

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"THEY ARE SLAVES WHO DARE NOT BE
IN THE RIGHT WITH TWO OR THREE."

—Lowell

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FORWARD! WITH A LOOK BEHIND

With the memory of Convention still fresh and the inspiration of the splendidly constructive and practically helpful work done still illuminating our minds, it is yet worth while to cast a backward glance, and to discover wherein we have failed in the past. Some of the suggestions for the future, most excellent as they are, are not really new. Yet, they came with all the glamour of freshness around them. How is this? Why should it be so?

Well, the answer is fairly obvious. If the suggestions made in days quite long ago had been actually put into practice they would not have needed to be made at this late date. The moral is plain. Suggestions, plans, rulings, resolutions, fine though they may be, are worthless until they are made use of. Unless every union sees to it that the possibilities opened to our view are fully explored and all available energy is directed towards carrying them out, they will pass into the limbo of the "might-have-beens."

Is it a hard doctrine for the small unions? Perhaps it is, but the marvel of our work is that when intense effort is put forth, there is always a response. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm. If we are so keenly alive to our present opportunities and our present dangers as to be able to communicate the sense

of urgency to those around us, we are doing a great thing. How often the note of belief in the power of God, our Father, was struck in those days at Christchurch, and how we were urged to "be strong and of a good courage." As we go to our meetings this month, let us carry the note of hopefulness and belief in our ultimate triumph over the hosts of evil with us, and see to it that some definite steps are taken towards bringing our own Convention plans into the field of practical endeavour.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Nelson—Three new members.

L. M. MITCHELL.

March 7th, 1946.

TARANAKI DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual district convention of the Taranaki branches was held on 14th February in Wesley Hall, Hawera. There was a good attendance of delegates from the five branches.

Mrs. T. J. Hurrell, vice-president, presided. After morning tea, provided by Hawera as the hostess union, the convention was opened with devotions, taken by Mrs. Haywood, Hawera.

Full reports were given by branch delegates and by district superintendents.

Convention passed a resolution of hearty support to the resolution of the executive of the W.D.F.U., this being: "That as shops and offices now had to close on Saturdays, hotel bars should also be closed." At noontide, Mrs. Tozer sang the noontide hymn, and several delegates led in prayer.

Afternoon devotions were taken by Mrs. K. Thayer, Hawera. Officers

elected were: President, Mrs. T. J. Hurrell, Hawera; district secretary, Mrs. Tarrant, Ngaere; treasurer, Mrs. Simpson, Ngaere.

Two duets were rendered by Mesdames Tozer and Meyerchough. All district superintendents were re-elected with two changes as follows: Home meetings, Mrs. Thayer, Hawera; flower and philanthropic, Mrs. T. Cox, Eltham. Afternoon tea was served by Hawera, hostess union.

Miss Elsie Andrew, guest speaker for convention, gave a very fine talk, her subject being "Woman; Her Strength and her Weakness." Miss Andrews also had a discussion on plans of work.

Convention was invited to New Plymouth for next year. Convention closed with votes of thanks, prayer and benediction by Mrs. Arthur, of Inglewood.

AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

It is worthy of note that one of the matters discussed in Convention was concerned with the reporting of departmental activities. This arose from the fact that in one instance at least the winners of a banner had not reported to the Dominion superintendent, and a suggestion was made and seriously discussed that under such circumstances the award of the banner should not be made. It was agreed that for this time the actual winners should have the banner, but that in future they would be penalised if they had not reported to their own departmental superintendent, either through their district or local union, or directly themselves. A touch of humour ran through the discussion and it was thought that in all probability the penalty of being made ineligible would not need to be enforced.

A MEMORABLE CONVENTION

Just one hundred members of Convention were on the roll by the third day. Some were not able to be there for the opening days. Some who were there from the beginning wore a somewhat chastened expression following on a night's unrest between the islands, but this soon gave place to the purposeful look which marks the good, conscientious delegate. Cold, even wintry temperatures prevailed for the first week, though bright sunshine and blue skies kept the atmosphere cheerful. Hot, summer weather came for the second week.

First Impressions

Some thirty odd delegates were there in that capacity for the first time. The large hall, scene of many an historic gathering during past years, was ready with its long tables at right angles to the platform, and the delegates, taking their seats with due regard to the various matters of light, hearing and company, chattered happily together. It was not long before even the newest member of Convention felt herself at home among friends. Among the well-known personalities, they soon found themselves on familiar ground; and a certain thrill in seeing in the flesh some who have only been names to them heretofore gave pleasure to many.

On the Platform

The sight of some on the platform whose hair has grown white in the work of our organisation but whose vigour of mind and personality remains strong and unimpaired, some to whom so very much is owed, brought a sense of deep gratitude and of veneration for those whose service has been so notable during the years. Mrs. Hiatt, Mrs. Kasper, Miss Kirk, and Miss Lovell-Smith, with Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Christian, and Mrs. Grigg, occupied platform seats as the Dominion officers; and were a kind of united encyclopedia of information. Was anything in question, or was further information required, some one or other of them was usually appealed to, or was ready on her feet with what was wanted. Flowers added to the pleasant feeling of being "at home," but very business-like tables of papers showed that important work had been prepared for.

Devotions

The morning devotional period always included a short, helpful address, those of the afternoon being shorter, with a Bible reading and brief prayer session. But how they helped. The note of hopefulness and courage was often struck. Memories were stirred by references to some who had passed on during the year, and there was a "Longing for vanished smiles and voices gone," during these quiet moments.

"Groups!"

A great innovation, completely justified by its results, was introduced by

Miss Kirk, recording secretary, in the separating up of all the delegates into groups, each with a departmental superintendent as leader, for the consideration of reports as contained in the report book, with instructions to report findings in open Convention when called upon. A most interesting period of about an hour and a half was thus spent. An onlooker would have been vastly entertained by what he saw. Eager questioners, ready suggesters, and constitutional arguers, all had their places in these groups. The largest was the "Legal and Parliamentary" group, led by our inimitable superintendent, Miss Henderson. No doubt existed as to the interest of this group in the subjects discussed. That it was the largest group was merely the fortune of war, which was very good fortune for those who composed it.

The Findings

At intervals, group leaders were called upon, and very profitable indeed were the conversations which followed upon their presentations of "findings." Many points were elucidated which have been, for some, hazy. Concrete suggestions for future planning were received generously. New ideas were not wanting. Delegates will report to unions about these.

Talks

These were not so numerous as on some occasions, and were strictly rationed as to time. This was all to the good. More ground was covered by this method. Miss Edmed's contribution, read by Mrs. Grigg, had its own characteristic quality, and being thoroughly well prepared, was much appreciated. Mrs. Kasper, on her own subject of "Methods," was a mine of information, her suggestions having the value of long experience with a sincerity of desire for the best development of each union along the lines of well conducted meetings and business-like dealings with our particular work. "Trust Control," on which the Rev. W. H. Greenslade spoke, had a very special significance for us, being the result of a close observation of the position at Invercargill. This was in the nature of special information for our own requirements. Mrs. Grigg, who, with her intrepid initiative, had gone to the highest authority for her material, presented a statement upon the extremely apt subject of the "Dry States in the U.S.A.," which was excellent, coming directly from the scene of action.

Remits and Resolutions

Most of the remits sent in were carried, some few being withdrawn and one or two being lost. Animated discussions arose from the consideration of some which were presented in a modified form after the resolutions committee had gone into them. The minutes are to be available in the

hand-book as usual, and all details will be given.

The "Plans" Committee

Miss Andrews, Mesdames Toomer and Lewis were constituted a special "Plans of Work" committee, findings to be submitted in open Convention. This was one of the most outstanding pieces of work done, and is felt to be almost epoch-making. Miss Andrews' excellent report on the outlines of findings was a model document. Each point was amplified by one of the three ladies. The truly constructive suggestions were exciting indeed and captured the imagination of Convention. Discussion showed that more than imagination had been stirred to life, and the resolutions emanating from the report were brought into the realm of practical politics after certain aspects had been well considered. Certain of the remits had covered the same ground, and the hearty agreement with the main ideas was good to note.

