

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Wanting Peace is not enough. Women everywhere must KNOW that world peace is a necessity if our civilisation is to survive."

—Beatrice Ashton.

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DOMINION VICE-PRESIDENT
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MRS. H. N. TOOMER

After several years of work in many and varying capacities, Mrs. Toomer is to be congratulated on having been elected to the position of Dominion Vice-President.

As Secretary for the Nelson Union, President later, and as District President, Mrs. Toomer made a fine contribution to the work of our Union, in her own district. In the field of Youth work she has blazed a trail for others to follow, as was shown in the article in the "Youth Work" series in our last number. In 1946 Mrs. Toomer was elected to the office of Corresponding Secretary for the Dominion, following on the retirement of Mrs. Mitchell. We have all enjoyed receiving Mrs. Toomer's bright, inspirational letters commenting on the meetings of the Dominion Officers, during the three years since she took this over; and her spiritual approach to our work and its problems has been evidenced therein very clearly.

As a member of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Toomer does an out-

Speaking at Hangchow, at the opening of the Y.W.C.A. World Council meeting in October, 1947, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek said the following words:

"We can only have a better world if we ourselves are willing to do something to bring it about.

"I realize that in all social effort there is inevitable disillusionment. We dream higher than we build. We look for immediate and dazzling successes, and when they don't come we often grow discouraged in our tasks. But one of the greatest fallacies in the world is the belief in too easy success. Often life's greatest successes come to us first in the shadows of apparent failure . . . We must not be blinded by temporary successes, or discouraged by immediate failures. If we know that we are right, we must go forward, undismayed by the cost or the sacrifice."

And Mrs. Cecil Heath, World Secretary of the W.C.T.U., at the World Convention held at Astbury Park last year, concluded her memorable address thus: "We have taken a pledge of total abstinence because we believe that by doing so we are making a real contribution towards a better world. Our bodies are stronger, minds clearer, our work of a higher grade, whether physical or mental work . . .

We must have peace, but to get peace, we must have war. We must declare war on want, on slums, on

standing work in local preaching. Her services are anticipated with eagerness, and her standing is high among her hearers.

We pray for her success in the new position. Already, Mrs. Toomer has used the opportunity thus brought to her, by visiting and organising.

Her very charming personality, wide experience, and earnest desire for the furthering of our work augur well for her success. Our best wishes go out to her, as we pray that health and strength may be given her for her new tasks.

licensed drink shops or clubs, on brothels, on the piling up of armaments. We must spend our money, our ingenuity, our scientific genius, the energy and beauty of young life, the sagacity of our adult life on just these things, and a magnificent victory will one day be ours—ours, peoples of big and little nations, peoples of a great sovereignty, the Kingdom of God upon earth.

"Light looked down and beheld Darkness;

'Thither will I go' said Light.

Peace looked down and beheld War;

'Thither will I go' said Peace.

Love looked down and beheld Hatred;

'Thither will I go' said Love.

So came Light, and shone;

So came Peace and gave rest;

So came Love, and brought Life,

And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us."

"Peace and Arbitration Department work is directed towards the promotion of world peace and goodwill. One meeting a year is usually held in each Union for the discussion of international peace."

—Extract from Statement of Work and Aims of the W.C.T.U. prepared by Mrs. Hiatt.

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FINDINGS OF DISCUSSION GROUPS ON DEPARTMENTAL WORK Dominion Convention, 1949

GROUP 1

Backblocks, Literature and Library, Bulletin, Maori and Home Meetings. Leader: Miss C. McLay.

Backblocks. Good literature should be sent to camps, aerodromes, forestry camps, etc. "W.R." should be included. Old Christmas cards with texts pasted on are useful for back-block Sunday Schools. Stickers on envelopes do good work.

Literature and Library. Leaflets can be distributed through newspapers at small charge. House to house distribution very good. All methods recommended. Library little used. Suggestion of opening a fund for new books. Each Union advised to send for catalogue costing 3d; and to use library.

Bulletin. Many do not know of this, which contains world news of our work. 1/6 per annum; and published bi-monthly. Valuable for presidents and members in preparing addresses.

Maori. Speakers on Maori work very helpful. Recommended that Unions interest themselves in Maori women and children. Hold a Home meeting or a lantern meeting in a Pa. Have speaker to give address on our work.

Home Meetings. Should be held with the view of gaining new members, and for Poll Campaign work. Appoint Superintendent who should find homes for meetings. Good opportunity for training speakers. Homes of "Shut-ins" advised for meetings.

GROUP 2

Little White Ribboners, Loyal Temperance Legion, Bands of Hope. Leader: Mrs. Brewer.

Continuity in work desirable. Eight-year-olds leaving C.R. should be enrolled in L.T.L. or B. of H. Mothers should be visited and asked to sign the Pledge. Birthday cards, especially for 7- and 8-year-olds, should be attractive. Letters should go to 8-year-olds as they are transferred.

L.T.L. Valuable in taking up younger ones and providing hope for future "Y" members. B. of H. difficulty is lack of Leaders. Some churches are having "Happy Hours" for children, advantage being taken of opportunity for scientific temperance teaching. Question of attractive pledge cards postponed because of difficulty in procuring.

GROUP 3

Good Citizenship, Anti-Gambling. Leader: Mrs. Hiatt.

Good Citizenship carried out in helping to relieve aged and blind people, sending parcels to Britain, and in other practical ways.

Anti-Gambling. Illegal for boys under fourteen and girls under sixteen to sell anything in the streets. Other women's organisations might be appealed to asking them to refrain from

holding raffles, etc. Our views to be set out and sent to the "Justices' Quarterly."

Suggestions from World Superintendent of Anti-Gambling: (a) Appoint a Superintendent for the department, who will gather some keen workers round her. (b) Try to obtain openings for talks to youth groups, high school and teen-age youth. (c) Protest against all gambling projects for gambling in connection with churches. (d) Watch for all contraventions of the laws against betting and gambling. (e) Endeavour to get articles or letters on the subject into the local Press from time to time. (f) Prepare leaflets and printed matter for distribution dealing with your local conditions.

GROUP 4

Evangelistic, Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance. Leader: Mrs. Spence.

Devotional exercises should be divided among members. One Principal of a secondary school had expressed the opinion that a full-time qualified person should be employed for giving religious instruction in schools. Christian people should stand firm and by their example encourage others to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath.

GROUP 5

Legal and Parliamentary, Press, Notable Days, and Educational. Leader: Mrs. Chesswas.

Legal and Parliamentary. Letters sent to Members of Parliament should be as concise and brief as possible. Urge all friends to vote.

Press Reports are acceptable if worth while matters are reported. All Unions and districts should have a reporter.

Notable Days could be varied; not necessary to observe all the same every year.

GROUP 6

Scientific Temperance Examinations, Sunday School and Bible Class Temperance, "Y" Branch. Leader: Miss V. Jamieson.

Suggestion that medals might be replaced by something less expensive, so that more could be awarded. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes could be approached by means of strips and addresses. Members urged to try to form small groups which would soon grow. Youth Rallies and After-Church gatherings recommended.

GROUP 7

Social and Moral Hygiene and Health and Nutrition, Methods. Leaders: Mesdames Mountjoy and Kasper.

Hygiene, etc. Children should be encouraged in clean habits both in

W.C.T.U. FORWARD MOV THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

OBJECTIVES:

2,000 new members.

1,500 new W.R. Subscribers.

3,000 new C.R. members.

Formulated February 22nd, 1949.

Begin to report as from March 1, 1949.

Report quarterly to The Editor, Fairlight, Tauranga.

Your first **Union report** (March-May) should be posted not later than **June 10th.**

REPORT THUS:

Name of Union.

Number of NEW members.

Number of NEW "White Ribbon" subscribers gained.

Number of NEW "Cradle Roll" members gained.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Each District is asked to report New Unions and "Y" Branches formed. When such are formed please send full particulars, i.e. **Date of formation, officers elected, number of members, to the Corresponding Secretary** as early as possible, in **ADDITION** to the report for the "White Ribbon."

NOTE.—Secretaries are asked to call this out and keep for reference during the "Five Years."

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

One of the suggestions in the "Five Year Plan" introduced by our new Dominion President, is for the continuous distribution of Temperance Literature, etc.

There are already new leaflets in this department, and from now until the Poll in November, there will be continuous supply. **WATCH THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT ALIVE!** **VERTISEMENT.** Send for sample.

The value of wearing our badge was stressed at Convention, and these are again in full supply.

