

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"Give what you have, and God will give
You back the thing you gave;
To keep your treasure is to die,
To lose it is to live." —Patience Strong.

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THE GAMING COMMISSION

Two years ago, the Royal Licensing Commission was in the early stages of its activity. Long-awaited findings were announced about eighteen months later. We are still unable to obtain the full report of that very lengthy task; though it is expected to be available sometime sooner or later.

The setting up of a Royal Commission of Enquiry on the Gaming Laws will probably mean a slightly less protracted period of sittings. Evidently its urgency was not considered great enough to make a beginning at once, as the sittings were adjourned after a short session on February 5th, till March 4th.

The Commissioners are Mr. Justice Finlay (chairman), Mr. W. H. Freeman, S.M., and Mr. J. W. Heenan, Under-Secretary of Internal Affairs.

The Racing Conference, Trotting Conference, Dominion Sportsmen's Association, and the Associated Churches are all to be represented by Counsel. Dr. O. C. Mazengarb, associated with Mr. J. R. Marshall, will represent the last-named, which includes the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Church of Christ, Salvation Army and the Society of Friends.

At the preliminary sitting, Dr. Mazengarb stated that other religious bodies would make separate recommendations not inconsistent with the case he represented.

Among the recommendations to be sought for the Gaming public are:

THE ESSENCE OF GAMBLING Consists in an Abandonment of REASON An Inhibition of the Factors of HUMAN CONTROL — THE PRACTICE OF GAMBLING

Is a Deliberate Reversion to those Passions, and
that Mental Attitude which characterises

THE SAVAGE, OR PRE-HUMAN MAN IN HIS CONDUCT AND OUTLOOK

—Mr. John A. Hobson, eminent Economist.

Legislation for Off-the-Course betting; the granting of extra days for racing and trotting.

Dr. Mazengarb, in outlining the case for the Churches, said: "We desire to see the existing laws maintained and in some respects enforced. **We will resist any attempt to make legal those forms of gambling which are at present illegal.**" Further, he stated that his clients wished to point out where the law was not at present being enforced; and to point out how it could be enforced to give effect to the ideals that the legislation had had in mind over a long period.

Further, he asked whether the Commissioner of Police, the Director of Broadcasting and the Director-General of the Post Office would be summoned before the Commission. He would like an opportunity for hearing from them about matters that "alarm certain members of the public." He specified lotteries and the broadcasting of race results. The chairman replied that this would be gone into when the need or justification arose.

During the sitting, when asked by the chairman if anyone of those present wished to address the Commission, Mr. T. Donovan asked if the public would be given a full opportunity later to present matter to the Commission; and was assured that every opportunity would be given.

This is, in brief, the programme which will have made its proper beginning before we meet in Dominion Convention. There is no manner of doubt as to the startling revelations which will be made. As a vital matter to the W.C.T.U. everywhere, keen and intelligent notice should be taken of the proceedings as they are made public through the press. There is no excuse for any of our members to be uninformed upon the evils of gambling in its milder, as well as its more virulent forms. We should seek to extend our store of ammunition so that we may enter the fight against this moral leprosy armed with facts, and clear as to the reasons for our determined opposition.

Departmental Work

SABBATH OBSERVANCE AND BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Mrs. H. Paterson, Dominion Superintendent of the above departments, begs to thank all those Unions which have replied to her questionnaires on their activities.

BULLETIN

Just a little reminder to those who have forgotten to send in their payments for 1946. I am sorry for the irregularity of the sending of the "Bulletin"; but unforeseen circumstances prevented my receiving them. Now that the British agents have my address, they will be sent promptly. As many probably do not know that I am the agent, and have not my address, they will not have known where the subscriptions should be sent. Please send to this address:—

MRS. R. COOK
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(Off Richmond Road)
AUCKLAND.

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

A Women's Biographical Society has been formed in Wellington, under the auspices of the Turnbull Library, to gather together and file data, records, diaries, etc., relating to Women's part in the colonisation of this Dominion. All information will be filed away at the Turnbull Library. Material required is that relating to women's activities in the fields of art, science, social welfare, health and hygiene, education, etc., in particular the names of all those women prominent in the above-mentioned movements and details and particulars of their lives. It is also intended to include a section devoted to the early settlers and women's part in the forming of homes during the very early days. What facilities they had, if any, what social life, in church or general community activities, and interesting information relating to the hardships of the early pioneers.

If you can help at all in this direction, or know of anyone who has such information, or any old family diaries or records, would you please communicate with Mr. Taylor, Librarian of the Turnbull Library, or Mrs. D. Jesson, 19 Upton Terrace, Wellington, N.Z., Secretary of the Biographical Society.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at **Ashburton**: "Drink destroys Brain as well as Body. Nerves are made weak by alcoholic drinks. Once a man has taken a drink he is not responsible for his actions, for alcohol is a drug which dulls the brain."

—Leslie Cullerne.

THE MEMBER "SHIP" OF THE W.C.T.U.

There are ships that sail the ocean with rich merchandise in store;
There are ships that carry passengers to many a welcoming shore;
There are ships that seek adventure in the old lands and the new;
But the best ship is the Membership of the W.C.T.U.

It is bound for that far haven of land forever freed,
From King Alcohol's dominion, and the Liquor Traffic's greed;
For the port of Civic Righteousness and every mortal good—
Where Right is law and Law is right, in the Land of Brotherhood.

It is built of staunch Endeavour and of Purpose strong as steel—
Love and Truth and Faith triumphant, welded into hull and keel.
Though not always smooth the sailing, though not always calm the sea,
She rides the waves with never a doubt of her glorious destiny.

Many a ship sails many an ocean, seeking joy or gain—
But never a ship with a holier mission sailed the restless, bounding main.
'Tis a pleasure ship, a treasure ship, and a ship of service too.
O come aboard the Member "ship" of the W.C.T.U.
—Annie Durham Methvin, in "The Ohio Messenger."

HIGHLIGHTS

Onehunga reports a novel idea carried out during the year by the Devotional Superintendent of the Union, Miss Grigg. This was the taking of the initial letters of the Union's name, O N E H U N G A, and using one each time as the initial letter of the name of her subject. Some of the talks were on—O for Opportunity; N for Necessity; E for Efficiency; H for Humility; U for Unity; N for Nobility; G for Generosity; A for Activity.

WOMEN'S DIVISION FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the W.D. F.U. was held in the County Council Chambers, Mrs. J. Holmes presiding. Remits to be sent forward to the annual Dominion Conference were next considered.

That Government be urged to release more sugar for human consumption other than in beer, and that barley be diverted from brewing for use in feeding stock.—Carried.

—From "Waimate Advertiser."

BODY AND MIND DISCUSS THEIR OWNER

Mind (after one of his sprees): Well, here I am. He's sobered up. I'm on the job again.

Body: I missed you. It was not your fault; I want to make that plain.

Mind: I know. I don't like being fired; I like to hang around.

Body: You're surely needed around this place. Your judgment is sound.

Mind: But if my judgement is so sound, the "boss" ought not to say, "Sure, pals, I'll take another drink!" He loses me that way.

Body: Well you are strong and I am strong, but there must be some leak. However did we come to get a master who's so weak?

Mind: I wonder what he keeps me for? I'm surely not much use when he drinks whisky, gin or beer. I call that rank abuse.

