

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"How dull it is to pause, to make an end,  
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use."

—Tennyson.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE . . .**  
TO ALL REPORTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
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### OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Address Given by Mrs. J. Long,  
Auckland President, at  
District Convention

(Slightly abridged)

As we take a look at the world today we feel eager to remould it according to a new pattern upon a new foundation. But, can we build upon any other foundation than that which has been laid, even Jesus Christ, our Lord? Not if we expect lasting peace and love between men and nations.

Let us never forget the fact that God still sits upon the throne. We can still hear that still, small voice saying to us: "O fear not, nor be dismayed; for I am thy God, and will give thee aid."

We have that great power to strengthen us in the hour of need. We have seen many times that—  
"God stands within the shadows  
Keeping watch above His own."



MRS. J. W. LONG, Auckland District President, Matron Maori Girls' Hostel, Parnell.

Britain; the retreat from Dunkirk, and in the Battle of North Africa.

For the past six years, we have passed through experiences such as the world has never known. Our hearts have been saddened with reports of things which have taken place in many parts. To all who have suffered the loss of loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy; and pray the God of all comfort to be with them.

In our small part of the Empire we have been spared many sorrows, great anxiety, and much suffering. We raise our song of praise and thanksgiving as we recall the mercies and blessings so graciously bestowed upon us.

Victory has been gained over our outside enemies, but what about our inside enemy, Alcohol, the greatest enemy of mankind?

For the past sixty years, Christian women have never ceased in the fight to prohibit and abolish that which poisons and robs people of their health and wealth; and today we remember those of our comrades who began this work in New Zealand long ago.

Let us take courage and determine to go forward from the example set us by our pioneer sisters. Their faith in God, their zeal and earnest endeavour laid the foundation of our great organisation in New Zealand, and today the influence of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is felt throughout the Dominion, and in many other countries in the world.

It is to Christian women and Church members we appeal. Ours is essentially a women's organisation and we need the support of all. Recently when we desired to offer praise and prayer in thankfulness to God, every fibre in our bodies must have been strained by the scenes witnessed and read about in our newspapers; drink being the cause of our Youth's downfall.

#### Our Responsibility to Youth

Shall we sacrifice our young people to be overthrown by this great curse, alcohol? Have we mothers borne and brought up our sons to become slaves

of drink, vice and disease? Surely the need for our work was never more urgent if the coming generation is to be saved from the collapse which is inevitable.

Alcohol is not a necessity. It leads to inefficiency; it robs men and women, young and old, of their power of self-control.

We learn the New Zealand drink bill has reached the enormous total of nearly thirteen million pounds. Surely this is alarming when we realise the thousands of citizens and servicemen who are without decent accommodation and homes.

To what good use those millions could be put in supplying materials for homes. How many of our returned men could be given homes, a new start in life in the peace and happiness of such homes? Are the profits from this death-dealing industry of more value than human life?

### Our Children

What about our children, the coming citizens of our fair country? How many of the newly born children of New Zealand have the taint of alcohol in their blood-stream? The numbers are growing because so many parents are imbibing freely. Alcohol is a racial poison, passed on by either parent to their offspring. We ask, how long will this state of affairs be tolerated? We have kept too quiet in face of these facts. It is the privilege and duty of all Christian men and women to protest against this outrage on social and moral conditions brought about by the use of beverage alcohol.

Temperance societies, with the W.C.T.U., have sent many telegrams and resolutions of protest to those in authority, but no offer or any attempt to curtail this terrible position has been made.

Solomon in his wisdom tells us that, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Let us do all we can in the name and strength of our Master, to cast out the cause of all the evils that are destroying our nation. Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

### The Home

We must put forward the work among our young people, and seek to remove the stumbling blocks from their pathway. We must teach them not to touch, taste or handle intoxicating liquors. The greatest menace before children today is the entrance of intoxicating liquors into the homes. We do not estimate the effect bottled beer has on home life. Young people, watching parents indulging, will have no influence to keep them from the same habits. New Zealand will reap what has been sown, and will not have the clear-sighted, clean-thinking citizens needed in every nation. The home will never be the place we love best when alcohol is carried there and people lose their sense of self-respect.

The home is the place where the foundations of the national life are built up. Can a nation be built on

bottled beer? Can a new order of any value for the generations to come be established without giving God the pre-eminent place in the home, without honouring father and mother, without remembering the Sabbath Day to keep it holy? We must get back to the standards set by God for all men to follow. The hour has come for a nation-wide movement towards righteous living. Our hearts are deeply stirred by our country's need.

We have read with much interest the report of evidence given during the sittings of the Licensing Commission throughout New Zealand. Many people have learned of the waste carried on, of sugar, barley, malt, etc. and the despicable habits of hotel licensees.

### The Native Race

The position amongst our Maoris is causing grave concern to many interested in their welfare. Alcohol was given them by our own pakeha people, and since the introduction of wet canteens during these past years of war, thousands of the flower of Maori manhood have become addicted to alcoholic liquors. It is generally understood that alcohol is more harmful to the Maori than the white man. The great scourge of tuberculosis has taken hundreds of Maori people, young and old. "We may conclude, and that confidently," said Dr. Dickenson, "that alcohol promotes tubercle, not because it begets tubercle, but because it impairs the tissues, and makes them ready to yield to the attack of the parasite."

Thus we see the need to protect our Maori people from the harmful results of alcohol.

Let us determine to keep on in the great fight for the freeing of our land from that which destroys life and nations. Let us hold fast, work, pray, and trust in the Power, Presence, and Guidance of our Heavenly Father Who goeth before us continually.

### A MESSAGE OF LOVE AND SYMPATHY

All readers will be deeply sympathetic with our beloved President, Mrs. Hiatt, in the loss of her sister, Miss B. Mackenzie, which occurred at the end of December. Though Miss Mackenzie's health had occasioned great anxiety for some considerable time, the end came unexpectedly and our loving thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Hiatt and Miss Mackenzie in this time of sorrow for one so very dear to them. While feelings of thanksgiving for a soul set free from the distress of human weakness come to their help, the sense of loss is very keen, and we pray that Heavenly comfort may sustain them, and the knowledge that "Miss Bene" dwells in that

"Land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign,"  
where  
"Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasures banish pain."

### "NEW ZEALAND"

The Government has had prepared for the Royal Commission on Licensing reports from various departments, Licensing Committees and Magistrates. The most startling of these reports is the one on the Chatham Islands. These islands are a proclaimed area, having 350 Maoris out of a total population of 500. Striking an average, the consensus of opinion is that fully one-half of the income from all available sources is spent on liquor. The European section on the whole, and with few exceptions, could almost be reckoned as total abstainers. The Maori section, however, does sufficient drinking to characterise the whole population as a community of heavy drinkers, from the quantity of liquor consumed. It is impossible to give any accurate figure of the amount of money spent on liquor by the natives. The report states that "the moral, as well as the criminal law is violated to a degree far in excess of what might be expected, sexual cases especially being out of proportion to the population existing elsewhere. This is fostered and favoured by lack of moral teaching, and drinking of liquor, especially in the houses of native residents, where 'drinking parties' are held, and drinking by both sexes and young people is indulged in." There are two licensed hotels, owned by the same person. Both of the houses run a storekeeping business, which is against the law. This facilitates the supply of bottles of liquor for taking away, and this increases drinking, as they can easily be wrapped up and delivered from the grocery department. It is stated that native women get bottles of liquor in this way. The report suggests that all off sales be prohibited (to include Europeans), and there is the alternative of the Government taking over control, either direct or as a trust, under Government supervision, by a Committee nominated by the Government. It is hoped that the Royal Commission will give serious consideration to all these questions.

### THE NEW YEAR

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky;  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Extract from Tennyson.

# DOMINION CONVENTION

**DATE:** March 6-12

**PLACE:** Christchurch

Wellington,  
January, 1946.

## Convention Calling!

Dear Intending Delegates,

Please note: Convention is to be held in Christchurch, March 6th to 12th. If you are requiring hospitality be sure you write to Christchurch as soon as possible.

Credentials should be brought to Convention and handed to me or a Dominion Officer. As soon as your delegates are appointed their names and the names of the Unions they represent should be sent to me. This is a great help in preparing the roll.

With all good wishes for successful work in your Unions, and the prayer that God will abundantly bless your labours.

Yours for God's service,  
C. E. KIRK,  
Recording Secretary,  
57 Pitt St., Wellington.

## SUGGESTED AGENDA

### Subject to Necessary Alterations

#### Wednesday—

9 a.m.: Executive.

12.30 p.m.: Close.

2 p.m.: Opening of Convention by President. Welcome to delegates by President of entertaining Union. Appointments—Mistress of Courtesies; Marshals; Letter-writer; Reporters. Pledge. Corresponding Secretary's Report. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet. Call for donations to N.Z. Fund.

3.15 p.m.: Afternoon tea.

3.45 p.m.: Talk on the higher aspect of finance in relation to our work. Talk on literature available at Convention, Mrs. Ross. Close.

#### Thursday—

9 a.m.: Communion Service.

9.45 a.m.: Convention called to order. Minutes. Roll Call.

10.10 a.m.: Meetings of sub-committees.

