and Message

The following has been received recently by our Dominion President from Mrs. Griffiths-Lloyd, Australian National President, and has been passed on for publication so that all members may share in its kindly warmth.

July 1st, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Hielt,

For a long time I have intended writing to our New Zealand "White Ribboners" to send them a message of love and goodwill. More especially I want to say "Thank you" for the "White Ribbon" which comes to me from your office. It is a great pleasure to receive it and to meet your workers in its pages.

What a splendid record Mrs. Perymar had as editor for "These many years." Such a position is arduous and responsible. Please add my little flower of appreciation to the garlands you bestow upon her. May the new editor have grace and wisdom in abundant measure.

I am interested in your Young People's section. In Australia we have very few groups that include the young men, while you seem to prefer them in the capacity of Leaders.

The Invercargill position creates a new problem, doesn't it? We were so sorry that it went back—after all those years—on "No licence." There is no doubt the military attitude of drinking has doubled the difficulties of Temperance work, and has set back the clock so far as personal total abstinence is concerned.

But "this is the victory that overcometh the world; **even our faith.**"

"... right the day must win;

To doubt would be disloyalty;

To falter would be sin."

Please give my cordial greeting to your fellow officers and members in "White Ribbon" fellowship.

God bless you all and prosper your work.

Yours in Christian Service,

JESSIE M. LLOYD.

Dear Madam Editor,

Lately I have attended the meetings of several women's organisations where it has been impossible to find anyone willing to take on the job of president.

In every case the retiring president was re-elected, as everyone knew she must be. Nobody else would allow herself to be nominated when anyone tried to find a candidate.

Have you ever been to such a meeting? Of course you have.

The sign of dry rot is very common in practically all women's organisations; worse than in men's, or in those of both men and women. It is the reason why women's bodies tend to lose their vitality and to become a little more than pleasant social gatherings of elderly women.

Follow the history and say right now what you think about it.

Mrs. A. or Mrs. B. really made the Branch. Her enthusiasm gave it such a push when it was formed, or else she came when it was losing ground and reorganised it, putting new life into it with her own personality. She found Mrs. C. or Mrs. D. and they have worked together so well, knowing each the others ways, that they have made an ideal team. In fact, no one else would offer to take on either officer's position. Nobody else would be expected to do it so well, and, you know, after she has held the position for so long, Mrs. A. B. or C. would really miss it so much. No one could hurt her feelings by ousting her. So, younger members, who find it dull always sitting listening, perhaps allotted some hack work as their most exciting part, slip off to outside interests, become absorbed in them, and more or less gradually lose interest in the Branch (of whatever organisation it may be). It is really almost a family party, members know each other so well. They are old friends, gradually ageing and almost unconsciously losing step with the strenuous march of the young people who are battling with the world and shaping it. So, there is the once active branch, little more now than a pleasant social club of dwindling membership and attendance.

You recognise the story? How are we to alter it—to renew the Branch?

It seems to me that the way is to provide a succession of officers—that is mainly, of presidents. Train public opinion, that is, ourselves, to realise that election is not for life, but for a definite period and that re-election for more than, at the most, three recurrent years, is a sign of dry rot. A president should regard herself as a link in a chain. Her main duty is to continue that chain, to link the past and the future. She fulfils her office completely only if she selects and helps accustom her successor, and, when she relegates her position, helps to encourage and strengthen its new holder.

You get the idea? Strengthen the chain. Looking for a suitable successor, training her in the duties of the position, is such a necessary routine of a president's job that she is not playing the game unless she does it. I do not think any woman should hold the position of president after reaching the age of fifty-five.

For any woman to hold on to any position of authority after that age is preventing the younger generation from learning by experience and wilfully weakening the chain of which her pride is to be a link.

I am,

Yours in W.R. Bonds,

KATHARINE MERCER.

**Note:** The editor takes no responsibility for the opinion expressed above and invites replies to the very challenging position taken up by the writer.