"That for this year a full-time publicity agent be appointed (1) to explore the possibilities of propaganda through radio programmes and Press; (2) to receive cuttings, etc., to be distributed to unions immediately (payment to be made when possible); and (3) to draft replies to lying propaganda." Such was the first resolution. It will not soon be forgotten that it was in full faith that God Himself would see this thing through that the Convention passed it. It will be good news that immediately after the session a very substantial contribution to this proposed venture was promised. God honours the faith that will dare for His cause.

The duties of superintendents was another matter arising from the report. After some talk about this, it was decided to call the attention of all departmental superintendents to the section in our constitution dealing with their duties, and to remind them that working expenses are recoverable from the Dominion treasurer. The importance of contacting unions at the beginning of the year and making suggestions as to the work of her department was emphasised as part of each superintendent's work. "We want a little mothering," was the plea of Mrs. Toomer, to whose lot this part of the report fell.

Much was suggested in regard to the educational side. One would enlarge on this very happily if it were possible. It must be realised that this constructive, positive approach to our year's work has opened up a great field for every union. If it is carried out results must follow.

A Caravan

Such an idea! A caravan, W.C.T.U.-owned, by means of which our literature may become available in out-of-the-way places. The suggestion seemed

to drop from the blue. It sounded purely Utopian at first; but when Miss Gordon, of Christchurch Union, actually a foundation member, made the offer to be responsible for collecting funds for this purpose, and the offer was accepted by Convention, members began to feel that this was no usual Convention. Things were happening. It is not possible to tell all here. The Handbook, which all are urged to purchase for their officers and for themselves, costs 1/3, and is to be had from headquarters when it is ready.

Dominion Officers

The election of officers, excellently conducted by Mrs. Long, resulted as follows:—

Dominion president, Miss Kirk; Dominion vice-president, Mrs. Hiatt; Dominion corresponding secretary, Mrs. Toomer; Dominion recording secretary, Mrs. Underhill; Dominion treasurer, Miss M. Lovell-Smith; Dominion assistant treasurer, Miss J. Anderson; editor "White Ribbon," Mrs. Christian; business manager, Mrs. Grigg.

Much is left untold. You will hear more anon.

The Chair

It was something of a blow to the Convention when Mrs. Hiatt, our beloved president during the last eleven years, was suddenly called home to Dunedin to the bedside of her brother, who has been in failing health for some time. Deep sympathy was felt and expressed with her and Miss McKenzie, her sister, in this sudden trial. Messages were received from Mrs. Hiatt later, in one of which she grieved that her farewell as president had to be made to her sisters in the work "on paper." Our prayers and thoughts were often with her.

Mrs. Kasper stepped into the breach, unable to make any preparation, and took up the duty of carrying on in place of Mrs. Hiatt. To her we owe our sincere gratitude, for the task was not easy. The lovely flowers presented to her were a small token of the sympathetic attitude of the Convention. Her gesture in having them sent to Mrs. Pirrett, who had contracted a severe cold in journeying, and was forbidden by the doctor to attend Convention, was felt to be characteristically kind and thoughtful.

Retiring Corresponding Secretary

Although we had been warned, it was with very real regret that we parted with Mrs. Mitchell as our corresponding secretary. Her bright personality and thoroughly capable handling of our work have endeared her to us through the ten years completed at this Convention. The presentation of a beautiful rose bowl from Convention members was felt to be a fitting gesture.

"Till We Meet Again"

The old Closing Service of Convention seemed to have a peculiar significance this time. God grant that our plans and work may come to full fruition.

EDITOR'S REPORT

During the first year of holding the position of editor of our official organ, "The White Ribbon," I have had a great deal of pleasure, and a great deal of hard work, some disappointment and some surprises. The pleasure has been caused by the contact with many of our members whom I have never seen, and whom to know even through this medium is a privilege, and by the actual work of the paper which I have found very congenial.

The hard work goes without saying; one could do with a staff of assistants really; but that is impossible, and as I have my own home to run also the hard work must be regarded as inevitable, and I accept it very cheerfully.

The disappointment has been caused by the fact that there is strong evidence of the fact that many who take the paper do not really read it. In spite of the constant announcements, material intended for Mrs. Grigg continued to come to me right up to the end of the year. However, the red ink in the January-February number seems to have caught the eye, and I hope for freedom from the need to re-direct and re-post advertisements, changes of officers and money to Mrs. Grigg.

The surprise has been caused by the many kind things said to me about my work. In my own mind, there is an intense dissatisfaction about it. Honestly, I have a deep sense of my own inadequacy, and have not felt really pleased with one single number. I think that I have done so much writing myself for each number, and that takes away from its value for me. I should be very glad of contributions from superintendents of departments, or from anyone at all who can send an interesting article. I earnestly hope for the standard to improve.

I should be glad of expressions of opinion on the following suggestions which have been made from time to time:—

A series of short, informative articles on "Famous Women."

A column of suggestions for our own work each month.

News from overseas.

A "Homemaker's Column."

I shall be grateful for any other suggestions.

I wish very sincerely to acknowledge the good work done by the reporters. I advise all readers to read all the reports, if they have not done so previously. Nothing can give the sense of fellowship or reveal the spirit which is moving throughout the Dominion Union as these reports do. I must, however, remind reporters that it is very important to have the date, and name of the union, on the reports. A model form of report will probably appear in the "W.R." very soon, and it is suggested that all reporters follow the line of this. All salient features will be included, but details of purely local interest will not. Space becomes more valuable as our work and membership increase. That these should increase is the aim and purpose of the "W.R."

The "Beacon" has given me much pleasure in that I have come to know several of our young people. I should like to think that our own members would read it. The young viewpoint is vitally important; and its value to our work should not be underestimated.

I am a little worried about the "Y.P. Supplement." It is so small and when finished does not seem to have enough of temperance teaching in it. If L.T.L. and Band of Hope leaders have any suggestions to offer they will be most gratefully received. The children in my own town seem to like it and look for it, but whether more could be done by it is the question.

My last word is one of thanks for much kindness, sympathy and assurance of the prayers of unions and individual members. Also I am greatly indebted to Messrs. Wright and Carman for much assistance in carrying out a piece of work for which I was ill-qualified. I have been genuinely helped in these ways, and acknowledge them with sincere gratitude.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Pukehuia began its year's work by holding a public meeting in the local hall on January 31st, followed by a very good "bring and buy." About 40 people attended and there was no lack of helpers. Miss Cook sang two solos, and Ren Cook gave a splendid address. We got a clearer idea of the cruel enemy we are fighting, and the need for more courage as we face, in the name of the Lord, the 1946 poll.



READERS' VIEWS

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,

My union, having read and digested Mrs. Mercer's article re "Retiring Age for Presidents," and the reply of "Once

Under Fifty-Five," we find we are quite in agreement with the latter; especially our younger women.

Many women long past fifty-five have proved they can hold their own with their younger sisters in leadership.

Certainly, let us hand over if there are others capable and willing to take over, but it will not be because we are becoming unfit at fifty-five.

Yours sincerely,

"Another Over Fifty-Five."

[The editor would welcome an expression of opinion from an "Under-Fifty-Five," but otherwise this correspondence is now closed.]

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Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the Year Ending 31st December, 1945

The statement of accounts for the year reveals a debit balance on the year's accounts, mainly on account of subscriptions due for the year being still unpaid at the 31st December, 1945. We still, however, have a surplus in our accumulated fund. A desk was purchased for our new editor, as shown in our list of assets, and will be much help to her in her work.

The number of copies of the paper printed each month is still 2,950, and not many spare copies have been left on hand.

New subscribers totalled 205, an increase of 23 over last year, but against this 171 names have been crossed off, leaving a net gain of 34 only. Of the 171 crossed off, 31 subscribers have passed away and 13 have been written off as bad debts.

