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Which Way Will You Vote?

W. F. McGarey, D.D.

In 1952 I read in that dependable and courageous paper “The Covenanters’ Witness” that, in order to reduce the possibility of revolt by native Chinese, against the Reds, 100,000,000 Chinese were allegedly marked by the Chinese Reds for slaughter, and that the programme had allegedly made away with about one million persons, including men, women and children. . . .

“The gruesome tale implied,” continues Dr McGarey in “The United Presbyterian”, “that youngsters and neighbours in some instances had been compelled to accuse even their parents, and then to stand by and applaud while they went to their death.”

We Do It Differently

“But in our countries **we** do it differently. **We** catch them downtown in the bars or in camps, and sell them stuff to take inwardly—stuff that will soon incapacitate them for good citizenship, or for thrift, or for home joys, or for love, and will bring them, not to swift decapitation as the Chinese, but to a lingering and shameful state of no-entirety or to a drunkard’s grave.

Halt the Procession

“Look around you in almost any community, anywhere, and you will find them on their way to such a destiny. Observe the look of despair on the wife’s face, and the fear in the eyes of their children. These victims of the alcoholic poison that we sell them for revenue and for profit cry aloud for deliverance and safety from their broken lives and broken homes.

“The pitiable, helpless, staggering procession across the countries of the world through the years is even greater than that procession of pitiful Chinese who fell under the headsman’s axe.”

Which way will you vote? Will you use it to KEEP GOING this tragic procession through New Zealand, or will you help to HALT it? The Referendum places the responsibility upon each one with the power to vote.

ALCOHOLICS AND ALCOHOL

By Senior-Major H. G. Rogers
Auckland

Within the past five years, fifty-two women alcoholics have been referred to me in Auckland. Of this number, twenty-four have resided for a short period in "Salem House," Door of Hope. Others I have met in the Magistrate's Court, or have visited in their own homes.

Three of these women alcoholics were not as old as the majority whom I have met, as they were under thirty years of age. Most of them have been between forty and sixty years old; one is nearly seventy, and one aged 84 years. The last mentioned was particularly tough and came originally from Denmark—had the constitution to stand it—had spent a few terms in the Inebriates' Home, and the last time that I visited her in a State Pensioner's cottage the front door glass was broken in during the drunken party the night before, so she had to vacate the premises shortly after.

Six of the list have died before reaching seventy years of age. One was found dead in her kitchen the day her pension money had been received, her purse, ripped to pieces, lay beside her, all the money gone. Police made inquiries, but could get no definite information.

One who, as a child of nine years, with her mother and the four other children had to seek refuge in Salem House because alcohol had broken up their home, nearly fifty years later, at the age of 56, was battered in a drunken brawl, lay unconscious in hospital for 10 days, then died, after having been an alcoholic for twenty years to my knowledge.

Another at the age of 66 years was battered to death in a lonely hut, and the man with whom she was living is now serving life sentence for murder.

There were two pairs of mother and daughter alcoholics—one of the mothers has died recently. Fifteen were well-educated women, people with private means.

The majority had been married, but are now living apart or divorced, a few are widows, and in two cases, where they are still living together, the husbands are also alcoholics. By far the greater number are intelligent people, who somehow sink lower than the so-called "working class."

If an alcoholic expresses a desire to be treated for help toward recovery, the Court will usually give her the opportunity to apply for admission to the Inebriate's Home or Mental Hospital. Women alcoholics, when dried out, make excellent prisoners, and appreciate the security of Mt. Eden prison.

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Peace and International Arbitration Department

Dear Sisters,

In these days, when international tension is acute, bitter fighting keeps going on in parts of the world, and human hearts are attacked by fear and anxiety lest war should again become world-wide, we wonder in ourselves what we women of the W.C.T.U. can do for the cause of PEACE. World peace has been a definite aim of our World Organisation since its inception, because a Society which exists for Home Protection must work against War—the Destroyer of Home.