Body: Yes, look at what it does to me; weakens my heart, my muscles, too. With whisky nothing works the way it is supposed to do!

Mind: That man who calls himself our "boss" must be a trifle dense. To harm his body and his mind makes very little sense. I've told him that I'm off the job when he is drinking whisky. He listens, but doesn't seem to care that it is risky. I've told him that he's dull and dense to feed me drinks like beer. I go to sleep or grow so dull that others call me queer.

Body: The morning after, I insist I always give him pain! Yet he who ought to use his mind shows very little brain!

Mind: You'd think he'd listen when I talk; he must be half a man!

Body: You'd think he'd heed the things I say. 'Twould lengthen his life span.

Mind: Perhaps the liquor makes him ill, too ill to know or care.

Body: Then what's the matter with the man? Is he "quite all there"?

Mind: I truly couldn't say, my friend, but I regret my fate, belonging to a man like he is, who won't co-operate.

—"The Union Signal."

TEMPERANCE IN THE COMMONS

The annual meeting in Manchester of the United Kingdom Alliance is a useful yardstick for measuring temperance dimensions or advance. Mr. R. Wilson Black, J.P. president, took pleasure that there were twelve avowed abstainers in the present Government and that the new House of Commons afforded possibilities from the temperance point of view. He found decided relief in the passing of the late Government in which the vested interests of the drink trade were strongly entrenched. Mr. J. H. Hudson reported on a census of opinion of candidates in the general election. On the question of a "limited local option," which meant a district poll for the guidance of magistrates, favourable replies from those eventually elected were: Labour 143, Conservatives 20, Liberals 9, and Independents 2. Temperance, said Mr. Hudson, had 130 "plumpers" in the House of Commons.

President's Message



Dear Friends,—

By the time this reaches you 1947 Convention will be a thing of the past and some of you will be telling of Convention experiences and of the work awaiting each one of this year.

When you are listening to these reports which your delegates will place before you, will you make notes of what you consider the most important points; this will greatly facilitate carrying out the decisions of Convention. If any of you think of any suggestions for next Convention, which we hope will take place in Wellington, will you discuss them and, if you think them practicable, send them to Mrs. Underhill in good time for the 1948 Convention.

Four things we need to make this year's work worth while—love, vision, courage, and a fixed determination to bring about the end of the liquor trade as speedily as possible. It will be a year of hard work; when was the fight against evil easy? Victory over evil is not a thing that can be easily bought in the first store one comes to. It must be searched and toiled for with the same untiring zeal with which those who suffer from gold fever search and toil for gold; but it is so much better worth the search and toil. In the search for gold there is no promise, or certainty, that one will find it, but the victory of right over wrong IS certain for it is the will of God.

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that hope (or wait) for the Lord."

My good wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

In the fellowship of service,

C. E. KIRK.

Cradle Roll Parties

WINTON

On November 2nd, a Cradle Roll party was held by the Winton Union, in the Sunday School Hall. A very fine attendance of mothers and children assembled and enjoyed much fun and freedom under the control of the Superintendent, Mrs. Dixon. Games, musical items and recitations were given by the children, and a bracket of songs by Mrs. Edgerton.

Ice creams, soft drinks, sandwiches and cakes were the party treat.

It had been decided that in connection with the party a "Bring and Buy" stall should be held. This was done, and a very successful table of goods were exchanged, amounting to over £4. Mrs. Thomson closed the afternoon by thanking all helpers, especially Mrs. Dixon, to whom credit was due for the afternoon's success.

TAURANGA

On November 29th Tauranga Union held a very successful Cradle Roll Party arranged by the Superintendent, Mrs. Bulmer, in Wesley Hall. There was a good attendance of mothers and little ones. Games were played inside, and later out on the grass, the opportunity being taken by Mrs. Christian to welcome the mothers, and to speak on the importance of mother's training of the child if his future life were to be fine and good. One new baby was enrolled, all the mothers renewing their promise to train their children in Temperance living.

Long tables looked very inviting, and the children and mothers enjoyed a delicious tea. Each little guest received a "Lucky Packet" which gave much delight. Band of Hope members also came along and helped with the times, and Bible Class members assisted with the entertainment.

LOWER HUTT

Lower Hutt held their Cradle Roll Party on November 23rd in St. Stephen's Hall. It was a beautiful day and the children had a really good time, each being presented with a paper hat and a bag of sweets. Mrs. Spencer's L.T.L. gave some items during the afternoon and helped with the games. Mrs. Spencer welcomed the mothers and spoke a few words to them. After afternoon tea the children all went home happy.

MOUNT EDEN

On November 23rd, Mount Eden held their Annual Cradle Roll Party in the Mt. Eden Presbyterian Church Hall. There was a good attendance, about forty adults and thirty-five children being present. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided, and the meeting opened with devotions. Visitors present included Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, and Mrs. Williams, District Cradle Roll Superintendent. Under the direction of the Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss McKinney, several items, including hymns and carols, were rendered by the children. Mrs. Williams

spoke briefly to the children. A very interesting and instructive address was given to the mothers by Mrs. J. H. Deane, wife of the Principal of the Auckland Bible Training Institute. Mrs. Deane spoke of the awful wastage of grain and sugar in the manufacture of liquor, the colossal sums of money wasted, and the wastage of human life. She stressed the importance of the women's franchise; and urged every woman present to record her vote for the abolition of the drink traffic.

Mrs. Mountjoy also spoke briefly concerning the necessity for temperance educational work amongst the children, and mentioned the splendid work being done amongst the Maoris.

Mrs. Jessie Walsh sang two solos, and her son, Master Ken Walsh, gave two violin solos.

Afternoon tea was served to the adults and soft drinks to the children. Through the generosity of a few of the members a gift was provided for each child on the Cradle Roll, a total of nearly ninety. Miss McKinney was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, accompanied by a small gift, for her excellent work as Cradle Roll Superintendent. Votes of thanks were also passed to all who had helped to make the function the success which it was.



"MADAM PRESIDENT"—AND HER JOB

What are the duties of a President?

To preside over a meeting. Yes; that is necessary to prevent waste of time, material and energy, and to carry on from the past to the future. That is filling a valuable part in the main work of a leader.

Organisation, which means finding other people to do jobs, training and guiding them each to get on with her own line and in co-operation with other workers and their lines. For which, a basic need is the old virtue which marked out a King; the "Coming," that is, the "Knowing," or foresighted man. Often it is easier to do a job oneself, particularly one that is hand-smoothed with experience; than to teach a raw beginner by encouragement, and, perhaps, cautiously smoke-screened help. But it is the getting of newcomers into interest and responsibility that ensures any progress beyond a mere flash in the pan. Sooner or later, newcomers must be trained if the work is to be carried on, and it pays to hand over the reins before your hands get shaky.

Of course, it isn't altogether pleasant to resign a position and sit back to watch someone else filling it—not so well at first, perhaps—but it is very good both for the junior and the job.

Was it this someone meant by "in honour preferring one another"?

Woe's me, does one have to be a saint to do that? Or just an ordinary woman, who really can easily find plenty that needs doing in helping with other jobs? —Katherine Mercer.

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SPECIAL REPORTS

Interesting reports of special occa-
sions have reached us as follows:—

HAWERA: A picture-painting competition organised by the Union among South Taranaki school children was finalised recently, when competitors ranging from three to fourteen years of age received very nice book prizes. Seven children of the different age groups received prizes. Miss V. B. Rigden, Arts Mistress at Hawera Technical High School, was the judge.