The number of new subscribers in the different districts are:—

South Island

Marlborough	3
Nelson	8
Canterbury North	65
Canterbury South	7
Otago	12
Southland	7
Individual Sub.	1
Total	103

North Island

Auckland	33
North Auckland	3
South Auckland	19
Hawke's Bay	8
Taranaki	3
Wanganui	3
Manawatu	8
Wellington	3
Individual Subs.	3
Maori Department	19
Total	102

The greatest number of new subscribers was gained by Christchurch Union with 45, 44 of these being through the efforts of Miss Gordon. They win the banner for 1945.

Christchurch Union also win the "White Ribbon" vase for 1945, having the greatest number of subscribers to the "White Ribbon"—128; Riccarton Union being second with 124.

The union with under 20 members having the largest increase in new subscribers, on a percentage basis, is Warkworth, with 39 per cent. gain.

"Beacons": The number of "Beacons" sent out each month now totals 353, an increase of 61 on last year. The greater number of these are used in the Maori work and paid for from the Maori fund.

"Y.P. Supplements": There are now 103 regular monthly orders for this paper, the number sent out reaching 4,850 in the peak months. The total number of "Y.P. Supplements" sent out during the year is 48,750. The increase in the number of orders is due to the work of the superintendent of our Maori department, who has introduced the paper into new areas since taking over this work.

I am again very much indebted to those who throughout the year have addressed the wrappers each month, and wish to thank them for their assistance.

"THE WHITE RIBBON"

Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31st December, 1945

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions and Sales	457	17	8
" Advertisements	58	18	9
" W.R. Day Fund	21	8	0
" Donations	0	6	6
Total	538	10	11
" Debit: Excess Expenditure over Income, 31/12/45	16	12	0½
Total	£555	2	11½

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
By Printing and Publishing, Blocks, etc.	450	16	6
" Stationery	27	5	10
" Postages, Telegrams & Tolls	23	8	2
" Repairs to Typewriter	1	17	3
" Travelling	14	15	3
" Clerical Assistance	6	10	0
" Honorarium and Social Security Charges	27	13	0
" Sundries	1	8	7
" Bank Charges	0	18	0
Total	£555	2	11½

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1945

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund at 31st December, 1944	116	6	6
Less Excess Expenditure Year ending 31st December, 1945	16	12	0½
Total	£99	14	5½

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	0	16	3½			
Cash at Bank of N.Z.	64	8	2			
Total				65	4	5½
Typewriter		10	0	0		
Desk (B/Mgr.)		9	10	0		
Desk (Editor)		15	0	0		
Total				£99	14	5½

Audited and found correct,

G. A. N. FREEMAN.

23rd February, 1946.

To our auditor, Mr. G. A. N. Freeman, and to the principals and staff of Messrs. Wright and Carman Ltd., I would like to express my sincere thanks for help so kindly given.

And I would ask that all members in all unions take upon themselves the responsibility of ensuring that our subscription list is given a big increase during 1946; that our paper is placed where it can interest and educate; and that the truths on alcohol which are printed in it may have a very great influence among the people of New Zealand during this year.

A. D. GRIGG.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

1945 has been the most momentous year in the history of the world as world matters go. Scientists have released energy in the atomic bomb which has staggered the nations. Germany and Japan have surrendered to the United Nations.

Prisoners of war who have survived the cruelties of those terrible years are being returned to their homes, thousands of service men and women are returning, and thousands of hearts are aching for those who have given their lives for their country and will not return. Hospitals are filled with sick and wounded men. We must ever remember the people who are so deeply hurt through the devastation of war.

Paul wrote, "As ye are partakers of the suffering so shall ye be also of the consolation." To be true to those who suffer, we suffer with them, may they all find consolation in Christ. Paul also says, "Ye also helping together by prayer." He knew the power of prayer. When sorrow and trouble was surging around him, the prayers of fellow-believers was as an anchor to his soul. We are helping every stricken heart when we pray for them and prayer will help to bring peace and concord when unrest and dissatisfaction seem to rule in the heart of nations. We praise God that victory has come. What an untold blessing that wars have ceased. No war has even been so terrible, but God overruled and 1945 has been the year of deliverance from bondage which would have been worse than death. May we ever give thanks for the cessation of hostilities and pray without ceasing for the sick in body and mind and for goodwill to come throughout the nations. Pray that Christ may be at the head of the Conference being held in London. With His guidance, right decisions will be made, without Him the efforts of men will be futile. How did we in New Zealand celebrate the great news that wars had ceased? Thank God there were thanksgiving services. Men and women lifted up hearts and voices in praise to God who curbed the wrath of men and brought into subjection those who thought to dominate the world with tyranny. A vast number celebrated this victory in a very different manner. It is to the everlasting shame of New Zealand that the liquor traffic was allowed to run riot. The disgraceful scenes in some of the cities cannot be overlooked nor can they be forgotten. Hotel bars poured out a flood of intoxicating liquor. Drunken revelry and bestial self-indulgence by men and women and youths of both sexes, many just in their 'teens, was the order of the day. Some people were killed, whilst hundreds were taken to hospitals as the result of broken bottles and glasses being thrown about, also by motor accidents and assaults.

In Auckland alone twenty tons of broken bottles were collected from the streets, besides thousands of unbroken bottles. Shall any right-minded citizen forget these things and vote for the continuance of a trade which makes such a disgusting orgy possible. Let no one forget until the day dawns when the drink traffic shall be in sub-

not force, is the conqueror and ever will be. It was love for those being lost through drink that brought the W.C.T.U. into being, and it is love that will keep our organisation in action until the liquor traffic is dethroned. Love is indestructible. May every member have a victorious faith in the right of the cause which was born in the spirit of love and which is the responsibility of each until the day of victory. It is drink we are fighting. There is a movement amongst a section of the people in favour of control of some kind. Serve liquor under the best of auspices and the worst features of the liquor trade will disappear, they say. Bishop Henry C. Potter dedicated a saloon in the city of New York with a religious service which closed with the doxology. A sign was put up on the building, "Yes—this is the place dedicated by Bishop Potter. You are welcome." The opening of the saloon attracted nation-wide attention. Reporters thronged the model saloon to report results. One of the papers said: "There is just as much drunkenness in a drink taken at a canonised bar as at a regular whisky shelf." Quoting from "The American Issue," it says, "The conditions finally became so bad that in disgust the company sold out to a man who announced, 'This saloon is going to be run as a saloon should be run—as a gin mill. It is no use trying to play with the Lord and run with the devil.' We cannot choose between two evils, i.e., continuance or control."



Mrs. J. Hiett, Retiring President.

(A photo of Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P. will appear in the next issue.)

It is with great regret that we record the retirement of our beloved President, Mrs. Hiett. For so many years we have been helped and guided by her and always her forthrightness, wisdom and tolerance have been an example to us; her patience in Convention, together with her gentle kindness, will be long remembered with deep appreciation. Our Union is most fortunate in the fact that Mrs. Hiett has been willing to take office as Dominion Vice-President; with three new officers we stand in great need of her advice and experience. We lovingly wish her and her sister a "good rest" and renewed strength; we pray that God will very abundantly bless them and lead them through their sorrow to great joy.

jection and surrender as Germany and Japan have done. Let us turn from this picture of shame to the New Testament with its ringing cry of victory. Thanks be to God Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ was crucified by Roman soldiers it looked like defeat, but victory over sin, destruction and death was won. God so loved that He gave His Son, and love won. Love,

"Alcohol is a poison. In a drop, in a pint, or in a gallon, in every quantity it is a poison. Plainly the quantity cannot alter its chemical constitution," is the verdict of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Richards, in evidence before the Royal Commission in Auckland, said: "Alcohol is a potent poison to human tissues. In small doses it gives rise to a general feeling of well-being with a lack of regard for scruples. The subject becomes more self-confident and less shy, at the same time he exhibits less self-control, and the emotional side of his character becomes more pronounced; the jovial man becomes hilarious, the choleric pugnacious—all lose their natural dignity. In large doses, speech becomes thick and muttering and the movement ungainly. This condition is followed by stupor and sleep, frequently the victim passes into unconsciousness and coma and death follow."