## FROM THE LETTER OF A SUCCESSFUL BAND OF HOPE LEADER

"We are in the throes of our Band of Hope work. The last meeting was very successful, and such a wet, cold night; but we had to bring in extra seating. The foundation of our procedure is Prayer. Then I have done visiting at homes to create an interest, which it always does, but it is an effort. Then the meeting begins with hymn and prayer. Then comes a chorus, and this makes a singing competition for boys and girls as a solo. A High School teacher judges and a small prize is given to the best boy and girl. Then comes a "tongue-twister," dealing with strong drink; and these are also judged and small prizes (mostly donated by W.C.T.U. members) are given. Then we have an elocution competition, well arranged before hand, and for this marks are recorded and a silver cup will be awarded at the end of the year for the member with most points. Everything is either gospel or strong drink lessons. Then we have one or two items contributed by visitors. The vicar brought his junior choir along and a classical ballet was presented by a local teacher. This means new children hearing great truths. We have a ten-minute address and this is always very good. The headmaster gives out the announcement I send along to the school. The Scoutmaster puts off his evening on our nights. To give an idea of the crowd of children that attend, our last collection was £1/10/3 nearly all in pennies. Mrs. L. Sinclair, as pianist, is a tower of strength and we have many willing workers.

I hope this is of interest.

Yours sincerely,

M. THOMPSON,

Opotiki.

## "WHITE RIBBON" DAY FUND

The following donations to "White Ribbon Day" Fund are acknowledged with thanks:—

Reefton, 10/-; Feilding, 18/-; Picton, 10/-; Wellington, 11/4; Pahiatua, 7/6; Levin, 8/-; Auckland, 10/-; Spreydon, 7/6; Waiuku, 10/-; Takapuna, 10/-; Opotiki, £1/0/2; Warkworth, 5/-; Northcote, 4/-; Remuera, 10/-; Oxford, 8/3; Wellington Central, 16/-; Blenheim, £2; Lower Hutt, 10/-; Tauranga, 10/-; Woolston, 6/3; Brooklyn, 10/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Total to 2nd August, 1945, £12/12/-.

Drinking drivers can't keep the road; a car well "in hand" is worth two in the bushes.



# Bulletin of Union News

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**Wellington:** Bi-monthly meeting held July 26th at Karori, Mrs. Brewer presiding. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Wood, Karori, president. Mrs. McIride appointed Literature Superintendent during absence of Mrs. Hayman. Several donations received towards Mrs. Grigg's "Coin" afternoon, which was poorly attended owing to bad weather. Result, £6/16/6 for district funds. Decided to send resolution re closing hotels on the cessation of hostilities, to N.C.W., asking for their support. Resolutions from N.C.W. were read and discussed; and those relative to our work were supported. Decided that Miss Andrews' name be sent to the N.C.W. to be added to the list of suitable women for inclusion on committees appointed by the Government. At noon the Dominion officers, who were meeting in Wellington, were welcomed and entertained at lunch. Mrs. Kasper took devotions, speaking on Hebrews 12:1 and 2. Special welcome accorded to Mrs. Christian, and opportunity taken to make the acquaintance of the new editor. Mrs. Hiatt, absent through sickness in her home, was greatly missed. Delegates reminded of gifts for Seamen's Rest would be due at next meeting. Arrangements made to provide tea at the British Sailors' Society on September 9th. Report on L.T.L. work given by Mrs. Spencer; and Mrs. Sired outlined business of a meeting called to raise funds for an Obstetric and Gynaecological Hospital in Auckland. Letters received from two small Unions with which members had corresponded. After thanks to entertaining Union, meeting closed with the Benediction.

**North Canterbury:** July meeting. Mrs. C. Barrell presided over good attendance of town and country members. Each Secretary gave a short report of work being done in their branches. Votes of sympathy with the relatives of Miss Cousins, late Mayoress; Mrs. Thornton, president of Papanui Union, in death of her husband; and with Mrs. Pirrett in her bereavement. Arrangements made for Reformatory concert, and Welcome Club tea. Rev. Mr. Greenslade gave a most informative talk on "Trust Control" as he saw it working in Invercargill.

## UNION REPORTS

**Birkenhead:** June 7th. Good attendance. Mrs. Castleton presided; Mrs. Wanhill led devotions. Secretary read newspaper cuttings written in London on May 7th, where Chief Constables of Britain's big towns pay tribute to the sobriety of all classes of peoples, especially war workers and members of the services. Address by the Rev. A. J. Johnston on "How we got our Bible." The speaker was thanked. Benediction.