WAIMATE held a highly successful Baby Show in December in Knox Hall, when, in spite of heavy rain, the hall was crowded with young and old. The Mayoress, Mrs. W. F. Boland, and Mrs. C. Englefield, were judges. The babies were grouped as Boys under nine months, and Girls the same; and between nine and eighteen months, also Boys and Girls. Mrs. Duckett, President, gave a much appreciated talk to the mothers present, and a programme of items was presented, followed by afternoon tea. Mr. George Dash, Hon. Member of the Union, shared with the President, the chairing of a very happy afternoon.

FEILDING made a special occasion of their February meeting, which took the form of a Social afternoon, the

Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Hoare and Mrs. L. Scott, Grey Lynn Union. Two Warriors Gone Home.

The ladies of the Grey Lynn Union were very much saddened by their loss when two of their number were "promoted to glory." Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Hoare was laid aside for many months as the result of an accident. Her bright and loving nature will stand as a living witness and will always remain as a memory. Her one thought was: "How are we progressing?" Though her eyes failed, her spirit was all for the cause of Temperance. Some of the members went to her home during her illness, singing praises and holding prayer sessions which she did enjoy. As a Salvation Army Officer, she had much to tell of her experiences among people who drank. Her whole heart was in the saving of souls for her Master. Our sympathy goes out to all the loved ones left to mourn their loss.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mrs. L. Scott was for some years one of our good and faithful members. She lived for her Master though she did not talk a great deal. She loved to sing and play the songs of Zion, having a deep and strong contralto voice. Coming from the Islands a few years ago, she joined up with the Temperance work, and her life was a very hard one, but she stood fast and kept the flag flying right to the end. Our sympathy is with her loved ones.

Members attended the funeral services of both their sisters.

special feature of which was the presentation of "Long Service" Badges to Mrs. Jones, for over thirty years of faithful service; Mrs. Goldfinch (who was away on holiday) has served for over thirty years; Mrs. Pack, Miss Watt, Mesdames Tremain and Whisker, all of whom have served for over twenty years, were each presented with a beautiful shoulder spray. Opportunity was also taken to make a presentation to Mrs. Spence, who re-

In Memoriam

Mrs. H. MacKinnon, Northcote Union.

On February 2nd, Mrs. H. MacKinnon, our dearly-loved friend and member of our Northcote Union, passed to Higher Service. She had a wonderful personality, and her face shone with the light of one who walked with God.

She will be greatly missed by us and also by the Presbyterian Church.

"Her children rise up and call her Blessed." To them we offer our sincere sympathy.

A very lovely wreath was sent from our Union.

"The golden evening brightens in the west;

Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.

Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest:

Alleluia!"

Miss F. Johnson and Mrs. Thackeray, Waipawa Union.

There passed away last year two members of the Waipawa Union. Miss F. Johnson, who had belonged to the Union since shortly after its formation, was Recording Secretary and Treasurer for twenty-five years. Her grasp of business was always a great help with any business connected with her work. Owing to failing sight and health, she had not been able to attend meetings for several years, but she was always interested in the work of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Thackeray, who had been a member of the Union for a number of years, also passed on to Higher Service. She was always keenly interested in Temperance work, and a willing worker. She had been organist for the Union for several years.

tired from the Presidency after sixteen years of very faithful service in that office. She was presented with a shoulder spray and a beautiful cushion from the members in token of their esteem. Mrs. Gill rendered a most enjoyable solo, and Mrs. Cummin a recitation.

A very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of Hymn 120, and prayer by Mrs. Tremain.

GREAT EVANGELISTS AND TEMPERANCE

5.—BILLY BRAY

By VICTORIA GRIGG, M.A.

There was a great difference between Billy Bray and the other evangelists such as Beecher, Finney, and Wesley, of whom I wrote in my previous articles. Billy Bray did not start with the educational advantages of the others, but he could speak from very personal experience—which they could not do—of the awful effects of drink. He had experienced the degradation of being a drunkard himself, and knew to the full the joys of release through the power of the Holy Spirit, from the terrible craving for strong drink.

He was born at Twelvetrees, a tin-mining village near Truro, Cornwall, in 1794. His mother's father had helped to build the first Methodist Chapel there, for he had joined the Methodists when Wesley first visited Cornwall. Billy's father died when he was quite young, and he lived with his grandfather in a good Christian home till he was seventeen; when he went to Devonshire. It was not long before he became addicted to drink, and was dismissed from his work, eventually going to live at a beer shop, the worst possible lodging for him at this time. "There," he says, "with other drunkards, I drank all night long. But I had a sore head and a sick stomach, and worse than all, horrors of a kind no tongue can tell. I used to dread going to sleep for fear of waking up in hell, and, though I made many promises to the Lord, I was soon as bad, or worse than ever. After being absent from my native county seven years, I returned a drunkard.

When he returned to Cornwall, his wife had to fetch him home night after night from the beer shop, and a great part of his wages went in drink. A friend said that he was the wildest, most daring and reckless of all the reckless daring men; and on one occasion, so fearful was his blasphemy that his wicked comrades declared his oaths must come from hell, for they smelt of sulphur. All this time his conscience tormented him and it is interesting to note that his conversion was brought about through his reading of a book written by one who had been a blaspheming tinker. The book was "Visions of Heaven and Hell," and its author was John Bunyan.

After his conversion he went to hear a Mr. Teare lecture on Temperance, and thought that while he would hear what the speaker had to say, he would not sign the pledge, for he was not then convinced of the necessity for total abstinence, but thought, as so many people in our churches to-day, that so long as a man did not take too much, he could still drink. "But as I listened to what Mr. Teare said,"

he states, "the darkness was removed from my mind, and I thought I would sign the Pledge, and before Mr. Teare had finished speaking, I shouted out to friend Tregaskis, "Thomas, put down my name."

From that time, he was not only a staunch teetotaler, but an earnest advocate of the cause of Temperance. The first pay-day that he came home sober for many years, his wife had said, "How is it that you are home so early to-night?" Billy replied, "You will never see me drunk again, by the help of God." He did this before his conversion, but realised at the Temperance meeting, that to keep this resolve he must not lay himself open to the temptation by taking even a little strong drink. He used to say that if ever Satan caught him, it would be with the ale-pot, and in his picturesque speech, said: "Men set lime-sticks to catch birds, and Satan sets wine-bottles and ale-pots to catch fools, but I will not touch a drop, then I shall never get drunk." Billy's plain commonsense on this subject could do with more attention from us to-day. After all, the public house you can close is the one beneath your nose, and I believe we should lay great emphasis on pledge-signing in our Bible Classes. I know of so many cases where it has been signed in Band of Hope and broken. It seems more important to obtain the promise at the time of adolescence, when the mind is more developed. I do not say "Eliminate Pledge-signing from our Bands of Hope," but let us pay more attention and lay more emphasis on it at the Bible Class age. Total abstinence for the individual is a weapon before which every brewer quails.

At a Temperance meeting, speaking of Moderation, Billy Bray said, "Ye might as well hang an old woman's apron in the gap of a potato field to prevent the old sow with young pigs from going in as expect a drunkard to be cured with moderation. Satan knows that so he sets the little pot to catch him again." Public Houses he describes as "hell houses; indeed they are! For they are places where people are prepared for hell; and they help people on their way." As a contrast, he said that Chapels were Heaven-Houses, for there people are converted and prepared for heaven.