Let no one be persuaded to accept the idea that State or trust control, or prayers over drink, will make it any better for human consumption. It is beverage alcohol that we oppose with all the strength we possess. This is the victory that overcometh the world, with all its deadly evils, even our faith. Is our faith a victorious faith,

It is poll year and we are in the minority, but we are builders together with God. When Noah was building the Ark he was the laughing stock of his neighbours. He was held up to ridicule for years, but he toiled on in building and he continued to warn the people of the danger ahead. He was very much in the minority, but he won. He was doing God's bidding. Britain was in the minority when war was declared, but through great tribulation Britain came out victorious. God came to her aid and she became a majority. We may be in the minority in taking up the cudgels against beverage alcohol, but if we enthrone Christ in our hearts and in our work there is no defeat, for He shall reign and all shall be brought into subjection to Him.

One of the attractions for drinking alcohol is the feeling of importance which it gives. And how folk like to be important. Christ pointed the way to an essentially important life. Whosoever giveth a cup of cold water, whosoever doeth a kind and helpful action to one of the least, shall be **great** in the Kingdom of Heaven. He took a child and set him in the midst and said, "Whosoever shall hurt one of these little ones, it were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he was cast into the sea." Christ's view of the importance of the child. How infinitely small the feeling of importance through self-indulgence compared with Christ's standards of greatness. Every person who is injured by drink, physically, morally or spiritually is a loss to the State. The State needs them. We need them. We are dependent one upon another. How earnestly we should labour to establish Y branches in every community. Youth will be reached by youth. Many of us move in Church circles and do not meet with those who sponsor sherry parties, who think that an afternoon or evening gathering is not complete unless sherry or some alcoholic beverage is handed round. Our Y members will meet youth at social functions, in colleges, in work-rooms, etc., and their witness will help others. It takes great courage to decline drink when the host and hostess urge it upon the guest, who is made to feel that his or her refusal will be considered a discourtesy. Young people who have not been taught the harmful effect of alcohol are easy victims. The scenes which were enacted on V.E. and V.J. Days could not happen if our young people had the information which is the right of every person entering into society, and this is why it is so essential to establish Y branches in every community. Now that the war is over, our young men are returning from overseas in ever-increasing numbers. Is the war over for them? Do they not meet another enemy as soon as they step on their home soil? An enemy which destroys both physical fitness and moral stability. Those of us who remember World War No. 1 know that after the war there was an

increase in moral and civil crimes. Alcohol played an important part in this degeneration, and alcohol has a greater hold on New Zealand at the close of this present war than it had then. We prayed for our servicemen whilst they were absent, we have a duty towards them now. May we ever remember Christ's judgment of which are the important things of life and prove by our disinterested service that we want the very best for those who have returned from the war, and let us be more determined than ever that the liquor traffic, which hurts and destroys manhood and womanhood, must go. We have a vote. Use it as God would have us use it, in voting for a candidate who will stand for righteousness and who will oppose beverage alcohol in every shape and form.

Where Sugar Went in Britain

Since the war began 4,200,000 tons of grain have gone to the breweries and 1,008,000lb. of sugar. If at the outbreak of the war the manufacture of beer had been restricted to 50 per cent. there would have been a store of 2,000,000 tons of grain and 250,000 tons of sugar for the feeding of the starving people of Europe.

This is the year when we can do exploits for righteousness. The challenge of evil never ceases. When Christians everywhere are roused up from sleep they will realise that the challenge to the Christian is to redeem human character and purify human society.

When General John Nicholson, bravest of the brave, marched his column to the relief of Delhi during the Indian Mutiny the need of the besieged was so urgent that he would give his men neither rest nor respite. One day, when the sun was scorching fiercely down upon the desert, they came to a grove of trees and begged for a rest, and he gave them leave to rest. The exhausted men tumbled off their horses and slept where they fell. The first man to wake looked round upon his sleeping comrades and noticed at the head of the ranks, just where they had last seen him, and still astride his horse—John Nicholson. He had not left the saddle, he had not slept. He was waiting for his men to be ready. Quickly the word was passed round, slumbering forms were shaken awake and soon every man was in his saddle, and when they were ready Nicholson led them on. Do we sometimes think, in our battle against the drink menace, that God has gone to sleep, that Jesus Christ has forgotten the world for which He died. The true state of affairs is that Christ our Lord is waiting at the head of His army, waiting for us, for Christians everywhere to be ready. It is we who are asleep. It is the Christian community which must be aroused. New values must be set up. Manufacturing and selling destructive commodities for

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DEATH OF MRS. AGNES SLACK-SAUNDERS

The following letter has just been received:—

Dear Mrs. Christian,
Mrs. Agnes E. Slack-Saunders, for more than fifty years Hon. Secretary, World's W.C.T.U., died on January 16th, 1946, at her home in Golder's Green, London. I have no further information as yet, as this came by cable.

The next number of the "Bulletin" will be a memorial number.

Sincerely yours,
ELLA BOOLE,
Pres., World's W.C.T.U.

Tribute from the President, World's Women's Christian Temperance Union

My first meeting with Agnes E. Slack was in 1896. Miss Willard, who was the guest of Lady Henry Somerset at Eastnor Castle, England, was not well enough to return to the United States. She had asked the new Corresponding Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U. to take her engagements for the summer and fall conventions. Madame Demorest, Mrs. Mary T. Burt and I, with a group of New York members, met Miss Slack at the dock when she arrived on the "Paris." It was her first visit to the United States and her first public address was in the auditorium at Chautauqua. She was greeted by a great crowd which gave her the "Chautauqua Salute," which she called a "handkerchief salute." She was young, attractive in person, vigorous in her presentation of the temperance cause, and her English ways greatly pleased her hearers.

I saw her "in action" at ten World's Conventions, the first in Edinburgh in 1900 and the last in Washington, D.C., in 1937. In every convention she was an outstanding figure, intense, enthusiastic and keenly alert to every phase of the convention.

Since 1931 we have been closely associated, and scarcely a week has passed in which we have not exchanged letters. We have been friends as well as officers. Miss Slack was a guest in our home several times. We found her an interesting conversationalist with a fund of experience and wide acquaintance with prominent people in every country she has visited. She was home-loving and hospitable. She loved her home in Golder's Green, which had been bombed in 1939, and she was not able to return to it until last November. We are glad that she had one year of happiness during the war years when she lived at Kettering with her husband, Mr. Charles Saunders. His death was a great sorrow to her for they were good companions with many interests in common.

Mrs. Agnes E. Slack-Saunders had been Honorary Secretary of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union for fifty years, a wonderful record of faithful service which few can duplicate or even approach in any organisation of men and women.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1945

AS PRESENTED AT CONVENTION

This year of 1946 will again be poll year and it offers us the golden opportunity of re-introducing the W.C.T.U. to other women's organisations and trying to gain their support and interest in our aims. We must grasp every available opening to educate others and gain their vote. Plans are well in hand for special literature. This will be under four headings, spiritual, social, medical, and economic, and unions will be asked to distribute this at stated times before the election.

As union members, our chief interest in 1945 was the Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws of our country. The report of this commission should come before the Government later this year, and we anxiously await the outcome. Points of special interest to us were gathered together by the Dominion officers and Miss Sullivan (Dunedin) and then submitted to Mr. Herbert Adams before being sent to the lawyers retained by the New Zealand Alliance, to be put before the commission. We could not have had better representation and the New Zealand union is grateful to the alliance for allowing us this privilege.

As mothers and wives of the men who have been serving in our armed services we give grateful thanks to God for the cessation of hostilities and the safe return of loved ones. Our loving sympathy is with those whose loved ones will not return.

We have 140 active local unions and 100 of these filled in and returned the questionnaire answering the necessary questions. The union at Marton is reported to be reorganised and working again. There are still five in recess and we trust that now times are more normal they will again be able to take an active part. The latest figures of financial members are 4,092. This includes 342 Niue Island members. The number of new members reported to me since last Convention is 80.

There are approximately 160 Maori girls attending "Y" branch meetings, but a percentage of these are not pledged members. There are 11 other "Y" branches.

The total number of members on the Little White Ribboners' roll for the Dominion is 7,908. There is no doubt juvenile work holds pride of place with union members and if the same zeal and energy were shown in all departments it would make us a more live force.

