

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"If no fruit appears to cheer us,  
And we seem to toil in vain,  
Then, in mercy, Lord draw near us,  
Then our failing hopes sustain;  
Thus supported, we are strengthened,  
Let our zeal revive again."  
—Thomas Kelly.

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## WORLD NEWS OF TEMPERANCE

### INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL

The Fifth Conference for World Temperance Youth will be held in Finland, 100 miles North of Helsinki. It is hoped that many countries may find young people willing to represent them. Finland is a beautiful country, noted for its "countless thousands of lakes," and it might be possible to persuade young people from a distance, who are spending their vacation or taking study courses in Europe, to arrange to include a journey to Finland from August 5th-12th, when this Conference is meeting. Students are preferred between 18 to 30 years.

#### U.S.A.

The National W.C.T.U. has adopted as its slogan for this year, "Eighty More in Fifty-four." This, they hope will be interpreted in many ways, e.g.: a State might get 80 more Local Unions and Local Unions might get 80 more members. Moreover, the 80 in any case, shall be net gain. Awards are to be given for gains in membership and include copies of the new Temperance Film, which has been made for the National Union, and called, "Any Bay, U.S.A." Two black and white film strips have also been offered to each state which has gained 80 more L.T.L. members. A number of States have already set to work to co-operate with the National Union.

#### Australia

A news item broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, on 8th October, stated that when the Governor General, Sir William Slim, visited Fremantle that day, for a Civic Reception, the city would retain its custom of drinking the Queen's Health with tea. The Mayor, Mr. Samson, said that the 250 official guests at the Reception in the Town Hall would all toast the Queen in a cup of tea.

This custom originated about 17 years ago, when he was first elected to the Council. He asked for tea at a Civic Reception, and was told he couldn't have it. However, at the next recep-

tion, the then Mayor provided him with a cup of tea, and as time went on, more and more councillors decided that they wanted a drink of tea and **finally the time came, when tea ousted beer.**

The Union has taken as its theme for 1954, "Youth in the Service of the Nation," with suggested programmes for each month:—

**March:** Party Plans for Young People; The Safety First Hostess. **April:** Safeguarding our Social and Moral Heritage for the next generation. **October:** National and International Obligations; the Australian Aborigine and the people of Fiji. **December:** Great Women who are influencing World Affairs.

**Victoria W.C.T.U.** has purchased a property, 46-52 Russell Street, Melbourne, for £37,000. It is proposed to establish State Headquarters on the ground floor.

#### Chili

An encouraging piece of news is that, from a group of Evangelical young people, a Y.T.C. has been formed. They are showing much enthusiasm and have already done good work. Several of the young men made a trip to Valparaiso and adjoining towns to interest young folk there. Young people of four denominations are uniting in this work; it is noteworthy that the Youth Temperance Council is the only interdenominational organisation for young people in Santiago, so far as the National Secretary can discover.

#### Personalia

The news of the appointment of **Mr. John Forrester-Paton, O.B.E.**, as Moderate Designate of the United Free Church of Scotland, will give satisfaction to all who know our World President's husband, and who appreciate the spiritual and moral contribution he has made to Christian and moral welfare organisations at home and abroad over a long number of years. He commences his new duties in June. Mrs. Forrester-Paton hopes to accompany her husband on many of his trips and will welcome these further opportunities of contacting Christian women.

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## "WHITE RIBBON" DAY, 1954

(By J. Hiatt, Dunedin)

We, as members of the W.C.T.U. are anxious to extend the work of our organisation. In what better way can we do this, than by gaining new subscribers for our "White Ribbon" Paper. A new era for temperance knowledge opened when the "White Ribbon" came into being. Knowledge on every aspect of the drink evil is found in the pages of this very fine paper.

As our Editor once said "The 'White Ribbon' is a medium between the W.C.T.U. and the community." We pray for the abolition of the liquor traffic, prayer and works go together and here, right at hand, is an avenue of service to disseminate knowledge concerning liquor. Go out with a "White Ribbon," show it to your neighbours, give them a copy and then ask them to be subscribers. We tell our Editor at each Convention, how much we appreciate the articles in the "W.R." To gain subscribers will prove that our appreciation is genuine; but that is not all. As we gain new subscribers, we are building up temperance sentiment, we are educating the public, we are gaining votes to vote out the soul destroying traffic in beverage alcohol. For our individual use the W.R. is invaluable. We read articles on the different departments by which we may open up work for our members.

Each Union should be busy working through departments. There is interest for all, viz:—

Anti gambling, Scientific Temperance, Youth work, Children's meetings. Peace, Health, Sailors' Rests and many other departments through which we may serve God, Home and Humanity.

The "White Ribbon" initiates us into departmental work, and enables us to be busy in our Unions, doing service for our Lord and Master.

Let us make **June** a starting point for fresh endeavour to win many who, at present, are not interested and also to win friends to become subscribers. Our keenness will arouse interest and confidence in the W.C.T.U. and here is the opportunity to further that interest by getting the W.R. into the home. This is election year. A grave responsibility rests with us to gain recruits for temperance.

What better way than by increasing the circulation of the only Women's Temperance Magazine published in New Zealand.

We are grieved to know that for want of more subscribers the "W.R." is £150 behind. This is a challenge to every member to alter this state of affairs until there is a balance on the right side. The average number of copies per month is 2,500. **Here is the challenge.** Make the number per month 3,500 for 1954.

With enthusiasm, courage and a firm trust in God we can do it. Begin today.

One thought more. In our "White Ribbon" are articles, which enable members to be public speakers.

By studying the "W.R.", addresses may be prepared for drawing-room meetings, missionary gatherings, League of Mothers, and other meetings. No Union need lapse for lack of material to interest members. May our service never slacken until the day of victory.

Thy Spirit Lord to me impart,  
Oh make me what Thou ever art,  
Of patient and courageous heart,  
As all true saints have been.

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### W.C.T.U. HEADQUARTERS

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the following gifts: Mrs. A. Kasper, M.B.E., £20 towards piano; Mrs. J. P. Rawle, four new pillows; Otahuhu Union, one pair new blankets; Te Kuiti Maori Union, one large Maori mat.