Now that the longer evenings are at hand, may I remind you of our Temperance Films? The large 16 mm films are sound films, and the 35 mm are the silent strips. These are very suitable for Bands of Hope or at Youth meetings. Full particulars will be supplied on application.

P. ROSS,

Dominion Superintendent,

Literature Department

46 Brougham Street,
Wellington.

mind and body, and to confide in parents for solving their difficulties.

Health. Much valuable substance lost by cooking vegetables too long and in too much water.

Methods. Departmental work should be organised. Concentrate on gaining scattered members and honorar members.

President's Message



Dear Comrades,

The fateful 9th of March is past and the decisive majority which voted to retain 6 o'clock closing is very gratifying. One realises that even those who have no conscience in the matter of drinking are not blind to the consequences which greater facilities for drinking during idle hours would have on home life, street safety and comfort in travelling. We rejoice with our Maori friends that No Licence is retained in the King Country, and our prayers follow them as they seek further security against their arch-enemy.

We thank God with full hearts for these victories. The call to Dominion-wide prayer was answered nobly, and very many of us received the assurance of victory right from the start of the Prayer Circles. I was in Invercargill on that day, and in the little group that gathered in the morning, and in the excellent joint meeting of the Home League and the W.C.T.U. in the afternoon, we had a time of uplift and rest and peace.

The first petition for 6 o'clock closing, containing 63,000 signatures, presented by the W.C.T.U., was in answer to prayer and hard, painstaking work by a relatively small group of women. We owe so much to the few! May those of another generation gain inspiration from us, to hold the territory won, and press on to ultimate abolition of the liquor traffic.

The Betting decision calls for deep thought. The moral trend today is definitely downward, and this decision can only accelerate the landslide. The wide-spread propaganda from pulpit

(continued on page 7)

"WITHIN THE VEIL" ASHBURTON SUFFERS TRIPLE LOSS MRS. BEGG, MRS. TULLOCH, MRS. BUCKLER

Prepared by Mrs. J. Robinson

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die"

Ashburton mourns the passing of three great stalwarts in the campaign for righteousness: Mrs. E. Begg, Mrs. Jean Tulloch, and Mrs. S. J. Buckler.

We grieve to record the passing from us of Mrs. E. Begg, to be forever with the Lord whom she loved and served until well past the allotted span. She has done truly yeoman service for the community, unobtrusively, dorcas-like, in the privacy of her home for little children in need. Very active and prominent in the work of the Women's Division of the Farmers' Federation, she was in charge of the Housekeeping Department. Her efficiency in this special work was very outstanding.

Each year she gave to the Ashburton Union a substantial donation for the Timaru Sailors' Rest. Her intense interest in the work of the Wakanui Good Templars never wavered. As the result of her continued influence, and of others in the district, that bright spot, in a retrograde situation, has maintained a proud and unique position, being the only place, save Pendarves, in this No-licence area, to record a "Dry" vote in the recent Referendum. Mrs. Begg had the misfortune to break her leg some time ago, but after carrying on by means of the telephone at her bedside, she was able to be up and about with the aid of her crutches. She steadfastly maintained her interests up till a few weeks prior to receiving the "Home Call."

Mrs. Jean Tulloch was Treasurer for a great many years, during eleven of which she did not miss a meeting. Though of very advanced years, she was always at her post, carrying out her duties with special efficiency. On occasions she herself made up Union contributions for special funds, to what she felt was a worthy amount. As Sabbath Observance Superintendent, she was equally alert, keeping abreast of the needs of the department. She also had charge of the produce stall until a few months ago, when she had to relinquish the work so dear to her generous heart.

Mrs. S. J. Buckler was also a tower of strength as Recording Secretary, and in her work for suffering humanity. Her home was always available for the holding of small meetings during her term of office, and her car was extensively used in furthering our work, particularly that of the Band of Hope. She also had reached an advanced age when a serious accident and consequent poor health compelled her to lay aside her pen.

Of all these splendid women, it can be truly said, "They have done what they could" for our sin-sick, war-weary world. May we follow in their footsteps in our devotion to the cause of God, Home and Humanity.

"Devotional Period"

Hymn 102

"Lord, when we pray, 'Thy Kingdom come,'

Then fold our hands without a care

For those who Thou hast died to save

We do but mock Thee with our prayer.

"Thou could'st have sent an angel band

To call Thy straying children home;

And thus through Heavenly ministries

On earth Thy Kingdom might have come.

"But, since to human hands like ours

Thou hast committed work divine,

Shall not our eager hearts make haste

To join their feeble powers with Thine?"

"To word and work shall not our hands

Obedient move, nor lips be dumb,

Lest through our sinful love of ease

Thy Kingdom should delay to come?"

Scripture Reading: Matthew V, verses 2-9.

"The peace of which Jesus speaks is not a negative thing. It is not dearth of trouble, or the absence of pain. It is an achievement of creative minds, the triumph of the human spirit over discord, confusion and strife. From the man whose mind is at rest, whose conscience is at peace, whose will is one with the will of God, whose affections are satisfied through communion with the Eternal Joy, there emanates a beneficent and healing influence which creates a new atmosphere, and raises the life of those about him to a new level of harmonious co-operation.

With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace."

Prayer

O God, Who art peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and Who hast taught us that the peacemakers are Thy children, pour Thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be sweet to us for ever. Amen.

—From "A Devotional Diary."

J. H. Oldham, D.D.

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U.S.A. W.C.T.U. HEADQUARTERS

Conclusion of Address by Mrs. Kasper given at Convention, 1949

I wish I could take you over the United States Headquarters of the National W.C.T.U. This description was written by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National President, for the benefit of members and friends of the W.C.T.U. who have never had the opportunity of seeing National Headquarters. Located in Evanston, Illinois, a beautiful residential city of 65,000 people, on Lake Michigan, and just north of Chicago. The imposing red brick building which is the National Headquarters is directly in the rear of Rest Cottage, the beloved home of Frances E. Willard. At the Headquarters are the officers of the National working force of the Union, the three resident general officers, the General Secretaries of the Youth Temperance Council and the Loyal Temperance Legion for Children, on the same floor are the officers of the Research Department and the three Editors. On the first floor is the well-stocked publishing house, the circulation department of the two official papers—"The Union Signal" (Weekly) and the "Young Crusader" (Monthly) for children. The Frances E. Willard Memorial Library for Alcohol Research is entered from the floor also. Here are some 4,000 books dealing

with all phases of the alcohol problem and allied subjects. The office of the National Director of Scientific Temperance instruction is next to the Library. THIRTY-SIX persons are employed at that Headquarters, the Librarian and Heads of departments are available daily to the many visitors who come for consultation.

Rest Cottage, originally built by the father of Frances E. Willard and later made into a 17-room double house, is now an historic museum holding remembrances of the Willard family, Frances Willard in particular, as well as those of the World Organisation and Anna Gordon. This famous house is three blocks from Lake Michigan and two and a half from North-western University Campus.

The National W.C.T.U., organised in 1874, has held a position of leadership in the Temperance movement and today not only commands the respect and admiration of the Friends of Total Abstinence and prohibition but the respect and concern of those engaged in the liquor business. The W.C.T.U. has spent thousands of dollars in the production and distribution of six motion pictures and seven slide films. These are in constant use in schools and before a variety of assembly and are the groundwork of the educational programme of other organisations. TEACHERS are trained at Headquarters as alcohol education specialists who go out to teach at High Schools and Universities.

Legislation. For years Mrs. Elizabeth Smart has been a most efficient and popular director of the W.C.T.U. Bureau of Legislation in Washington D.C. Not a session of Congress or Committee sits without Miss Smart or some representatives of the W.C.T.U. being present. Every move is watched closely and a Washington letter goes out to the world in the "Union Signal." Prohibition members of Congress bring down Bills on behalf of Temperance Forces and often the officers give evidence before the Senate. At present Senator Capper has a Bill before the House on Liquor Advertising and every Union in the States makes representation to their member when legislation affecting the W.C.T.U., etc. is before Senate. Mrs. Mackie and I had the pleasure of attending the House with Miss Smart, then having luncheon with her. We then went to her office—two rooms loaded with literature and all sorts of information. Miss Smart has two

secretaries working for her. It is a terrific piece of work. Just imagine, Miss Smart, with her assistants, keep in touch with every State in America when any Bill is before the House when action is to be taken.