11.45 a.m.: Convention re-assembles. Correspondence. Greetings. Reports. Cradle Roll. Bands of Hope. L.T.L., with findings of sub-committee (extension of time if required.)

12.00: Noontide.

12.10 p.m.: Report and talk on Methods, Mrs. Kasper.

12.30 p.m.: Close.

2 p.m.: Devotions. Hymn 24. Prayer for Poll Work and Victory.

2.15 p.m.: Minutes. Reports. "White Ribbon," Editor. Business Manager. Appointment of Editor, Business Manager. Grants in connection with "W.R." Report, Legal and Parliamentary.

3.15 p.m.: Afternoon tea.

3.45 p.m.: President's address. Close.

#### Friday—

9 a.m.: Devotions led by Mrs. Kasper.

9.30 a.m.: Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Reports, Peace, Educational Bureau, with findings of sub-committee.

9.50 a.m.: Presentation of Banners and "W.R." Cup.

10.30 a.m.: Report, Scientific Temperance Examination. Discussion. Reports, Anti-Gambling, Good Citizenship, with findings of sub-committee.

11.15 a.m.: Use of Films, Miss Lovell-Smith. Questions. General discussion on our work.

12.00: Noontide.

12.10 p.m.: How to prepare plans of work.

12.30 p.m.: Close.

2 p.m.: Hymn 76. Prayer for the Youth of all Nations.

2.15 p.m.: Minutes. Correspondence. Resolutions. Recommendation from Executive.

3.15 p.m.: Afternoon tea.

3.45 p.m.: Responsibility of Liquor Trade for road accidents, disease and crime. Reports, Organisers'. Discussion. Questions on "White Ribbon," Reporting, Subject matter, etc. Close.

#### Saturday—

9.00 a.m.: Devotions led by Y Members.

9.30 a.m.: Minutes. Roll Call. Reports, Prisons, Philanthropic, Flower, with sub-committee findings. Literature, Home Meetings, Backblocks, Bulletin, Press, with sub-committee findings. Medical and Scientific Temperance, Moral and Social Hygiene, Library, with sub-committee findings.

11.45 a.m.: Comparison of expenditure on Liquor and certain other trades.

12.00: Noontide. Close.

#### Sunday—

Church Parade.

#### Monday—

9.00 a.m.: Devotions, led by Mrs. Christian.

9.30 a.m.: Minutes. Roll Call. Reports, Work among Seamen, Maori Work, with sub-committee findings.

10.40 a.m.: Election of Officers. Election of Superintendents. How to introduce and receive a deputation.

12.00: Noontide.

12.10 p.m.: Question Box. Close.

2.00 p.m.: Hymn 89. Prayer for all Nations.

2.15 p.m.: Minutes. Resolutions. Discussion on combining Departments.

3.15 p.m.: Afternoon tea.

3.45 p.m.: Trust Control, Rev. W. H. Greenslade. Plans of Work, visiting; letters, literature. Close.

#### Tuesday—

9.00 a.m.: Devotions, favourite hymns, leader, Miss Lovell-Smith.

9.30 a.m.: Minutes. Roll Call. Report, Headquarters. Appointment of Committee. General Questions and discussion.

10.20 a.m.: Reports, "Y" Convention; Y.P.T.C.U. Discussion on position of "Y" work. Position re Dry States in U.S.A., Mrs. Grigg. Question Box. Unfinished business. Closing Service.

## NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICE

(To Date) November 29, 1945

President: Mrs. Kasper, Miss Kirk.  
Vice-President: Mrs. Hiatt, Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Sired.  
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### POLL YEAR

#### LEAFLETS, SLOGANS, STICKERS

Part of our fighting equipment is **Literature**. Suggestions for wording are earnestly sought and all will be welcome.

#### COMPETITION ARRANGED

A prize of £1/1/- is offered for the best Election **Leaflet**; not more than **forty** words to be used.

A 10/- prize offered for the best **Slogan**; not more than sixteen words to be used.

A 5/- prize offered for the best **three suggestions** for **Stickers**. Not more than twelve words to be used.

**Closing Date: February 28th.** Entries to be sent to Mrs. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale Street, New Brighton.

**Please Do Your Best For The Cause.**

### TEMPERANCE FILM, "IT'S THE BRAIN THAT COUNTS"

#### LETTER FROM DR. BEEBY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Education Department,  
Wellington.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter of 25th September, and for sending to the Education Department the film, "It's the Brain that Counts." Officers of the Department who have seen this film think it will be very suitable for post-primary schools. It has accordingly been placed in the National Film Library for care and distribution.

It is, of course, available to any organisation which has, or can borrow a suitable sound projector. You might, perhaps, like to make this generally known.

Since the film is likely to be in some demand, it is advisable for bookings to be made well in advance. Bookings should be addressed to the—

National Film Library, Education Department, Wellington.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. BEEBY,  
Director of Education.

### NIUE ISLAND

It will be recalled that in our December number reference was made on the last page to a letter received from Mrs. Head, of Niue Island, in which she acknowledged the receipt of a parcel of clothing from a South Island Union. Apropos of this the following letter is published:—

4/1/46.

Dear Mrs. Christian,

I noticed a report from Niue Island. We saw how hard up some of the people over there were, so our W.C. T.U. decided to send some suitable clothing, but found it could only be posted. So I sent the first parcel by post, from the Southland District Executive, and told Mrs. Head to let us know if it arrived in good order as many of the branches wanted to send more. I am pleased to hear about it as we feared it had been lost.

It costs 4/- for 14lb. posted. The Post Office people said it is better to make up the parcels to 7lb. and tie them together. We sent dresses, etc., suitable for a hot climate. I am sure others will send them parcels now.

Yours in W.R. Bonds,

(Mrs.) A. F. WALKER,  
Southland District President.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hastings .....	2 New Members
Gore .....	2 New Members
Johnsonville .....	2 New Members
Upper Hutt .....	3 New Members
Wanganui East .....	15 New Members
Christchurch .....	1 New Member
	1 Transfer
Spreydon .....	1 Transfer
Winton .....	2 New Members

L. M. Mitchell.

January, 1946.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear White Ribboners,

A Happy New Year to all. What tremendous things happened in 1945. The greatest was the cessation of hostilities, after the tension, the struggles, the heart-breaks, the heroisms of war.

1946 awaits the unfolding of God's purposes, but with that unfolding must be the fervent desire of His children to conform to His plans and purposes. To do the will of God will bring to us all a glad New Year. Love for mankind, the sinner as well as the saint, will bring us all into accord with the Father's will. Love worketh no ill, but rather blessing, and if we are persecuted for righteousness sake, let us gladly suffer that we may work for the good of all. To remove the stumbling blocks is a God-given task. Many will scoff and hold us up to derision, but love will overcome all obstacles.

Poll year, with the drink traffic as blatant as ever! Put on your armour, my comrades, and fear not the difficulties of the fight against this iniquitous trade. Let love for the lost fill your hearts with the compassion which Jesus had when He said: "How oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings." This love will teach us to fear no foe, but to go steadily on to win votes for righteousness.

May God guide us all in this new year, to make 1946 a year to be remembered for the sacrificial love poured out in service.

Yours in Christian love,  
JESSIE HIETT.

### A COUNTY COUNCILLOR SPEAKS

At a November meeting of the Whakatane County Council it was reported that car parties were in the habit of throwing their empty bottles on the rocks below at Ohope, regardless of the danger to children and picnickers, the same practice being followed at The Heads. Speaking of this, Councillor McCready expressed the opinion that it would be a good thing when glass containers were forbidden, adding that it would not make any difference to the beer-drinkers, most of whom would be prepared to drink it from a gum-boot if needs be.

# SPECIAL NOTICE FOR UNIONS

*Please arrange for this to be read at your Next Meeting*

## 1. DATE OF ISSUE OF "W.R."

In future the paper will be published on the **first** of the month.

## 2. REPORTS

All reports, articles and correspondence **MUST** be in the hands of the Editor by the **fifteenth** of the month. The earlier they are sent, the easier it is for them to be dealt with.

## 3. WHAT TO REPORT

No routine business, afternoon tea details, names of prize-winners, or matters of interest only to the Union concerned, should be included. Anything which may be helpful as to plans of work, addresses, or work being done in any department will be gladly welcomed. Space has become very valuable and must be carefully used.

## 4. REPORTS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

It has not been possible to publish the names of superintendents. Only names of Union Officers could be included.

In some cases the reporter has sent a condensed copy of the Annual Report. While these have been very interesting, they could not be included. Probably these details have appeared already in the monthly reports. A "Special" report where the work is outstanding, would appear on the page kept for these, if it were sent in.

## 5. UNION ADVERTISEMENTS

These are handled entirely by Mrs. Grigg, our efficient business Manager. **It is not enough to have sent the list of names to the Editor.** They should be sent, with the payment necessary, to Mrs. Grigg, 1 Mallam Street, Karori, Wellington. The Editor handles **no money**. Much time and many stamps have been wasted during the past year because this has not been noted by officers of Unions. Make sure that your Union is not among those who ignore this announcement.

## 6. REMEMBER

All reports should be headed with the **Name of the Union** and the **Date of the Meeting**.