These gifts indicate a practical interest in our work. Since Convention, a number of our members have stayed at Headquarters for a night or so. We hope that others passing through Wellington, will inspect the new premises.

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### W.C.T.U. ANNUAL AWARDS

#### Banners and Vases

#### Union Membership

Highest percentage increase—Henderson.  
Largest Numerical increase—New Plymouth.

#### "White Ribbon" Subscribers

Union largest number subscribers—Riccarton (123).  
Greatest number new subscribers—Dunedin Central (16).  
Highest percentage increase—Gonville (14%).

#### Little White Ribboners

Largest District Cradle Roll—Nelson (870).  
Largest C.R. (Union adult membership over 30)—Nelson (474).  
Largest C.R. (adult membership 15-30)—Springlands (285).  
Largest C.R. (adult membership under 15)—Brooklyn (56).  
Highest percentage increase—Christchurch Union (10 new members).

#### L.T.L.

Largest number members—Wanganui East.

#### Band of Hope Banner

Waimate.

#### "Y" Cup

Kaikorai (Dunedin).

## DOMINION PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My dear Fellow-Members,

When you read this, I shall still be travelling in the North Island, visiting Unions in Wanganui, Taranaki, South Auckland and Auckland. Winter, of course, is not the happiest time of the year for travelling but like St. Paul I needs must throw myself on the kind hospitality of my White Ribbon sisters. St. Paul adjures the early Christians to be given to "hospitality"; one wonders if there were times when he was in sore straits. Hospitality! What a lovely virtue that is, with a wealth of meaning in the word: Hospice, a place of safety and refuge for weary travellers; Hospital, a place of comfort and safety for pain-weary sufferers; and then the word "Hospitality" itself, the word in action conjuring up an ever open-door with a welcome given generously.

I remember my father speaking of a certain woman, who, as soon as her husband crossed their threshold with an unexpected guest, would say, "Tom, whatever made you bring Mr. — (or Mrs. —) here for. You know we have nothing to eat," then straightway bustle the visitor into the easiest chair and the cosiest nook by the fire. Out would come an abundance of good plain fare, all seasoned with loud expressions of great joy. "My, but I'm that pleased to see you," "Come away up to the table, there's nothing to eat, which Tom knew very well, but I'll give you a right good cup of tea." My father honestly loved going to that home! The woman's words were just a shy veneer to hide a loving heart. St. Paul had some wonderful women helpers, several of whom are mentioned in the last chapter of Romans; women apparently given to hospitality.

Our Motto, "For God, Home and Humanity" is a significant one and I wonder sometimes if we grasp its deeper meaning. It is linked with the First Commandment "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart—and thy neighbour as thyself." Out from our love to God spills the overflow to—our neighbour! Let us guard against a passive allegiance to our Cause: forming Remits, while vitally necessary, is not the end-all of our labour for God; rather, the adding of a little good plain fare and a warming cup of tea such as my father received, backed up by a spontaneous welcome, would reach the heart and the home of some storm-tossed, sick at heart, weary "neighbour." Let us frame Remits by all means, nay, we must, but also let us not think that in so doing, we have fulfilled all the demands of the First Commandment. If our work really costs us nothing, let us fear it. This war we wage against evil costs "sweat, blood and tears" and nothing less will bring victory against Sin. Women can wage a grand and victorious War against the Devil with

## The Devotional Period

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 40:28-31. **W.R. Hymnal** 116.

Life is so full for most of us. We are so busy and as the year moves on, we are becoming more so. Our bodies, perhaps become over-tired, nerves strained and there are times when we feel overwhelmed with all that is waiting to be done! Then we ask ourselves "Is it all worthwhile? Are all our jobs of real value?"

The Creator, our Heavenly Father, is never weary. He has all power and strength, so that He can spare enough for us, if . . . ah! that is it . . . if we will WAIT on Him.

James tells us in his first chapter and verse 5, that, if we ask of God, He will give to us liberally and upbraid us not, but we must ask in faith, nothing wavering. That's it. We must take time to ask and wait. Are we definite in our prayers? Do we treat our prayer time as something very important? Is it more important to us than any other time? It should be, because, from it we receive help and wisdom from God, before we attempt any of the other important tasks that come our way. We lose our weariness as we wait upon the Lord for He renews our strength.

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh what peace we often forfeit!  
Oh what needless pain we bear!  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer."

**Prayer:** Again would we bow before Thee, our Heavenly Father to thank Thee for all Thy bountiful gifts to us. Grant that we may understand Thy Will for us and, receiving Grace and Strength from Thee, endeavour to do it. Bless those who are sick or lonely or infirm. Help our leaders. Bless our beloved Queen. May we strive to live and to serve Thee always. For Jesus sake. Amen.

R. C. GREEN,  
(Dominion Evangelistic Supt.)

such homely weapons—the Tea-pot, plain bread and butter AND a loving, understanding heart. Let's go to War; will someone just put the kettle on.

Yours in Joyous Service,

CONSTANCE TOOMER.

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## NOT BY MY VOTE

Men will have strong drink, and men will sell liquor, but

## NOT BY MY VOTE.

Hotels may go on like the brook, forever, and men may die by the hundreds through them, but

## NOT BY MY VOTE.

Truth may be wrecked and character dismantled, homes may be destroyed and women and children beggared, but

## NOT BY MY VOTE.

Children may be taught its snare; the victims of alcohol may fill our prisons and asylums, but

## NOT BY MY VOTE.

Liquor may impoverish and degrade the people, producing idleness, disease and pauperism. It may breed anarchy and crime, but

## NOT BY MY VOTE.

The liquor traffic may corrupt the social and political life of the nation; it may worm its way into all business and even into the sacred precincts of the home and the church, but

## NOT BY MY VOTE.

Strong drink will be driven from our land, yes,

## WITH MY VOTE.

## Crime and Divorce

"The longer I sit in these courts, the more saddened and disturbed I am by the amount of crime and divorce which is directly due to the extraordinary habit among people of soaking themselves in alcohol."—Mr. Justice Sholl, Victoria.