Conventions. The National Annual Convention is a noted event in the States. The last one was held in Portland, Oregon, 2,000 delegates attended. Twenty-eight committees prepared and carried out the programme. Thirty-three women were placed in church pulpits during Convention and were very much commended. Outstanding speakers from highly regarded authorities in many fields—such persons as Dr. Andrews Conway Ivy of the University of Illinois, Mrs. Induk Pakk of Korea, Judge Matthew W. Hill of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington and Dr. Russell Morse Brougher of Long Beach, California. EVERY STATE in the United States holds an Annual Convention and every one shows progress, increased membership and increased interest and hope for the return of prohibition.

Prohibition. At the recent election Kansas lost the poll for the prohibition of hard liquor, the enemies of prohibition made a lot of that but they did not report that 14 Counties retained the dry state. They could have reported that 13 Counties in North Carolina and Georgia voted overwhelmingly against sale of liquor, that Local Option is winning all along the line.

The First Politician. In the cool of the day under a low descending sun, a wet politician wiggled his way into the Garden and beguiled our First Parents saying "Hath God said 'Ye shall surely die?' Ye shall not surely die—eat of the tree of knowledge, it will make you wise. EAT, it will open your eyes," and ever since, drinkers have called their morning draught—an eye opener. They get that from the devil and mankind has been seeing things and going down ever since.

God did not repeal his prohibition law in Eden because Man violated it. He put up a flaming sword at the gates of Eden to keep the way of life, banished the violator, sentenced him for hard labour for life, saying "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread until thou return unto the ground" and God cursed the Serpent. What had the Devil done? REPEALED PROHIBITION, the worst

curse that ever befell the earth and the worst misfortune that ever befell this country was the repeal of Prohibition and its coming back. As Jesus said to His disconsolate disciples, "Be of good cheer, I will come again," SO WILL PROHIBITION.

In conclusion, I hope I have been able to bring to you some of the wonderful Temperance work our W.C.T.U. sisters are doing in the United States, and which from there, has extended over the world. I am proud of being a member of the W.C.T.U., proud that New Zealand is doing, in a small way, the work started in the U.S.A. I loved the courage of the sisters in America when they declared that "Prohibition is coming back"—and they believed it. It is only when one is in America that one realises the terrible odds against them. Let us, with them, "Keep on keeping on."

SPECIAL REPORTS

CRADLE ROLL PARTIES

Mount Albert and Warkworth

About 60 children, mothers and friends attended Mount Albert's Cradle Roll party held on March 24th. Mrs. E. Brown had decorated the room. Songs were rendered by Mesdames Anstice, Beamish and Sussex; and recitations by Mrs. Clark Penman; and competitions also were held. The President, Mrs. Anstice, spoke on the work of the Union. Tea was served by Mrs. Davidson and her workers, and the children were further regaled with ice-cream and toffee apples, a pleasant afternoon thus coming to a close.

Mrs. Moore presided over a large gathering of mothers and children at the Warkworth party held on March 31st. The Devotional talk given by Mrs. Nelson, the hymns and prayers all stressed the privilege and responsibility of parenthood. Mrs. Moore briefly outlined the aims of the departments of the W.C.T.U., and conducted the "Little White Ribboners" Service of Consecration. Solos were rendered by Mesdames Rowe and Thompson. The party then adjourned to the vestry and became informal, Mrs. Battle entertaining with competitions while the children did full justice to the party tea provided. Afternoon tea for the adults brought a happy afternoon to a close.

PUKEHUIA'S TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

Pukehuia held its twenty-first birthday celebration the evening before the Referendum Poll. Though their numbers were few, they decided to make a very special effort, which might help to influence the voting next day. In-

itations were sent to every household in the neighbourhood, written on the back of our "Atom Bomb and Bottle" leaflet from H.Q. The Dargaville Salvation Army Band kindly came over twenty miles to give the programme. We had also announced the usual "Bring and Buy," and it was wonderful to see people coming from far and near, laden with goods to sell. About ninety were present. The President opened the meeting with a few words of welcome and appreciation, a Devotional period following. The meeting was then handed over to Captain Stark, and a very varied and most enjoyable programme was presented, the Captain giving a fine Temperance address. At the sale which followed, the people bought just as freely as they had brought, besides giving a collection for the band of £2 10s. The women of the district helped splendidly in every way. The Union members were made to feel that the work during the years, of the few who are members, had by no means been held in contempt, although sometimes the enemy of souls would have tried to make them believe this. The gathering closed on a note of great thankfulness to God, Who had given His orders, and the promise, "Fear not, I will help thee," for it came to pass.

WORK AT TIMARU

Two meetings have been held since Convention. Interest in the work has been stimulated through having the Convention here. Five new members have been enrolled and a "Y" Branch has been formed with four members and Mrs. Walker as Superintendent. There are also enquiries about a Band of Hope.

It has been decided to study "The Constitution" more this year, taking an article each meeting. Mesdames Walker and Dellow gave comprehensive reports on Convention, with suggestions for plans of work for the coming year.

One member has donated the cost of 300 "Y.P. Supplements" for three months for distribution among Sunday School scholars. The Alliance representative reported that several W.C.T.U. members had helped to collect funds for the cost of the Referendum Campaign.

Mrs. Woodward has had a busy month at the Sailors' Rest, with several overseas boats in port, and seamen had made good use of the "Rest."

SPECIAL HOME MEETING ONEHUNGA UNION

On March 24th, a Home meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ashton, H.M. Superintendent, who gave a short, but very interesting talk on her experiences during years of living in Australia, vividly describing towns, churches, colleges, residences, so pleasingly that she was pressed to continue the story on some future

occasion, which she willingly agreed to do.

Mrs. Mountjoy, as arranged, gave more of her Convention report, reading and explaining the remits and most important matters which had been considered. The speaker concluded with a bright description of the trip from Auckland to Timaru, and a vivid description of that city, its attractions, activities, and different interests. She mentions its pretty, well-kept gardens, and told of places she had visited, especially the "Sailors' Rest." Afternoon tea closed a very pleasant afternoon, for which the hostess was heartily thanked.

TARANAKI DISTRICT CONVENTION

Taranaki District Convention was held on March 29th, at Hawera, in the Wesley Church Bible Class Room.

After morning tea and Opening Devotions led by Mrs. Holly, of Eltham, a welcome to the delegates was given by the Hawera and the District Presidents, and the gathering then adjourned to Wesley Church, where the Rev. A. G. Irvin, Presbyterian Minister, conducted a very fine Communion Service, in the absence of the Rev. L. G. Hanna, who was absent at Synod. Mrs. Hanna was the organist.

On returning to the Bible Class Room, the routine business of Convention was carried out. Mrs. Arthur, of Inglewood, was again appointed letter-writer. Local Union reports on their work showed much good work done. District Superintendents also reported. The luncheon adjournment was at 1 o'clock, when the President expressed her joy in the morning's gathering, so many delegates and Union members being present. All Unions were represented.

On resuming after luncheon, Mrs. Stewart, of New Plymouth, led Devotions, and also referred to the wonderful life of Mrs. Lee Cowie and her great Temperance work, which in spite of her very advanced age is still going on.

Two vocal solos by Mrs. Tozer were much enjoyed. Impressions of the Timaru Dominion Convention were given by Mrs. Barron, who outlined the principal events, gave the "findings" on Departmental Reports, and the results of the remits sent in from Taranaki District Executive.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. F. T. Hurrell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Stewart; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hobbs. All District Superintendents were appointed.

The morning and afternoon teas were in the capable hands of the Hawera Union.

Stratford was decided upon for the next Executive meeting, and Eltham's invitation for next District Convention was accepted. Votes of thanks to the Hawera Union, Prayer and Benediction brought a very good meeting to a close.

The Pen of a Writer

By Victoria Grigg, M.A.

In a comparatively unnoticed verse in the Book of Judges, Deborah praises those out of Zebulun who "handle the pen of a writer," and who came to the help of Israel. It is interesting to ponder the meaning of these words. They often come to my mind when I am thinking of the great and solemn responsibility of those who "handle the pen of the writer." It has been said that the "pen is mightier than the sword"; and certainly the power of the written word cannot be over-estimated. To consider just a few examples, let us think of:

1. The Bible. The Bible which so often performs its work without the aid of preacher or missionary. It is constantly being translated into new languages.

2. The "Pilgrim's Progress," and Christian Hymns.

3. Books, or pamphlets, written to bring about social reforms, examples being Dr. Ruskin's "Effects of Ardent Spirits on the Human Mind and Body," Dr. Lyman Beecher's "Six Sermons on Intemperance," Mrs. Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Mrs. Browning's "Cry of the Children."