Now, dear reader, will you please read all this again? There is nothing against your cutting it out, and keeping it for reference if your memory is not quite reliable.

## Readers' Views

### RETIRING AGE FOR PRESIDENTS

To the Editor,  
Dear Madam,

I think some more Branches of the W.C.T.U. would have closed down but for the old "die-hards" during the war years. There are so many women's organisations nowadays, in the Church and elsewhere. Capable women are doing special Church work, young women usually have young families and have no extra help. With all the various war efforts in addition to the already existing organisations, in smaller towns at any rate, there are not enough executive women to go round.

Even some who have been members of the "Y"s find it impossible to undertake further duties. As Mrs. Mercer implies, there may be some women over fifty-five who hold on to the position for prestige or some other per-

sonal reason, but there are many others who would gladly be relieved of responsibility. Some have even retired, and more than once, only to be forced back into harness to try to rebuild or just to keep going through difficult years, and help the general cause.

I may add: "We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it."

Yours sincerely,

"ONCE UNDER FIFTY-FIVE."

In support of her belief regarding the age at which women should retire from presidential duties, Mrs. Mercer says:—

"Consider the matter practically. A generation is accounted twenty-five years. By the time a woman is fifty, she should be ready to retire and leave her daughters—her own or 'daughters

of affection' whom she has trained, to carry on as leaders. To have her daughter sharing her interests, efficient in carrying on, is the best success a mother can hope for.

"At fifty, a physical point is reached. Even for those with perfect health and splendid vigour, after fifty comes the downward slope. Things are not so easy to do, one gradually becomes more easily tired. More important still, where leadership is concerned one begins to look backward instead of forward. Believe me, when one begins to realise a fund of reminiscences, and to dwell on the past instead of looking to the future, it is time to hand over the reins. Take, perhaps, a few years in doing it, but by fifty-five it should be done."

Yours, etc.,

K. MERCER.

## Overseas News and Messages

### W.C.T.U. WORLD CONVENTION AT TORONTO AGAIN POSTPONED

The post-war situation makes necessary another postponement of the World's Convention. The Canadian White Ribboners have graciously extended their invitation for 1947 and the time decided upon is June of that year. Exact dates will be announced later.

It will be ten years since we have met in convention and the years have been fraught with sacrifice, pain and suffering. It is wonderful the way in which White Ribboners have carried on. Our work is still needed. It is especially important that the national organisations in our federated countries be represented by one or more of their chosen officers and by regularly appointed delegates. Visitors will be welcome.

The place of meeting will be Toronto, Canada; the Royal York Hotel will be headquarters. It will be an important convention as several new World's Officers must be elected and there will be many problems to be solved and many plans made for the rehabilitation of our work.

Our organisation has been a pioneer in promoting world friendship. Let our convention be the first women's convention to cement the friendships of the present. Let us all pray for God's guidance and His blessing on our meeting.

ELLA A. BOOLE, President.  
AGNES E. SLACK-SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.  
World's W.C.T.U.

### MISS MARY L. BOLLERT, OF VANCOUVER, B.C.

(Late President of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association)

News has recently been received in New Zealand of the death in Vancouver of Miss Mary L. Bollert, President of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association, and the first dean of women of the University of British Columbia.

After a distinguished scholastic career at Toronto University, from which she graduated with honours in English and modern languages, Miss Bollert held numerous important positions in colleges and universities, both in Canada and the United States. For some years she was a lecturer at the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and included in her work comprehensive public courses under the New York Board of Education. Later she became professor of English and dean of women at Regina, Sask., and then held similar positions in the University of British Columbia.

Her interest in social work and in women's organisations was international and comprehensive, her sound scholarship and her charming personality enabling her to make an outstanding contribution in women's affairs. Dean Bollert travelled widely in

this phase of her work. She was a Canadian delegate of the International Federation of University Women at conference in Paris (1924), Geneva (1929), and Edinburgh (1932), and was a guest speaker at the International Congress of Women in Chicago (1933). In 1934 she was selected as a member of a party of twelve deans of women of North America to visit the Y.W.C.A. of Japan, and her special interest in Pacific affairs was continued in her valuable work at conference of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association held at intervals at Honolulu and lastly at Vancouver in 1937.

As president of this association, Dean Bollert intended to visit New Zealand in January, 1940, when the triennial conference was planned to be held in Wellington. However, war-time conditions prevented the assembly of an international conference and New Zealand women now regret the passing of a gracious leader whose work for education and international co-operation has been so remarkable. (Supplied by Miss Elsie Andrews, Chairman Pan-Pacific Committee, N.Z.)

The following paragraph has been supplied by Mrs. Gainsford, President of the Opawa Union. She says: "Mr. Jones is one of our honoured missionaries. He is at present in New Zealand, and made the enclosed statement in an address at our recent Annual Assembly at Dunedin."

I was for three and a quarter years connected with the military in India during the recent war. For two and a half years I was in charge of a Unit of over 1,100 men. No liquor was allowed in any of the camps of the Unit. This applied also to the officers' mess. I doubt if there was in Assam a happier, healthier or more hard-working Unit.

My experience, covering months in many camps throughout India, leads to the conviction that drink is the greatest single removable cause of inefficiency in the Army in India.

(Signed) H. A. JONES,  
Commandant.

2nd Bengal C.P.F.  
Rev. H. A. Jones, New Zealand Baptist Mission, Brahmanbaria, East Bengal, India.

### QUEENSLAND—BRISBANE

The Licensing Commission of Queensland now have power to suspend a licensed victualler's licence immediately for failure to supply accommodation and/or meals to the public, whether bona-fide travellers or not.

—From "International Record."

### AUSTRALIA—SYDNEY

V.E. Days the bars were closed for forty-eight hours, with remarkable and gratifying results. A striking comparison between Sydney and Auckland, where the bars were opened, and resulted in drunken orgies.

—From "International Record."

## AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

### Maori Department

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

5a Oaklands Rd.,  
Auckland, S.I.,  
21/12/45.

Dear Comrades,

#### Work of Maori Department

I shall be glad to receive, as early as possible, reports of work done by Unions in this Department.

Distribution of literature, financial assistance, gifts to Maori Hostel, personal contacts, and any other work should all be reported.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Yours for Service,  
CATHERINE McLAY.

### PALMERSTON NORTH

An "At Home" in aid of funds for the Maori Hostel was held on December 12th, 1945, at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Claridge, Superintendent of the Maori Department. The weather being fine, a happy time was spent out of doors, the visitors strolling round the garden and viewing the flowers. They were greeted on arrival by the joint hostesses, Mrs. Claridge and Miss R. Edwards.

The programme commenced with a brief speech of welcome by the vice-president, Miss Jamieson, who explained that the Hostel had been taken over by the W.C.T.U. during the war years in order to assist in providing homes for the Maori girls who were flocking to the city. It was thought that a Christian home under the influence of a kindly matron would help, if only in a small way, in providing a happy home atmosphere, which would prevent girls from getting into undesirable accommodation places.

Miss R. Edwards then gave pleasure with two recitations, after which the president, Mrs. D. H. Coles, spoke a few words, saying she had been pleased to be associated with members and hoped she would soon know them all. A treasure-hunt in the garden then took place, after which afternoon tea was partaken of under the trees.

The financial result of the afternoon was over £4, which included admissions, donations, and "Bring and Buy" takings. This was made up to £5/5/-. A hearty vote of thanks to the hostesses for the afternoon, which had involved much work, was carried by acclamation.

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## "WITH THE MAORI ORGANISER IN MAORILAND"

Throughout the pas in the Rotorua district which I had the pleasure of visiting, the topic of interest was the W.C.T.U. Maori Girls' Hostel in Parnell. Sitting among the Maori women of the Health Leagues, I talked to them, showed a picture of the Hostel, answered questions, and invited them to come and see for themselves. The mothers of girls are deeply grateful to those who have made the various hostels possible for their girls, and for the assurance that when they themselves come to the city there will be a comfortable home and a warm welcome for them among their own folk.

Sitting in the sunshine in the outer court of a Maori meeting-house at one of the League meetings, I was telling the story of the Hostel Movement, when an old lady joined us, whose knowledge of English was not enough for her to follow without an interpreter, so the League Secretary acted in this capacity. Now and then, the old lady stopped, touched my knee and exclaimed "Kapai! Kapai!" (Good). She was tremendously excited by what she heard. It was easy to open out before these women a vision of the great world-wide work for God, Home and Humanity for which the W.C.T.U. stands, and is doing. The chief object of the Health League is to protect the child and the home, and in every way to promote the well-being of the Maori race. So, we are at one in our Aims and Objects.

We have long since recognised and waged war on the greatest known enemy of the Child, the Home and the Race, and these women are awakened now, too. But they are handicapped. To a great extent, they are voiceless. They have no vote on this great question, and their little ones, now very numerous, are quickly growing up to be an easy prey of the accursed Liquor Traffic. We must help them: **by Prayer.** Do make special prayer for our Maori sisters and the children. **By Education.** Petition the Education Department to enforce the teaching of Scientific Temperance in all Native Schools. **By Christian friendship.** Visit neighbouring pas; hold home meetings, distribute literature; speak kindly to all Maori people.