As I write this article I cannot help thinking of the very depressing conditions reported of the Chatham Islands which has been given by the resident doctor, and has just appeared in our local papers. In some cases more than fifty per cent. of a man's income goes in alcohol. He estimated that perhaps £100 per week was spent

on liquor in the two hotels. Think of that spent by a population of just over 400. A wedding or tangi was made the occasion for at least three days' debauchery. Small children were brought into the atmosphere of drunkenness, smoking and immorality at the earliest ages. Chatham Islands are administered by our own New Zealand Government. Why does it permit these two hotel-keepers to grow rich at the cost of the degradation of these people who are God's children?

The evils of drink are always the same everywhere—the same in New Zealand and its dependencies as in Cornwall in Billy Bray's lifetime. Many were the drunkards who were saved through the Holy Spirit by Billy's appeals at his Temperance meetings. The fact that he had been saved from the drunkard's chains himself helped many to see that they could also get the victory through Christ. His Temperance Crusade went hand in hand with his great evangelistic work.

He loved to tell others that he was the son of a King, and when, a few hours before his death, he was asked if he had any fear of death or of being lost, he replied: "What? me fear death? me lost? Why, my-Saviour conquered death. If I were to go down to hell I would shout, 'Glory, glory to my blessed Jesus,' till I made the bottomless pit ring again, and the miserable old Satan would say, 'Billy, Billy, this is no place for thee; get thee back.' Then up to Heaven I would go, shouting 'Glory, glory, Praise the Lord.'"

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GRAPE DAY

The W.C.T.U. was well to the fore in the Brisbane streets on Friday, 1st March. For the first time for some years "Grape Day" was held as a "street day." The stalls were well stocked with grapes in every form, fresh, dried, in jars, jellies and cordials. The educational value should be very great. The Posters were well displayed and created much interest. Mrs. Teasdale did good business with her pure grape juice drink, 81 glasses being sold at 6d. per glass. The Educational Committee are to try and purchase the JUICE CONTAINER which was in use that day. All the cartage was done with our own Canteen by the new caretaker, Mr. Andrews, to whom we are grateful.—"Australian Temperance Advocate," April, 1946.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Some Conference Remits

The following are among the large number of remits to be considered at the Annual Conference of the N.C.W., at Timaru, in April.

That death duty taxation should take into consideration the size of families, a large family being at a disadvantage with a small one.

(**Note:** The duty on an estate of more than £500 and less than £1,000 was 1% for a child. If there was more than one child, each paid the share of the 1%. On an estate of £61,000, a child would have to pay 16% in death duties.)

That the Government be asked to investigate the conditions under which food is sold, and to take steps to effect some measure of improvement under more hygienic conditions. (Refers particularly to bread, meat, cheese, and cooked foods.)

That in view of the hardships on housewives, the N.C.W. appeal to the Government to bring about as early as possible the delivery of bread at the pre-war rate of one halfpenny per loaf.

That in the case of a person of fifty years and over, whose sole income is of the "unearned" class, and does not exceed £150 per annum, such income be exempt from the payment of the Social and National Security tax. (**Note:** This applies more particularly to single women who are, in many cases, in a worse financial position than those in receipt of a Social Security benefit.)

That pensions derived from any superannuation scheme be exempt from National and Social Security tax up to the same amount as is allowed to persons receiving the age benefit; i.e., £104 per annum for a single person, and £208 for a married couple. (**Note:** The superannuitant, after having made provision for his own pension, is very often in a worse financial position than those who have made no provision for themselves, by reason of the fact that his pension is taxable, and that by contributing to a superannuation scheme, he has been unable to increase his savings.)

That the 33½% excess tax on unearned income be removed. (**Note:** This form of taxation is to be deplored—discouraging, as it does, savings from wages and salaries, and the prudent investment of the same.)

That the appropriate authority be approached with a view to bringing about a considerable improvement in the type of plays that are broadcast by the N.B.S., with particular reference to the elimination of the type of murder trail, which is sordid, and un-savoury, has no moral, literary or

MORE LETTERS FROM BRITISH SISTERS

The following letter from Dr. Alice Gilby, of 4, Chichester Street, Westminster, London, was received by a member of the Palmerston North Union:—

"Very many thanks for your kind letter, and for sending a parcel of food for me to distribute. I will certainly do my best to see that it reaches the folks who are most in need of its contents. As the winter illnesses are now increasing, I am sure there will be plenty of patients who would gladly welcome such things as a jelly or custard powder, both of which are completely unprocurable at present. I had a personal parcel from an Australian friend last week, and it contained a jelly which promptly went down the throat of a sick boy aged four, who was refusing all food. I don't know who had the most pleasure out of that jelly—the boy, his mother, or myself to be able to give it to him. It is very difficult to find things to tempt children's appetites these days. The boy has now recovered but I think he has a strong suspicion now that jellies are to be found in the doctor's bag.

"We do appreciate the kindness and generosity of the New Zealand W.C.T.U. in sending this food for our people. Some of them have already had similar gifts from one or another of the Dominions, and are very delighted with them. A number of old people are living alone in one room in this district (we have the two extremes in Westminster, the very rich and the very poor) and they have been greatly cheered to think that someone had a kindly thought for them. To live on one ration book is not easy, and many of them are too frail to stand in queues, and at times it is a fight to get sufficient milk and fuel for them, so they do appreciate the little extras when they get them. They do thank you one and all.

With greetings and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

A. GILBY."

Tauranga has also received a letter of thanks from Mrs. MacFarlane, of Glasgow, in which she speaks of the joy she has had in distributing the contents of a parcel sent, to many needy people.

forensic merit whatever, and must undoubtedly have an undesirable influence on impressionable young listeners.

That a list of names and addresses of Justices of the Peace be placed in a prominent place, preferably the General Post Office. (**Note:** People are often in urgent need of Justices of the Peace for signatures, etc.; and have no knowledge of their whereabouts.)

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF N.C.W. DOM. EXECUTIVE MEETING

At a meeting of the Dominion Executive held in Wellington in September, a letter from the Prime Minister was read, expressing admiration of the work done by the N.C.W. of New Zealand since its inception, and stating that he looked forward to further co-operation in achieving the goals that still lay ahead. It was agreed that this letter be sent out as a Press Association message.

Because of the shortage of nurses and domestic aids, it was agreed to send this remit to the Government:—"That the Government be asked to endeavour to obtain young women for household work in homes as well as in hospitals, from Holland and the Scandinavian countries."

Pernicious Literature: Two magazines on sale everywhere were submitted, and quoted as being the type that should be banned. It was agreed that the President should bring this matter under the notice of the Prime Minister.

Immigration: It was decided that the following suggestion made by Dr. Hercus, of Otago University, be submitted to the Prime Minister by the President:—"That no effective, positive policy will be forthcoming until a special department of state is created to formulate and implement a policy. In addition to the appointment of a Minister of the Crown with a portfolio, and a department with research facilities; there might be a small population cabinet, similar to the present war cabinet."

Children's Pictures: It was agreed that the N.C.W. commend the Kerridge-Odeon Theatres on their efforts to present suitable pictures for children, and their formation of children's clubs.