July 5th. Fair attendance. Mrs. Castleton presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Wanhill. "School of Methods" report by secretary; and Executive report by president. Letter of protest sent to Minister concerned re unsuitable films shown in theatres attended by children. Mrs. Read gave a talk on "Letters"; with the story of St. Paul's letter to Philemon. "We are living epistles; and should bear a stamp which shows the imprint of our King." Speaker thanked. Hymn and Benediction.

**Takapuna:** July 4th. President, Mrs. Monday, in the chair; devotions taken by Miss Cullen. Plans of work discussed, and a suggestion made that more "Home meetings" be held with a view to increasing our membership. Report from District Executive showed a busy time ahead with various activities. Mrs. Mountjoy, district vice-president, gave a helpful talk on "Facts of Interest." Profitable afternoon closed with Benediction.

**Auckland:** July 10th. Combined meeting held, members of other Unions having been invited to meet with the Auckland Union. Mrs. Long presided. Miss Elsie Andrews, Dominion Educational Officer, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on her work. There was a good gathering in the Lecture Hall of the Y.W.C.A. Questions were invited, and Miss Andrews gave valuable information in reply.

A resolution was unanimously passed at the meeting, to be forwarded to the Prime Minister,

asking that, when final victory is declared the bars and hotels be closed for at least two days, so that there may not be a repetition of what took place at the last declaration. A donation to the patriotic shop was passed.

**Mount Eden:** July 3rd. Miss A. M. McLay presided and took Devotions, Psalm 37, "Fret not thyself." Pledge affirmed and Temperance Fact read. Two interesting papers read, one on some incidents from the work and life of Miss Agnes Slack, and one by Miss Campbell on the work of Elizabeth Fry amongst the women prisoners in Newgate prison. Both very instructive.

**Otahuhu:** July 22nd. Mrs. W. Taylor presiding. Speaker, the Rev. Mr. Waite, who dealt with the apathy of temperance workers in regard to the great enemy, far greater in its power than our enemy, Japan. Encouragement was given and all were urged to keep on in the fight with God on our side. We could not be defeated.

**Henderson:** July 18th. Home meeting at Mrs. Leaman's residence. Good attendance. Devotions. Secretary gave a good report of executive meeting. An extract was read, giving Dr. Richards' views expressed as evidence before the Royal Commission during the Auckland sitting, regarding the trade in alcohol. Discussion followed.

**Ponsonby:** July 9th. Mrs. Joiner presided, and Mrs. Osborne led devotions, with Mrs. Christopher, in the absence of Mrs. Read, who sent a message by telegram. Sister Nance, of the Methodist Mission, specially welcomed. Miss Ruciman gave the Temperance Fact. Message of sympathy to Mrs. McClure in the death of her mother, also a member of the Union. Announcements including the appointment of Mrs. Long as Matron of the Maori Hostel. Members were asked to make donations of 2/6 annually to the Hostel work. A very helpful and informative talk was given by Sister Nance on the work among the young people and children at the Methodist Maori Centre in Airedale Street, in which a resume of each day's work and the responsibility entailed thereby was given. Incidents in Maori rescue work were also quoted. Sister Nance was warmly thanked. Pledge and Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

**Takapuna:** Very successful "Home meeting" held at the home of Mrs. Fitchell. Miss Cullen led Devotions, speaking on "My Father's Business." Guest speaker, Miss C. McLay, her subject being "God's Call to Women," a very stirring and powerful address. Appreciation expressed of the work done over a period of years by Mrs. S. Winstone, in the Cradle Roll Department. Meeting closed with prayer. Invitation received from the Devonport Union to a "Floral Afternoon" to be held in August. This was accepted.

**Titirangi:** July 31st. Miss C. McLay, president, in the chair; thirteen present. Devotions led by Mrs. Parrish. Temperance Fact read. Mrs. Hiatt reported 93 on Cradle Roll. Mesdames Parrish, Clark and Hiatt appointed as convention delegates. Solos by Mesdames McMahon and Campbell, and recitation by Mrs. Ross. Talk by Miss McLay on the "Maori Hostel" movement, and eulogising Sister Jessie's wonderful work. Benediction and tea.