### The Fish Car

During the progress of a meeting a car bumped up the hill on to the marae. A man descended, and asked if anyone could give him change for a half note. Little did he think he was interrupting a Temperance meeting! A woman produced a box and gave him change. "Do you want any fish? I have some in the car." The woman looked at me and glanced longingly at the car. I smiled, and said I would wait, and the meeting quietly melted away. "Fish" was irresistible in that

far-away pa. The fish were "parked" on the grass in the shade of the trees, was resumed. The pa is "timeless," and one enjoyed the feeling that no seats were re-filled, and the meeting one was in a hurry; no trains to catch; no hungry husbands awaiting dinner that was late because of the W.C.T.U.-ing of their wives.

Two mothers had walked one and a half miles in rain, one carrying a four-months-old baby in a blanket, the other had met her husband on the road, and had transferred the two-months-old baby to him to take home and care for. Well, it was League day, the women's day out.

Literature was distributed and aroused much interest, some pieces being in Maori. Several copies of "The White Ribbon," "Y.P. Supplement," and the "Challenge" were left in each pa, and eagerly received.

### The Children

Children's gatherings were arranged for me to address and quite large numbers were contacted. What lovely, healthy, well-dressed children the majority were. They give such wonderful promise of a virile, clever race of excellent citizens in the next decade, rising in their young manhood and womanhood to fill the gap left by the many young heroes of the Maori Battalion.

One experiences a sense of heart-ache while talking to them. Will many of them escape the clutch of the Brewer and the Man-trap of the Hotel Bar? They listened so eagerly to talks on "Physical Fitness," "Good Citizenship," "The King of the Castle," etc., and the very definite warnings against alcohol. The power of God in their hearts, and the Wisdom which is from above encircling them, is our heart's desire for the children of the Maori race.

### Mission Workers

Many Mission workers in settlements which I could not visit owing to lack of transport or petrol were contacted by letter, and supplies of literature sent. All workers tell the same story. The Liquor Traffic is one of the greatest evils among the Maoris, and the greatest hindrance to effective Christian work.

One thousand six hundred leaflets from our own literature department, supplies of "Y.P." Supplements, 1,500 leaflets, half in Maori, and a supply of very fine posters from the Auckland Council of Temperance Education have been sent out to a worker in the Bay of Plenty for widespread distribution. I have distributed about 700 pieces of Temperance literature and over fifty copies of the "Challenge."

Will every Union please consider ways in which they can help the Maori work?

CATHERINE M. McLAY,  
Maori Organiser.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

### WANGANUI EAST CRADLE ROLL PARTY

On November 24th, Wanganui East held a Cradle Roll party. Owing to an epidemic of measles, the attendance was small, but those who came had a very happy time. Items by the children were followed by a treasure hunt in the grounds. As each one found a treasure they were given money to buy ice-creams for the others. Afternoon tea was provided for the mothers and soft drink for the children. Games were played indoors, the mothers taking part, to the great pleasure of the children. Sweets were finally dispensed and the afternoon came to a close.

### REMUERA L.T.L. AND CRADLE ROLL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 1st a happy band of mothers and children attended the Christmas party held in the Remuera Methodist School Hall, for the L.T.L. and the Cradle Roll. The children conducted a Model Meeting, Trevor Marshall presiding.

The guests of honour were Mrs. Long, District President; Mrs. Prussing, Dominion Superintendent of L.T.L.; Mrs. Williams, District Superintendent of Little White Ribboners, and Miss Appleby, Organiser. Mrs. Long presented the children of the Remuera L.T.L. who won certificates for the Temperance Examination with a book each, given by the Mother Union, and their certificates. Mrs. Williams enrolled three children, and conducted the Little White Ribboners' Consecration Service. All guests and Remuera Officers were presented with bouquets. The children rendered a good programme of items.

The Christmas tree was soon stripped of the lovely presents, each child receiving one and a bag of sweets. Mrs. Kasper, the leader, was presented with flowers and a silver butter dish by the children. A vote of thanks to all helpers was passed.

### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT Women's Day of Prayer

The last Women's Day of Prayer for 1945 was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Blenheim, on Friday, November 30th. Sessions of hourly duration were held, beginning at 10 a.m., and were led by the following speakers: Mesdames W. J. Girling, W. B. Wilson, P. Stephens and J. Dunbar. The attendance was good, the singing bright, and many beautiful thoughts were expressed by the leaders. Prayers covered a wide variety of subjects, the sick and troubled being specially remembered, also those in the war-stricken lands. It is intended to continue these very helpful days of prayer next year.

### BLENHEIM: TEMPERANCE EXAMINATIONS

The presentation of certificates gained in the Temperance Examinations took place at the home of Mrs. E. Leslie, who trained the children. A

happy time was spent with games, music, etc. Afternoon tea was served, after which the presentation took place. Mrs. Leslie congratulated the competitors on their success. She said she hoped they would enter next year when the time came round.

Those gaining places in the "Pass" list were: Intermediate Grade, Margaret Blick 87, first class certificate; Ethel Merrifield 53, third class certificate; Sally Bate 27.

Junior Grade: Barbara Blick 70, second class certificate; Gwen Gardner 54, third class certificate.

Preparatory Grade: Gwenda Blick, 94, first class certificate (third place in Dominion totals), who also gained a special prize awarded by the superintendent to the gainer of the highest place among local entrants. Beverley Gascoigne, 91 marks, also gained a first class certificate and came fifth in the Dominion totals.

#### NELSON: FLORAL AFTERNOON

On December 4th, Mrs. Toomer presided over a good attendance at a "Floral Afternoon." There was a lovely display of flowers; competitions being won as under: Vase of flowers, Mrs. K. Ward, 1st; Miss D. Knapp, 2nd. Shoulder spray, Mrs. Blencoe, 1st; Miss Holdaway, 2nd. Two interesting competitions were held, after which tea was served. Mesdames S. Nightingale and Watson entertained with solos, and Mrs. Walker with amusing recitations learned 50 years ago. These ladies were thanked and presented with flowers.

Volunteers were asked for to meet seasonal workers during the holidays. A new member was initiated.

At the close of the meeting flowers were taken to sick members, and to those unable to attend meetings. The afternoon closed with a hymn and the Benediction.



#### THE EDITOR SOLILOQUISES

An unexpected boon has come today. It is that a whole sheet more of space is available for the "White Ribbon" because the "Y.P. Supplement" is to be published separately in future, and not as a part of the "W.R." This is indeed riches. As however, the news has come too closely to the time of going to press for full use to be made of it for this issue; so we are using some of the space to enlarge upon one or two matters of interest to us all.

##### Change of Date of Issue

A few members and reporters have mentioned that their monthly reports will not appear in the issue following next upon their meetings. It may be some small consolation for them to remember that always there have been some in this difficulty, and that it is only a small thing really. For several reasons, the first of the month is more convenient. Our members are usually very sweetly reasonable, and will surely co-operate by sending their reports by the fifteenth each month, and much earlier than that if they can.

#### Suggestions for Features

Many valuable suggestions as to "Housewives' Columns," Crossword Puzzles, Overseas News, and other special features have been received. It has been very interesting and helpful to consider them. Up to the present, too much copy has been sent each time, and "overset" material has been returned. It will be a pleasure to use some of this at last. Till the March issue is prepared some intensive thinking will be necessary as to using our increased space to the fullest advantage.

#### Plans of Action

With a great fight ahead of us for our liberation as a Dominion from the bonds, which are growing stronger, it would seem that, as in physical warfare, certain things must be most carefully and wisely planned out, so that the maximum of efficiency in such matters as Co-operation, Timing, Equipment, and absolute readiness for Action, shall be manifested. Everyone knows that mere enthusiasm, however keen and eager, is not enough. It will be the aim of the "W.R." to provide, as the result of long and earnest consideration by Dominion Officers, a definite scheme of work, having in view as a focal point the poll. Beginning next month, some line of activity will be indicated in each issue, leading steadily to intensive effort. Mrs. Kasper, whose department is concerned with such work as this, is preparing useful suggestions. The weakness of leaving everything till the last few days or months will thus be avoided. As a beginning for this month

**Attendance of Delegates at Convention** is indicated as a vitally important strengthening of our hands for the task ahead. There is still time for funds to be raised for the payment of expenses, and this is the actual duty of every Union. Will there be a real representation of our membership this time, or will 148 Unions be represented by fewer than sixty delegates? Will all Unions understand that they are throwing away their vote and voice which are their only real means of expressing their wishes and ideas, if they have no delegate to exercise them? How marvellous it would be to see all Unions represented. Voting for Dominion Officers would be a very exciting thing. Important remits would be fully understood and receive more careful attention. Well, who knows? There is yet hope for the Christchurch Convention.

#### A Last Question

After all this, a nasty, sneaking sort of little voice whispers in our ear: "Do you really imagine that people are going to take any sort of notice of all this? How many do you suppose will even read it? And, judging by past experience, have you any grounds for hoping that reporters, and treasurers, and secretaries, will remember, even if they read it?" Shoo! Run away! Of course they will. They are all intelligent, sensible women, and will make sure—at least **we hope they will.**

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#### REMITTS FOR CONVENTION

##### Auckland District:

(1) That the badge which will be displayed be adopted as the L.T.L. badge (colours to be red, white and blue).