It was also agreed that the N.C.W. offer to Kerridge-Odeon Theatres its willingness to help on any matters touching this important question.

International Council of Women:

The following is a declaration sent out by the I.C.W. Executive meeting held at Brussels, June, 1946:—"That an Executive Committee of the I.C.W. meeting in Brussels in June, 1946, once more protests energetically against war as a means of settling international conflicts. It condemns the crimes committed against humanity and the dignity of the individual in the unsettled international conditions before, during, and after the war; and looks forward ardently to the restoration of a just and durable peace.

"It will support with all its influence international organisation created, or to be created, for the establishment and maintenance of peace.

"It demands a larger and more active participation of qualified women in government, and international organisation."

THE ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION

For many years now the Prohibition movement has been dear to the hearts of the Christian community, but the desire has been unattained. Without going into the pros and cons of that, it might be very worthwhile, and interesting to think of another Movement which is quietly, but successfully, reforming many drunkards.

It arose in America through the conversion of a man whose life was given to drink and who decided that others would have the same sort of freedom he had attained. In November, 1934, he and a few other reformed drunkards established what is now well known as the Alcoholic Foundation—the membership is limited to those who have been completely hopeless about their recovery. The membership is now over 12,000 and there are branches in 325 American communities. The basis on which cures are made is a spiritual one and the Movement has the support of all the churches. In 1939 two hospitals in New Jersey released 17 alcoholics—11 had no relapse whatever and none returned to hospital for treatment.

Probably the most interesting feature of the Movement is that a condition of membership requires those who have been converted to set to work to free others from the curse. In doing so they make their own recovery permanent. At a meeting of the Medical Society in New York in May, 1944, one of the originators gave a talk on the work of the Foundation and showed how religion and medicine co-operated to obtain excellent results.

He explained the 12 steps which were laid down as part of the cure—here they are:—

1.—We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

2.—Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3.—Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

4.—Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5.—Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6.—Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7.—Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8.—Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

9.—Made direct amends to such persons wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10.—Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

11.—Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of

His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12.—Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

This doctor concluded his address with these words—"God grant us the serenity to accept things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference." One of the leading doctors said they had heard a truly moving and eloquent address and paid tribute to the influence of religion in achieving what medicine alone could not do. Other doctors described how branches of the Foundation were working in conjunction with doctors.

Dr. Harry Tiebout, a well-known American psychiatrist, described his amazement at the successful cure of a woman who was still remaining dry after four years.

Many of those who are cured experience highly emotional conversion—in others the change takes place more gradually. All are agreed that without a strong religious element permanent cure is not possible.

There are many stories of the struggle men and women have had in the battle against alcohol. They have tried everything, promised again and again not to touch any more liquor—but again and again they have fallen victims. The Alcoholics Anonymous does not get discouraged but sticks close to the men and women till they find the answer in God and get the victory. There is one story of a woman who was brought up in a home where every material advantage was given her. She married a man who was an alcoholic and soon had only contempt for him. Then she decided to go her own way, and that meant a life of selfishness and gay parties with plenty of alcohol. She had been a quiet, shy and sensitive girl, but drink made her the very opposite. She went into a business of her own but soon found that she was having to drink in the daytime and her business was slipping away from her. At last she had a mental breakdown and she was told by the doctor that she must never touch drink again. To use her words she said she "couldn't afford to believe him." One day while in a sanitarium something happened which roused her anger to raging point. While she was fuming her eyes lighted on a page of a book lying on her bed and the words "We cannot live with anger" seemed to hit her. She says "Something crumpled—and the light streamed in. I wasn't trapped. I wasn't helpless. I was free." Later she went to a meeting to meet some of the Alcoholics Anonymous and, to use her words, "I went trembling into a house in Brooklyn filled with

strangers . . . and found I had come home at last, to my own kind. There is another meaning for the Hebrew word that in the King James version of the Bible is translated "salvation." It is "to come home." I had found my salvation. I wasn't alone any more."

She went on to say, "I had found friends, understanding friends who often knew what I was thinking and feeling better than I knew myself, and didn't allow me to retreat into my prison of loneliness and fear over a fancied slight or hurt. We all had hundreds of character traits, of fears and phobias, likes and dislikes, in common . . . They knew what to do about those black abysses that yawned ready to swallow me when I felt depressed or nervous. . . . I put into practice more and more of the twelve steps. **It worked!**"

From such a story it is easy to see how much more effectively an ex-alcoholic who has found the answer through a spiritual experience can give a practical helping hand to a drunkard who really does want to be freed from the curse of drink. Let us remember that an ex-alcoholic knows the pitfalls and temptations and in his dealing with a drunkard can hold out, not only a helping hand, but give understanding which is unknown by the majority of people.

Alcoholics are sick people and are in need of care, just as much as the person with a broken leg—more so, probably, because in the larger number of cases it is a sickness of the mind—a cover up of inferiority, anxiety, worry, frustration and other things, and so much more difficult to aid. Christ came to "heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, the recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised." Let us encourage then, the converted drunkard to follow out the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and go out into the world seeking out his fellow victims, presenting Christ the Saviour to them as a Victor who can and will, help them to be overcomers of the evil of the drink trade.

ALCOHOL AND GENIUS.

Edgar Allan Poe drank, to his own ruin, but he did his work during periods of sobriety. One of his friends said of him, "one drink with him was like hitting a fine Swiss watch with a hatchet."

Edwin Booth was a periodical drinker but he was incapable of mental concentration after one drink of brandy.

Jack London drank himself into despair and a suicide's grave.

Burns, the poet, was a victim of alcoholism.

No wonder that Upton Sinclair says, "Alcohol is the greatest trap which life has set for the feet of a genius."

"The Voice," Aug. 1945.

Home Makers' Column

By "LYNETTE"

STIMULANTS

In the St. John Ambulance lectures and textbooks, there are only two cases where the first-aider is recommended to give alcoholic stimulants, and these are, the bite of a rabid dog, and the taking by the patient of prussic acid or cyanide poison. Both of these emergencies are so rare that it is a fairly safe rule for the first-aider never to administer alcohol. The stimulants recommended are sal volatile, smelling salts, meat extracts, tea, coffee, and cocoa. So let us look this month at our "kitchen stimulants."

About the origin of tea there are many myths, one being that a holy eastern prince, who spent his nights in meditation upon the Infinite. One night, to his horror, he fell asleep and, to punish himself, he tore off his eyelids, which he found later had grown into a shrub, the leaves of which were capable of being brewed into a sleep-banishing drink.

The quality of tea depends on the size of the leaf, the small, young leaves being the best. The difference between the green and black tea is that the latter is heated or withered in the sun during the manufacturing process. The stimulant in tea is theine, which has astringent properties, and can interfere with the digestion of proteins. The amount of tannin extracted in tea brewing depends on the length of time the tea is in contact with the water, and the temperature of the water, as it dissolves slowly. Three to five minutes is the best time for brewing, and the best tea is that poured off the leaves into another heated pot. As well as these two substances, there are certain "essential oils" in tea which impart its characteristic flavour.

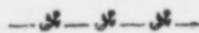
Coffee is manufactured from the seeds of a cherry-like fruit and the legend of its discovery runs thus: A young Arab boy, noticing that his sheep were more lively after eating a certain bush, made a drink from its berries, and experienced the same stimulation. Though his neighbours felt he had sinned against the prophets, the Mohammedans later came to regard the discovery as a gift from God, sent as a reward for their abstinence from alcohol.