**Onehunga:** July 12th. Reports from different departments and much business done in arranging local and Dominion work.

July 26th. Home meeting at Mrs. Ashley's home well attended. Solos by Mrs. McMahon and Miss Webb, followed by an excellent demonstration of felt work in various styles, clearly described by Mrs. Osborne, who devotes much time to the making of articles for hospital, patriotic and charitable purposes.

## SOUTH AUCLAND DISTRICT

**Hamilton:** July 5th. Mrs. Gatman presiding; devotions taken by Mrs. Stephenson Craig, who read from the second chapter of Ephesians. Mrs. Lewis, District Secretary, present from Cambridge Union. Convention plans discussed and programme for Miss Andrews' visit arranged. A combined meeting of women's organisations is included. Prayer session. Temperance Fact and Benediction closed the meeting.

**Thames:** July 4th. Roll Call answered by members with texts commencing letter T. Rev. F. Handy gave an instructive address on the birth of the Rechabite movement, nine centuries before the birth of Christ. He urged working for small reforms while keeping National Prohibition in view. Discussion followed, the speaker answering questions. Executive meeting called to deal with arrangements

for Miss Andrews' forthcoming visit; and the Cradle Roll afternoon.

August 1st. After much planning and advertising we gathered in the Methodist school room to hear Miss Elsie Andrews' address on "A New World Order." All present were delighted with her concise presentation of the popular subject, and pray her methods will be adopted by the nations. Afternoon tea and a social chat followed.

**Tauranga:** Splendidly attended Youth Rally held in Methodist Church on Sunday, August 5th, Miss Andrews the speaker; Rev. A. A. Bensley presiding. Tea served to 110 young people in the hall. Miss Andrews' address on "Courage and Loyalty."

## TARANAKI DISTRICT

**New Plymouth:** June 27th. Good attendance. Mrs. Brown in the chair. Devotions, Temperance Fact. Miss Drew reported a very successful Navy Day, with a splendid allocation to "Seamen's Rest." Reports from the N.C.W. was given, regarding the Liquor Traffic. Benediction.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT

**Wanganui Central:** June meeting. Small attendance owing to stormy weather and considerable sickness, but meeting helpful.

July meeting. Seventeen present, one new member and one transfer. Request received for co-operation with other women's organisations in help for the Polish Camp, sending food to Britain, and for the Y.M.C.A. street appeal. Only one member offering, it was agreed not to undertake the last-named. Mrs. R. Wilson led devotions; Mrs. Glenn in charge of well-filled "Bring and Buy" stall. Mrs. Goodey marked Memorial Day by brief, spirited resume of noteworthy points of W.C.T.U. growth since its inception by fifteen devoted workers. She described noted leaders she had met personally at Conventions, stressing the need for educating younger workers to carry on the work. Agreed to open earlier and aim at promptitude and brevity in routine. "White Ribbons" and "Vanguards" asked for in hospital visiting. Urged to continue with clothing box for Red Cross.

## MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Feilding:** July 4th. Mrs. Spence presided and Mrs. Tremaine led Devotions. Report of N.C.W. meeting read by Mrs. Spence; and remits on drink were read and discussed. Beautiful thoughts and verses given by members. Motion of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Kendall who had lost a grandson overseas. Letter of sympathy to a sick member. A visitor welcomed. Collection of 11/8 for Seamen's Rest. Nine present. Meeting closed with prayer.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Wellington Central:** July 5th. "White Ribbon" and "Memorial Day." Roll call. Greetings to be sent to sick members. President, in congratulating the treasurer who had attained her jubilee as a member and officer, presented her with a beautiful floral spray and a cosy pair of bedroom slippers. Mrs. Helver also received a personal letter of greeting and appreciation from the Dominion president. Mrs. Hiatt. Paper read by Mrs. Webb, "Golden Jubilee"; also "White Ribbon" paper by Mrs. Andrew on activities for the future years. Good attendance.

**Brooklyn:** June 26th. Good attendance. Mrs. Gilings, vice-president, in the chair; devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Pledge repeated. Tribute paid to the late Mr. Pearson, a lifelong worker for prohibition and Bible in Schools, having supplied literature for distribution in N.Z. and U.S.A. Vote of sympathy to Mrs. Pearson and family passed in silence, all standing. Mrs. Brewer paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Gibson, Mrs. Kelly replying on behalf of the family. Temperance Fact. Letter of sympathy to Mrs. Abbot, who is ill. Invitation to Johnsonville 21st birthday party in July, and to a "coin" afternoon at the home of Mrs. Grigg, from the District Executive. Thanks received for sympathy in sickness and bereavement from Mesdames Simpson and Woodford.