## PRAYER AT CABINET MEETINGS

The following extract was given at a recent meeting of the OAMARU Union:—

"President Eisenhower is, in many ways, a different man from the popular commander of war-time. His character and convictions seem to have deepened. He advised religious leaders in Washington, that he does not approve of liquor at the White House. An order has been issued banning drinking by members of the White House executive staff during business hours, or at any time, while at their offices. He opens all Cabinet meetings with prayer. When the Heads of the Government departments have assembled in the Cabinet Room of the White House, the President rises and asks them to bow their heads in a moment of silent prayer. Only after the prayer, does the business of State begin. It is said that the President himself suggested the practice at his first Cabinet meeting and it is now regular procedure.

"This is remarkable. Certainly, President Eisenhower, alone of the leading statesmen, has shown such conviction in so unusual a manner."

## CHARITY OF SPEECH

"Charity of speech is as divine a thing as charity of action.

"To judge no one harshly, to misconceive no man's motives, to believe things as they seem to be until they are proved otherwise, to temper judgment with mercy—surely this is quite as good as to build up churches, establish asylums, and found colleges.

"Unkind words do as much harm as unkind deeds. Many a heart has been wounded beyond cure, many a reputation has been stabbed to death, by a few little words. There is charity which consists in withholding words, in keeping back harsh judgment, in abstaining from speech, if to speak is to condemn.

"Such charity hears the tale of the slandered, but does not repeat it; listens in silence, but forbears comment; then locks the unpleasant secret up in the very depths of the heart. These are the things that make for peace."

Selected.

## IT IS A FACT

Dr. Edwin F. Bowers, in his book "Alcohol, Its Influence on Mind and Body," page 65, says: "Contrary to generally accepted belief, beer is proportionately much more noxious, than are wines or liquors. While liquor makes a man brutal and dulls his judgment, beer makes him slow-witted and abolishes judgment. . . Some of us prefer an interesting maniac to a brutalised idiot."

## NARCOTIC DRUGS CONSTITUTE A MENACE

### OPIUM

(One of a series on Narcotic Drugs)

Narcotic drugs have been of service to mankind in the relief of suffering, but the grave danger of their use, is that addiction can be caused and as a result, their abuse is a major problem in the world today. In one year recently, in U.S.A. over 5,000 narcotic law violators were arrested and there are two great hospitals for drug addicts in Kentucky and Texas. Narcotic law officers see only too much proof, that these addicts endanger public morals, health and welfare. A great medical authority has said, "A drug addict is ten times as dangerous and ten times as cunning as a leper, not through physical contact, but through mental contact." Even doctors, who know all too well the dangers involved, fall victims themselves, to the use of narcotics.

In 1884, Frances Willard, founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, had the idea of a Polyglot Petition addressed to all countries against alcohol, opium and other dangers. It was signed by seven and a half million persons from fifty countries and I had the privilege of seeing the rolls containing the signatures, carefully stored in the U.S.A. W.C.T.U. Headquarters at Evanston, the town where the Conference of the World Council of Churches will be meeting later this year.

One widely used narcotic is **opium** which is obtained from a poppy poison in Asia Minor, Persia, India and China. Opium is extracted from the seed cases of poppies, not from the seeds, as these can be used in cooking without harm. Opium is referred to in Homer's *Odyssey*. The essayist, De Quincey whose grave I saw in an Edinburgh Churchyard, wrote last century, his famous book, "Confessions of an Opium eater." He wrote from experience as an opium addict himself.

From opium are derived morphine, laudanum, codein and heroin. The story of the spread of opium addiction in China is a sad one, which brings no discredit on the Chinese people, for 170 years ago, the Chinese neither smoked opium, chewed tobacco or were enslaved to alcohol. A nation of over 300 million people had no craving for stimulants and narcotics. They knew opium as a drug used for medical purposes. At first, the Portugese traders and British East India Company could get no sale for it.

In 1781, the British East India Company sent a cargo of 1,000 chests of opium to China, and only one merchant took it at half-price. Unable to sell it, he returned it to the senders. The Chinese Government was awake to the dangers and made stringent regulations against its sale. However, a contraband trade grew up and in 1838, 34,000 chests of Indian opium were brought into China, the sale, bringing a rich revenue to the British

East India Co. The Chinese tried to crush the Traffic, but their efforts resulted in the first Opium War, which was strongly condemned by Gladstone and other right-thinking Englishmen. The peace terms laid down by Britain were a blot on her fair name. An indemnity of £4,500,000 was demanded from the Chinese. Hong Kong was ceded to Britain and five ports were opened to the British by treaty, for commerce.

The British still pressed the sale of opium and a second Opium War was begun in 1857. Many Britons were horrified at the action of their Government. The Emperor, whose son had become an addict, made this declaration with deep sorrow, "It is true that I cannot prevent the introduction of the flowing poison. Gain-seeking and corrupt men will, for profit and sensuality, defeat my wishes. But nothing shall induce me to derive a revenue from the vice and misery of my people." In 1860, Peking surrendered and the Summer Palace was burned. The peace terms demanded another large indemnity. Opium was to be an article of commerce at a lower rate than the tea and silk coming to England. Christian Missions were to be tolerated. Surely no Article of Peace terms could have been more ironical than the latter one. In despair, the Chinese started growing the poppy themselves, for revenue and the habit spread. It became a Proverb, that eleven out of ten people smoked opium. Because of the Opium Wars, very real hostility was shown to Missions and the missionaries were confronted with much ridicule.

Now the Red Chinese are waging a opium war against the rest of the world and are trying to get into world distribution, no less than 500 tons of opium. Some of the opium is moving through the Russian ports of Darien and Port Arthur. Chinese opium is reported to be pouring into Burma, Malaya, Indonesia and Thailand. The U.S. Army is reported to be acting vigorously to protect American troops from the drug danger which exists behind the lines on Korea. America is aware of the menace to her own people.

A century ago, opium eating was common in England. Opium was cheaper than alcoholic drinks. Mothers in the slums used it to quieten their babies, but its use is however, more prevalent in Asia.

Before the last World War, I read that the Singapore Base was financed by revenue from the Opium smokers of Singapore. If so, surely the fall of that great Base seemed as though the judgment of God had fallen, as the result of "this house built on the sand."

The soul of Frances Willard turned within her at the thought of the victims of the dreadful evil of opium. Our World W.C.T.U. Department of Opium and other Narcotics, is very much awake to this problem today

—By Victoria Grigg, M.A.