The stimulant in coffee is caffeine, and this has proved to be the same substance as the theine in tea. Tannin, too, is present in coffee, though in smaller quantities than in tea. However, this is the reason for the adage that "coffee boiled is coffee spoiled." The flavour-giving materials are caffeine and essential oils.

Cocoa is native to tropical America and the Spanish explorers viewed the Emperor Montezuma drinking cocoa flavoured with vanilla, from a golden

cup. The Spaniards kept this delicious food and drink a secret for many years but now it is universally used.

Here we have a different, though allied stimulant, theobromine, which is less in its effect than those in tea and coffee. A small amount of caffeine is present in cocoa. This drink has food value, supplying starch, fat and minerals such as iron. These are stimulants to give in emergency, with plenty of sugar, which increases the stimulating effect.



AN UNDERSTUDY

To close a really successful year each individual member should have chosen an understudy.

Have you chosen a fine understudy
To further the work you have done?
Someone called of the Heavenly Father
To complete the task you've begun?

Are you training another to follow
The pathway that leads to the goal
Of achievement and worthwhile endeavour
And stir other folks to the soul?

You've a second who somewhere is waiting
To march with you, faithful and true.
Now, enlist her, you may need her to-morrow
To carry your purposes through.

—"The Alabama White Ribbon."

SOLUTIONS

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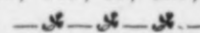
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Down.—1, Ha; 2, Err; 4, Ra; 5, Union; 6, St.; 7, Pie; 8, Am; 10, Moa; 12, Ail; 14, Elbowed; 15, Dodders; 16, Busby; 18, Copes; 19, Heave; 20, Attar; 22, Sly; 24, Apt; 29, Atone; 31, Pat; 32, Sot; 33, Gin; 35, Don; 37, An; 38, Ye; 40, To.

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Across.—1, Collating 10, Feature; 12, Fated; 14, Bevel; 16, Fie; 17, Ere; 19, Eva; 20, Inns; 23, Bred; 24, Idiom; 25, Ne; 26, Iran; 28, Abib; 30, E'er; 31, One; 33, U.N.O.; 34, Nests; 36, Deign; 38, Oilwell; 40, Incognito.

Down.—2, Often; 3, Lee; 4, Lade; 5, At; 6, Tube; 7, Ire; 8, Never; 9, Capable; 11 Scapula; 13, Aintree; 15, Evening; 18, Reign; 21, Sin; 22, B.M.A.; 27, Arson; 29, Built; 31, Oslo; 32, Eden; 35, Tic; 37, Eli; 39, W.G.



He was one of the "lucky people" in raffles. He could win in a big bazaar, a cushion, a picture; once even a pup. Of course he never missed taking part in a raffle. From that he went to mild forms of gambling, which increased until he became a close follower of the races. He never settled down to a steady job; never married. The gambling spirit caught him, and it grew on him, all unnoticed by those who loved him. The issue of life were confused for him by these seemingly harmless practices.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" — 10

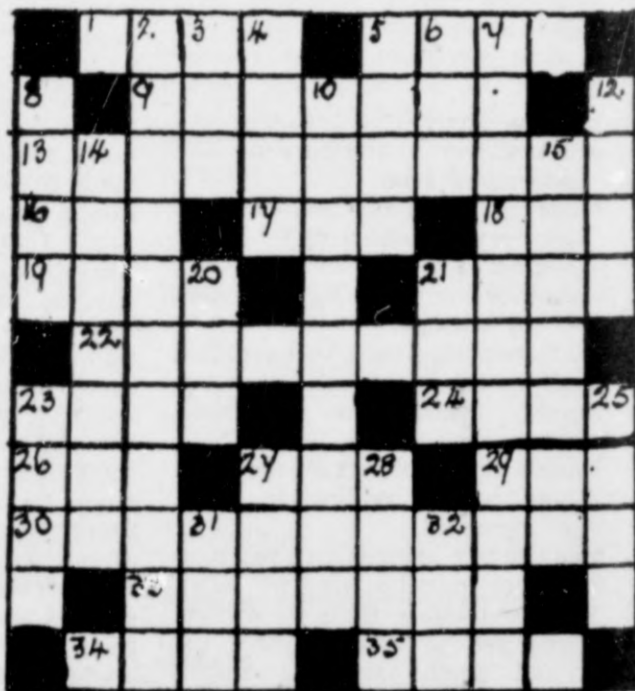
CLUES.

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- 1—Periods.
- 5—Mountains.
- 9—State in S. America.
- 13—Original movers.
- 16—Drink.
- 17—Tiny —.
- 18—Chum.
- 19—Make thread.
- 21—Peace emblem.
- 23—Before due time.
- 23—Decree.
- 24—Volcano.
- 26—Steep.
- 27—Used teeth.
- 29—Muddled untruth.
- 30—Accusers of crime.
- 33—Surpass the Cheshire Cat.
- 34—Purposes.
- 35—Cosy home.

Down

- 2—Breaths.
- 3—Law.
- 4—Please.
- 5—Eden dweller.
- 6—Had a solid wife.
- 7—Relative measurements.
- 8—Lubricates.
- 10—Stirs up.
- 12—Small island.
- 14—Fluffier in surface.
- 15—Hungry hunter for food.



- 20—Pretty material.
- 21—Fitting.
- 23—Medical status. Abb.
- 25—In addition.

- 27—Pieces.
- 28—Small lake.
- 31—Mire.
- 32—Bond.

The Liquor Question In India

The following very interesting extracts, given by the Opawa Union President, Mrs. Gainsford, at the January meeting of the North Canterbury Executive, were taken from "The National Christian Council Review" of October, 1946, a monthly periodical issued by the Council.

Alcohol: Lord Moynihan is quoted in a statement contrasting present medical treatment with that of fifty years ago. He says: "To-day medical science is of one mind that alcohol, while it has its uses, is unnecessary and often harmful in the routine treatment of disease." Another statement is: "Insurance companies have found that the expectation of life is some three and a half years less for non-abstainers than for total abstainers."

The Committee for Health Planning in India recommends education of children in schools and of adults, in regard to the fundamental facts in relation to alcohol; the restriction of the sale of liquor; supply of non-alcoholic drinks, adult education in evening classes, strict Government enforcement of controls provided by law; the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics. In this last, social and religious workers should take an active part.

Prohibition in India: "In accordance with their well-known policy, Prohibition is being introduced gradually by Congress Governments in different parts of India. On October 1, 1946, both the Central Provinces and the Madras Governments inaugurated Prohibition in large areas. In the Central Provinces, about half of the province

has been included, and in Madras, at least one third." This is no new experience, for the Congress Governments in various provinces made a grand beginning after they assumed office in 1937. We congratulate them for once again making an effort to carry out their policy, and we sincerely hope they will ultimately succeed in their noble purpose of bringing all India under the Prohibition Act. There are many well-known obstacles to be overcome, such as that of finding revenue from other sources, the ever-present menace of the black market, and the callous indifference and opposition of those who regard the policy as one of sheer fanaticism. We are quite aware that people cannot be made "good" by Act of Parliament, but we do believe that the Government **can** and **should** protect its citizens by taking reasonable measures against the use of **anything** which is a potential danger to their moral, physical and economic welfare. Accordingly, we find ourselves in entire agreement with the remarks of the Madras Premier, which he made on October 1st, when inaugurating Prohibition in eight districts of the Presidency. He is reported as saying:—

"The financial loss in administrative difficulties are as nothing compared with the large-scale social and economic benefits that emancipation from the drink evil is bound to confer on the people, particularly the poorer sections. It is an experiment in social reform of far-reaching implications, which we have decided must be undertaken on its own incontestable merits."