4. The tremendous influence which we have seen in our own time of such books as Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" and Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

5. The so-called comic magazines of some countries, particularly America, and cinema magazines.

I could go on ad infinitum, but space will not permit.

In a world where mankind did everything to the glory of God, and the kind of state which we believe will exist in the millennium, a writer would consider carefully his words when preparing matter for publication, and think, "Will this work of mine be useful to man? Will it add to knowledge? Above all, will it help to make the world a better place in which to live?"

In New Zealand, we were indeed fortunate that the best of literature was available to us during the war. This thought was brought home to me by an appeal from the French University Women to University Women throughout the world, to save French classics, as they were being systematically destroyed by the Nazis. We would indeed lament the loss of the works of so great a French writer as Victor Hugo, to mention just one. All the best works, including the classics and technical works, were removed from Polish libraries, this being part of a truly diabolic scheme. The worst books were left deliberately to poison Polish minds. The word "poison" brings to me the thought,

mothers and fathers like to give their children good wholesome food to eat. They would feel very indignant if they found that food which they bought as pure and fresh was badly adulterated, or if it contained substances poisonous to the body. Many of these mothers are criminally careless in their oversight of the food provided for their children's minds. Surely those writers who provide poisoned food for the mind are worthy of greater punishment than those who adulterate food for the body.

I rarely select novels as library books, but, while choosing a book, I often glance through novels just to see what is being written, and I feel truly saddened at the tone of so many novels on our library shelves, and in our book shops. If only each author would think before he writes, "My words will be read by many people of varying ages. My novel may be dramatized over stage and radio, or a film may even be made of it. Therefore I must not write words which will cause wrong thoughts of sex and violence. I must keep reminding myself of the words of the Apostle Paul, 'Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on THESE things.'"

We know that too many writers today just do not sit down and think such thoughts. Their primary consideration is to earn as much money as possible. According to a newspaper, a very well-known writer recently admitted this. He said that so far, he had written to make money, now he hoped to write what he pleased. Yet a great piece of literature, poetry or prose, can be the inspiration of a painter or a sculptor, or a musician, to produce other great works of art. How much poorer the world would be if it lost all the great works of art in all its forms which have been inspired by the Bible. Some of the greatest of English paintings came from a group of men such as D. G. Rossetti, Holman Hunt, Millais, who formed the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, and who resolved to use their brushes faithfully and to depict nothing unworthy.

I have written of the great inspiration which can be received from good literature, but what is the reverse side of the picture? It is said that in America the so-called comic books are the greatest success in the history of book publishing. Their circulation is at least ten million copies monthly. The theme of their words and pictures is, over and over again, that of

crime and violence; and these have a really bad effect on the minds of their child readers. American psychologists quote case after case from their clinics of children filled with unhealthy thoughts from these same comic papers. A 13-year-old boy who murdered his playmate told his lawyer that he read all the comic books he could get hold of. He was sentenced to a very long period in prison, while the wretched writers and publishers who poisoned his mind continue to do the same to other children. Perhaps it was of such evil people our Lord was thinking when He said, "Who-soever shall offend against one of these little ones who believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

I would place the Film Magazine as a good second to the comic magazine in its adverse influence. The glamourising of the lives of so many very ordinary people, who earn their living as film stars, their many marriages and other details of their lives, have a poor effect on their readers. Of course there are good people among film stars, but the facility with which some step out of marriage certainly makes unsavoury reading, and the tone of the magazines concerning them gives the reader an artificial idea of life.

I have barely touched the fringe of my subject, but surely, never has the writer had such a tremendous responsibility as today, with the potential enlargement of his work by film and radio; and the solemn word comes to him or her, "Choose ye this day Whom ye will serve."

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MRS. F. J. T. GRIGG

The writer of the above, and many other articles which have appeared in our columns, Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg (Victoria), President of the Wellington District Union, is shortly to leave for England with her husband, who, as Government Analyst, is entrusted with special work during his stay in the Mother Country.

Mrs. Grigg hopes to make contact with our work and its leading officers, both in England and the U.S.A. We join in good wishes for pleasant travelling, and for all possible enjoyment of the whole tour. Mrs. Grigg promises to send occasional letters telling of her impressions and experiences. We shall look forward to these with pleasurable anticipation.

THE PRESIDENT IN SOUTHLAND AND OTAGO DISTRICTS

Following on Dominion Convention, Miss McLay, Dominion President, made use of her opportunity while in the South Island, to visit several Unions, and generally to further our work in places remote from bigger centres. Good results were secured and encouragement was gained from the welcome contact in places where the work may be inclined to flag as leaders lay down their work and new ones are not always readily forthcoming.

At Invercargill, Miss McLay visited the Unions, also meeting young people in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Christian Endeavour Societies, and in week-night services. Ministers of various churches became interested in our Youth publications, the "Beacon" and "Y.P. Supplement." At Winton, a good public meeting was held at which Miss McLay spoke. The Union there is strong and keen, numbering 35 members. Mrs. Wilson, President of the Gore Union, whose accident during Convention at Timaru, caused some concern, is well, and is happy in the co-operation of her Union members; and Miss McLay had opportunity there for work. Visits to Bluff, Mataura, Wyndham and Edendale showed that organising work is greatly needed. This need is felt very strongly in other places, and a full-time work awaits the right woman.

At Dunedin, three young, new members were initiated. At Oamaru, members of the Waimate Union were present at the Union meeting, when Miss McLay was the speaker, and gave an inspiring talk on the early temperance workers, urging members to hold on to the spirit which inspired them, and to keep Oamaru "dry." At Timaru, on March 15th, a small "Y" group was formed, under the Superintendency of Mrs. R. Walker. The members comprising the group are tremendously keen and good results are anticipated. On the 16th, an opportunity was made for a number of friends and supporters of the Temperance cause to meet Miss McLay at the home of Mrs. Hugh Densen. The guests were much impressed by Miss McLay's capability, versatility and wide knowledge of temperance affairs, and were very loth to see the guest of honour depart. Two new members were initiated. Miss McLay reached home on March 18th.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

At the last Executive meeting of the Auckland District, Mrs. Kasper reported having received a letter from Mrs. M. C. Munns of Seattle, Washington, which stated that Italy and Belgium are now added to the W.C.T.U. constituency, and that it was hoped that Holland would shortly come into the fellowship with other countries just waiting to enter.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Brooklyn. When the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, was ready for business, the question of Alcohol was raised. Mr. Ford asked if the use of Alcohol was necessary to the successful operation of a hospital. He instructed the technical men to make an investigation: to visit the **best** hospitals everywhere, and find out what was the result of hospital experience in this subject. A thorough investigation was made. The experts reported back that Alcohol was unnecessary in the operation of a hospital.

Hawera. "49,000,000 to go dry. The press reports that all the 49 millions of Browns and Whites in Madras went dry at midnight, October 1st. Any white man who wants to drink since then can only get a liquor permit by declaring himself an 'addict.'"

"Nobody wanted beer at the London Olympic Games recently concluded; not even the spectators, according to the catering manager, Mr. A. Goldby. He had provided 1,200,000 bottles of beer, but only 10 per cent. was consumed."

"National Voice," Sept. 2nd, 1948.

CHEER GERM FROM STOKE

On a Sunday afternoon not so long ago, a gathering of young folk, about 30 strong, met Mrs. Toomer, Vice-President (Dominion) of the W.C.T.U., who delivered a stirring, educative, and illuminating address on alcohol and its evil effects on the human system, mental, moral, physical and spiritual. Quite a number of facts and illustrations were taken from the "White Ribbon" and the "Vanguard." During the tea that followed, an informal, thought-provoking and friendly discussion took place, wherein the conventional customs and habits of the present day came under the fire of free criticism. At its conclusion, all but one were convinced of the wisdom of total abstinence, and we have reason to believe that even that one has since come round to our way of thinking.

Several young folk have been prepared for membership in the Methodist Church by their Minister. When he put to them the question whether, for Christ's sake and the sake of example to others, they were willing to become total abstainers, they all with one consent answered in the affirmative.

Rev. C. B. JORDAN, M.A., B.D.

President's Message—continued.

and press certainly awakened the public to the enormity of this character-destroying habit and addiction. Again the women must rally to the fight. Stand against gambling in every shape and form. Raise a standard against the insidious evils of Raffles and Art Unions. Teach children the evil of them. Shun shops that sell Art Union tickets as a side issue.