Prayer for Peace. In times of crisis like the present the prayers of our members can bring to themselves and to others courage and calm. "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled". Matt. 24:6. Our prayers can also counteract the atmosphere of hatred and distrust in which war thrives, help us to understand that peace depends, not so much on victory over foes as on a just settlement, and further the purposes of God. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10.

In the home. By example and teaching in the home much can be done to foster World Peace. An atmosphere of love and security is the best preparation for developing mature, well-balanced personalities with a reasonable approach to neighbours near and far, and an attitude of respect for all human beings. The world-wide falling away in home life, and the consequent juvenile delinquency, are greatly to be deplored, and bode ill for the future of all nations. Pray for the homes of all nations.

With regard to the outcry against the testing of nuclear bombs I would recall the resolution brought forward by our World Peace and Arbitration Superintendent at the last World Conference held at Bremen, Germany:

Realising that nuclear energy may be used for evil or good ends, in war as the most destructive weapon ever known, or in peace as a fuel for industry, or in medicine and agriculture, the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union urges the Governments of the nations to continue their efforts to secure limitation of all armaments and the ultimate abolition of weapons of mass destruction; welcomes the efforts of scientists to study the effect of radiation on life, and to develop the safe use of atomic energy in peaceful ways; and supports the plans of the United Nations to set up an International Agency for the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

I shall be glad to hear from Unions that have set up special Prayer Circles for peace and for spiritual re-armament.

Catherine M. Mclay,

Supt. Peace and International Arbitration Dept.

Dr Albert Schweitzer, one of the most outstanding men of the twentieth century, a gifted scholar and distinguished musician, as well as a devoted missionary, declares alcohol to be our greatest enemy.

He says: "Drink is commercially our greatest wastrel; socially it is our greatest criminal; morally and religiously it is our greatest enemy."

The Devotional Period

"WAITING ON GOD"

Devotions taken by **Mrs Flett, of Kvikorai,**
Dunedin, at Dominion Convention, Nelson
Scripture Reading: Psalm 40. Dent. 2:31.

W.R. Hymnal, No. 140.

A great deal is said in the Scriptures about waiting on God, and we know that it takes more patience to just stand still and wait than it does to walk. Patience is such a rare virtue. This attitude of waiting cannot be too strongly enforced. Much of our trouble in life comes from our restlessness, and yes, our oft-times restless haste. We are told to stand still, to wait patiently on God, but how impatient we grow of God's delays.

We read in Psalm 37:23 that a good man's steps are ordered by the Lord. At this verse, George Mueller had a note in his Bible: "And the stops also." We do not always wait for the fruit to ripen ere we pluck it. Often times we think that our prayers are not heard, because the answer is delayed; but we must remember that that for which we ask may require long years in preparation for us. God exhorts us to walk with Him, and often God walks very slowly.

There is another side to this lesson of waiting. God often has to wait for us. Many times we fail to receive the blessings He has for us because we do not go forward with Him. While we miss much by not waiting, we also miss much by over-waiting. At times the Christian must find his strength in just waiting upon God, but at other times he must go forward with a firm step.

Great things were promised to Abraham, but he had to go forward, leaving home, friends, and country to follow into unknown paths. He pressed on in unflinching faith in God, to receive the promised blessings. In the story of the ten lepers, we remember that they were told to go and show themselves to the priests. What would have happened had they remained where they were? They had to obey, and the moment they did so, and their faith began to work, they were cleansed. The people of Israel were commanded to go forward. They were to rise from their knees and press on.

We, too, must do likewise. We are set to fight certain battles, and there are times when we think that we can never win, but remember, as we enter the conflict, there comes One who fights by our side, and through Him we are more than conquerors.

If we wait, trembling and fearing, for our help to come, we may wait in vain, for that would be the overwaiting of unbelief. God is waiting now to pour within us His strength and power and blessing, so let us press forward with assurance and confidence to take what is ours by right. God says, "I have begun to give"; begin now to receive.