## A VERY DARK SHADOW

The gambling menace in New Zealand can be described as a very dark shadow.

"Betting and Gambling" (we are quoting the Rev. Wilson Stuart writing in "Joyful News") "have a harmful effect upon the whole conception of life, by submitting it in certain important respects to chance. They strike a blow at the supremacy of reason, prudence, caution and self-control.

"(1) They undermine the sense of property and are against the principles of all legitimate transfer of property. In a betting transaction, I give no equivalent in labour or wealth when I win, and I receive no equivalent in labour or wealth when I lose. The whole transaction from both sides, is therefore irrational. It abandons all security in human concerns.

"Social life is a conflict with chances, but betting is the positive subordination of the products of social and ordered life, to chance.

"(2) It is because gambling is so anti-social in principle, so utterly opposed to the whole drift of human life, that it has such disastrous effects upon character, upon fortune and upon family life.

"In the individual, it produces a habit of dependence upon luck and chance, and good fortune—rather than upon effort and foresight and ability and determination. It is not an accident that gambling circles are notoriously cheating circles. . .

"(3) Then, of course, a man's sense of fair exchange being tampered with, his sense of the value of money and the responsibility of holding it and transferring it goes. If a man gets £100 by a stroke of luck, he does not have such sense of the value of that money, as he would have, if he had got it by hard labour or saving or by exact

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It is interesting to note that **Miss Helen G. H. Estelle**, our World's Treasurer and President of New York State W.C.T.U. is the fourth Vice-President of the National Council of Women of U.S.A.

### Noteworthy Items

A Californian member informs us that the **Medical Association of America** has served notice that, after 1st January, 1954, they will not publish any liquor, cigarette or tobacco advertisements in any of their publications. Let us hope this fine example will soon be followed by similar organisations in all other countries.

**Sir Wavell Wakefield, M.P.**, former Rugby Captain for England, speaking at a Milk Distributors' Dinner, gave a tip for personal fitness, saying, "I drink a glass of milk in the House of Commons every time, I can't stop for a meal. When I was a footballer, MILK kept me FIT, I always drank it before a match."

exchange. Thus the meaning of money and property is lost and men begin to play fast and furious with it, and the end is only too often ruin. . .

"(4) Gambling is the illegitimate speeding-up of life by false issues. The higher, inner, meaningful joys of life, are sacrificed to a mere wild thrill of an artificially created hazard. Another harmful effect of the gambling spirit is feverish greed to get money hastily without any effort to exchange. This in turn forms the habit of taking from others without giving anything in return, with resulting selfishness, callousness and lack of concern for the misfortunes of others. The small bet leads to the larger one. When we have won, we flatter ourselves that good fortune is following us and we want more.

"(5) It takes away all zest for the orderly, moderate and high-minded affairs of life. The gambling interest causes men to be restless, unsettled, dissatisfied, anxious and highly strung. The heart is not in the business, the home, the church, nor in the country, or the Government, but in our own feverish, selfish hazard. It often leads to embezzlement on the subterfuge of borrowing money to right our fortunes. It lands the gambler in the hands of the money-lender—it brings us into debt. It causes untold anxiety and anguish. It ruins fortunes and homes. It takes away self-reliance in normal life. . .

"(6) Such conduct brings us into a world which is warring against the Kingdom of our God. It keeps a whole army of book-makers. They frequently amass great fortunes and always, if sober and cautious, make a good living. In their gambling with others, they can always secure themselves by the right balance of their books. For every idle man of such a character, organised society has to pay. Not only so, but a host of jockeys and betting fraternity has to be kept.

"Consider the whole army of people kept up by horse-racing—what does it all produce for the good of the community? What do they make? What do they add to human life? They all have to be kept.

"The Times once said: 'It eats the life out of honest labour. It produces an impression that life is governed by chance, and not by laws.' It is told of the celebrated jockey, Fordham, that when a friend came up to him and said, "Tell us, old chap, where I can put a safe five-pound note?"—meaning thereby, what horse he could back with certainty, the knowing jockey replied, "Into your breeches' pocket, my man, and get your wife to sew it up before you go on a race-course." . . . Yes, gambling in New Zealand is a very dark shadow, which continues to grow and grow. We must not touch the unclean thing ourselves; and we must be more diligent in helping our young people to find their satisfactions in Christ.

(Courtesy, Methodist Times.)

## TRAP FOR TEENAGERS

"Recently the Brisbane 'Sunday Mail' commendably turned the spotlight on the subject of teenage drinking," states the "Temperance Advocate." One point emphasised was the difficulty at some parties of getting any drink, other than of an alcoholic nature. In some cases, this, in addition to coaxing and teasing, has virtually forced teenagers to take strong drink. So we have the almost unbelievable situation of a hostess launching her young guests on a habit, which, especially at this age, is fraught with grave dangers.

One mother emphasised the double-sided nature of this danger, by saying that it wasn't so much that she was afraid of her daughter developing a taste for drink, but that she feared an accident if the boy driving her daughter home from the party had had too much to drink. As we see from time to time in the terrible toll of the road, all too often these fears are justified.

The peril of drink to the teenager can never be over-emphasised. To encourage these young people to drink is like putting a loaded revolver in the hand of a four-year-old. For one thing, they do not know how much drink is too much, until they have taken it—and so moral and physical tragedy can strike under their guard before they know what has happened to them. Even where they manage to avoid major disaster through this newly acquired habit, they are at an age that cannot afford even minor handicaps. Just beginning to make their way in the world, socially and economically, they need their judgment and discretion developed and not impaired; they need an untarnished reputation, and companions who will help rather than hinder them in this vital and often difficult time of adjustment to the adult world.

Those who entertain young people in their homes, have a weighty responsibility. They should never invite teenagers to their home if they cannot do better than sell the idea, that it is not possible to have fun without strong drink. Yet that is the very attitude that so many older people take in front of the young and impressionable. If there is strong drink at a party to which young folk are invited, the least that the intelligent hostess will do is to make sure that soft drinks are readily available—to assume, in fact, that this is all that teenagers will want to drink. She should also make a special point of firmly discouraging any older guest, who attempts to tease or coax a younger person into taking alcoholic drink. In fact, any hostess worthy of the name, will make sure that such a person's name is not included in the list of guests for her next party.