Ninety-six unions have a Cradle Roll and the largest is Invercargill Central, with 473 members. Auckland is largest district—1,703.

Our L.T.L. department should be more thoroughly worked as it constitutes the training ground for youthful folk and in it they are taught to take

charge and lead their own meetings. There are 11 branches of the L.T.L. One new branch, a Maori one, is reported to have been organised during the year.

Eighteen unions have active Bands of Hope, many lack leaders for this worth while work. Ashburton takes first place with 228 members.

In speaking of youth work, Lady Newall said: "The service of youth will always be an essential interest of any live community, the recruitment of youth is the life blood of any lasting organisation; the future of youth is the future of the work we work in."

Much has been done under the good citizenship department, showing our members to have been engaged in many activities, and they are still very busy for Red Cross, Unrra and Corso, in addition to the duties they carry out in civic peace time life. The union is represented on a number of organisations. It is pleasing to note that one district assisted our Niue Island members with suitable clothing.

The Dominion officers held two meetings in 1945 and districts were circularised with the business transacted, thus keeping everyone up to date. The officers sent the following resolution to the Prime Minister and the members of the War Cabinet: "That the N.Z.W.C.T.U. deplores the Government action in allowing hotels to be open on V.E. Day. We are convinced that the Government had adequate warning of the attitude of the Churches and many other organisations on the issue and was well informed of the moral danger to the community of allowing the unchecked sale of liquor upon such an occasion, a danger which events proved to be by no means imaginary. Its failure to safeguard the community, especially our young men and women, against this moral danger is most reprehensible, and must be described as a serious failure in responsibility. We urge strongly that this grave mistake should not be made upon the occasion of final victory over Japan and demand that all hotels and liquor stores be closed on the day of victory and on the following day."

Members will well remember that hotels were closed during the morning hours while Church services were held, but were open, with dire results, during the afternoon when the victory parades were held in August.

Districts have all held their own conventions, and report much help received by the interchange of ideas and the talking over of any difficulties.

We are very fortunate to have had three workers in the organising field during part of the past year, each one so very suited to her particular sphere

of work. Miss Andrews, in the educational section; Miss Appleby doing personal visiting and concentrating on maintaining the women's interest in the unions, and Miss C. McLay among the Maori women and girls. Surely, with these three fine workers, the union should be greatly helped.

The 30-year long-service badges are still not procurable, but 20 of the 20-year badges were presented during 1945.

The temperance films are a great asset and unions are asked to make full use of them and, wherever possible, arrange to have them shown at schools, high schools, etc.

Valued members of our organisation have been called to their rest during the year just past and we need the support of fresh workers to fill the gaps left in our ranks.

There has been little overseas news available lately, but with the return to more normal conditions we hope to have news of temperance organisations in other countries. Our world president refers to world convention in her correspondence and this will now be held in Toronto, Canada, in June of 1947.

I would conclude with the following prayer (by Sir Francis Drake):—

"O, Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuation of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory."

I. M. MITCHELL,
Dist. Cor. Secretary.



SOME TEMPERANCE FACTS

The Duke of Gloucester, Governor-General of Australia, has given fresh fruit juice first place on ceremonial occasions instead of alcoholic beverages.



We are living in an age of painted-faced, cigarette-smoking cocktail-drinking women. The endeavour of the liquor traffic to debauch American women through drink, and the attempt of the tobacco trust through attractive lying advertisements, to ensnare innocent young girls and women into slavery will go down in history as the two most diabolical crimes ever committed against American womanhood.—Clarence Mason in "America, God Is Calling."

Figures and the Year Book for 1944

Read at Convention by Mrs. Grigg

I've had a job given to me to prepare a short paper giving a **Comparison of New Zealand's Expenditure on Liquor** with that on some other productions, the figures to be taken from the latest Year Book. So, armed with pen and pencil, notebook and specs, I settled down in the reading and reference room of the public library with the latest copy, 1944, of the Year Book. I dallied with figures, all in millions, on the value of our butter, our cheese, our lamb and our wool. I listed timber milling products, value of boots made and of clothing, and then was pulled up with a jerk when I sought out expenditure on "Liquor." "Liquor," no such word in the Year Book! I had memories of a drink bill of something from £9 to £12 millions, but where was that among the statistics in the book? Not there! The value of the actual product of the breweries—the millions of gallons of beer, ale, stout, etc., worth, or rather, costing so much to make is shown, but that is small compared with what the public finally pays for it. Nowhere is there any indication of the actual annual expenditure on "Liquor." I tried to find out something about the value of the wine made at the Government vineries at Te Kawhata—there was no mention of that, though, from another return, I find that the amount produced has increased in six years, 1935 to 1941, from 12,600 gallons to 18,000 gallons, but how much is paid for that is not given, nor is there any mention of the alcohol, "proof spirit," which is distilled and used to fortify the wine and to sell to other manufacturers to fortify their wines! I can now understand where the licensed trade gets its figures from when it presents a drink bill less than half the actual one. They take this cost price of the product of the breweries. Since I am to keep to the Year Book, I will do the same. Here are some:—

Breweries Just over £5,000,000
Boots and Shoes .. Just over £3,000,000
Clothing Nearly £7,000,000
Education Just over £5,000,000

Now, in order to realise within a little what an expenditure of £5,000,000 means, let us see, in some fuller detail, what that money buys in, say, education.

1. It pays for our **elementary education**, that is, our ordinary public schools; all the teachers' salaries; all the upkeep, with cleaners and caretakers; all the books, ink, chalk, maps, apparatus of all kinds, and all the hundreds of etceteras! This is the largest item of our £5,000,000; it costs over £3,000,000 of it.

2. Then it pays for our **secondary and technical schools**. These do not take as much as you might think for many of them are endowed, and also scholars often pay fees towards costs.

3. The same applies to **training colleges** and the **higher education**.

4. It pays for our **schools for the deaf**; for our **education of the blind**; for schools and classes for **mentally backward**.

5. It pays for all the **child welfare work** under which we support and board out friendless children.

6. It pays for our **country library service** as well as—

7. **The vocational guidance departmental work** as well as various other things.

And New Zealand spends as much on making its **beer** for a year as it spends on all these together in the same year.

Again, we could buy all the boots and shoes made in 1944 for all our civilian population and for all our hundreds and thousands of soldiers in the Pacific, in Italy and in other parts, all their leggings and leather goods, for £2,000,000 less than the country spends on **beer**! It seems incredible!

M. C. EDMED.

TALK ON METHODS

Given by Mrs. Kasper at Dominion Convention

We have, as an organisation, been fortunate in our officers, who have drawn up a very lucid constitution to follow; also the superintendents of departments, who have set out the work of the departments, but we must not be satisfied to know the **work**. We should study the correct manner of procedure—the very best way to carry out the work of each department.

We can get into a rut by doing the same things at our meetings year in and year out. At the world convention Mrs. Rachel Palmer said at one of the study classes: "Present the old truth in a new way. Try to catch the public and interest them in our work with new ideas and more attractive methods." I have never forgotten that. To do it, we need initiative, a

keener interest, and better organisation.

Frances Willard said once: "When organising, **don't** despise the day of small things. I have organised seventy women into a weak organisation, and **seven** into a strong one."

Don't fail to keep your wit, wisdom and patience well to the front.

Don't take too much for granted.

Don't assume the role of "Sir Oracle." Teach without seeming to do so. Put yourself in the attitude of a learner with the rest; thus your style will be kindly and suggestive rather than authoritative.

Officers

So much depends on the officers and their methods of carrying out the work. It is like launching a lifeboat.

If the captain is near-sighted and the mate a blunderer, the raft will swamp before it gets beyond the breakers. Let the presidents of our unions preside and go forward quietly to their places as a matter of course.

Be definite. Get the business on the agenda through as quickly as possible, then introduce a programme that is attractive and interesting. Invite visitors. I have met people who have told me that they thought only members could attend.

If a president is not sure of the correct method of conducting a meeting, let me give her the advice that Frances Willard gave when addressing a class on procedure: "Rehearse. Practice. Try to become perfect. Let everything be natural, but let it be clear-cut, systematic, ship-shape. Treat your audience as carefully and graciously as you would a guest in your own house."