Prayer

Eternal Father, Who art our refuge and our strength, we thank Thee that we can make known to Thee our inmost needs. At all times Thy presence is within reach of our prayers. At any time and in any place, we can speak to Thee. So often we show ourselves unworthy of Thy great love. We have let slip those opportunities to do good; we have said the unkind word, and have failed Thee so often, but we thank Thee that there is forgiveness with Thee. Guide us in all the work we seek to do for Thee.

Through Jesus Christ and for His sake. Amen.

DOMINION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

For the last eight weeks I have been travelling in the North Island, and despite the fact that the weather has not been particularly kind, my heart has been warmed by the good steady work of Unions. True, in many instances the work has suffered through lack of members, and yet, in spite of the disappointments, the frustrations, even the open enmity, our work has gone boldly on—in some Unions more so than in others.

One great problem is, of course, how to augment our forces. This would come quickly if our Churches were again more valiant for the abolition of the Liquor Trade than is apparent at present. A great revival of out-spoken men and women is needed—men and women such as the Temperance Cause had in the early years of this century. In those days there were a great many who counted it a privilege and an honour to strike a blow at the Liquor Traffic.

In our Temperance history, many stories are recounted—stories both courageous and humorous, but oh, so thrilling! Have you ever realised what the world owes to the "reformers" of every age? The slave traffic, the cessation of child labour, yea, even the suffragette movement, all had the "minority-reformers" to arouse public opinion, and we are privileged to be among that glorious company. We wonder, do we not, when we shall see the fruits of our labours, though I do not think that that should be our chief thought? Reforms do not come to fruition speedily. The important thought is that we have been called into this work—we are only expected to do our part faithfully in OUR time. God is not hampered with time. All God requires is our faithfulness. His Will is carried out sometimes by just a few trusty disciples, and at other times with a full army. Too, when God uses the few, His strength is given in abundance, for our supply of strength does not depend on numbers.

Who is able to stop God? No man and no trade of evil can do this.

Personally, I feel within me a spirit of elation. This is no time for despair, for God is at work NOW. Never in our life-time has the question of strong drink received more publicity, by way of newspapers, through Courts, from the Halls of Science, and even from the United Nations' World Health Organisation.

Take courage, my friends. The very fact that the Liquor Trade is clamouring, through a network of advertisements, is a sign of its ultimate death. A rotten trade indeed, spoiling, destroying, casting out its human wreckage for us to see. It cannot prosper, for its character is evil.

Two last words. **Wear your little white bow** with gallantry. **It is a witness**, in Church or in the street. The enemy is pleased to see it hidden.

Be prayerful. The **Roll** is almost here. Pray with might, for prayer is the greatest weapon the Christian can use. If your Church and its members are half-hearted on this question, **PRAY**, and believe what you pray. Unbelieving prayer never rises to God's throne, but falls back into your own heart, still-born. Such prayer is the cause of personal discouragement and failure. Believing prayers are our "eagle-wings," and from divine heights the vision is gloriously unafraid.

Yours in joyous service,

Constance Toomer.

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The Introduction Through Sadness . . .

Our Maori Race

By a United Maori Missionary

Annual Festival

"The Maori Messenger" explains the pattern of the Auckland Annual Festival, which has been held for the past nine years, at first in the Town Hall Concert Chamber, but since 1952 in the Baptist Tabernacle.

There is always an atmosphere of reverence and sincerity prevailing. The Maori innate respect for all that is religious is somehow conveyed to the gathering as a whole. You would hear testimonies from Maori people, young people, old people, to the saving and keeping power of their Lord. A number of choir pieces, in both Maori and English, sung by the young people of the Mission's Auckland hostels. Congregational singing, always in Maori tempo, gives people an opportunity to feel that they are an integral part of this very real service of worship.

At the 1955 Festival one of the speakers was Mr Lex Mackay, who has laboured faithfully as a missionary in the Whangaroa district, North Auckland, for many years, and who took as his subject "The Introduction Through Sadness." It is only as the love and sympathy of the Christian worker overflows with sincerity to those in trouble that he can effectively present a Saviour who can save and cheer and comfort. This necessarily calls for understanding and a genuine appreciation of the Maori customs of burial.