If older people cannot take steps to protect youngsters from the dangers of drink, how can we expect them to protect themselves?

## LEADERS NEEDED!

Dear Sisters,

The spirit of Easter and of Anzac cannot fail to impress upon our minds the meaning of Sacrifice. Our Lord was crucified, so that we might have everlasting life. He suffered so much for us.

Then, too, hundreds of our gallant men gave their lives in sacrifice, so that our homes and our country might be safe. Dear Sisters is that not a challenge to us, as Christian women? Cannot we sacrifice more of our time and our talents to fighting the enemies within our shores? We think of the menace of alcohol and gambling and the need for educating the youth of our land. Surely there are some who could sacrifice time, perhaps spent on pleasure, in taking the leadership of a Band of Hope, so that young people might be taught the evils of these enemies.

Let us commence training our youth for positions of leadership in the Temperance cause. Please consider this matter, for many a boy and girl can be saved from these foes, through the Young People's Depts. So many of our fine leaders have had to retire, through age, surely we are not going to fail them.

Do write for more information. This is God's work and He will give you wisdom and strength, if you will offer Him your service.

GERTRUDE SOLE,  
117 King St., Timaru.  
(Dominion Supt. Bands of Hope.)

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## SHALL I PRAY ON?

"For years I've prayed, and yet I see no change,  
The mountain stands exactly where it stood;  
The shadows that it casts are just as deep;  
The pathway to its summit e'en more steep.  
Shall I pray on?"

I will pray on. Though distant it may seem,  
The answer may be almost at my door,  
Or just around the corner on its way,  
But, whether near or far, yes, I shall pray—  
I will pray on."

—Edith Mapes.

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## Women's Vote in Bolivia and Mexico

The President of the Bolivian Republic has issued a decree, granting women the right to vote on an absolute equality with men. The operative part of the decree reads:

"Article 1. All Bolivians both men and women, who have attained the age of 21 years, if unmarried, or 18 years if married, shall have the right to vote in the elections of public officials."

In Mexico, the law granting the vote to Mexican women came into force in March, 1953.

## Union News

**Auckland District Executive, April 5th.** Mrs. A. Anstice led devotions. Final arrangements made for Mothers' Day gathering. Mrs. J. W. Long reported on the Maori Girls' Hostel. Agreed to assist with joint Street Day Appeal for Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Auckland Kindergarten Association in May. Mrs. Richards (President) welcomed several Niue Island ladies. Mrs. Rex gave a message in her native tongue and Mrs. Head interpreted and also spoke. Mrs. Richards was congratulated on her appointment as a J.P.

**Remuera, April 26th.** Mrs. Laird presided over a very good attendance. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Ibbetson. Interesting address on Francis Willard by Mrs. Kasper, who was presented with a bouquet and congratulated on receiving her M.B.E.

**Takapuna, April 7th.** Mrs. Petchell presided, and led devotions, and Miss Cullen read the Scripture. Members stood as a token of esteem to the memory of their late beloved member, Mrs. Blackwell. Mrs. Petchell gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the Hastings Convention. The printed reports of Convention were passed on to members to read.

**Henderson, March 17th.** Mrs. Phillips presided. Three ladies initiated. Mrs. Lord gave a very interesting talk on her voyage out from England with reference to various ports of call.

**April** We had an initiation service for a new member. Mrs. Goodenough gave a pleasing report on her L.T.L.'s and Y's. A chapter from the life of Agnes Slack was read by Mrs. Phillips and enjoyed by all present.

**Kohimaramara - St. Heliers, March 18th.** Held at the home of Mrs. Philipps. Devotions led by Mrs. Pearson. A donation of £1 was sent to the Headquarters' Piano Fund. Mrs. Kasper read the annual report of the Dominion Convention and was thanked for her very interesting talk. **April.** Meeting opened with choruses and devotions taken by Mrs. Pearson. Notice given of Mothers' Day gathering for the District Unions at Pitt St. Hall. Mrs. Kasper spoke and also read a Resolution of the World Convention on Opium.

**Te Kuiti, March.** A very good report was presented to our Union of the Convention by Mrs. Joseph. This was most interesting and helpful. **April** Mrs. Stratford presided and Mrs. Glucas took devotions. Sister Grace introduced Miss Hall, the Maori Deaconess, who has just returned from China, and who gave an account of life there and of her work in the Medical School. The language was difficult to learn, but Miss Hall had Chinese teachers to assist her. Since returning to N.Z. Miss Hall has taken up Maori work with the Church of England. The speaker spoke of the necessity in order to do good work, of getting the Maoris attached to a Church. This was important.

**New Plymouth, March.** Mrs. Exley, President, presided and welcomed Mrs. Atkins of Christchurch. Two new members initiated. Members were thrilled to receive the Banner for most members gained in 1953. Mrs. Wood reported comprehensively on the Convention and Mrs. Cole gave impressions of a first Convention. The speaker highly praised the wonderful group of Temperance women and the work being done. Mrs. Arthur, aged 85, of Inglewood, welcomed and presented with a shoulder spray by our youngest member, Miss Barbara Hawkins.

**Eltham, April.** We sent Mrs. Ricketts a basket of flowers on her 90th birthday. She loves flowers and still keeps some in her own garden. One new member. Owing to the resignation of Mrs. Towers, as President, due to her being too busy at the shop and so unable to do the work to her satisfaction, Mrs. T. Cox was appointed President and Secretary and Mrs. Holley was made treasurer, as she had resigned from the Secretary's position.

**Nelson, April.** Mrs. Rankin presided over a good attendance. Devotions were taken by Rev. M. N. Brackenbury. Mesdames Lummis and Rankin gave good reports of Convention. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Doel for her great help to the Union and a small presentation made on the eve of her departure on a trip to England and Continent. The competition, best article from a sugar bag, was won by Mrs. Seal and best flower by Mrs. McLean. Four new members were initiated by Mrs. Toomer.