Jesus made use of broken fragments to feed the people. Has your life been broken? If so, you will allow God to use the fragments, He will make you the means of feeding His people. So often a broken life means better food for others, than a life that has known no suffering.

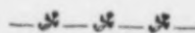
FRIDAY: "With the bread of understanding shall she feed him." (Apocrypha.)

Have you ever read articles on "How to keep a husband's love?" You never read one that contained more wisdom than those nine words. With understanding in the home, are health, wealth, peace, and a real happiness. Don't think of understanding as something that comes with love. It often needs cultivating.

SATURDAY: "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." (Romans 12:7.)

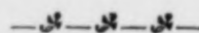
Do we ever have anything we can't afford to pay for? Do we pretend to be something we are not? Does our saying accord with our doing? Are we affected? All these are forms of dishonesty. Most important—do we turn an honest and critical eye upon ourselves? Honesty with ourselves is the rarest kind of all.

F. C. WILSON.



EFFECT OF ALCOHOL

An interesting test to determine the effect of alcohol on an experienced motor driver was recently carried out in England. The "victim" was a young volunteer and experienced driver who, although fond of whisky, did not indulge heavily. Before the first test the man had no drink, and when the stop sign was flashed on the screen he braked in 0.7 sec., representing 51 feet travelled before stop was effected. At a second attempt 0.5 sec. was registered, equal to 22 feet. Following a drink of whisky by the driver the test continued and 0.8 sec. was registered, equivalent to 35 feet. This time was repeated after two more whiskies, but following the fourth, three tests gave 0.9 sec., 2.4 sec. and 1.4 sec., equalling 39.5 feet, 106 feet, and 61.5 feet respectively. All the tests were made at speeds around 30 m.p.h. A medical examination was made after each test, and the man's pulse rose from 76 to 100. After the fourth drink the doctor pronounced the man to be unfit to be in charge of a motor vehicle.—From "Sun and Star," 11/1/47.



Thoughts for Each Day

Prepared by a patient in Lister Hospital, Blenheim.

SUNDAY: "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:30.)

A woman told me that her grandfather kept a team of bullocks, in which there were strong and weak animals. Two weak ones could not do the work, so a weak and strong one were yoked together. Yoke yourself to Christ—the weak and the strong. He will take the heavier part. The Christian life is not easy, but it can be lived close to Him.

MONDAY: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." (2 Timothy 2:15.)

Perhaps you feel your daily work is so ordinary that it can't concern God. It may be that Monday is your wash-day, and what could be more humdrum than that? Making anything clean is lovely work, so do that washing unto God. Whatever your duty may be, do it so that you arrive at sunset a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and you will have a sense of satisfaction that nothing else can give.

TUESDAY: "Which now of these three was neighbour unto him?" (Luke 10:36.)

You don't like the lady next door? We are not told that the good Samaritan liked the Jew who fell among thieves. He had probably never seen him before, and had been brought up to dislike all Jews. But he was kind to him. Christianity does not ask you to love your neighbour in the way you love your child and other dear ones, but to love your neighbour in the sense of treating her well and serving her when the need arises.

WEDNESDAY: "The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting arms." (Deut. 33:27.)

Notice the word "underneath." It doesn't matter how low you get, you are never too low for those arms to be underneath, bearing you up. They will last longer than any sorrow, longer than any illness, longer than this life, so take heart and rest in them.

THURSDAY: "He blessed, and brake, and gave to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude." (Matt. 14:19.)

Give your children a share in the tasks, the plans and creative activities of the home.—"The Massachusetts Church Woman."

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive: First meeting for the year held Monday, Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Mountjoy presiding over good attendance. Devotions led by Miss C. M. McLay. Replies were received from the Mayor of Auckland, Mr. J. A. C. Allum, the Minister of Education, the Hon. H. G. R. Mason, and the Auckland Education Board, in answer to the resolution sent to them re the holding of Sunday sports in school grounds. Sister Jessie, who was present, was heartily congratulated on attaining the honour of M.B.E., which was conferred among the New Year Honours. Further plans made for Dominion Convention in March. Mrs. J. W. Long gave most satisfactory report on the Maori Girls' Hostel, which was full. Miss E. M. Appleby reported that the "Y" Conference was arranged to be held in conjunction with the Dominion Convention.

Grey Lynn, December, 1946: The President held a Christmas evening at her home, all ladies being invited. Carols and competitions formed part of the entertainment which was enjoyed by all. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Cook, President, by members, and by the Union, in recognition of her good work for the Union all through the year. Supper was prepared and served by Mrs. Cook's son and daughter, who are both "Y's." Pleasant social chatting was indulged in, and Mrs. Cook gave a present to each of the ladies. Most hearty thanks were expressed for the delightful evening, which was closed with prayer.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive: First meeting for 1947 held at Hamilton, February 7th. Four Unions were represented, apologies being received from others. Devotions led by Mesdames Christian and Alexander. The District Secretary, Mrs. Lewis, to attend Dominion Convention. Full report of work done in the latter part of last year in the District, by the Dominion Organiser, Miss Appleby, was read and discussed. The needs of the district as a whole were considered, and it was agreed that an effort should be made to assist Unions by visits and suggestions regarding the carrying on of the work along the most interesting lines. One or two remits for Dominion Convention were discussed, and voting agreed upon. Suggestions for District Convention received. Meeting closed with prayer.

Tauranga, February 4th: First meeting for the year held at the home of the President. Good attendance, and one new member. Discussion of Conference Remit, and election of delegate. Meeting held under trees in very hot weather. "Bring and Buy" for Maori Girls' Hostel realised £3. A visitor from Palmerston North, Mrs. Pitcher, who is staying in Tauranga, was present and was welcomed, agreeing to convey a greeting to her home Union on her return. Congratulations on her attaining her ninety-eighth birthday a few days later, were conveyed with a box of flowers. Meeting closed with prayer.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, February: In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs. Coles, Miss Jamieson presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Eckersley, her message being, "Launch out into the deep." Reported that Garden Party held at Mrs. Claridge's home resulted in the taking of £42/3, which, with donations, made an amount for the Maori Girls' Hostel of £6. Miss Jamieson reported on the National Council of Women. Miss R. Edwards elected as Convention delegate.

Feilding, February 12th: Mrs. Tremain presided and Mrs. Kendall led Devotions. Report of District Executive meeting given. Mrs. Tremain elected delegate for Dominion Convention. Meeting took the form of a social afternoon. (Special report.)

TARANAKI DISTRICT

District Executive: Held at Hawera, Mrs. T. J. Hurrell presiding. Plans made for District Convention to be held at Eltham, February 13th. Devotions were led by the President and Mesdames Cox, Arthur, Wood and Thayer.