(2) That the time has arrived when a pledge-taking campaign should be launched.

(3) That nominations for District Officers should be in the hands of the District Executive not later than one month previous to the holding of the District Convention.

##### South Auckland District:

(4) That no President, Dominion, District or Local Union, except in the case of Unions with ten, or fewer, members, shall hold the same office for more than five successive years, eligibility for nomination to be restored after one year's retirement.

##### Manawatu District:

(5) That a protest be made against the increase which has been made in racing by the restoration of permits for 45 days' racing and 15 days' trotting.

(6) That a pledge-signing campaign be put into effect, and also that a drive for new members be instituted.

(7) That where children are allowed to sell raffle tickets in aid of school funds the attention of Education Boards be called to the fact that the practice is illegal.

##### Palmerston North:

(8) That an itinerary be arranged whereby the Dominion President will visit District Unions in turn—Districts to be responsible for travelling expenses.

##### Hawke's Bay District:

(9) That delegates to Dominion Convention be asked to donate tinned foods for the purpose of sending parcels of such direct from Dominion Convention to branches of the Union in Great Britain.

(10) As the Department of Health is giving advice through the newspapers re the danger of smoking while young, the Department be asked to draw attention also to the danger of forming the drink habit while young.

(11) That the Health Department be approached re the urgency of insisting that retailers of bakers' and other perishable goods take especial care to preserve such goods from contamination.

(12) That as many Unions are not in touch with such bodies as the National Council of Women and have difficulty in keeping themselves informed on important public questions, informative reports, along the lines of N.C.W. Standing Committees, be circulated to Unions monthly.

(13) That when pertinent happenings occur portraying in no uncertain terms the evils of the licensed trade, such as the incidents on Victory Days, authentic details be gathered, printed



in leaflet form and sent out immediately to local Unions for distribution. In this way the public would be consistently educated.

(14) That a strong protest be made against the continued rationing of sugar while so much is being wasted in New Zealand in the manufacture of alcoholic drinks.

(15) That the Executive of the W.C.T.U. strive urgently and continuously to secure the privilege of broadcasting Temperance instruction as is permitted in Australia and the U.S.A. (Also sent by Nelson District.)

(16) That a full-time publicity agent (male or female) be employed, whose duty shall be at all times to put forward the Temperance gospel in the Press and on the air (if permitted) and in every possible way.

#### Nelson District:

(17) That when resolutions are being sent to Ministers, other women's organisations be asked for their co-operation where desirable.

(18) That the Unions throughout New Zealand be asked to send clothing and foodstuffs direct to our organisation in Great Britain for distribution.

#### Marlborough District:

(19) That the matter of the punishment for murder and crimes against women and children be reconsidered.

(20) That building materials should not be used for constructing hotels while the housing problem is so acute.

#### Southland District:

(21) That seven years' imprisonment, which is at present the maximum penalty for criminal offences against young children, should be the minimum penalty for such offences.

(22) That the Government be urged to reduce the price of hearing aids to enable people of moderate means to procure them. Also that pensioners and invalids who require hearing aids be provided with them free of cost when unable to pay for them.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1945

#### N.Z. Fund

Rangiora 9/6; Woolston 5/7; Opotiki, Hastings, Mrs. Lynneberg (Ngaere), Sumner, Napier, Motueka, Sydenham, £1 each; Wanganui East £2; Kohi-St. Heliers 10/-; Ponsonby 10/6; North-East Valley £2; Epsom-Green Lane £1/10/-; Carterton 10/-; Cambridge 10/-; Aramoho 10/-; Riccarton £1/10/-; Invercargill North, 10/-; Linwood 2/6; Springlands 5/-.

#### N.Z. Headquarters Fund

Rangiora, Hastings, Wanganui East, Cambridge, Aramoho, £1 each; Ashburton, Nelson, Reefton, £2 each; St. Albans, Woolston, Thames, North Brighton, Carterton, 10/- each; Waimate 11/-; Motueka, Riccarton, £1/1/- each; Epsom-Green Lane, £1/10/-; New Plymouth, £1/10/-; Waiuku, 18/10; Rangiora (Birthday League) 18/6;

Mornington, Titirangi, Kohi - St. Heliers, 5/- each.

#### Organising and Educational Fund

Rangiora £1/10/-; Palmerston North £6/15/-; Opotiki £1/15/-; Woolston £1 7/-; Bryndwr £1/2/6; Hastings £4/1/-; Mataura 6/-; Thames £1; Wanganui East £3/16/6; Hamilton £2/18/-; Feilding £3/15/-; Mornington £1/1/-; Riccarton £5/6/6; Oxford "Y"s 5/-; Lyttelton £1/7/-; North Brighton £1/8/6; Waipukurau 9/-; Pahiatua £1/8/6; Waiuku £1/2/6; Takapuna £1/7/-; Ngaere 15/-; Kohi-St. Heliers £1/5/6; Titirangi £1/8/6; Kaiapoi 18/-; Ponsonby £1/17/6; Leigh 7/6; Sumner £1 11/6; North-East Valley £4/10/- and donation 10/-; Epsom-Green Lane £2 15/6; Linwood £3/4/6; Maungatoro 18/-; Mount Albert £2/10/-; Wellington £3/3/-; Inglewood 18/-; Napier £6 4/6; New Plymouth £3; Carterton £2 18/6; Cambridge £1/19/-; Napier "Y"s 5/-; Eden £1/13/-; Edendale 15/-; Motueka £1/1/-; Brooklyn £1 10/-; Aramoho £1/4/-; Reefton 16/6; Styx £1/1/-; Fencourt £1/10/-; Waihi 16/6; Stratford 14/-; Martinborough £1 19/-; Sydenham £2/3/6; Wairoa £1 8/6; Richmond (Nelson) 16/6; Maungakaramea "Y"s 4/7; Karori 15/-; Gore £5/0/6; Cromwell 7/6; Invercargill North £3/13/6.

#### Maori Fund

Rangiora, Palmerston North, Hastings, Kaiapoi, 10/- each; Invercargill Central, St. Albans, Mornington, North Brighton, Kohi-St. Heliers, Epsom-Green Lane, 5/- each; Sumner 13/4; Inglewood 7/6; Cromwell 2/6; North-East Valley, Motueka, Martinborough, Dunedin Central, £1 each.

#### Franchise Day Fund

Palmerston North, Hastings, Ponsonby, Sumner, 10/- each; Invercargill Central, Mornington, North Brighton, Kohi-St. Heliers, 5/- each; Sydenham £1; Cromwell 2/6.

#### World Missionary Fund

Rangiora, Palmerston North, Napier, Cambridge, 10/- each; Invercargill Central, Mornington, North Brighton, Kohi-St. Heliers, Epsom-Green Lane, 5/- each; Woolston 6/10; Hastings 7/6; Cromwell 1/-; Invercargill North 9/-; Ponsonby 7/6; New Plymouth 14/-.

#### Work Among Seamen

Epsom-Green Lane £1.

#### Temperance Essay Competition

Donation for prizes: Mrs. Kasper £10.

#### Y.P.C.T.U. Trust Fund

Donation, Mount Roskill £5.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

## Bulletin of Union News

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**Auckland, December 3:** A Christmas party took the place of the usual monthly meeting, the District President, Mrs. Long, presiding over a large and representative gathering, among whom were some very old members. A loving welcome was given to all by Mrs. Long. The programme, which was of a very high standard, was arranged by Mrs. Kasper and comprised vocal and instrumental solos, Christmas carols and a humorous sketch by the members. Among the contributing artists were three of the Maori girls from the Hostel. All were warmly thanked by Miss C. M. McLay. Afternoon tea brought the party to a close.

### UNION REPORTS

#### NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Maungakaramea, November 20:** Annual meeting. Attendance fair. Mrs. Weir presided. Good reports of "Y"s and L.T.L. work given by Mrs. Goodenough. Officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Weir; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames S. Purdon and L. Goodenough; Secretary, Mrs. Gillingham.

**Maungatoro, August 22:** A helpful, encouraging visit from Miss Appleby. Talk based on the words: "Let us rise up and build." Solo, Mrs. Knightbridge. Second part of Miss Appleby's talk was an account of the working of the Maori Girls' Hostel in Parnell.

**October 9:** President in the chair. Prayer led by Mrs. Brock. Reports of District Convention at Maungakaramea given by President and Secretary. Secretary reported having sent a telegram asking for closing of hotel bars for victory celebrations to the local member. No reply received; 10/- voted to N.Z. Alliance for Commission expenses. Temperance literature to be sent for.

**November 24:** Annual meeting. President re-elected. Secretary continuing in the meantime, but leaving district shortly. Plans for next year made.

**Warkworth, December 13:** Final meeting for the year. Devotions. Collection for Winston Churchill Fund (15/-). Musical items and reading. Musical competition arranged. Closing followed by afternoon tea.