Preparing for a Meeting

Re the method of preparing for and carrying out the programme of a meeting, whether it be a social function or just an ordinary meeting, my advice is to plan matters thoroughly beforehand. We will never gain members for our unions and interest people in our work unless we make our meetings worth coming to. Let there be nothing haphazard, as is too often the case in our temperance meetings. Neither let us have anything of the "cut and dried" method where the president reads every words she says. A well-appointed meeting is a work of art. Don't let your music go by default. Keep to the programme as far as possible, and make the room fair and gracious with flowers. Note that hotel lounges are always comfortable and well decorated.

LATE REPORTS

Wanganui District: Wanganui Central.—March meeting, small but good spirit. Mrs. R. Wilson led devotions; Mrs. Goodey presiding in the absence of Mrs. Duxfield at Dominion Convention. Apologies from Mesdames Ogg and Glenn, away after sickness. Reports from Treasurer, Mrs. Gooday, and Mrs. Mercer, Good Citizenship. Letter received from Coastguards' service, but agreed that W.C.T.U. work reserved for own Seamen's Hostels. Requests for help for CORSO and Poppy Day referred to District Executive. Agreed with Electors' Association action in trying to get opinions of all local citizenship bodies as to sending well-backed request for better wireless programmes. Recitation by Mrs. Harris. Article by Mrs. Grinstead on increasing gambling; and lively discussion. "Bring and Buy" in charge of Mrs. Mercer.

Manawatu District: Feilding.—March 6th. Mrs. Spence presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Kendall. President read the Constitution of the W.C.T.U. Members to help in street collection for funds to establish Chair of Obstetrics at Auckland. Prayer by Mrs. Spence.

North Canterbury District: North Brighton.—March. Agreed that freewill offering for Headquarters be taken up. Mrs. Noonan appointed as Convention delegate. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Scott for her hospitality. Meeting closed with prayer.

Auckland District: Auckland.—March 12th. Opening meeting for the year. In absence of Mrs. Long at Convention, Mrs. Holmes presided. Willard Day observed, and collection taken up for World Fund (Missionary). Sympathy expressed with families of three of our members who had recently received the "Home Call." Paper and discussion on the life of Frances Willard. Deeply deplored increase of drinking at weddings.

Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Nelson, Feb. 21: Quarterly meeting held at the home of Mrs. Walker, 12 being present. Mrs. Toomer gave a helpful talk on "In the Beginning, God." Mrs. Andrews' resignation accepted with regret, after a period of efficient work lasting seven years. Mrs. Andrews was thanked and presented with a posy. Mrs. Sherrat elected in her place. Mrs. Toomer elected delegate to convention, and remits for convention were discussed. A letter was received from the Patriotic Association inviting representatives to their general meeting. Also one from W.W.S.A. inviting support for CORSO. It was decided to ask Nelson, Richmond and Motueka unions to furnish a quarterly report to each executive meeting. A very successful "bring and buy" and copper trail helped towards convention expenses. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Auckland: Monthly meeting held Monday, March 4, the district vice-president, Mrs. Mountjoy, presiding, and devotions being led by Miss C. M. McLay. Mrs. Mountjoy extended a warm welcome to Miss Jennie Craig, a former officer of the executive, who has recently returned to Auckland after an absence of twelve years in Australia. Plans were made for the arranging of Mothers' Day annual gathering in May. Mesdames Long and Mountjoy were appointed the delegates to the N.C.U. for the coming year. As this was poll year, Miss McLay made the suggestion that the Auckland executive hold a monthly day of prayer till the election. Mrs. Mountjoy and Sister Jennie reported on the work being done at the Maori Hostel. Twenty-five girls are in residence at present, including two Samoan girls. Mrs. Long invited branches to hold one meeting yearly at the hostel. A report of the recent officers' meeting held in Dunedin was received from Mrs. Mitchell.

Wellington, Feb. 28: Miss Kirk presided and Mrs. Brewer welcomed the delegates, giving a very warm welcome to Miss Appleby who was present. Apologies were received from Mesdames Spencer, Johnston and Israel. Mrs. Sanden was appointed letter-writer. Greetings to be sent to Mrs. Hiett, and letters to Mesdames Peryman, Lopdell and Spencer. Letters of sympathy were to be sent to North Canterbury Union, and to Mr. Barrell; also to Mrs. Thompson Macky, of Lower Hutt. Reports of N.C.O. meetings to be limited to one speaker at future meetings. Miss Kirk and Mrs. Reed represented the district at Lady Dobbie's meeting in the town hall, and presented her with a bouquet, Mrs. Reed acting as one of the ushers. The need for more organisers was discussed and members were asked to look round for someone suitable. The sum of £16/17/- has been donated for a projector, and enquiries were to be made as to when this would be available. Letter of congratulation to be sent to Miss V. Osborn on her engagement to Mr. W. Cullum; two of our first "Y's" to go to a convention. Nice dinner provided by the Brooklyn Union. At the afternoon session, the treasurer's statement was taken after a short devotional period. Central Union kindly donated £2 to delegates' expenses for convention. Letter read from Dr. Jennie Craig, from Australia, who has taken our "W.R." for years. Mrs. Brewer moved the following remit for convention (Dominion): "That convention appoint someone who would be able to answer letters and articles in the papers dealing with various subjects." Carried. Discussion on "Bible in Schools" then took place. Benediction.

Marlborough, Feb. 21: The quarterly meeting of the district executive was held in Wesley class room; good attendance of members and Mrs. V. Underhill presided. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs. C. S. Leov and family, and Mrs. Alexander and family, in the death of husband and father; also with Mr. Barrell and family, of Christchurch, in the death of Mrs. Barrell. Appreciation expressed of services rendered by the late Mr. Alexander to the Band of Hope and the temperance cause in general. The report of the Dominion executive meeting was read and discussed, also the remits to be dealt with at convention were gen-

erally approved. The president, Mrs. Underhill, was appointed the delegate. The noon-tide was observed, Mrs. Robinson taking the prayer. Matters of interest were discussed and a very helpful meeting concluded with the pronouncing of the Benediction.

UNION REPORTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Maungakarama, Feb. 19: Fair attendance. Mrs. Weir in the chair. Letter received from Mrs. Roberts, president Northland District Union, urging each individual to do her utmost in the fight during the coming year. Discussed question of sending representative to National Council of Women meetings at Whangarei. Mrs. Weir read an article on Frances Willard. Members pleased to know temperance films may be used by Education Board. Editor's remarks re reports, etc., noted.

Pukehuia, Jan. 31: Special meeting report.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Onehunga, Feb. 14: Activities for another year's work satisfactorily started. Fairly good attendance. Syllabus and arrangement of programmes, with reports and much local business; votes of sympathy to relatives of members recently bereaved; also discussion of several items of news from "White Ribbon," the president and Mrs. Ashby reading the Temperance Quiz from the February "Beacon." Six of the members were called on to say "Why I Joined the W.C.T.U.," all the testimonies being interesting and inspiring, in each case proving the value of home training and especially the life-long influence of a good mother.

Remuera, Feb. 25: Mrs. Kasper presiding. Devotions taken by Mrs. G. Robinson. Pledge recited and temperance fact given. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on Frances Willard, thus observing her "day." Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Read. Reports given on the successful cradle roll and L.T.L. party. Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Taumarunui, Feb. 21: Small attendance. Membership reduced through removals. Discussion of plans for the coming year.

Tauranga, Feb. 19: Special meeting held at the home of the president. Good attendance. Mrs. Foxcroft elected delegate for convention. Remits discussed and delegate instructed in some cases. Band of Hope plans well discussed. Representative committee to be formed. Dominion corresponding secretary's report of officers' meeting read, and competition stressed. Benediction.

Tauranga, March 5: Opening meeting in the form of a garden party held at the home of Mrs. Bulmer. Fine weather brought along sixteen members and a number of visitors. Special prayers were offered on behalf of the United Mission being held in the town. Greeting sent to Dominion Convention. Two money donations received and "bring and buy" successfully operated. Afternoon tea, games and competitions were enjoyed.

