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time to its liquor laws as does the N.Z. Police Force. Year by year, as the statistics show, more publicans and their employees are brought before the Courts, but yet more valid defences than ever are being raised. Your Union should understand that it is not because of lack of interest on the part of the Police Force that there are so many breaches of the law....

"The Police Force, within the limits of its personnel and demands upon it, to prevent crime in its manifold aspects, is doing all that can be reasonably expected of the Force to control the illegal sale of liquor."

(Note: Unions should note especially the words I have emphasised which show the waste of time and energy caused by the consumption of liquor.)

From the Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister of Health, who states that his Department sees some merit in our remit asking for labelling wines with their alcoholic content, but also sees great difficulty in bringing it about. Trade practice tends to refer to the proportion of alcohol in terms of proof spirit, but a lot of wine is imported from countries where a variety of labelling requirements apply. It would be difficult to make these overseas' bottlers comply with N.Z. requirements as often the N.Z. market is small. Although there are no general requirements for the maximum and minimum content of alcohol in wines, the most common varieties are required to conform to generally accepted standards. Some particular requirements as to composition are set out in the Food and Drug Regulations of 1946.

From Assistant-Secretary, N.Z. Road Safety Council. "The name of the N.Z. Road Safety Council appears on the latest Brewers' Association advertisement owing to a misunderstanding, as it was understood that they would not use the name of the Road Safety Council after the slogan on their advertisement. Although there does not seem any likelihood, that, in its present form, the reference to the N.Z. Road Safety Council, would give rise to any impression that the Council sponsored the Brewers' Association advertisement, the Association will be discontinuing this reference.

"However, the Brewers' Association will continue to support the Road Safety Council's Campaign by quoting appropriate slogans from the Road Code. The new series of advertisements, in which the Road Code will be quoted will commence about the end of the month."

The Licensing Control Commission's report shows concern over the number of hotels which are interested only in sales of liquor and not in providing accommodation. Its levy-rebate suggestion deserves careful consideration by the Government. We certainly do not favour the alternative to the levy-rebate, namely, the removal of the limitation of publican's licenses and the suggestion of allowing dancing and entertainment on licensed premises. Unions should oppose these ideas with all their might. Chartered Clubs should not be exempt from taxation on their sales of liquor.

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And from your eyes He beckons me,
And from your heart His love is shed,
Till I lose sight of you, and see
The Christ instead."

UNION NEWS

Whangarei. April meeting held at 11 a.m. to enable some Maungakarema members to attend, as their Union is in recess. Such occasional morning meetings to continue. Convention report was given by Mrs. Lane. Two new Maori members enrolled—Mesdames E. R. Pitman, Tamaterau, and A. Marsh, Kamo. Noonite devotions taken, then lunch and a further short meeting till 2 p.m. Sacred solo by Mrs. W. Robertson enjoyed, and inspiring duet by two Maori members.

Northland District Executive met at Dargaville on 3rd April. President, Mrs. S. S. Green reported Convention business, resolutions, and also gave reports of Dominion Superintendents as presented at Nelson. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Lawrence, in her accident and subsequent period in hospital.

Wellsford, April. Mrs. Singleton in the chair, and Mrs. D. Browne led devotions. Mrs. D. G. Stubbs of the Parsonage elected Secretary with Mrs. C. W. Phillips to assist. Resolved not to hold Cradle Roll Party this year. Public Film evening to be organised. Special speakers to be arranged for meetings. Bring and Buy for funds as usual each month.

Auckland District Executive, March. Mrs. Richards presided and devotions taken by Mrs. Anstice. Invitation from League of Mothers inviting the President to attend their Annual Church Service at St. Mary's Cathedral. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel. May Mothers' Day gathering discussed. 23 remits for Dominion Convention considered and approved. Miss H. Grigg nominated for position of Supt. Dominion Quiz Dept.

May 6th. Mrs. A. T. Richards presided and led the devotions. Reports of the N.C.W. and of the Maori Girls' Hostel reported on by Mrs. Mountjoy. The report of the N.Z. Alliance meeting given by Mrs. Kelsey. During the month two visiting members of the Brisbane W.C.T.U. were entertained by some of the District Officers. Period of prayer for the Hostel and for sick members closed the meeting.

Auckland Dist. Mothers' Day Gathering was held on 12th May in the Pitt Street Methodist Church Parlour. Mrs. Richards presided over a very representative gathering. The following artists presented the programme: Mesdames M. Sawden, G. Lloyd, E. Moore, D. Whyte, and two little girls, Sylvia and Glenniss Wood. Mrs. A. Turton and Mrs. A. A. Hambly, M.B.E., acted as accompanists. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. J. Hulme, who gave a very fine Mothers' Day address.

Remuera, March. Mrs. Robinson presided in absence of Mrs. Kelsey, who was attending Nelson Convention. The Temperance Fact was taken from the White Ribbon. Mr. West and family of Helensville returned thanks for letter of sympathy at the death of Mrs. West, a former member. Mrs. Yates of the Dist. Executive gave an interesting and helpful talk, and in thanking her, Mrs. Mackay presented flowers.

Otahuhu. April meeting was attended by Papatotoe members at 11.30 a.m. Lunch followed a friendly chat, and then the meeting, when Mrs. Hughes presided in absence of Mrs. Jamieson through sickness. Mrs. Sherman and Miss Appleby welcomed and given sprays. On behalf of the members, Mrs. Mears presented Mrs. Hughes with a spray and small gift, as she and her husband were leaving to visit their married daughter in Kentucky, U.S.A. Mrs. Sherman and Miss Appleby both spoke on the World W.C.T.U. Convention they had attended, and were warmly thanked for most interesting talks.

Kohi - St. Heliers, 28th March, at the home of Mrs. Kasper, M.B.E. Mrs. Pearson led devotions. Temperance Fact was read. C.R. report given by Mrs. Chermiside, who is taking over Mrs. Phillips' duties till her health improves. Mrs. Kasper reported on the Dominion Convention in a most interesting address.

Takapuna, April. Mrs. Petchell presided in Mrs. Prussing's absence through illness. Devotions taken by Miss Cullen. Mrs. Petchell gave an interesting and comprehensive account of the Dominion Convention at Nelson. District President, Mrs. Richards was present and gave her impressions of the spiritual side of Convention. She counted it a privilege to be associated with such a band of Christian women. Mrs. Richards thanked and presented with a shoulder spray. Mrs. Petchell presented with 30 years' service badge by Mrs. Richards.

May meeting held at the home of the President, Mrs. E. Prussing. Devotions taken by Miss Cullen and Mrs. Parsons. As this is Polling year, special effort was being arranged for June, for forwarding to the Alliance.

Tauranga, February. Opening meeting for year was addressed by Miss Daphne Brown of the United Maori Mission, Auckland. An astonishing picture of Maori life in the city presented. Devotions led by Mrs. Christian.

March meeting with a very good attendance. Convention Report given by Miss Beswick, delegate to Nelson. Various plans for poll and youth work. Devotions taken by Mrs. Foxcroft, W.R. Agent. A special effort planned for W.R. Funds. Mrs. Williamson, Acting President, in the chair at both meetings.

Wanganui Central. The February meeting took the form of a social afternoon, in which Wanganui East joined. The President of Central Union had the pleasure of initiating two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Russ. In addition eight new names were added to the Cradle Roll, this again being the