Hawera: In the afternoon, the Hawera Union held their first meeting for the year, Mrs. Hurrell presiding. District Convention delegates were appointed. Mrs. Tozer, accompanied by Mrs. F. Baker, sang solos. Dele-

gates to the Executive expressed thanks to Hawera members for their hospitality. The hostesses were Mesdames Page and Burton.

Annual Meeting: Special mention was made at this meeting of the selling of raffle tickets by children under the age allowed by law. (Boys 16 and girls 14 years of age.) The law was still being broken by children going from door to door selling tickets. The Union voiced its satisfaction that the R.S.A. was still continuing its ban on the consumption of liquor on the premises of the Hawera Returned Services Club, in line with similar clubs in Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington. A "Bring-and-Buy" stall did good business for local funds. Officers elected were:—President, Mrs. Thayer; Vice-Presidents, Major Woodford, Mesdames Gould and Page; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Barron; Departmental Superintendents also being appointed.

New Plymouth, February: Mrs. Stewart presided over good attendance and took Devotions. Temperance Fact given and plans of work discussed. Delegate to District Convention, Mrs. Morwood, and Dominion Convention, Mrs. Wright. Report on Seamen's Rest showed urgent need for repairs. Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, November 26: Last meeting for the year. Mrs. Brewer presided. Devotions, Mrs. Greenwood. Welcomes to Mrs. Long, a visitor from "Central," and Mrs. Pearson, after an illness. Congratulations to Mrs. Gillings on becoming a J.P. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Dudley. Recorded opposition to resolution to alter the identity of the Bible-in-Schools Department so that it becomes a Department of the National Council of Churches. "W.R." leader read by Mrs. Gittings. £1/10/- raised for Maori Work. President wished Compliments of the Season to members, and Benediction followed the Sigil Prayer.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, February 4th: Opening meeting. Good attendance, Mrs. N. Forbes presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. A. T. Milgrew. One minute's silence observed in memory of Mrs. Grooms, a very valued member of the Union. Mrs. P. Stephens elected Convention delegate. Mrs. Reeves read extracts from the life of Sankey. Graphic description of the Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland given by Mrs. Forbes, who recently visited it. Mrs. Fear bidden Godspeed on her impending departure for Greymouth. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Fear.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Oxford, January 15th: Mrs. Hight, newly-elected President, in the chair. Motion of sympathy with Mrs. Comyns in her illness. £3/3/- voted for the Maori Girls' Hostel. President appointed as delegate for Dominion Convention. Agreed to ask co-operation of other organisations for the purchase of a film projector. Roll Call responded to with New Year messages. Agreed to spend more time at meetings in intercession, the need for this being strongly felt.

New Brighton, February 6th: Mrs. Edmond, newly-elected President, in the chair, and Mrs. Flower leading devotions. Motion of sympathy in bereavement passed. Report from ladies who were collectors in street appeal for Mental Welfare, and also report on visit to Mental Hospital. Collection taken for Band of Hope picnic. Arrangements made for the selling of Health Stamps. Mrs. Flower, elected Convention delegate. Report of Shop Day held December 14th showed good results. Satisfactory balance sheet presented by Treasurer and appreciation expressed.

Spreydon, second Tuesday: Mrs. Ancell, President in the chair; Devotions, Mrs. Horwood. Special prayer for all leaders of our movement. Sympathy expressed to relatives of two of our members who have passed on. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Lewis, a Rangiora member welcomed. Letters of appreciation from remembered friends, and greetings from Mesdames Foster, Dennis, and Pirrett read. Afternoon tea party given to Mental Hospital patients, and a concert to the Reformatory inmates met with appreciation, the tea being provided by the district, and the concert by Mrs. and Inez Woodcock of Spreydon Union. Prizes for the School Essay on "Keeping Fit," were won by J. Quin (1st), and B. Columbus (2nd) of the Spreydon School. Satisfactory financial report.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Port Chalmers, November 13th. Annual meeting. Good attendance. Devotions, Captain G. Winwood. Rev. J. Chambers, M.A., being honorary member, asked to be delegate at the Auckland Convention. Election of Officers resulted:—President, Mrs. G. Taylor; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bowman, Brasell, Chambers and Captain Winwood; Secretary, Mrs. J. Chambers; Treasurer, Mrs. Jenkins. Departmental Superintendents also appointed. Tea hostess for the day, Mrs. J. B. Chambers, was thanked.

YOUTH AND DRINK.

Speaking at Holywell, Alderman H. R. Thomas, chairman of the Flintshire Higher Education Committee, said that his experience as a magistrate had convinced him that drink held a threat to young life. On official visits to public houses he had been horrified by the spectacle of young men and women not yet in their twenties consuming alcohol freely and unashamed. He saw a marked increase in drinking among juveniles, adolescents and women. Alderman Thomas expressed the opinion that there should be a complete revision in methods of teaching temperance.

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BIRKENHEAD, 2nd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. Utting; Sec., Mrs. Wanhill, Marama Terr.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Simpson, Roseberry Ave.

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Watson, 4 Weld St.; Treas., Miss E. M. Tarrant, Park Tce.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson St.

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BROOKLYN, 2.30 p.m. Last Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Sawden, 16 Todman St.; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; W.R., Mrs. Dudley; C.R., Mrs. Sawden.

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CAMBRIDGE, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Kemsley, 23 Bryce St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Bycroft; Sec., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, 64 Clare St.; Treas., Mrs. W. Hooker, 60 Queen St.

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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, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Winstone and Petchell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Blackwell, Campbell's Bay; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Pendray, 1 Eldon Rd.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Petchell; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Temperance Fact, Mesdames Tremain and Wallace.

TEKUKA, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Y.P. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. Wm. Hewson, Hamilton St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Flintoff, Grocott and Woolford; Sec., Mrs. J. Holliday, Winchester; Treas., Mrs. Wm. Prewer, 87 Cass St.; C.R., Mrs. Allenby; W.R., Mrs. Lovatt.

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

TE KOPURU, 3rd Wednesday, by-monthly from February, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. 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. Scown, 185 Richmond St.; "W.R.," Mrs. Whiteside, Karaka Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Riley, Karaka Rd.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m. in Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Holdgate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; C.R., Miss Arras; W.R., Mrs. Howe, Otupua Rd. Supt. Seamen, Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon St.

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

UPPER HUTT, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Watt, Beth St., Trentham; Sec., Mrs. Ross, Martin St.

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, 2.30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, Knox Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Duckett, Mary St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Kippenburger and Stark; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt St.; Treas., Mrs. Simpson, "Rylands"; Assist. Treas., Miss P. Tooley; W.R., Mrs. Ashton, Belt St.; C.R., Miss P. Tooley.

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

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

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans' Hall. Pres., Mrs. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Robb; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Conybeer; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; "Y" Supt., Mrs. Bloor.

WARKWORTH, 2.0 p.m., 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Baker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McNaught and Neal; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, Box 17, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. C. R. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Headquarters. Pres., Miss Brooks; Sec., Miss Kirk; Treas., Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Tee., Wadestown; W.R., Mrs. Duncanson, 70 Derwent St., S.2.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., "Evening Post" Building. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Rd., E.1.; Sec., Mrs. Reed, 6 Bruce Ave., Brooklyn, S.W.1.; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 338A Oriental Bay; C.R., Mrs. McGowan.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres. and C.A., Mrs. T. P. Lane, 6 King St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; W.R., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinness 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, Park St.; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie, Park St.; C.R., Mrs. Dixon, Queen St.