July meeting. Mrs. Brewer presided. Pledge repeated. Mrs. Greenwood led devotions. Temperance Fact. Hospital visiting arranged. Report of District Executive given by Mrs. Jordan. Reports of remits passed by the N.C.W. at their annual meeting read by Mrs. Brewer. Questions on W.C.T.U. activities asked and answered. Thanks to president for

preparing these. Mrs. Gillings, who was appointed to the Civic Centre Committee, gave an outline of a recent meeting. Mrs. Pearson thanked members for floral tribute and sympathy in her recent bereavement. Members took charge for one day of local depot to receive, remake or repair clothing for UNRRA. Individual members attend daily to assist in this. Sigil prayer and Benediction.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Blenheim:** July 3rd. Good attendance. Mrs. Forbes presiding; devotions led by Mrs. Milgrew. Sick members remembered and greetings and letters to be sent to them. Donations in place of Annual Street Stall amounted to £14. Mrs. Forbes read extracts from Convention report, and spoke of a meeting of the N.C.W. attended while she was in Christchurch. Temperance Fact given and concern felt by members over an account in a woman's weekly of V-E day celebrations as being amusing.

**Tua Marina:** July 17th. Devotions led by Miss Harris, reading from Psalms 98 and 100. Mrs. Knight then read two chapters from Rita Snowden's latest book, a copy of which is to be forwarded to Mrs. L. Gardner at Cashmere from the members for her birthday. Letter read from Mrs. Bateup thanking Union for gift of handkerchiefs for the Masterton Orphanage children; also a letter acknowledging a donation to the Seamen's Rest. Birthday sprays sent to four members. Ladies of the Redwood town singing circle attended and sang several songs, solos and trios which were very much enjoyed by all, as was a recitation by a tiny tot. Benediction.

**Springlands:** 17th July. At the home of Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne, Mrs. V. Underhill presiding. Opening devotions, Mrs. Leslie, and good responsive verses to the Roll Call. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. C. Dawson in the death of her brother, and with Mrs. C. T. Smith in loss of her husband, the late Mayor of Blenheim. Greetings and love to be conveyed to sick members by Mrs. L. Green. Temperance Fact given. Very inspiring and interesting reading on the life and work of the late Dr. Margaret Cruikshank, M.B., first woman doctor to practice in New Zealand, was given by Mrs. E. Rousell. Next meeting Missionary Day to be held at home of president when Mr. V. Powell will be the speaker. Thanks to Mrs. Gascoigne.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Oxford:** June 20th. "White Ribbon" day celebrated at meeting in the Coronation Hall. Resignation of the secretary, Mrs. Allen, received with regret; appreciation of her willing and efficient work and good wishes for her happiness in her new home being expressed. Interesting extracts read from the W.R. by members. The president was authorised to interest the head master of the school in regard to Temperance Essays by the school children. Mrs. White was elected as secretary. Benediction and Devology.

**Sydenham:** July 5th: President, Mrs. J. Filer, presided over an attendance of fourteen. Meeting opened with devotions. Pledge reaffirmed. A letter was received from the head master of the Beckenham School, regretting that as a matter of policy he could not see his way clear to accept the offer of prizes for a Temperance Examination at the end of the year. Mrs. J. D. Jensen was the speaker, her theme being the necessity of the training of children by mothers in the homes during childhood in preparation for the days of temptation in older years. Vocal duet by Mesdames Filer and Weatherhead. Meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. MacLauchlan.

**Riccarton:** July 12th. Twenty-four present. Motion of sympathy to a bereaved member. Temperance Fact given and Pledge reaffirmed. Reply received from the Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer, Minister of Health, re the building of a much-needed Maternity Home. Donation sent to the National Council of Christian Congregations. A concert arranged by the Linwood Choir had resulted in £11/10/6 as proceeds, bad weather notwithstanding. Mental Hospital report satisfactory. Bible Study Group held every second Tuesday in private homes. Most instructive address given. Benediction.