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Takapuna, December:** A drawing room meeting held at the home of Mrs. Wallace. Good attendance. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Morgan Richards took the chair. As this was the annual meeting the chief business was receiving of reports and the election of officers, which took place after the devotions. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Winstone and Mrs. Read; Secretary, Mrs. Prussing; Treasurer, Miss Prussing.

**Titirangi, November 15:** Annual meeting. Twelve present. Miss C. M. McLay, president, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Clark. Good progress reported for the year, especially in the Cradle Roll Department, the numbers now being 103. Mrs. Hieatt, superintendent, specially mentioned. Report of District Convention given. Mrs. Hieatt presented with Twenty Years' Service Badge. An inspiring talk given by Miss J. Whittaker, re Maori Hostels and her earnest desire to become a missionary among her own people. Thanks given. Pledge repeated. Benediction.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Hamilton, Annual meeting, December 6:** Mrs. Gatman presided. Opening devotions, Temperance Fact and Pledge. Closing message of president for the year based on "Our Sufficiency is of God." Mrs. Stephenson Craig gave a resume of the year's work. Treasurer's report very satisfactory; £3 donated to the Alliance. Cradle Roll—outstanding report by Mrs. Tucker. A new member welcomed and initiated. Election of officers: President, Mrs. Gatman; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Craig and Pickles; Secretary, Mrs. Sykes; Treasurer, Mrs. Davy; Superintendent also appointed. Benediction.

#### WANGANUI DISTRICT

**Wanganui East, November 8:** Good attendance. We were pleased to have Miss Apple-

Madam Reporter —  
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by with us, who led Devotions and gave an encouraging talk. Mrs. Floor gave report of District Convention. Departmental reports showed a year of progress for the Union; 14 new members having been gained. A "Y" branch had just been formed, and will meet monthly. Miss Christie received 57 seamen's bags, 13 of which were filled, from the members, and 24 from the members of the L.T.L. Mrs. Shute was presented with a "Long Service" Badge. Election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Day; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Wyness and Hoare; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robb; Treasurer, Mrs. Ogier.

**Wanganui Central**, December: Extra meeting. Devotions. Small attendance owing to wet weather and sickness, but an active meeting. Election of officers made few changes. £7 collected for Royal Commission expenses. Mrs. Goodey warmly thanked for business-like financial report which showed a sound financial position for the new year after all routine and some unusual calls had been met. Mrs. Mercer reported on the taking up of the liquor selling by grocers. Full discussion on how best to combat this encouragement to home drinking. Resolved to urge Christians to boycott grog groceries.

#### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Hastings**: Annual meeting. The president, Mrs. Hickmott, in the chair. Good attendance. Pledge re-affirmed. Greetings and a posy of flowers sent to Mrs. C. Higgs and sympathy to Mrs. Hagerson in the illness of her family. Mrs. Grainger gave a fine report of the District Convention held at Dannevirke. The Secretary, Mrs. Pitt, gave the annual report, which showed a year of steady progress. The Treasurer, Mrs. Murtagh, reported 65 members and a good credit balance. Cradle Roll of 89 names reported on by the superintendent, Miss Cook. The election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. H. Hickmott; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. Higgs and the Ministers' wives (ex officio); Secretary, Mrs. A. Pitt; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hagerson; Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Grainger. Departmental Superintendents also appointed. Officers thanked for their faithful year's work. President extended Christmas greetings to all, and close a fine gathering.

#### MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Palmerston North**, Annual Meeting, December 4: Devotions, Mrs. J. H. Willson. Letters sent to elderly members unable to attend. Motions of sympathy with Mrs. Scott and Miss Sutherland in their recent bereavement. All reports were very satisfactory. Mrs. Hodder voiced appreciation of the services of Mrs. Jamieson, retiring president, and Miss Thompson, retiring secretary, presenting each with a book. Mrs. McIver presented each lady with a shoulder spray. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. D. H. Coles; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames T. R. Hodder, E. Carter, J. H. Willson, Misses Thompson and C. Jamieson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Claridge; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sexton; Treasurer, Miss C. Jamieson. Departmental superintendents were also appointed. Miss Connolly presented shoulder sprays to several members who had assisted her during the year.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Brooklyn**, November 27: Annual meeting. Mrs. Brewer presiding over a representative gathering. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Pledge re-affirmed. Mrs. Dudley reported visiting Silverstream Hospital, and distributing dainties and flowers to the patients. Annual reports presented. Special thanks to Mrs. Pearson for her "Bring and Buy" stall during the year, which considerably augmented the funds. Departmental reports showed good work, the superintendents being thanked by the president. Mrs. Sawdon took the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows: Mrs. Brewer, President, to whom very special thanks and a floral bouquet were presented; all other officers being re-elected, except Mrs. Gillings, who for health reasons did not seek re-election, and all were presented with beautiful flowers from Mrs. Pickering's garden. A presentation was made to Mrs. Jordan, of a leather bag, for her long years of service as Recording Secretary, mention also being made of her influence for good on the boys who reside in her home. £1 donation was voted to the Ramabai Mukti Mission. Votes of thanks to the trustees of Brooklyn Methodist Church and the Board of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their premises. Mrs. Brewer made special mention of the loyalty, good fellowship and co-operation of the members during the year.

Special "break-up" tea party served by the Methodist ladies, with an iced cake presented by Mrs. Pearson, who had also made one for the L.T.L. party. Benediction.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Blenheim**, December 12: Annual meeting. Mrs. N. Forbes presiding. Annual reports presented. Letters of greeting and good wishes sent to old faithful members unable to attend, but still interested. Letters of sympathy to bereaved members. All officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mrs. N. Forbes; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Girling, Wilson and Rogerson; Secretary, Mrs. P. Stephenson; Treasurer, Miss Tarrant. Departmental superintendents also appointed. Interesting address given by Mrs. H. Robinson on China and Missionary work done there, also her own impressions of Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tientsin. Thanks by acclamation. Tea and Benediction. Devotions at opening taken by Mrs. A. J. Milgrew.

**Springlands**, December 13: Members met at the home of Mrs. Underhill for the final meeting for 1945, this taking the form of a social evening. Greetings were sent to all sick members, and all present presented with a spray made by Mrs. Duncan. Several choice readings were given and Christmas carols sung by all. Competitions and supper completed the evening's entertainment. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Underhill.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**New Brighton**, Annual meeting, December 6: Mrs. Flower presided over a good attendance. Members agreed to sell Health Stamps at the Post Office during December. Reports of officers and superintendents showed good work done during the year. Letters of cheer to be sent to sick members. Election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. Flower; Secretary, Mrs. Ellis; Treasurer, Mrs. Fraser. Mrs. C. R. Mackie gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Howard Penal Reform League."

**Christchurch**, November 12th: Miss Henderson presided. Reports given of sixth birthday of Shirley-Richmond Union, and of visit to mental hospital. President read extracts from "Outlook" of doings of Temperance Committee which was read at the General Assembly; also from letter by Miss McLay of splendid Temperance work among the Maoris.

November 28: Miss C. Henderson presided. New member transferred from Timaru, per Miss Fyfe, welcomed. Mrs. B. James gave interesting talk on the life of Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery.

**Riccarton**, December 12: Annual meeting. Good attendance despite heavy thunderstorm. Devotions led by president. Members handed in cakes of chocolate for mental hospital patients. Invitation received from the W.D.F.U. to attend their Garden Party. Two donations of £1 each received for our funds. Letters and flowers sent to our sick members. Annual balance sheets of general and special funds received and adopted. Annual report, showing good work during 1945, adopted. Arrangements made for helping with the tea at the Women's Reformatory. Prizes purchased for Bible-in-Schools prizes. £1/1/- donated to the Evelyn Cousins Memorial Fund (our late Mayoress). An appeal received from N.C.W. for hospital workers. Congratulations to Mrs. C. Barrell on becoming a Justice of the Peace. "W.R." report showed a subscribers' list of 133. Mrs. McLean's resignation as "W.R." agent received with deep regret. All officers re-elected. Votes of thanks passed and president thanked the members for working so happily during the year. Special thanks proposed by Mrs. Harris to the president for her work and sympathy with all. £2 voted to the Maori Girls' Hostel. Benediction.

**Sydenham**, December 6: Our President, Mrs. J. Filer. Twelve members present. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies, our pledge re-affirmed, a Temperance Fact given, and the usual routine business transacted. Secretary's report was read and adopted. Cradle Roll Superintendent stated that there were 39 names on the Cradle Roll, and the Treasurer's statement showed our finances to be satisfactory. Temperance Examination.—Arrangements were made for the marking of the test papers. Mesdames Filer and Rogers were appointed to purchase the prizes and attend the prize-giving. The sum of 25/- was available to defray the cost of the prizes, being the result of a "Bring and Buy" effort. Election of Officers.—Mrs. E. M. Atkins (District Treasurer) kindly officiated, all the officers, with two exceptions, being re-elected: President, Mrs. J. Filer; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Drewett; Treasurer, Mrs. Seivers; "W.

Ribbon," Mrs. Julius; C. Roll, Mrs. Garlick. The meeting concluded with the singing of the hymn, "All Round the World," after which Mrs. Cookson closed with prayer.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Waimate**, November: Meeting well attended. Annual business. All officers re-elected and superintendents appointed, except for Mrs. Dow, C.R. superintendent, who leaves early in the New Year for Dvaedin.