A Christian gentleman who always assisted a certain organisation at an annual effort for funds, and who was approached again during polling week, wrote the promoter that he regretted he had deprived him of the privilege of assisting, because Art Unions and Raffles were used as a means of raising money in the effort. If every right-thinking man and woman would take this stand, something worth while would be done. **BE ON WATCH. ORGANISE, EDUCATE, AGITATE.**

I watched a little group of small boys playing. One was very aggressive, a real combatant. One day he met his "Waterloo," got a big fright, and I met him running home, his face and body tense, tears withheld, to tell mother. Throwing himself into her arms he sobbed out the story. Soon he reappeared, eating a slice of bread and jam, quite at peace with the world. Next day he was back with the gang, playing happily. I thought how like we are to that boy in many ways. We are in a great world struggle for righteousness. At times we are hurt and offended; we lose a battle; are told "It's no use"; and asked "What do these feeble women?" The forces arrayed against us are formidable, and numerically, very superior. Like the boy, we have a refuge, and One Who renews our strength. We kneel in prayer, how weak! He places His hand upon us in comfort and we are healed and rested. Then we feed on His Word, the Living Word, and are strong again. "We rise, how full of power!"

The days ahead are strenuous ones, but we have experienced the firm strength that flows from Faith; and we go forward together to firmer effort and greater victory.

With loving thanks for your co-operation and prayers,

CATHERINE M. McLAY.

FORM OF BEQUEST

"I give and bequeath to the NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION (INC.) for (here insert the general, or the specific purpose)

- (a) The general purposes of the Society, or
- (b) The general purposes of the Centre (or sub-centre) of the Union.

the sum of £ or (description of property given), for which the receipt of the Dominion Secretary, Dominion Treasurer, or other Dominion officer shall be a good discharge therefor to my trustee."

The New Zealand
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE UNION (INC.)
Dominion Headquarters,
46 and 48 Brougham Street,
Wellington.

HOME MAKERS' CORNER

SCONES IN VARIETY

Although the useful scone is not regarded as of the highest value in foods, it is certainly the housewife's faithful standby in times of rush and extra busyness. The short time required for its manufacture and the almost universal pleasure in its toothsome-ness keeps it well in the forefront of stock requisites. All the same, it is not an unusual thing to hear an experienced housewife remark that she is not a good scone-maker. And it is painfully true that all the scones one samples are not equally well made. Here are one or two points which may be helpful to those who do not come up to their own standards in this one class of cooking.

1. Work as quickly as possible. 2. Have mixture soft. 3. Oven should be really hot before beginning to mix. 4. Do not over-cook. Five minutes are usually enough for ordinary white scones. 5. Have oven tray hot to begin with. 6. Put cooked scones in clean cloth immediately on taking from the oven. Close in completely till cooled.

We give here some recipes for scones "with a difference," which are surprisingly easy to make and very delicious.

Foundation Mixture

Flour, 2 cups; Butter, 1 to 2 oz.; Salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful; Cream of Tartar, 2 teaspoonfuls; Baking soda, 1 teaspoonful; Milk to mix to soft consistency.

Cheese Scones

Add to mixture $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of grated cheese with pinch of mustard or cayenne pepper, milk to mix. Roll lightly to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness.

Apple Scones

Add to mixture $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and 1 egg. Roll $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness. Spread with apple slices one half, and lay the other half over. Finish as usual scones.

Pumpkin Scones

Add to mixture 1 egg beaten with one third cup of sugar and 1 cup cold mashed pumpkin. Mix thoroughly with milk. Roll $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness.

Cinnamon Scones

Add to mixture 1 egg, with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar. Roll thin, sprinkle well with cinnamon. Fold in three and roll to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness. Cut and bake very quickly.

SOLUTION TO No. 31

Across: 1, Rhea; 5, Asir; 9, Reorganises; 12, It; 13, Unit; 14, Fe; 15, P.N.; 16, Teem; 17, Are; 18, Scar; 20, Walled; 22, Amid; 24, Lees; 25, Proper; 27, Ashy; 29, Ink; 30, Curl; 32, Ma; 33, Pa; 34, Lena; 35, Hem; 36, Strengthens; 39, Edit; 40, Sort.

Down: 1, Reincarnate; 2, Hot; 3, E.R.; 4, Ague; 5, Animal; 6, Sit; 7, Is; 8, Refreshment; 9, Raps; 10, Anew; 11, Seed; 16, Trip; 17, Ales; 19, Amok; 21, Leal; 23, Decent; 25, Pips; 26, Fung; 28, Vams; 31, Rats; 34, Lei; 35, Her; 37, R.D.; 38, Ho.

DOMINION OFFICERS' REPORTS

NEW MEMBERS

To March 21st, 1949.
North Canterbury District: St. Albans, 1; Riccarton, 1.
J. ATKINSON.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 1st January to 11th April, 1949

Maungakarama, 1; Te Kopuru, 1; Whangarei, 1; Birkenhead, 1; Eden, 2; Kohi-St. Heliers, 1; Cambridge, 1; Hamilton, 2; Otorohanga, 2; Tauranga, 1; Te Kuiti (M.), 1; Hawera, 8; Wairoa, 3; Wanganui Central, 1; Palmerston North, 1; Brooklyn, 2; Karori, 1; Upper Hutt, 3; Wellington, 1; Blenheim, 1; Nelson, 2; North Canterbury District, 2; Christchurch Y's, 5; Christchurch, 4; Oxford, 2; Papanui, 1; Riccarton, 3; St. Albans, 3; Spreydon, 2; Timaru, 4; Waimate, 7; Green Island, 1. Total 71.

Our Objective: 306 by 31st December, 1949.

DONATIONS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

The following donations to our W.R. Day Fund are gratefully acknowledged: W.C.T.U., Rangiora, 11/-; Mrs. McCombs, 12/-; W.C.T.U., Dargaville, 6/6. Total £19/6.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following amounts received from January 3rd, 1948 to March 25th, 1949.

New Zealand Fund

Dunedin Central, £10/10/-; Wellington, £2/2/-; Upper Hutt, £2; C. Kirk, £2; Oamaru, £1/10/-; Donation, 5/-;

Dargaville, 10/3; Hangatiki, 5/-; Wellington Central, Waimate, Palmerston North, Feilding, Motueka, Lower Hutt, Johnsonville, Brooklyn, Temuka, Tauranga, Linwood, Hamilton, New Plymouth, 20/-; Takapuna, Johnsonville, Linwood, North Brighton, Te Kuiti Maori, Picton, Levin, Takapuna, Kaikorai, Behmont Y's, Lawrence, Opawa, Tinwald, Aramoho, Remuera, Green Island, Onelunga, 10/-.

Organising Fund

Waimate, £5/11/-; Eltham, 19/6; Reefton, 13/6; Fencourt, £1/11/6; Motueka, £1/5/-; Mt. Albert, £1/8/-; Levin, 12/6; Te Kopura, £1/10/-; Johnsonville, £1/8/6; Hawera, £2/14/-; Opawa, £1/2/6; Linwood, £2/8/-.

Headquarters' General Fund

Motueka, £1/5/-; Te Kopura, £1; Hokitika, 10/-.

Headquarters' Debt Reduction

Wanganui Central, £1/10/-; Reefton, £1/13/9; Motueka, £1/5/-; Karori, £1/8/6; Opawa, £1/13/6; Papatoetoe, £1; J. Leov, £1; Motueka Pres. and Sec., £1; Richmond, £1/10/-; Tinwald, £2/10/-; Otorohanga, 5/-; Estate A. E. MacAllister, £50; Handkerchief Competition, £4/17/1.

World Missionary

Levin, 2/6; Opawa, 10/-; Linwood, 7/6; Feilding, 9/6; Levin, 6/9.

Franchise Day

Levin, 6/-; Opawa, 10/-; Levin, 7/6.

Willard Day

Hamilton, 10/-; Napier, 10/-; Waipukurau, 7/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Kaikorai, 3/-.

General Fund

Gibson estate, £2/10/7.

Free Literature

Waipukurau, £2.

G. GIBBS,

Dominion Treasurer.