**St. Alban's:** June 5th. Eighth birthday celebrated at the home of the president, Mrs. W. Grigg. Sister Unions represented, and a visitor from Ashburton attended. Splendid devotional service led by Mrs. Walton. Items given by Mrs. E. Pyke (Blenheim), and Mrs.

Beilby, and were much appreciated. Address given by Mrs. Grigg. Birthday cake made and decorated by Mrs. Walton. The secretary, with a few words of love and appreciation, presented a spray of violets to the president from the Union; also thanks for the use of her home; and also to the speaker and performers. Benediction.

July. Good meeting addressed by Mrs. Grigg. Educational subject.

**Papanui:** July 23rd. Mrs. Elliott presided over seven members. Roll call, a text of Scripture. Temperance Facts read. Meeting day to be altered to the third Wednesday of the month. Committee formed to draw up a syllabus for ensuing year's work. Mrs. Orchard gave a most interesting talk on Mission work in the Solomon Islands. Literature given out for distribution. Collection for general and mental hospital work. Benediction.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote:** July. Good attendance. Mrs. S. Tredennick in the chair and gave an interesting address on the Mission to Lepers, asking for support for the Rev. Mr. Thompson. £1 collected for Alliance Royal Commission expenses.

**Reefton:** July 10th. Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Thompson, "The Terrace." Mrs. Thompson presiding. Good attendance. Decided after discussion to seek the co-operation of other women's organisations with regard to the drinking among youths in the town, and with regard to the disproportionate number of hotels in the town. Meeting closed with prayer.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY

**Timaru:** June meeting. Miss Cave presided in the absence through illness of the president. Fair attendance owing to wet weather. Devotions led by Mrs. Middleton. Motions of sympathy in her bereavement passed for Mesdames Newlands and McEwing, and letters of cheer to Mesdames Norrie and Goodall. As more ships had visited the port, the "Rest" had been made good use of. Hospital visitors reported on their visits. Decided to send a donation to Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland. A "Bring and Buy" to be operated at the next meeting for patriotic funds. Interesting remits from N.C.W. read and discussed, re bobby calves, making second-grade fruit available to the public, etc. W.R. day observed, extracts being read from paper on what "White Ribbon" paper and white ribbon bow stand for. Benediction.

**Waimate:** June meeting presided over by Mrs. Kippenberger in the absence of the president. Devotions, Speaker, Mr. George Dash, whose address was most illuminating. A hearty vote of thanks passed.

July meeting well attended. Mrs. Duckett, president, in the chair, and also led devotions. Mrs. Stack appointed as delegate to the monthly meeting of N.C.W. at Timaru. Annual donation of £1 for "Sailors' Rest" in Timaru decided upon. Speaker, Miss Fyle, and a very interesting insight given into the work of the Union. Departmental work described. Hearty vote of thanks accorded. Closed with the Temperance Doxology.

**North East Valley:** June 28th. Good meeting. President, Mrs. Green, in chair. Excerpts read from W.R. Report from Bible-in-Schools League received and discussed. Spirited discussion of remits submitted by N.C.W. Helpful devotions led by Mrs. Peart.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

**Invercargill Central:** July 7th. Mrs. Cameron presided and Mrs. Wesley led devotions. Letter from Mrs. Robertson, representative on the Polish Children Hospitality Committee, read by Mrs. Walker, contained an interesting report of the children's visit to Wellington. Mrs. Wesley reported on the work of the Crippled Children Society during the year. Benediction.

**Invercargill South:** June 12th. President in the chair. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Richards, subject, "Faithfulness." A large case was packed with tins of foodstuffs for the women of Britain, which is to be shipped shortly. The King Country agreement was outlined and the story told concerning its signing and subsequent ratifying. Four new members initiated. Speaker, the Rev. W. B. Jones. A most helpful address on "Separation" as exemplified in the life of St. Paul. President spoke on the granting of the franchise to women in 1893. Meeting closed with prayer.

July 10th. Good attendance presided over by Mrs. Reidy. Mrs. Richards led devotions. Members thanked for generous response to "Food for Britain" Appeal. Maori Day. Rev.

J. A. Thomson gave a most interesting address on early missionary work among the Maoris. Collection of £2/2/- taken up for the Maori Girls' Hostel. Speaker thanked. Two new members initiated. Benediction.