December meeting well attended by mothers and children of the C.R. party. Captain Lamond, of the Salvation Army, gave a helpful talk. Varied programme given by the children for which they were thanked. Afternoon tea and ice-cream provided for each child. Season's greetings to all Unions.

**Timaru**, November 27: Annual meeting. Good attendance presided over by Miss Fyfe. Devotions led by Mrs. Middleton. Review of year's work showed activity in many branches. Cradle Roll numbers 104 and successful party led to the addition of six new members. Sailors' Rest report very interesting. Thanks passed to donors of cash and goods. Officers elected as follows: Patroness, Mrs. Norrie; President, Miss Fyfe; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Cave; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson. Superintendents also appointed.

**Temuka**, November 28: Annual meeting attended by eleven members and presided over by Mrs. W. Hewson. Devotions led by Mrs. Woolford. Roll Call, a verse of Christmas carol. Annual reports presented, showing a good position in all ways. Departmental reports given; also on the Ladies' Rest Room, which through flood damage had caused necessary expenditure and work for which willing help was forthcoming. Band of Hope report disclosed a membership of 42, four meetings having been held, wintry conditions preventing more meetings. Donation sent to Methodist Church for use of premises for Band of Hope, and to the Salvation Army for use of hall for ordinary meetings. Members thanked for selling Health Stamps. Temperance doxology and Benediction.

**Christchurch**, December: Annual meeting, Miss Henderson presiding. Mrs. Hawke gave good report of Christmas tea given to some lonely patients at the mental hospital. Resignation of Philanthropic Superintendent, Miss N. Blackwell, received with very great regret. Special thanks for her many years of strenuous, devoted and most outstanding work in this department. In the absence, through illness, of Mrs. Adkins, the annual report was read by the acting secretary, Miss Thomas, and a satisfactory balance sheet and statement was presented by our president in the absence of Miss Lovell-Smith. Decided to send an extra £10 to the N.Z. Alliance towards the Royal Commission expenses. Donations sent to Children's Fresh Air Home and the Sailors' Rest, Timaru. The following officers elected: President, Miss C. Henderson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames J. Richards, B. James, Gardner-Miller, C. Price and M. J. Miller and Misses Gordon, Blackwell and Bishop. Superintendents also appointed and N.C.W. delegate.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Kaikorai**, November 27: Annual meeting. Mrs. Flett presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Orr. Election of officers as follows: President, Mrs. Flett; Vice-Presidents, Miss Dobson and Mrs. Adcock; Secretary, Mrs. L. McKenzie; Treasurer, Mrs. Masterson. Departmental superintendents also appointed. Miss Dobson declined nomination for the secretaryship after holding the position for twenty-one years, several members expressing appreciation of her good work. Welcome to new Secretary. Benediction.

**North-East Valley**, November 29: Annual meeting, Mrs. Peart presiding. All officers re-elected. Report of District Convention read by Mrs. Bruce. Donations received from members for work of N.Z. Alliance in connection with the Royal Commission.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

**Winton**, November 27: Annual meeting. The President, Mrs. T. A. Thomson, presided and also took devotions. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Egerton, and a letter to Mrs. Smith, and flowers to Mrs. Wildev, now of Timaru. Reports presented and received. President congratulated the Women's Institute on good work done during the year. The election of officers followed, and two new members joined. After tea had been served, flowers with suitable verses were gathered in and a wonderful display resulted, the flowers being distributed to the sick and hospital.

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Monday at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parrcell, C.4; Vice-Pres., Mrs. F. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd., Onehunga; Cor. Sec., Miss A. McLay, 5A Oaklands Rd., Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Rd., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd., Takapuna, N.2.

**ARAMOHO**, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. Chesswas, 7 Feild St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bish; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. G. Sud-daby, 20 Cumbræ Place.

**ASHBURTON**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Robinson; Rec. Sec., Mesdames Buchler and Harwood; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. G. Tulloch, 23 Peter St. West; "White Ribbon," Miss Andrews; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Lion; Seamen, Miss C. Jackson and Mrs. Tilley.

**AUCKLAND**, 2nd Tuesday, at Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St., at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungarei Rd., Remuera, S.E.2; W.R., Mrs. Holmes, 100 Arney Rd., Remuera, S.E.2.

**BALCLUTHA**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Sec., Mrs. Allfrey, Main Rd., North Balclutha.

**BIRKENHEAD**, 1st Thursday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Castleton; Sec., Mrs. C. Utting, 15 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. Wilson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Simpson, Roseberry Ave.

**BLENHEIM**, 1st Tues., 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 3 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Treas., Miss E. M. Tarrant, Park Tce.; C.R., Miss I. Sheridan, South St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson St.

**BLUFF**, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Roke, Elizabeth St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Vickery, 36 Parrett St.; Treas., Mrs. Barber, 43 Foyle St.

**BROOKLYN**, meets last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gillings, 267 Ohiro Road; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dudley; C.R., Mrs. Sawden.

**BRYNDWR**, Christchurch, 4th Wednesday, St. John's Church. Pres., Mrs. E. R. Clarke; Sec., Mrs. G. Robinson, 12 Warkworth Rd., Fendalton; Treas., Mrs. L. R. Pugh, 65 Hartley Av., Papanui; C.R., Mrs. E. Freeman; "Y" Supt., Mrs. E. R. Clarke.

**CHRISTCHURCH**, W.C.T.U. Rooms, corner Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. Henderson, J.P., 15 Euston Street, Sumner; Sec., Mrs. S. Adkins, 149 Salisbury Street; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Road, W.2; Assist. Treas., Miss E. Gordon, 123 Fendalton Road, N.W.1; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Neutze, 122 Aikman's Road, Merivale.

**CARTERTON**, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Tyler; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas., Mrs. Peters; Cradle Roll, Miss Edwards; Devotions, Mrs. Every; W.R. Miss Waterson.

**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.

**DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott, 45 Swinburn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Paviour-Smith and Collins; Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 27 Swinburn St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Jones; W.R., Mrs. Paviour-Smith.

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Sunday School, Hanover Street. Pres., Mrs. Hiatt, 11 Duke St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Maxwell, 17 Opoho Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, Cauntington Rd.; Treas., Miss Macandrew, 11 Duke St.; Press and Parliament, Mrs. Downing; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Miller, 39 Oates St.; Vice-Pres., Sister Elinor, 18 Jones St., Mrs. Ballantyne, and Mrs. Garden.

**DUNEDIN SOUTH**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Rippin; Sec., Miss McCarthy, 18 Albert St., St. Clair; Treas., Mrs. Graham, 32 Sney St., Caversham; W.R., Mrs. Madigan, 155 Valley Rd., Caversham.

**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.

**EDEN**, 3rd Wednesday, from March to November, Walter's Rd. Church of Christ. Pres., Mrs. V. A. Read, 355 Dominion Rd.; Sec., Mrs. G. G. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd., S.2; Treas., Mrs. L. Powley, 3 Shorwell St., Mt. Albert, S.W.1.

**FENCOURT**, 1st Thursday, in Sunday School Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Clark, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. Holdaway, C/o Hautatu Factory, Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R., Miss E. Turner; C.R., Mrs. A. Wiseman.

**FEILDING**, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Spence, Grey St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stewart and Tremaine; Sec., Mrs. Whisker, Kawa-Kawa Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Kenavan, Grey St.; C.R., Mrs. Hesketh, Grey St.; W.R., Miss Watt, 17 Grey St.; Devotional, Mrs. Kendall; Press Reporter, Mrs. Tremaine; Pianiste, Mrs. Cummin.

**GISBORNE**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goffe; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Road; Treas., Mrs. Coles, 3 Mangapapa Road; C.R., Mrs. Stockman; W.R., Mrs. Mackintosh, 1 Salisbury Road.

**GORE**, 4th Tues., 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Afton St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R. Sec., Mrs. E. C. Smith, Afton 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.

**HAMILTON**, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Pres., Mrs. Gatman, Firth St.; Sec., Mrs. V. Sykes, 2 George St.; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Davey, 53 London St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Miller, Robertson and Poolman; W.R., Mrs. Bradley, Bell St.; C.R., Mrs. Tucker, Collingwood St.; Literature, Miss Parry; Press, Mrs. T. Hutt.

**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. Hageron, 112 Maddison St.; Treas., Mrs. A. Murtagh, 625 Nelson St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. G. Pitt.

**HOKITIKA**, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Miss L. Berendt, Weld St.; Treas., Miss L. Wilson, Brittan St.; W.R., Mrs. Stoop, Fitzherbert St.

**INGLEWOOD**, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Hansen, Rata St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Longbottom; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown St.; Evang., Mrs. Ashworth.

**INVERCARGILL CENTRAL**, 1st Wednesday, Jed. St. S.S. Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cameron, 33 McMaster St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ruthven, Wesley and Brown; Sec., Miss McEwan; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 143 McMaster St.; C.R., Mrs. Millard; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Pennington; Evangelistic, Mrs. Wesley; Notable Days, Mrs. Ayson.