Hamilton, Thursday, March 7: Mrs. Gatman presided, reading Psalms 41 and 42, taking therefrom her message, "Hope thou in God." Enquiries to be made regarding the film, "It's the Brain that Counts," and arrangements for showing it in schools to youth groups in Hamilton to be made. Mrs. Stephenson Craig appointed superintendent anti-gambling department. Mrs. Lewis to be invited to report Dominion Convention at next meeting. Mrs. Clark appointed evangelistic superintendent. Prayer and benediction closed inspiring meeting.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, February meeting: Mrs. Haywood presided and Mrs. L. Thayer took devotions. Mrs. Tozer, secretary, gave a full and good report of the Taranaki annual district convention held in Hawera. Letter received from the N.Z. Alliance. Stall for alliance did good business. Mrs. Barron elected as Dominion convention delegate. As Mrs. Haywood was leaving Hawera for a time, she tendered her resignation as president. Prayer and Benediction.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier: First meeting for the year. Mrs. Lewis, president, in the chair. Good attendance. Business: £1's worth of "Vanguards" to be distributed locally. Mrs. Lewis to attend convention. Next meeting, gift parcels of food or soap for England. Convention report also.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington Central, Feb. 20: Good attendance. Happy to revert to our original day, third Wednesday. Sick members visited were Mrs. Peryman and Miss Strong. Secretary to be convention delegate. Letter from Mrs. Rowntree, giving her views on visiting Invercargill. Arrangements made for district executive meeting. Excellent cradle roll report by the superintendent. All supers. thanks for their work of the past year. Convention remits considered.

Lower Hutt, Feb. 27: Mrs. Spencer presided and Mrs. Swift led devotions. Address by a S.A. officer who spoke on what temperance work is to them. He paid a tribute to Mrs. Hiett and the W.C.T.U. as a whole. He had recently been in Invercargill and said it was appalling to see the number of young people drinking who would never have gone into an hotel. "Bring and buy" as usual. Benediction.

Brooklyn, Feb. 26: First meeting for the year presided over by Mrs. Brewer. Pledge reaffirmed. Devotions taken by Mrs. Sawden. Tributes paid to the late Mrs. Barrell, former Dominion vice-president, and her great work for the temperance cause; all standing in silence. Correspondence from Dr. Jeannie Craig, conveying greetings from the W.C.T.U. State Executive of New South Wales; Miss Wright, general secretary, Ramabai Mukti Mission; and Presbyterian Church Board. Greetings from Mrs. Tennant, Temperance fact. Mrs. Dudley appointed delegate to Dominion convention. Remits discussed and mainly adopted. Hospital visitation arranged. Plans for entertaining district executive made. Interesting address given by Mrs. Brewer on "Faith and Work," urging her hearers to wait upon the Lord for strength to go forward and carry on the work. Meeting closed with Sigil prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, Feb. 12: Fair attendance, Mrs. Toomer presiding. Temperance facts read by Mrs. Kidson and Mrs. Walker. Extracts read from "White Ribbon" dealing with Chatham Islands report, competition for leaflets, slogans and stickers, and Dr. Beeby's letter re temperance film. Convention delegates appointed were Mesdames Doel and J. Hay. The president reported that she and Miss Every (anti-gambling superintendent) had made a successful protest against children selling raffle tickets. One new member initiated. President's message for the New Year was, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." She reminded members that the coming year would call for courage and vision. Pledge repeated. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Tua Marina reports that meetings are held regularly, but that death and removal are making things rather difficult just now. Interesting matters are talked over, clippings and readings being read.

Blenheim, March 3: Mrs. W. T. Girling presided in the absence of president, Mrs. N. Forbes, at convention. Devotions led by Mrs. J. J. Bailey. One minute's silence observed in memory of Mrs. A. J. Miller, and Mrs. A. M. R. Mills. Inspiring article read by Mrs. Girling, "The Victory of God," touching specially on the miracles of Dunkirk and Malta. Mrs. P. Stephens also read an article on "Life and Work at Kalimpong Leper Hospital, Bengal," also describing a Sunday service there. The adjutant, Mrs. Kears, of the local Salvation Army, welcomed. Benediction.

Springlands, Feb. 19: Mrs. Underhill presided, good attendance. Sympathy expressed with three members who had suffered loss of loved ones, and with others who had been ill. President expressed pleasure at meeting together once more. Decided to send delegates to convention and Mrs. Eyles and Mrs. Russell were nominated, these two ladies to arrange. Attention drawn to the request for suggestions for posters and leaflets. A syllabus was drawn up for the year's activities which should provide for interesting and helpful meetings.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Papanui, Feb. 20: Mrs. Tillman presided. Devotions by Mrs. E. Elliott. Vote of sympathy with relatives of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Mental hospital visiting by Mrs. Hawker and Mrs. Thornton. Arrangements made for twenty-fifth birthday and for annual convention. Short readings, grave and gay, given by members.

Reefton, Feb. 12: Mrs. Thompson presided. Decided to get suitable temperance posters for each Sunday school in the district; also leaflets for distribution.

Riccarton, Feb. 14: Meeting opened with devotions by Mrs. Harris. Attendance 17. Five apologies. A motion of sympathy passed with Mr. C. H. Barrell and family in their very sad bereavement. Inward correspondence: The resignation of Mrs. Evans received with regret; letter from Zealandia Soap Works asking for donations of fat to be made up into soap to be sent free to Greece; invitations received to attend Band of Hope picnic and concert; also to attend the meeting in connection with the world day of prayer, a farewell social to Lady Newall, and a welcome to Lady Dobbie. A request to attend the memorial service of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell was also received. Final arrangements made in connection with the Dominion convention. Mrs. Harris appointed delegate. Letters of sympathy, one of regret, and one of thanks, to be sent out. "Bring and buy" table brought in £1/0/3; £1 sent to Band of Hope funds. Benediction.

Christchurch: During January members arranged a farewell social for Mrs. Hawke on her return to England. Fine tributes paid to Mrs. Hawke by our president, Miss C. Henderson and Miss Lovell-Smith, for her outstanding work in many departments of our branch, particularly as superintendent of our mental hospital visiting committee. On behalf of the union, Miss Lovell-Smith presented Mrs. Hawke with souvenir booklets of New Zealand; other gifts also being given.

February 5: Miss Henderson presided. Members learned with great regret of the passing of our president, Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Vote of sympathy passed with relatives. Thanks for our sympathy received from Mrs. Hiatt, in the loss of her sister, Miss Lovell-Smith (hon. treasurer) read satisfactory financial statement. Convention arrangements discussed. Members volunteered to give hospitality to visiting delegates. Mrs. Hunt elected superintendent of mental hospital visiting committee. Donation sent to Band of Hope Union. Thanks received for donation to Timaru Sailors' Rest. President read extracts of temperance work in other countries and also urged the importance of urging Members of Parliament to work for compulsory teaching on temperance in schools.

February 27: Miss Henderson presiding. Thanks received from Mr. C. W. Barrell. Members promised to help in coming CORSO street collection. Mrs. B. James elected delegate to Dominion convention. Members invited to attend evening reception to Lady Dobbie. Convention remits then discussed.

North Brighton: February meeting held in the form of a picnic at the home of Mrs. Scott. A "bring and buy" sale was held for general funds. Cheering message from new president, Mrs. Norman. Motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Reports on mental hospital visiting; prayer meeting; cradle roll party at which a "bring and buy" sale was held, were received.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Ashburton, Feb. 5: Mrs. Browning presided in the absence of the president and also led devotions, reading from Mark 1st, and helpful talk given. Mrs. Adjutant Smith elected delegate to convention. Rev. Mr. Blight gave a convincing address on the advantage of "no licence" towns, stating that only a small amount of liquor goes into "dry" areas. Where there are licences there are more convictions for excessive drinking. More sly grog business is done in licensed areas than in dry. Also, the lack of accommodation is not the result of "no licence." Solo by Miss Gunn. Afternoon tea.