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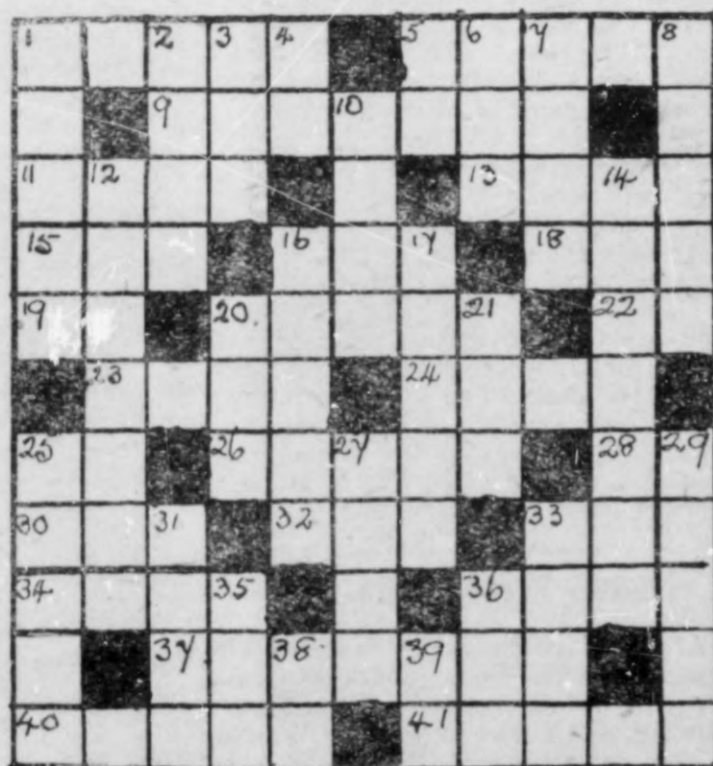
CLUES

Across

- 1—Greek philosopher.
- 5—Pulls.
- 9—Bell handlers.
- 11—Peak of perfection.
- 13—Yield.
- 15—Chinese sauce.
- 16—Meddle.
- 18—Bathe.
- 19—Printer's measure.
- 20—Equipped.
- 22—Street.
- 23—Unadulterated.
- 24—Exaltation.
- 25—Chartered accountant.
- 26—Concise.
- 28—Live.
- 30—Sphere.
- 32—Negation.
- 33—Antique.
- 34—Tidy.
- 36—Cook.
- 37—Hiding-place.
- 40—Unpleasant animal.
- 41—Harlequin.

Down

- 1—Transitory state.
- 2—Host.
- 3—Bond.
- 4—Proceeding.
- 5—Pronoun.
- 6—Part of circle.
- 7—Employed.
- 8—Was quiescent.
- 10—Seed.
- 12—Likely.
- 14—Put out of action.
- 16—Groom feathers.
- 17—Leaven.
- 20—Skill.
- 21—Proper.



22—Street.

25—Shell.

27—Loud noise.

29—Dickens wrote of —

31—Scanty.

33—Prince —, by R. L.

Stevenson.

35—Chess pieces.

36—Salt.

38—Postal district.

39—Brief thanks.

KING COUNTRY OUTLOOK

To the onlooker, who sees most of the game, there is something really horrible and terrifying in the spectacle now being presented by the attitude of many newspapers, and many European inhabitants, towards the outcome of a truly magnificent effort to preserve the Solemn Pact in the King Country. It is enough to make angels weep to note the persistent recurrence of jibes and belittlements of the desire to keep faith with the Maoris (which still lives in the hearts and consciences of thousands of Pakehas) with which leading articles are besprinkled. The seizing upon the slightest opportunity for predicting a reversal of the verdict given in March would be amusing if it were not also tragic. That the public press should deliberately address itself to the task of so influencing both races in the direction of voting against the Pact, and should lend its pages towards the forcing of the drink evil upon people whose sires desired that their land should never have the drink traffic established in their midst, is a thing for which every Britisher should feel deep shame.

It has happened at times in the history of the British Empire, that things have been done which have later been openly admitted to be the wrong use of power and prestige. We all know of them; and they need not here be itemized. But how far-reaching some of them have been, and how gladly they would have been wiped off the record of British Administration, is a story worth knowing. If, in response to the propaganda being circulated, the decision, for which we devoutly thank God, should ever be reversed, a blot of blackest hue will adorn the story of our dealings with the race from whom we derived our glorious land. How dare we seek to so influence the minds of these people as to turn them from a right to a wrong view of this recognised evil? The subtlety of the methods used shows that the whole business is a very carefully engineered one. The power of suggestion and the effect of persistent repetition were never more fully recognised by Hitler and Mussolini than they are in this matter by the opposers of temperance reform and the lords of the liquor trade.

To keep our Maori friends clear in their minds, and our European friends firm in their allegiance, in face of all this planned determination to undermine the influence of past effort and present high purpose, should be our great objective. At every point we should be prepared to show an unaltered conviction that a great danger threatens, and that God is on the side of those who would defend their land and their people from it. The battle is one of minds. If the Trade can only succeed in its plan of breaking down resistance to its demands through the means outlined above, its victory will be sure and devastating. Our literature, our words, our prayers will all be needed to consolidate our victory, so hardly won.

THE EDITOR.

MODEL REPORT FOR A MONTHLY MEETING

Name of Union
 Date of meeting
 Kind of Attendance
 Chair taken by
 Devotions taken by
 Any visitors welcomed
 Reports on various activities
 Notable day observed, or special subject dealt with
 Address given by
 Subject
 SPECIAL business
 Collection for (or Sales Table)
 New members
 Anything further of general interest
 Tea Hostesses (if names specially desired)

Closing
 Reporter's name or initials
 DO NOT report Minutes, Pledge, or Temperance Fact, or give any part of Addresses in this report.

TEMPERANCE FACTS, and parts of addresses, if of special value, should be reported on separate sheets.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Changes of officers to be reported to MRS. GRIGG for alteration in advertisements, and NOT to the Editor.

Please help by sending in reports as soon as possible after meetings, and not later than the 15th of the month.

EDITOR.

A CONVERTED DOCTOR

Dr. William Brady, a medical publicist through radio and the press in Canada, advised elderly people to take a glass of intoxicant twice daily, as it would make life easier for them. But, he got a shock. Not one approved of his suggestions. Following two years of new research, "prying into the lives of elderly persons," as he put it, he has found no satisfactory evidence of value in his advice. "I now believe I was wrong," he writes; "grievously wrong, and with the public confession of my crime, the defence rests."

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive. April 4th. District President, Mrs. Mountjoy, presided over a good attendance, extending special welcome to two visitors from Australia, Mesdames Hallebone of Melbourne, and Cook, of Geelong Union, both of whom spoke on their work "over there." Volunteers for "Poppy Day" street appeal were found. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the "Pioneer" Exhibition, and on the farewell function to the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, on the eve of her departure for England. Mrs. H. Kasper reported receiving a letter from Mrs. Munns of Seattle with interesting news. Mrs. Mountjoy appointed delegate to N.Z.A. Conference. Meeting closed with afternoon tea in honour of our guests and also in farewell to Miss E. Gray, who has been a visitor from England for some months, and is now returning.

Remuera. March 28th. Devotions led by the President and members engaged in prayer. Pledge. Temperance Fact given by Miss Gane. Speaker, Mrs. Clifford. Closing prayer.

Onehunga. March 10th. President in the chair. Good attendance. Various reports of meetings attended given, and arrangements for future work considered. Mrs. Mountjoy's

report on the Dominion Convention was very pleasing, but, as time did not allow of a full report, it was agreed to have the conclusion at a Home meeting to be held shortly. One new member initiated.

Auckland. April 12th. Mesdames Hallebone and Cook, visitors from Australia, were present, and Mrs. Long, President, asked these ladies to conduct our meeting as their meetings in Australia were conducted. Mrs. Cook led Devotions, and Mrs. Hallebone acted as President. Each spoke on their work at home, and Mrs. Hallebone on the work in general, making helpful suggestions as to making our work more effective. It was thrilling to hear of her clever and most successful work in securing new members. We hope to benefit by the inspiring afternoon, and hope for a renewing of our own enthusiasm.

Kohi-St. Heliers. March 17th. At the home of Mrs. Phillips. Chair taken by Mrs. Kasper, who warmly welcomed those present. Devotions led by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Kasper. A solo was contributed by Miss Yates. Mrs. Kasper spoke on "The Highlights of Dominion Convention," and also on the new Licensing Legislation and the Referendum results. Mrs. Kasper made a plea for new members. Tea and Benediction.

Ponsonby. March 17th. Mrs. R. A. Joiner, President, in the chair, welcomed Grey Lynn Union members. Devotions led by Mrs. Christopher, and a Temperance talk by Miss Runciman. Members agreed to assist Trading Table at District Convention. Speaker, Mr. Prussing, who reported concisely and comprehensively on Dominion Convention.