**Christchurch, March.** Mrs. Hunt presided. Reports of the Hastings Convention were given by all three delegates, Mesdames Hunt and Gray and Miss Musgrove. The C.R. Roll silver vase was won by our Union. Mrs. Clark, a Dunedin delegate spoke on her visit to our Headquarters. A resolution thanking the Press and "Star-Sun" was recorded. **April.** Sympathy was expressed with Miss Lovell-Smith in her illness. Miss Thomas reported on the meeting of District Executive and the Alliance Meeting, also. Arrangements made for Annual Birthday Party in May.

**Riccarton, March.** Mrs. Griffiths presided and devotions taken by Miss Hughes. Parcels received for Mental Hospital patients. Sick members and Mental Hospital patients visited. President read an article on State Lotteries from W.R. and also Mrs. Toomer's report on The World Convention at Vancouver, which was most interesting, and enlightening. **April.** An instructive report of Convention was given by Mrs. D. Buggy. Members promised to attend

the N.Z. Alliance meeting. Special collection taken to pay for ex-members' outstanding White Ribbon subscriptions.

**New Brighton.** The annual picnic of our Union was held in Mrs. Hall's grounds on March 16th. A very enjoyable day was spent by members and friends. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hall by the President, Mrs. Wrighton, **April.** Devotions led by the President. Sympathy expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Gibbs, a regular and much loved member for 29 years, and who was our Temperance Fact Supt. Mental Hospital patients visited. Arrangements made for Anzac Day wreath. One new member initiated and one new C.R. member. A report of Convention prepared by Mrs. Atkins was read by Mrs. Ellis. Five badges for 30 years' service to be presented at our Birthday social in June.

**Timaru, March.** Mrs. Smith presided over good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Dellow. Welcome extended to Mrs. Capt. Grant, transferred from Temuka and to Mrs. Gatchell, who had been in hospital. Transfers received from Blenheim for Mrs. A. O. Jones and Mrs. Green from Tauranga. Members to assist with Poppy Day Appeal. Miss Arras gave enjoyable report on Hastings Convention.

**Wellsford, Annual Cradle Roll Party.** Approximately 200 children catered for with Treasure hunt, paper hats, ice cream and a generous afternoon tea and cold drinks. Mrs. S. Olds and Mrs. N. K. McLean entertained the younger children, while older ones and the large gathering of parents and friends enjoyed a programme of items. Thanks are due to the ladies whose work it was to serve afternoon tea for so large a party.

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## "GROG ON, REGARDLESS!"

### Doings at Tauranga

Mr. H. W. Milner, General Supt. of the N.Z. Alliance, recently addressed a public meeting, arranged by the Tauranga local committee, in the Town Hall. The Rev. A. H. Finlay (Baptist Church) chaired the meeting.

The film, "The Street," was screened.

During the meeting, there was some slight disturbance high up in the front of the hall and an exhibit slithered down into position. This was a placard, flanked by two whisky bottles and bearing the inscription, "Grog on, Regardless!"

Here the Trade gave away its slogan. "**Grog on, Regardless!**" Regardless of the untold misery of broken homes, squalor and wretchedness of thousands of people, whose lives and hopes are ruined; the shame and demoralisation of the Maori people and the continued toll of the roads. Grog on! Grog on! Regardless! It is a heartless and cruel attitude, but there seems no doubt that the Liquor interests have little thought, but to push their sales, that the defiling rivers may flow.

Mr. Milner's address was a revealing and fighting one, but only a nation-wide revival of religion will set the people marching to victory. Life has become too easy and we are accepting the blatant enormities of the drink traffic without a cry or a tear. It is a time for deep penitential praying and a girding on of the spiritual armour, for nothing else will arouse the conscience and deliver us from this defilement.

It was fine, that, after the meeting, some of the thinking folk just got to work and had the money coming in, to cover all the rather heavy expense of this meeting.

—(Rev.) A. A. Bensley.

## HOMEMAKER'S CORNER

## Roro's Cakes

4 ozs. butter, 1½ breakfast cups sugar, 2½ breakfast cups flour, ¼ teaspoon salt, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons orange juice, 1 egg and 1 egg yolk, 2 tablespoons cocoa.

Mix in the usual way, reserving the cocoa to stir into half the mixture only. Put alternate spoonfuls of light and dark batter in baking tin.

Extra milk and essence may be used in place of orange juice.

Bake 40 minutes, Regulo 5 or 6. A good cake when eggs are scarce!

## Cornflake Apple Loaf

¾ breakfast cup brown sugar, ¾ breakfast cup butter, 1 egg, 1 breakfast cup grated apple, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1½ breakfast cups flour, sifted with 1½ teaspoons Baking Powder and pinch of salt, 2 breakfast cups crushed cornflakes.

Mix the ingredients in the order named. Bake in loaf tin for 40 minutes in a moderate oven.

Hints and Recipes Welcome—Miss J. Atkinson, 57 Pitt St., Wadestown, Wellington.

## Danger to Home Life and Nation

When the Queen addressed a women's gathering in Sydney, she said: "Modern life tends to weaken the influence of the home and family, and if that influence is weakened in a nation, the strength and vitality will go from it."

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## Union Meetings . . .

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Monday, 1.30 p.m., Tabernacle Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace, Birkenhead; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P.; Vice-Pres., Miss E. M. Appleby, 25 Eldon Rd., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kelsey, 32 St. Vincent Ave., Renuera; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Clarke; Treas., Mrs. E. Prussing.

**AUCKLAND W.C.T.U. MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL**, 9 Cleveland Rd., Pakohi. Phone 30-833.

**ARAMOHO**, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Field St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Greig, Field St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good.

**ASHBURTON**, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist School Hall. Pres., Sister Mildred, 133 Aitken St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Pierce.

**AUCKLAND**, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St. Pres., Mrs. J. Long, 34 Beresford St., Bayswater; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Swan.

**BEACH-HAVEN**, 4th Tuesday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace, Birkenhead; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. D. Bunker, Tramway Road, Beach-haven.

**BIRKENHEAD**, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 28 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson.

**BLenheim**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Steele, 4 Lee Street, Blenheim; Sec., Mrs. R. Watson; Treas., Mrs. F. W. Harris.

**BROOKLYN**, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer, 85 Todman St.; Sec., Mrs. Jordan, 235 Happy Valley Rd.; Cor. Sec.-Treasurer, Miss O'Connor, Heaton Terrace.