**INVERCARGILL NORTH**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres. and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jercoate, 289 Elles Road North; Sec., Miss H. S. Jamieson, 57 Layard Street; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall, Grace St. Pres., Mrs. E. Holmes, 20 Kelvin St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cole, Richards and Lea; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot St.; Treas., Miss Griffiths, 234 Crinan St.; W.R., Miss L. Aitken; C.R., Mrs. Crozier, Maori Supt., Mrs. J. Richards; Evang., Mesdames Richards and Holmes; Notable Days, Miss J. McCallum, Musical, Mrs. Lea.

**JOHNSONVILLE**, 2nd Tuesday, at 2 p.m., at Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. McBride; Sec., Miss Mitchell, 134 Nicholson Road; Khandallah, N.S.; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Crescent; "W.R.," Mrs. McEae; C.R., Mrs. Gandy, Junr.; Y.P., Mrs. Deans.

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

**KARORI**, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Wood, 316 Main Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson, 2 Shirley St.; Treas., Mrs. Watchman, 78 Campbell St. W.R., Mrs. Horne; C.R., Mrs. Coombe.

**LEYTON**, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Andriksen, Oxford St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. Plaster; Treas., Mrs. Burnham, Oxford St. Nth.; C.R., Mrs. V. Hudson; W.R., Mrs. Storey.

**LINWOOD**, meets last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, 19 Rolleston St.; Sec., Mrs. K. Black, 42 Cranley St.; Treas., Mrs. Beck, 383 Worcester St.; W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller, 20 Buckleys Rd.

**LOWER HUTT**, 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m., Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laings Road. Pres., Mrs. Lopdell, 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.

**MT. ALBERT**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstice; Sec. and C.R., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Road, Mt. Eden, S.2; W.R., Miss Shepherd, 111 Mt. Albert Road.

**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; CR., 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. Trevorror, 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., Belleknoves; Treas., Mrs. Telfer, 4 Roseberry St., Belleknoves; 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.

**NAPIER**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donnelly and Manyard; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfold, 10 Spencer Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. G. Martin, 56 Battery Road; Treas., Miss Ennor, 62 St. George's Drive; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Gwynne, 24 Jull Street; C.R., Mrs. Donnelly, Lawrence Road.

**NELSON**, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Toomer, 17B Wainui St.; Sec., Mrs. F. F. Doel, 5 Mt. Pleasant Av.; Treas., Mrs. W. Andrews, 100 Brook St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Doel; W.R. Reporter, Mrs. C. I. Kidson, 8 Whitby Rd.; Librarian, Mrs. Snodgrass, Collingwood St.; C.R., Mrs. Neal, 8 Endeavour St.; L.T.L. Supts., Mrs. Toomer and Mrs. Neal.

**NEW BRIGHTON**, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. R. Flower; Sec., Mrs. G. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. N. C. Fraser, 34 River Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Holloway, Seaview Rd.

**NEW PLYMOUTH**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss G. A. Drew, J.P., Gilbert St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. A. Brown, Dorset Av., and Mrs. Wells; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. McMillan, Wallace Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wood, 2 Cutfield Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mt. Edgecombe St.; Treas., Mrs. Morwood, Leach St.; Sec., Seaman's Rest, Mrs. R. Deare, Hamlyn St.

**NORTH-EAST VALLEY**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs. Green, Mechanic St., Dunedin, N.E.1; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Road; Treas., Mrs. Sanders, 57 Frame St.; Assist. Treas., Mrs. Johnson, 1 Bouverie St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. McLay.

**OPAMARU**, 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 St. Pres., Mrs. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ashby and Hickman and Miss Caughley; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Hobden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. E. Stacey, 141 Grey St., Onehunga; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; W.R., Mrs. Ashby; C.R., Miss Caughley; Home Meetings, Mrs. Hatton; Evangelistic, Miss Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Press, Mrs. Mushett; Philanthropic, Mrs. Wadman; Maori Y's, Mrs. Mountjoy.

**OTOROHANGA**, last Friday, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. G. F. Webster, Otewa Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Higgins; Sec., Mrs. J. C. Clark, Te Kuiti Rd.; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Black, Te Kuiti Rd.; W.R., Mrs. C. Hood, Pirongia Rd.

**OXFORD**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Comyns; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ryde, Hawke and Fenwick; Sec., Mrs. R. White, Powell's Rd.; Treas., Mrs. G. Jones; W.R., Mrs. E. Magrath; Evang., Mrs. Markham; C.R., Mrs. Early; Band of Hope, Major Fletcher and Mrs. Comyns; Notable Days, Mrs. L. Jones; Flower Mission, Mrs. S. Campbell; Press and S.S. Temperance, Miss Caverhill; Health and Nutrition, Mrs. N. Dalley.

**OTAHUHU**, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Taylor, 34 Station Rd.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Beaumont, Fairburn Rd.; W.R., Mrs. West, 49 Atkinson Avenue.

**OPAWA**, 2nd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Miss E. M. Gainsford; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., C.I.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.I.; W.R., Mrs. Patrick, 32 Buffon St., Waltham; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Jenkins and Ewart Smith.

**OPOTIKI**, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. R. Sinclair; Sec., Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Box 85; Treas., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; W.R., Mrs. Corney; C.R., Miss McCallum.

**OTAUTAU**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Brooker; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Harrington and Mrs. O. Renowden; Sec., Mrs. W. A. Harrington; Treas., Mrs. Hope; C.R., Mrs. Humphries; "W.R.," Mrs. Renowden.

**PAHIATUA**, 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. F. Ryan, Tyndall St.; Treas., Mrs. Griffiths, Main St.; W.R., Mrs. Pringle, Princess St.

**PALMERSTON NORTH**, 1st Tuesday, Baptist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. D. H. Coles, 70 Oxford St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sexton, 315 Broadway Av.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Claridge; Treas., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; C.R., Miss Connelly and Mrs. McIvor; W.R., Mrs. Carter; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames White and Webb.

**PAPATOETOE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Rd. Pres., Mrs. Bartlett, St. George St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Wilson; Sec., Miss Kimpton, East Tamaki Rd.; Treas., Miss Heaven; W.R., Mrs. Harris.

**PICTON**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Methodist S.S. Hall; Pres., Mrs. Millen; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Leadley and Potter; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. S. E. Wells, Milton Terrace; W.R., Mrs. Martien; Band of Hope and Y's, Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

**PORT CHALMERS**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. Sutherland; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Watson, Bowman and Taylor; Sec., Mrs. G. Taylor, 5 Currie St.; Treas., Mrs. Buchan; "W.R.," Mrs. Jenkins; C.R., Mesdames Sutherland and Tressider.

**PONSONBY**, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. R. Joiner; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Read, Mrs. Olds, Sister Jessie; Sec., Mrs. I. Osborn; Treas., Mrs. Christopher; White Ribbon, Mrs. Wood; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Millar; Maori Work, Sister Jessie; Evangelistic, Mrs. Read.

**PUKEKOHE** meets 1st Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in alternate Churches. President, Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Terrace; Secretary, Mrs. Davies, Harris Street; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellis, Seddon Street.

**REEFTON**, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Hallaran; Buller Rd.; Vice-Pres. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Absalom, Sherman St.; C.R., Mrs. Sara, Sherman St.

**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."

**SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 2nd Monday, 2.30 p.m., in Women's Rest Room. Pres., Mrs. A. F. Walker; Vice-Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson; Sec., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Treas., Miss Griffiths, 235 Crinan St.

**SYDENHAM**, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. J. Filer, 30 Leitch St., S.W.1; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker St., S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Seivers; W.R., Mrs. Julius, 137 Rose St., S.W.1; C.R., Mrs. Garlick.

**TAURANGA**, 1st Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian; Sec., Mrs. York, 1st Ave.; Treas., Mrs. Maunder, Roberts St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, Cameron Rd.

**TAKAPUNA**, 1st Wednesday, Takapuna Methodist and Milford Baptist Halls alternately. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Winstone and Miss Read; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Maori, Miss Read; Evang., Miss Cullen; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards.

**TEMUKA**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. H. Grocott, Davey St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. W. Hewson, Hamilton St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. T. N. Lovatt; Devotions, Mrs. R. Smart; Restroom, Mrs. Buck.

**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, Wyyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

**TE KOPURU**, 3rd Wednesday, by-monthly from February, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordworth; Treas., Mrs. Hill-Taylor; W.R., Miss Taylor; L.W.R., Miss F. Wordsworth.

**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.

**UPPER HUTT**, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Watt; Sec., Mrs. Purser, Main Rd.

**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., in Methodist Hall. Pres. and Acting Sec., Mrs. Smales, Bedford Terrace.

**WANGANUI CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlor. Pres., Mrs. Duxfield, Okoa; Vice-Pres., Mesdames R. Wilson and Goodey; Treas., Mrs. Goodey, 26 College St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ogg; W.R., Miss Wadsworth, 51 Keith St.

**WANGANUI EAST**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Mrs. Shute, No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Conybeer; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; Y. Supt., Mrs. Bloor.

**WARKWORTH**, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church at 2.0 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught and Coombbridge; 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 Hillend R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Essex St.; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.