Titirangi. March 15th. Mrs. Hiatt presided and led Devotions, speaking on the influence of prayer. Visitors were welcomed. Letter of congratulation to be sent to Miss McLay, on becoming Dominion President. Temperance Fact. Convention report given by Mrs. Whitburn. Meeting closed with prayer followed by tea.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive. Held at Hamilton, March 30th. Miss A. M. McLay, District President, in the chair. Six Unions represented. Miss McLay led Devotions. Reports on organising work in the district showed an increase in interest in the Hamilton district. Report of small meeting held at Convention at Timaru considered. Fuller arrangements made for District Convention in September at Cambridge. Plans of work carefully discussed, and effort stimulated in regard to the "Five-Year Plan," instituted by the Dominion President. Luncheon and afternoon tea were kindly provided and served by the Hamilton Union members.

Te Kuiti (Maori). Owing to the death of a member of the family of one of the members, meeting was postponed for one week. Devotions led by Mrs. Kukutai. President, Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, took the chair and welcomed all present; a good number of members and visitors. Mrs. Joseph reported on the Dominion Convention, and much pleasure and interest were caused. The oldest member, Mrs. Parehuia Hetei, was so thrilled by the story told that she asked permission to speak a few words, and thanked the President for the hard work she had done to bring such a good report home. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Hone. Mrs. Ewan, Secretary, read the minutes, and Mrs. Maruingi Joseph took charge of the Sales Table. President closed with prayer.

Tauranga. April 5th. Very good attendance. Mrs. Christian presiding. Reports given of pre-Poll work. £24 handed to N.Z. Alliance as the result of Jumble Sale and donations. Excellent report of Dominion Convention, prepared by Mrs. York and read by the President was greatly enjoyed. Two new members cordially welcomed and initiated. Successful "Bring and Buy." Temperance Doxology and Benediction.

Hamilton. April 7th. Good attendance. President, Mrs. Moore, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. G. Robinson, who also spoke on the Life of St. Paul. Sales Table resulted in £17/10. Two new members, one by transfer. Afternoon tea. Closing prayer.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth. March 29th. Devotions led by Miss Paterson; Mrs. Tuffney reading the Seamen's version of the 23rd Psalm. Mrs. Stewart reported on the C.R. party arrangements, and the event, which had been enjoyed by all. President reported on District Convention held at Hawera. Mrs. Wells and Mrs.

Exley were welcomed back. Congratulatory letter to Miss C. M. McLay, and her reply read. Mrs. Brown reported on Dominion Convention. Prayer of thanks for result of Liquor Referendum Poll offered by President. **Hawera.** February 22nd. Mrs. Hayward, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Captain McNabb (S.A.). Arrangements made in connection with Voting Day. Fine address by Captain McNabb, in keeping with Frances Willard Day. Tea and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North. April. Devotions taken by Mrs. J. E. Jack. Guests of honour were Mesdames T. K. Hodder, E. Carter, J. H. Willson, Teague and Melin; who on account of advanced years, long service, and great interest in the work, were each presented with a bouquet; the President stating her pleasure at being able to express the esteem and affection by these floral tributes. Items were recitations by Mrs. Shearman, songs by Mrs. H. R. Fitch, and a reading by Mrs. East. Mrs. Hodder and Mrs. Boniface both spoke on "How to grow old gracefully"; Mrs. Hodder saying that a necessary quality was humility, shown in taking a back seat "cheerfully"; Mrs. Boniface quoting the practical references to old age in Ecclesiastes, and saying that to make old age gracious, a necessary virtue was love, love to God and to one's fellows.

Levin. March 16th. Chair taken by President who led Devotions. Local visitors and one from Hawera welcomed. Report of Convention by Mrs. Trotman. Sales Table for General Funds. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Plaster and Burnham.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings. March. Mrs. A. M. Smith welcomed members and visitors. Devotions led by Mrs. Thorpe. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Palmer. Four food parcels to Britain reported. Sixty copies "Y.P. Supplement" ordered monthly for distribution among Maori children attending a Mormon Sunday School. Convention report read. Tea and Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive. Attendance only fair. President, Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, in the chair; and led Devotions, speaking on the call of Jeremiah. Discussion on District work. Union Reports were of great interest. In the expected absence of Mrs. Grigg, President, who leaves for England shortly, Mrs. Brewer, Vice-President, will act; with Miss Kirk as Vice-President. The resignation of Mrs. Reed, District Secretary, was accepted and Mrs. Sired was elected as Recording Secretary, and Miss Kirk as Corresponding Secretary. Tentative plans made regarding the visit of Mrs. Forrester-Paton. Noontide Devotions were led by Miss Kirk. Mrs. Grigg was given good wishes for her journey. She hopes to make contact with Unions in the States and in England. Meeting closed with Benediction.

Brooklyn. March 29th. Mrs. Sawden presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood, on "Lift thine eyes unto the hills." A tribute from the chair was paid to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. White brought greetings from the Christchurch and Opawa Unions. Mrs. Brewer, Dominion Convention delegate, gave a full and racy account of its doings. She said it was the best Convention she had attended, and, to judge from her report, it certainly was. Headquarters was discussed. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Wellington Central. March 16th. President, Mrs. Sired, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Dawe. Good attendance, and three visitors from Dunedin welcomed. Mrs. Cullen gave a good report on Convention and was thanked by Mrs. Sired. Birthday posies presented by Mrs. James. Mrs. Perkins welcomed after a long illness. Mrs. Davidson read two letters from England acknowledging cakes sent by our Union to W.C.T.U. members, in which great joy at being thus remembered was expressed. Mrs. Sired spoke in glowing terms of the work of Mr. Milner. A letter of appreciation to be sent to him. Mrs. Parant appointed treasurer pro tem for Mrs. Reed who had been ill. Benediction closed an interesting meeting.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands. March 16th. Good attendance. Mrs. Underhill presided and led Devotions in which a Prayer and Thanksgiving session was held, with reference to the success of the Referendum Poll. Roll Call responded to with very good verses. A very fine book,

entitled "Our famous women," a gift from Mr. L. A. White of Nelson, was on the table for anyone to use. The President had conveyed thanks to the donor. Mrs. McDougall, Convention delegate, presented the L.W.R. Banner won for the Union by Mrs. Leslie. She then gave a very interesting report of the Convention, together with her own impressions, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks.

Blenheim. March 5th. Good attendance, Mrs. N. Forbes presiding. Six apologies. Mrs. Blick led Devotions. Mrs. Blick gave some inspiring thoughts on the healing of the man sick of the palsy. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Lane. Letter to be sent to member in hospital. Mrs. C. A. Webster, Convention delegate, gave an interesting report, also reading the letter from the Mayor of Timaru, received by each delegate. Members notified of "Women's Day of Prayer," being held on April 28th. Mrs. Blick closed with prayer.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch. March 9th. Congratulations and greetings sent to our senior member, Mrs. E. B. Judkins, who last week attained her ninety-seventh birthday. President welcomed Mrs. Richards, who later spoke feelingly of all our temperance meetings had meant to her, and further mentioned how we should all make every effort to cultivate other interests and talents. Miss Thomas reported on Dominion Convention.

March 23rd. Results of Referendum discussed, our President bringing before us the continued need of educating the public regarding great evils in our midst—the harm of alcoholic liquors and the further harm of gambling. Miss C. Henderson, President, occupied the chair at both meetings.

Sydenham. April 7th. Mrs. Filer presided over an attendance of ten members. Pledge. Concise and informative report of Dominion Convention was given by the delegate, Mrs. Stringer. Mrs. Filer contributed a sacred solo which was enjoyed by all present.

New Brighton. Meeting presided over by Mrs. Edmond, President. Mrs. Ford, President of the Band of Hope Union, addressed the meeting, stressing the need for Band of Hope work. Devotions were led by Captain Hadfield (S.A.), after which she spoke on her experiences during nine years' work. Letter of thanks for soap parcel received from Miss Staunton, London. Benediction and tea.

Papanui. March 24th. Mrs. Tillman presided and Mrs. Elliott led Devotions. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Pledge, Roll Call. A text of Scripture. C.R. party arranged. Several parcels of soap received for Sailors' Rest, Timaru, to be despatched after next meeting. Question Box created discussion among members.

Riccarton. March 10th. Mrs. Griffith, President, took the chair. Devotions being led by Miss Hughes. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs. McLean for her work in connection with securing new subscribers for the "W.R."; and so gaining the Banner and Silver Vase. Mrs. Clark read a splendid report of Convention which all enjoyed, about twenty being present. Usual Copper Trail for Mental Hospital, Mesdames Gainsford and Griffiths being visitors. Pleasure expressed at Referendum result. Meeting closed with prayer.