**CAMBRIDGE**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. G. Hall, 8 Grovenor St.; Sec., Mrs. A. Burt, 29 Queen St.; Treas., Mrs. A. Lewis, 64 Clare St.; C.R., Mrs. H. Larsen; W.R., Mrs. P. R. Hunt.

**CARTERTON**, 1st Wednesday, S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Vice-Pres., Mesdames Sage, Nichols, Knutson, Miss Baurstow; Sec., Mrs. J. L. Hunt; Treas., Mrs. S. Peters.

**CHRISTCHURCH**, Cambridge Terrace Methodist Sunday School, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. A. Hunt, 99 St. Andrew's Hill Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Farquharson, 168 Fendalton Rd.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Fletcher, 352 Avonside Drive, N.E.1; C.R., Mrs. McGregor.

**DARGAVILLE**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Green; Sec., Mrs. Jolly; Treas., Miss Carrington; W.R., Mrs. F. G. Smith.

**DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Major Calcott; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 41 Swinburn St.; Cor. Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Mrs. P. Turner.

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Hanover St. Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiatt, 11 Duke St.; Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Conington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Farquhar; W.R., Mrs. Graham, 11 Northfield Ave., Opho, Dunedin.

**DUNEDIN SOUTH**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Sth. Dunedin S.A. Hall, King Edward St. Pres., Mrs. F. Jones, 134 Bay View Rd., St. Kilda; Sec., Mrs. R. Dewar; Treas., Mrs. E. Fleury; C.R., Mrs. E. Rippin; W.R., Mrs. J. Lenz.

**ELTHAM**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Salvation Army Hall. Pres. and Sec., Mrs. T. Cox, George St.; Vice-Pres. and Treas., Mrs. Holley, 9 Bath St.; C.R., Mrs. J. Towers, 41 London St.

**EPSOM-GREEN LANE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Fire Station Hall, Greenlane Rd., Green Lane. Pres., Mrs. T. H. Eccersall, 45 Bright St., Eden Terrace, C.3.; Sec., Mrs. Pitt, 9 Denny St., Green Lane; W.R. Supr., Mrs. Dunningham, 39 Matai Rd., Green Lane.

**FEILDING**, 1st Wednesday, Baptist S.S. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Taylor, 14 Wellington St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Spence and Cumming; Sec., Mrs. Tremain, Denbige St.; Treas., Mrs. Belk, 174 Manchester St.; W.F., Miss Watt.

**GORE**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Alex. Johnston, Maitland, via Gore; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose.

**GONVILLE**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancy; Sec., Miss Roots, 27 May St.; Treas., Mrs. Spurdle.

**HAMILTON**, 1st Thursday, St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Pres., Mrs. M. E. Moore, 4 Piako Rd.; Sec., Mrs. L. Eastwood, 2 Wellington St.; Treas., Mrs. N. Hood.

**HANGATIKI MAORI Union**, 2nd Thursday, 10.30 a.m., Public Hall. Pres., Mrs. Haeriti; Sec., Mrs. Osborne; Treas., Mrs. Hurst.

**HASTINGS**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Market Street St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Miss Mildenhall, Duchess Cres.; Sec., Mrs. A. M. Pitt, 102 Townshend St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Herson, 306 King St. N.; Treas., Mrs. A. M. Smith, 102 Townshend St.

**HAWERA**, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. in Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. R. Goldsmith; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gane; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hayward; Treas., Mrs. Barron; W.R., Mrs. S. Barkla; C.R., Mrs. E. Barkla

- HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, Metcalfe Rd.; Sec., Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Route No. 1, R.D., Henderson; Treas., Miss Lord, c/- Mrs. Hollin, Metcalfe Rd.; W.R., Mrs. J. E. Thompson.
- HOKITIKA**, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. Cropp, Livingstone St.; Sec., M-s. Strop, 84 Fitzherbert St.; Treas., Mrs. Sweeney, Rolleston St.
- INVERCARGILL**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Salvation Army Social Hall. Pres., Miss H. S. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Sec., Mrs. E. Botting; Treas., Miss V. A. Jamieson; W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jeicoate.
- JOHNSONVILLE**, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. McBride, Main Rd.; Sec., Miss I. Mitchell; Treas., Mrs. H. Joanson.
- KAIAPOI**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking; Csm Rd.; Sec., Miss Hamel; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans.
- KARORI**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in members' homes. Pres., Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, 61 Friend St.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson; Treas., Mrs. R. Watchman.
- LEVIN**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley, 30 Cambridge Street; Sec., Mrs. W. Hudson; Treas., Mrs. F. Burnham.
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- LOWER HUTT**, Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laing's Rd., 2 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Sec., Mrs. R. Alderslev, 22 Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. J. P. Cooper.
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- MASTERTON**, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Speight, 7 Johnstone St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener; Treas., Mrs. Hoare.
- MCTUEKA**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. G. Lunn, Staple St.; Sec., Mrs. A. Bisley, Queen Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Wratt, Whakawera St.
- NAPIER**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. G. Lewis, 10 Hooker Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Peerce, 28 Vigor Brown St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. V. Martin, 194 Wellesley Rd.; Treas., Mrs. J. McCallum.
- NELSON**, 2nd Tuesday, W.C.T.U. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. G. Rankin, 64 Washington Valley Rd.; Sec., Mrs. A. Hay, 19 Parkers Rd.; Treas., Mrs. A. E. Doel; W.R. Mrs. J. Andrews, 100 Brook St.; C.R., Mrs. C. V. Knapp, Moncrieff Ave.
- NEW PLYMOUTH**, last Wednesday, Whiteley Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Exley, 220 Coronation Avenue; Sec., Mrs. F. C. Guilford, 23 Mt. Edgumbe St.; Treas., Miss Petersen; Seamen's Rest, Miss G. Petersen, 18 Woolcombe Terrace.
- NEW BRIGHTON**, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Wrighton; Sec., Mrs. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale St.
- NEWTON EAST**, 3rd Wednesday, at 2 p.m., Newton East Mission, Dundonald St. Pres., Mrs. Yates, 27 Amy St., Ellerslie; Sec., Mrs. Wanhill, Tongariro Ave., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Davidson, 27 Himikera Ave., Avondale.
- NORTH-EAST VALLEY**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist School Hall. Pres., Mrs. L. Jamieson, James St.; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Johnstone, 1 Bouverie St.
- NORTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Wednesday, February, April, June, September. Pres., Mrs. Lane, Box 387, Whangarei; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Green; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jolly; Corr. Sec., Mrs. C. Blackburn, No. 4 R.D., Wellsford; Treas., Mrs. Hill Taylor.
- OAMARU**, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Daniell, 22 Till St.; Sec., Mrs. McIlwraith; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter.
- ONEHUNGA**, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd.; Sec. and Press Reporter, Miss H. Grigg, 2 Malvern Rd., Te Papapa; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce.
- OPAWA**, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. Ewart-Smith, 75 St. Martin's Rd., St. Martin's; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs. Heig, 66 Opawa Rd.
- OPOTIKI**, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs. R. Sinclair.
- OTAHUHU**, 3rd Tuesday, 1.45 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. Jamieson, 59 Walmsley Rd.; Sec., Mrs. E. J. Mears, 621 Great South Rd., Auckland, S.E.7; Treas., Mrs. Beaumont.
- OTOROHANGA**, 4th Friday, Methodist Church, 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Burnett, No. 4 R.D.; Sec., Miss N. Rogers, Kio Kio R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. C. Clark; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Wharanui.
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- PALMERSTON NORTH**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in U.E.C. Rooms. Pres., Miss Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. M. R. Claridge, "Thornbury," Millford Rd.
- PAPATOETOE**, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Rd.; Pres., Mrs. C. Bartlett, Ranfurley St., Puhinui, Papatoetoe; Sec., Mrs. Blampied, 32 Amy St., Ellerslie; Treas., Miss Heaven, Shirley Rd.
- PICTON**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Millen, Durham St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Martien; Treas., Mrs. V. Kirken.
- PONSONBY**, 3rd Thursday, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Clarke, 85 Norfolk St.; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. B. Christopher, Maori, Sister Jessie.
- RICHMOND (NELSON)**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. N. W. Polyglaze, 6 Taupata St., Stoke; Sec., Mrs. A. Eden, Main Rd., Stoke; Treasurer, Mrs. Houston, Hill St., Richmond.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 77 Haupapa St., Rotorua; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dewc, c/o Mrs. Morgan, Cambridge Rd., Te Awamutu; Sec., Mrs. F. N. Christian, "Fairlight," Tauranga; Treas., Mrs. Eastwood, 2 Wellington St., Hamilton East. Meetings as arranged.
- SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, Pres., Mrs. E. Botting, Durham St., Waikiwi; V.P., Mrs. A. T. Thomson; Sec., Miss V. A. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Treas., Mrs. Dark, 117 Morton St., Invercargill.
- SPREYDON**, Salvation Army Hall, 2nd Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. L. H. Woodcock, 258 Lyttelton St.; Sec., Mrs. Bowden, 74 Selwyn St.; Treas., Miss L. Brown, 138 Lincoln Rd., Spreydon.
- TAURANGA**, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Christian, 5th Ave.; V.P.'s, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Bulmer; Corr. Sec., Mrs. York; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Marsh; Treas., Mrs. Maunder.
- TAKAPUNA**, 1st Wednesday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Petchell, 236 Lake Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; Treas., Miss P. Prussing; W.R., Mrs. F. Parsons, 4 Tudor St., Devonport.
- TE AWAMUTU**, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall; Pres., Mrs. Ogg; Sec., Mrs. S. Bryant, 31 College St.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wynyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. Thompson, Ohaupo Rd.
- TE KOPURU**, 3rd Thursday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Soole.
- TE KUITI**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Stratford, Hinerangi St.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. G. Elliott; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Smith; C.R., Mrs. Christensen; W.R., Mrs. Coyle.
- TE KUITI MAORI**, 1st Friday, 11 a.m., Maori Centre. Pres., Mrs. R. Baker, No. 5 R.D., Te Kuiti; Sec., Mrs. R. Paki, Box 135, Te Kuiti; Treas., Mrs. M. Joseph; C.R., Miss Ivy King; Seamen's Rest, Mrs. N. Paparahi; W.R., Miss H. M. Joseph.
- TIMARU**, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. S. Smith, 1 Raymond St.; Sec., Mrs. S. Dellow, 22 Guinness St.; Treas., Mrs. Newlands; Sec.-Treas., Sailors' Rest, Mrs. N. Dickenson, 80 Evans St.
- TINWALD**, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Church Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. McIlroy, Carter's Terrace, Tinwald; Sec., Mrs. Oakley, 156 Victoria St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Mooney; C.R., Mrs. Moss; W.R., Mrs. Millar.
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- WAIPIKURAU AND WAIPAWA**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. alternate months respectively. Pres., Miss Bibby, Rose St., Waipawa.
- WANGANUI CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlow. Pres., Miss V. Kendall, 133 Harrison St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Wilson, 3 Marshall Ave.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Jennings, 5 Halswell St.; Treas., Miss G. Scarrow, 21 Karaka St.
- WANGANUI EAST**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Albar's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Robb; Sec., Mrs. A. Jarvis; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 33 Salisbury Ave.
- WARKWORTH**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. R. V. Moore; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Rowe; Sec., Mrs. Torkington.
- WELLINGTON**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., at Cambridge Terrace Congregational Schoolroom, pro tem. Pres., Miss Kirk, J.P., 57 Pitt St., Wadestown; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Hall, 402 Muritai Rd., Eastbourne.
- WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 134 Ghuznee St., Wellington, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. H. Barbour, 142 Grafton Rd., C.4.; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Fairview Cres.; Treas., Mrs. Parrant, 40 Nottingham St., Karori; W.R. Mrs. Barbour.
- WELLSFORD**, 4th Tuesday, 1.45 p.m. alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. H. Singleton; Sec., Mrs. C. Blackburn; Treas., Miss E. Ward.
- WHANGAREI**, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. P. Lanc, Box 387; Sec., Mrs. W. Glover, 31 Cairnfield Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Hillis; C.R., Mrs. Green.
- WINTON**, 3rd Tuesday every 2nd month, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, "Meadowlea", Thomson's Crossing, No. 4 R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Miss I. Lindsay.