

President's Letter



District Executives

AUCKLAND.

April 13. Mrs. Kasper presided. Devotions, Miss Queen. Arrangements made to take usual stall for Poppy Day Street Appeal. Mrs. Kasper reported on mass meeting for women, held in the Town Hall, on Sunday, March 29. Decided to hold Day of Prayer on Peace Day. Arrangements to supply supper for servicemen. Classes held to study First Aid and to make First Aid Equipment.

May 4. Reported that steps were being taken to procure a suitable house for Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Castleton appointed Supt. for Notable Days. Report of N.C.W. meeting by Mrs. Kasper.

District Temperance Rally

A very successful Temperance Rally, sponsored by the Wellington District, was held in Wesley Hall, Taranaki Street, on Friday, 24th April.

Mrs. Sired (District President) presided, all women's organisations being well represented.

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Mrs. Sired. Musical items were rendered by the Island Bay Women's Choir, and songs by Miss Bennell. All were much appreciated. Afternoon tea was then served.

Mrs. Peryman was the speaker, and gave some very enlightening facts on the liquor question.

The following resolution was put to the meeting by Mrs. Peryman:

"That this meeting of representative women urges the Government:—(1) To strictly enforce the liquor licensing laws, in particular those concerning the hours of sale, and of the sale to any person under 21 years of age; (2) That the amount of alcoholic liquor manufactured in this Dominion, or imported into it, be drastically reduced in view of (a) Food stuffs urgently needed by other industries (b) Shortage of transport even for the most vital necessities.

Mrs. O'Shea, President of the Child Welfare League, seconded the resolution, after which it was put to the meeting, and by a show of hands, it was carried unanimously.

Miss Kirk proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and guest artists, after which she presented Mrs. Peryman with a shoulder spray—very kindly made by Mrs. Cullen.

The following Unions were responsible for the afternoon's arrangements:—Wellington Union were the hostesses and received the guests; Wellington Central and Brooklyn Unions dispensed the tea; Karori Union was responsible for the distribution of literature; Johnsonville Union was in charge of the flowers and decorations. The afternoon tea was provided by all the Unions.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

The resolution was forwarded to the Prime Minister and the following reply received.

Dear Madam,

I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th April, forwarding a resolution passed by your Union regarding the Licensing Laws.

The terms of the resolution have been duly noted by Mr. Fraser, who desires me to assure you that the Union's representations will be carefully considered.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. HOLLAND,
Private Secretary.

Miss I. Mitchell,
District Secretary,
Women's Christian Temperance Union,
134 Nicholson Road,
Khandallah.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

	New Members.
New Brighton	3
St. Albans	2
Springlands	4
Ponsonby	2
Point Chevalier	2
Auckland	1
Styx	1
Linwood	1
Invercargill South	2
	Transfer.
Papanui	1
	Hon. Member.
Kohi-St. Heliers	1

L. M. MITCHELL.

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NORTH CANTERBURY.

Mrs. Barrell presided over good attendance of both town and country members.

Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, M.A., vice-President, was congratulated on being elected President of the Canterbury Federation of University Women.

Several branches reported good meetings for March, and members spoke appreciatively of addresses given by Miss Elsie Andrews.

Mrs. Black reported on visits to the Mental Hospital.

Branches were reminded of their obligation to help Executive Funds.

"Y" report was given by Mrs. Clarke and Peace Report by Mrs. Mackie.

fort and protect us in the days which lie ahead. May God protect our people.

Such a letter brings cheer to our hearts and is an incentive to keep on praying that all of our men will fight for the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in hope,
JESSIE HIETT.

Dear White Ribboners,

Strange things are happening to-day. The Liquor Trade has decided to reform itself. Whilst advertisements proclaiming the "reform" were scarcely dry on the pages of the newspaper, two licences in my city were charged with after hour trading. Now the reform has taken a new turn. A proposal to open bars between 7.30 and 10.30 p.m. Even moderate drinkers are against this latest "reform." May God give us grace to go steadily forward in our task of educating the young and of outlawing the liquor traffic. Watch and pray and keep pegging away. Disgust and dismay must fill the hearts of all who care, when so many soldiers are seen reeling out of hotel bars quite incapable of defending themselves, much less of defending their country, the very men who have been chosen for the defence of their country. The need to-day is more urgent than ever, that we "defend our defenders" from the deadliest enemy of all, the Liquor Trade. When we know that place after place has fallen because many were drinking, what about our own land? Is it to be sold to satisfy the greed of brewers and drink-sellers?

Now for a bit of good cheer. Here is a letter from a man in the services:—

Dear Mrs. Hiett,

Please convey to all attending the Prayer Meeting that we in the Services feel that your prayers are being answered by the way God is guiding and protecting those overseas.

We know that we are fighting to preserve the freedom of mankind, and that while materials are essential, it is the faith of our forefathers which gives the courage and determination to fight the Anti-Christian forces we oppose. Those who have given their all have handed on the Torch of Freedom into our keeping, and ours is the responsibility of ensuring that the world will be won for God when victory is ours.

The Master is hearing your prayers and He alone is the One Who will com-