Temuka, Feb. 27: First meeting for the year. Good attendance. Mrs. Grocott presided. Devotions, Mrs. R. Smart. "Frances Willard Day" observed. An inspiring address by Mrs. Hiatt, Dominion president. Dextology.

Timaru, Feb. 26: Activities re-commenced, Miss Fyffe presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Prattley. Delegates for Dominion convention appointed and a discussion on remits for convention was held.

Oamaru, Feb. 11: Mrs. Winn, in the chair, led in prayer and gave inspirational devotional talk. Members stood in sympathy with relatives of the late Miss M. Milligan, a faithful and valued member, and also the relatives of the late Mr. D. Simpson, a devoted worker for the temperance cause. Miss Thompson appointed delegate to convention. £1 was voted for foodstuffs for Britain. Members joined with other organisations in giving subs. for the Winston Churchill fund. Reference to Frances Willard, and collection. Duet; afternoon tea and Benediction.

Dunedin South, fourth Thursday: Mrs. Rippin presided. Mrs. Smith, devotions. President announced the passing of Mrs. Dray, former cradle roll superintendent. Customary tribute paid. Two new members welcomed. Mesdames Dickson and Dow. Syllabus for the year to be arranged with realisation of the insidiousness of the drink habit to youth especially. A "social" committee set up with this object. Special days also to be observed. Delegates to annual convention, Mrs. Rippin, and Mrs. Donaldson (as district president). Mrs. Purcell (Australia) had visited Invercargill and taken notes on licensing system and promised to give us the notes when completed.

North East Valley, Feb. 28: Good attendance. Helpful devotions led by Mrs. Peart. Miss Gibbs appointed delegate to convention. Interesting discussion on remits.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

South Invercargill: First meeting of the year. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Richards, devotional superintendent. Mrs. Holmes said a few words on the passing of Miss McCallum, and hymn 10 was sung in remembrance. Invitation from Winton W.C.T.U. to their twenty-first birthday party. It was agreed to have a plaque hung in the hall in memory of our late president, Miss McCallum. Mrs. Holmes elected delegate for convention. Benediction.

Kaikorai, Feb. 26: Mrs. Flett presided and read an interesting article called the "Song of our Syrian Guest," a commentary on the twenty-third Psalm. Decided to have roll call with temperance fact or Scripture verse. Social afternoon tendered to Miss Dobson, who had been our secretary for 21 years. Mrs. Flett presented a book with love and best wishes in appreciation of Miss Dobson's long and devoted service. Miss Duff sang a solo, and Mrs. McKenzie recited. Mrs. McKenzie to be delegate at convention.

Invercargill Central.—March 13th. Mrs. J. Ruthven presided. The speaker was Mrs. J. J. Wesnet, who gave an address on "Life and Work." Mrs. Walker reported on the conference of the National Council of Women held in Napier.

Otago District: Lawrence.—March 7th. Miss Ferguson, President, in the chair. Good attendance. Extracts from "White Ribbon" read. Greeting to be sent to Convention. Paper, "Was Jesus a Prohibitionist?" read by Mrs. McNeilly, and "The Story of Ramabai," by Miss Ferguson.

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human consumption must go. God's law must hold sway, "That nothing shall hurt or destroy in all His holy mountain." He is waiting at the head of His army till His people are ready to set up new values, to take up the challenge to redeem human character. The liquor traffic cannot stand before the organised hosts of the Lord. Let us follow our Leader to sacrifice, to live sacrificially. God needs thousands more to take up the challenge. Are we willing to pay the price of victory in prayer, and offerings of self, substance and service?

May this year be more momentous than the year 1945, because God's people are willing to give consecrated service for children, for youth, for homes, for neighbours, with unfaltering faith in the power, and love of God. By so doing the drink traffic, entrenched as it is, shall receive its death blow. We shall then be able to say with joy unspeakable, "Thanks be to God Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

IN LOVING MEMORY

MRS. C. W. BARRELL, J.P., CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch mourns the loss of a beloved woman in the person of Mrs. C. W. Barrell, J.P., late president of the Christchurch branch of the National Council of Women, and of the North Canterbury District of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Barrell was a valued member of her own Methodist Church Orphanage Board, and in the depression was chairman of the Girls' Employment Committee. She also acted as chairman of the Elizabeth McCombs Memorial Committee, which raised a fund for a scholarship at West Christchurch High School.

Our own W.C.T.U. knew her as its Dominion vice-president for one year. When North Canterbury undertook the visitation of the mental hospital, Mrs. Barrell went each Sunday, taking with her the results of her Saturday's baking.

Her outstanding qualities were her logical mind, fairness and sympathy, and her dignity commanded the respect of all. Even those who opposed her temperance views were the first to pay tribute to the qualities mentioned. As one who did not belong to us said: "I always felt so proud of her." A sense of humour helped her over difficult places.

This tribute will not convey adequately the love and affection the women of Christchurch and other parts of New Zealand felt for their dear friend. How many enjoyed her hospitality, for she kept "open house."

We thank God for her life and the privilege of knowing her. May we take up the work she has laid down with renewed enthusiasm, remembering how she carried on to the end in spite of her serious illness. She truly spent her life for "Good, Home, and Humanity."—Sent by Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, Christchurch.

MISS ASHWORTH, NEW PLYMOUTH

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of one of our faithful members, Miss Ashworth, who came from Wanganui some years ago. She was always an earnest supporter of the temperance cause and did faithful service in early years. She frequently related stories of her mission work with the poor and needy. New Plymouth is the poorer for her passing.—Sent by Mrs. Barron, Hawera.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Long, Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Rd., Parnell, 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. Sudaby, 20 Cumbrae Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, in Baring Sq. Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Adj. Smith, Cameron St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Holmes, 78 Chalmers St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Tullock, 23 Peter St. W.; "W.R.," Mrs. Tinker, 152 Aitken St.; C.R., Mrs. Lion; Seamen, Miss C. Jackson and Mrs. Tilly.

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 Pompalier 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, 9 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 Ohio 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. Taylor; 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, Cannington 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 Sidey 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. Cox, George St.; Treas., Mrs. Holly, Conway Rd.; "W.R.," Mrs. Streeterm, London St.; C.R., Mrs. A. Towers, Mabey Rd.

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, 2 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, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Bible Class room. Pres., Mrs. R. Thayer, Little Regent St.; Sec., Mrs. Tozer, South Rd.; 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. Hal. at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cameron, 35 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. Jeicoate, 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, 204 Kelvin Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cole, Richards and Lea; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot St.; Treas., Miss Griffiths, 235 Crinan St.; W.R., Miss L. Aitken; C.R., Mrs. Crozier; Maori Supt., Mrs. J. Richards; Evang., Mesdames Richards and Beckham; 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.5; 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, Cam 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.

LEVIN, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Andricksen, 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, 199 Rolleston St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Black, 42 Cranley St.; Treas., Mrs. Beck, 583 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. Teasdill, Kauri Street.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Antstice; 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. Trevor, 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.

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donnelly and Manyard; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfield, 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 Cuthfield 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. Mellwraith, 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.

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 Lyde, 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, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Miss E. M. Gainsford; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., C.1.; Treas., Mrs. Atkins, 100 Chester St., C.1.; 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.

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., S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. G. Grotcott, Davey St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. W. Hewson, Hamerton St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. T. Lovatt; Devotions, Mrs. R. Smart; Restroom, Mrs. Buck.

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

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

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

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

TINWALD, 4th Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Miller; Sec., Mrs. 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 alternate. Pres., Mrs. Wait; 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, Main St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hobbs, Hoare and Kippenberger; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Bell St.; Treas., Mrs. Simpson, "Rylands"; Assist. Treas., Mrs. P. Tooley; W.R., Mrs. Ashbee, Belt St.; C.R., Mesdames Dow and T. Hoare.

WAIPUKURAU, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres. and Acting Sec., Mrs. Smales, Bedford Terrace.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parloar. Pres., Mrs. Duxfield, Okoia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames E. Wilson and Goodey; Treas., Mrs. Goodey, 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 Coombes; 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, 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, 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.