Woolston. March. Vice-President, Mrs. Pedlar, in the chair. Pledge re-affirmed. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Palmer. One new member. Special prayer meeting arranged for May. New "W.R." agent, Miss Malcolmson. Afternoon tea and Benediction.

Reefton. March 8th. Mrs. Thompson presided. The Rev. Mr. Baker, Methodist minister, gave an interesting talk on the liquor question, also reading the King Country Pact. A letter to be sent to the Rev. Mr. Mackell, thanking him from this Union for his letters to the press. Mrs. Thompson read the President's message. Mr. Baker closed the meeting with prayer.

Lyttelton-Heathcote. Good attendance of both Unions at Heathcote. Mrs. Tredennick presided. Secretary reported that £11/13/6 had been sent to Mr. Milner as the result of a retiring collection of the combined Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence. March 22nd. Miss Ferguson presided and led Devotions. Reference made to the passing of Mrs. Clun, a foundation member. Mrs. J. McKinlay reported as delegate, on Dominion Convention. Hymn and Benediction.

Oamaru. March 14th. Mrs. Rawson presided. Miss McLay, Dominion President, welcomed, also three members of the Waimate Union. Devotions led by Mrs. Poole. Miss McLay spoke of the work of the early temperance workers, urging us all to so work and build that Oamaru will still be dry after next election. A vote of thanks to Miss McLay for her helpful and inspiring address was carried, and after the address, a friendly chat with Miss McLay was enjoyed over a cup of tea.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Winton. March 2nd. Members and friends met in Sunday School Hall to hear Miss McLay's most interesting address on six o'clock closing, and her experiences in the work during her twenty-five years in the W.C.T.U. The Revs. Mr. Sutherland and Mr. McKenzie outlined and explained the Gaming Act, and both speakers were thanked for their help by Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. and Miss Stevens rendered a duet and an encore which were much appreciated. Members provided supper.

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BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wanhill; Sec., Mrs. Uttling, 26 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Road; W.R., Mrs. Skentelbery, Zion Road.

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., Mrs. C. Webster, 33 Arthur St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson St.

BROOKLYN, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Sawden, 16 Todman St.; W.R., Mrs. Pearce; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; C.R., Mrs. Gillings.

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CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., —; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas. and C.R., Miss Edwards; W.R. Miss Bairstow, Clareville; Devotions, Mrs. Every.

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.

DARGAVILLE, 2nd Tues., Presbyterian Church Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly, Victoria Street; Sec., Mrs. F. T. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; Treas., Mrs. S. Phillips, Awakino Pt.; W.R., Miss Carrington, Maungawhare.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Calcott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paviour-Smith and Miss Thompson; 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., in Baptist Sunday School, Hanover St. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiatt, 11 Duke St.; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 4a Duke St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cannington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss MacAndrew, 11 Duke St.; W.R., Mrs. Hiatt; L.W.R., Mrs. Whittington, 9 Cargill St., Dunedin.

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ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Cox, George St.; Sec., Mrs. Betteridge, Mangawhera Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Holley, Conway Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Streeter; C.R., Mrs. Cox.

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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, Fantiham St.; Tea, Mrs. Page.

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NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs. Peart, 860 George St.; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, 1 Bouverie St.; W.R., Mrs. McLay, 24 Black's Rd., N.E.1.

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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, 2.30 p.m., 1st Tuesday, in alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Tce.; Sec., Mrs. Thornton, Ward St.; Treas., Mrs. Jackson, Franklin Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Clayton.

REEFTON, 2nd Thursday, 3.0 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Acting Sec., Treas., and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Road.

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. W. H. Scarrow; 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, at 2.30 p.m., at Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, "Althorpe"; Sec., Mrs. W. Houston, Hill St.; Treas., Miss L. Andrews, William St.; W.R., Mrs. Gill, Dorset Street.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 2nd Monday, 2.30 p.m., in Women's Rest Room. Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. Taylor; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Ruthven, Tay St.; Treas., Miss C. Griffiths, 235 Crinan St., Invercargill.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. J. Filer; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker St., S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Seivers; W.R., Mrs. E. Rogers, 37 Thackeray St., Waltham; C.R., Mrs. Garlick.

TAURANGA, 1st Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian; Sec., Mrs. York, Pillans Rd., Otumoetai; Treas., Mrs. Maunder, 127 Hunter St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, 67 Cameron Rd.

TAKAPUNA, 1st Wednesday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Winstone and Petchell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Prussing; Corr. 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.

TEMUKA, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. W. Hewson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Grotcott; Sec., Mrs. E. Butler, 30 Hayhurst St.; Treas., Mrs. Capt. Harford; C.R. and W.R., Mrs. Allanby.

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

TE KOPURU, 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth, P.O. Box 38; Treas., Mrs. Soole; W.R., Miss F. Wordsworth; Temp. Fact, Mrs. H. Taylor.

TE KUITI, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Stratiord, Hinerangi St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mercer; Sec., Mrs. G. Elliott, Tawhana St.; Treas., Mrs. Scown; W.R., Mrs. Coyle; Evang., Mrs. Christensen.

TE KUITI (Maori), 2nd Friday, 10.30 a.m. at Maori Pa. Pres., Mrs. A. Joseph; Sec., Mrs. R. Ewan, Esplanade; Treas., Mrs. M. Joseph; "Y" Work, Mrs. A. Joseph; Seamen, Mrs. M. Hose; C.R., Mrs. R. Turner; Evang., Mrs. A. Bell.

THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay St. Schoolroom, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Paul; Sec., Mrs. Gooder, Pollen St.; Treas. and "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; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Cave, 25 Raymond St.; Treas., Mrs. K. Newlands, 45 Avenue Road; W.R., Mrs. Howe, 166 Otupua Road; C.R., Miss Arras; Sec. and Treas., Seamen's Rest, Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon St.

TINWALD, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Church Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Millar; Sec., Mrs. Oakley, 156 Victoria St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Harkness, McMurdo St.; W.R., Mrs. Millar; C.R., Mesdames Millar and Hopwood.

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

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Church Hall. Pres., Mrs. Duckett, Mary Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Kippenberger, Stark, Burnet and Griffiths; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt Street; Treas., Miss S. Hayman, Willowbridge; W.R., Mrs. Tooley, 8 Grace Street; C.R., Miss P. Tooley and Mrs. Crawley.

WAIPIKURAU, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Miss Libby, Rose St., Waipawa.

WAIROA, H.B., 2nd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Haughton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. McDonald; Sec., Mrs. H. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.; Treas., Mrs. Aldridge; C.R., Mrs. J. McDonald; W.R., Mrs. Edlington.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. A. Duxfield, Okeia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Goodey and F. Parker; Corr. Sec., Mrs. R. Wilson, 145 Glasgow St.; Rec. Sec., Miss B. E. Wadsworth; Treas., Mrs. M. C. Ogg, 21 Maxwell Ave., Durie Hill; W.R., Miss V. Kendall, 133 Harrison St.; C.R., Miss V. Kendall.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans Hall. Pres., Mrs. Robb; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Ogier; C.R., Mrs. Conybeer; L.T.L., Mrs. A. Jarvis.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m. in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. R. V. Moore; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bartle and Thompson; Sec., Mrs. H. A. Torkington, R.D., Mahurangi Heads, Warkworth; Treas., Miss J. Martin; W.R., Mrs. C. H. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. at Headquarters. Pres., Miss C. E. Kir', J.P.; Sec., Miss E. A. Brooks, c/o 8 Melbourne Road, S.2.; Treas. and W.R., —.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.0 p.m., Boardroom, Y.M.C.A., Willis St. Pres., Mrs. Sired, 29 Maida Vale Rd., E.1; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Fairview Cres., W.1; Treas., Mrs. Reed, 6 Bruce Ave., S.W.1; "W.R." Mrs. Parrant; C.R., Mrs. McGowan.

WELLSFORD, 4th Tuesday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist and Church of Christ Churches alternatively. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Singleton, Manga-wai; Sec., Mrs. E. Yates, Te Hana; Treas., Mrs. Singleton.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres. and C.A., Mrs. T. P. Lane, 8 Dinmiss Ave.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. W. N. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; W.R., Mrs. Goodall, 8 Dinmiss Ave.; C.R., Mrs. A. Green, 92 Kamo Road.

WINTON, 3rd Tuesday, every 2nd month, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Miss H. Clement, Great North Road; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Park Street; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie; C.R., Mrs. Dixon.