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#### WHO MAKES A GARDEN

Whoever makes a garden,  
Has never worked alone,  
The rain has always found it,  
The sun has always shone,  
The wind has blown across it,  
And helped to scatter seeds,  
Whoever makes a garden  
Has all the help he needs.

Whoever makes a garden  
Has, oh! So many friends—  
The glory of the morning,  
The dew when daylight ends,  
The winds and rain and sunshine,  
And dew and fertile sod—  
Whoever makes a garden,  
Works hand in hand with God.

—Selected.

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**CAMBRIDGE**, 4th Thursday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Kemsley, 23 Bryce St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. F. Bycroft, Bryce St.; Sec., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, c/o 23 Bryce St.; Treas., Mrs. W. Hooker, 60 Queen St.

**DARGAVILLE**, 2nd Tuesday, in Presbyterian S.S. Hall, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly; Sec., Miss Edmed, 27 River Rd., Mangawhare; Treas., Mrs. Moorhead, Junr., Awakino Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Noble; C.R., Miss Edmed.

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**ELTHAM**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cocker, Stanners St., Sec., Mrs. Chamberlain, 4 Taylor St.; Treas., Mrs. Holly; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, London St.

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**GORE**, 4th Tues., 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Aiton St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Aiton St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson, Canning St.

**GONVILLE**, meets 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancy, 10 Koromiko Rd.; Sec., Miss Roots; Treas., Mrs. T. R. Clancy; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Parker, 35 Koromiko Rd.

**GREY LYNN**, 2nd Wednesday, S.A. Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Cook, 3 Mohau St., W.1.; Sec., Miss Lovatt, 26 Webber St., W.2.; Treas., Mrs. Watson, 7 Sherwood Ave., W.2.; W.R., Mrs. Webber, 26 Webber St., W.2.

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**HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Chadwick, Great North Road; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, Trimoana Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Johnston; C.R., Mrs. Hansen.

**HAWERA**, last Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Major Lavis, 52 Disraeli St.; Sec., Mrs. F. Baker, 23 Disraeli St.; Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 Collins St.; C.R., Mrs. Burton, Tawhiti Rd.; "W.R.," Mrs. Barker, Fantham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

**HASTINGS**, 4th Thursday, Methodist Y.W. Room. Pres., Mrs. H. Hickmott; Sec., Mrs. A. G. Pitt, 606 Victoria St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hagerson, 112 Maddison St.; Treas., Mrs. A. Murtagh, 625 Nelson St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. G. Pitt.

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

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**LOWER HUTT**, 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m., Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laings Road. Pres., Mrs. Loddell, 58 Waterloo Road; Sec., Mrs. Crawford, 48 Waterloo Road; Treas., Mrs. Cooper, 27 Maire Street; C.R., Mrs. Aldersley, High Street; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Aldersley; W.R., Mrs. Heyes, Melling Road, and Mrs. Teasdale, Kauri Street.

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**MT. EDEN**, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 5a Oaklands Road, Mt. Eden, S.1.; Sec., Miss L. Elder, 5a Oaklands Road, Mt. Eden, S.1.; Treas., Mrs. Dunham; W.R., Mrs. Carter; C.R., Miss McKinney.

**MASTERTON**, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss V. Jackson, 65 Cole St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. Speight; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, Worksop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Trevorrow, Makora Rd.; W.R., Miss S. Tankersley.

**MAUNGATUROTO**, 2nd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. Flower; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. A. Cullen, "Gladwyn"; C.R., Miss June Flower; W.R., Mrs. H. Flower; Birthday League, Mrs. Knightbridge.

**MORNINGTON**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of Christ, Argyle St. Pres., Mrs. Pelling; Sec., Mrs. Wrightson, 10 Roseberry St., Belleknowes; Treas., Mrs. Telfer, 4 Roseberry St., Belleknowes; W.R., Mrs. Elder, 21 Preston Cres.

**MOSGIEL**, meets 3rd Tuesday every month, at 2.30 p.m. in Baptist Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Captain Rix, Lanark St.

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**OAMARU**, Wesley Hall, 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Winn; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Acutt and Miss Smythe; Sec., Mrs. McIlwraith, 10 Till St.; Treas., Mrs. Walker, 47 Trent St.; W.R., Mrs. Clarke, 62 Tyne St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole; Evangelistic, Miss Day.

**ONEHUNGA**, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey Street. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby and Hickman, Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. E. Stacey, 141 Grey St.; Onehunga, S.E.5.; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; W.R., Mrs. Ashby; Home Meetings, Mrs. Hatton; C.R., Miss Caughley; Philanthropic, Mrs. Paice and Mrs. Moore; Evangelistic and Press, Mrs. Musher; Maori "Y's," Mrs. Mountjoy; Assistant, Mrs. Moore.

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**PALMERSTON NORTH**, 1st Tuesday, Baptist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sexton, 315 Broadway; Rec. Sec., Miss L. C. Thompson; Treas., Mrs. A. Smith, 22 Marne St., Assistant Sec., Mrs. Renton; Cradle Roll, Miss Connelly; Assistant C.R., Mrs. Hardisty; Hospital Visitors, Mrs. White and Miss Connelly; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Carter.

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**RAETIHI**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Sandford; Sec., Miss G. Scarrow; Treas., Mrs. J. Seerup; W.R., Mrs. M. Bernard; C.R., Mrs. McLean.

**RANGIORA**, last Friday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hodges, 204 King St.; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Smith, 14 Albert St.; Treas., Mrs. Stan Watkins, Southbrook; C.R., Mrs. Hunt, 50 Newnham St.; W.R., Mrs. James, Percival St.

**RICHMOND (Nelson)**, 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Cropp; Sec., Mrs. W. A. Lightband, Salisbury Rd.; Treas., Miss E. J. Tarrant; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Althorpe."

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**TAKAPUNA**, 1st Wednesday, alternately Takapuna Methodist and Milford Baptist. Pres., Mrs. Mowday; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards and Miss Read; Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Treas., Miss Prussing; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; W.R., Mrs. Pendray; Evangelistic, Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Lockie; Backblocks, Mrs. M. Richards; Press Reporter, Mrs. Blackwell.

**TEMUKA**, each Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., at S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. Hewson; Sec., Mrs. Douglas, Hornbrook St.; Treas., Mrs. Buck; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; Evang., Mesdames Douglas and Grocott; Rest Room, Mrs. Blackmore; W.R., Mrs. Douglas.

**TE AWAMUTU**, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Parawera, R.D.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wyayard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

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

**THAMES**, 1st Wednesday, Mackay Street Schoolroom, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Paul; Sec., Mrs. E. Scown, 185 Richmond St.; Treas., Mrs. Gooder, Pollen St.; W.R., Mrs. Whiteside, Karaka Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Riley.

**TIMARU**, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Miss Fyfe; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; C.R., Mrs. Heywood; W.R., Mrs. Howe, Otupua Rd.; Supt. for Seamen, Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon St.

**TINWALD**, 4th Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Miller; Sec., Mrs. J. Oakley, 156 Victoria Street, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Harkness, McMurdo Street; W.R. and C.R., Mrs. A. C. Wakelin, McMurdo Street.

**WAIPAWA**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ford; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Carson, Victoria Street; Notable Days, Miss Bibby; C.R., Mrs. Carson.

**WAIMATE**, 2nd Wednesday, Knox Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Duckett, Mary St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hobbs, Hoare and Kippenberger; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt St.; Treas., Mrs. Simpson, "Rylands"; Assist. Treas., Mrs. P. Tooley; W.R., Mrs. Ashton, Belt St.; C.R., Mesdames Dow and T. Hoare.

**WAIPUKURAU**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Sec., Mrs. Fraser, Gaisford Terrace.

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**WARKWORTH**, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church at 2.0 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught and Coombidge; Sec., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, "The Briars," R.D. Kaipara Flats; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. Rowe.

**WELLINGTON**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Constable St. Hall. Pres., Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Tce., Wadestown; W.R., Mrs. Duncanson, 70 Derwent St., S.2.

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2 p.m., "Evening Post" Building. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Road, E.1; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cullen, 17 Lawrence St., S.1.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hayman; W.R. Agents, Mesdames Hayman and Weldon; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 388A Oriental Bay.

**WHANGAREI**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Cheesman, 167 Kamo Rd.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 12 Norfolk St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinniss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. Cheesman.

**WINTON**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Mrs. A. McIntosh, South Millend R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Essex St.; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.