The Maoris are an emotional race, and practically every action is governed by their emotions. They have a highly developed community spirit, the family group being the unit. The families continue to live on their ancestral lands, and are almost invariably closely related by the ties of blood or marriage. Life itself centres around the **marae**—the community meeting place—the main building of which is the **hui house**, or community hall.

Thus, when a death occurs, the sorrow is shared by all. Large crowds gather and usually stay with the body over the mourning period of two or three days prior to the burial. Friends and

relatives come in groups to the marae, and are welcomed with a typical Maori karanga (call of welcome). Later, in the hui house, a speech of welcome is made, and in reply to this it is frequently the custom for a Christian to express the great hope of the Christian Church, which is centred in a risen, glorified Saviour.

During the mourning period, every evening, and sometimes through the day, visiting ministers or laymen, conduct service. When the opportunity is given for the missionary to conduct a service, the Gospel goes forth in simple, loving terms, and always makes an impression on the grieving relatives gathered in the presence of the dead. If it is possible, the missionary may stay with the group, but if not, one or more visits are made to the tangi, thus giving untold opportunities to converse with those present.

Pakehas must realise that the Maori tangi was, and still is, a very important feature of their communal life. It is not for us just the opportunity of preaching the gospel, it is a privilege of sharing the sorrow of the bereaved, and with a genuine love for the Maori race, of desiring that they should find in Jesus Christ their Saviour and Friend.

The curse of the tangi today is the pakeha beer, and where the drink is permitted the true value of the communal sorrow is quickly lost. The only antidote to the curse of the drink is **a living faith in a living Christ,** whose Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

About twelve months after the burial, the friends and relatives meet again for the unveiling of the headstone of the grave. This gathering is similar to the tangi, and, again, the missionary has the privilege of joining with their Maori friends in their time of sadness.

Christians, pray for our Maori folk—pray for the missionaries—that they may live so closely to Jesus Christ that their presence at a tangi will always be a blessing and comfort as they point the way to the Lord of Life. The hope of the Maori race lies in winning them to the Christian faith, and wonderful results are being seen. May we be challenged to pray and to give, that they may be won for the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Candid Comments

By Citizen

A class in French cooking was started recently at Hutt Valley Memorial College. A newspaper reported that "after aperitifs at noon in the office of the Principal, the dinner proceeded leisurely and gracefully till the liqueurs were reached at half-past two. A picture of Montmartre, a map of the Bordeaux wine-growing district, and red candles on the table helped to supply the atmosphere, while waiters in evening dress circulated with the first of a succession of wines."

It was disconcerting to find that among those present were the Minister of Education, the Director of Education, the heads of Adult Education, and Mr A. St. C. Oliver, President of the Food and Wine Society. Parents of scholars should protest against such functions, which create a poor example to youth, otherwise this may be the first of many. We did not think much of the advice given at the dinner by the Minister of France, who said: "Before you start, take two or three eggs raw, and then you will be able to drink any amount of alcohol."

The Minister of France would have done better to have told the guests something of the results of the French drinking their own wines. These are some of the pertinent facts: Alcoholic cirrhosis has more than doubled in the past 25 years in France. A total of 5977 French men and women died from alcoholism in 1956. A fighting fund of £200,000 has been given by the French Government to teach teenagers the dangers of drinking. It is to be administered by a committee whose job is to solve the problem of France's 200,000 teenage alcoholics. Parents are to be told that it is dangerous to give their children a daily pint of wine. The committee has distributed 5 million blotters to schools, illustrating the lives of exemplary men who were sober.

We have been told that Australia's drink bill has reached a new record level, and that of £2 spent on food and drink each week, 10s. 0d. of it goes on strong drink. An A.A. spokesman has said that thousands are dying of alcoholism in Australia. A foundation for the research and treatment of alcoholics has been formed in Sydney, and will treat alcoholism as a specific disease. Still more practical sensible is the formation of a temperance movement for teenagers which was launched in Sydney in May. It is known as the Junior Australian Temperance Alliance with Mr Ernest Steed as Secretary, who stated that some teenagers are spending £1/10/- to £2 per week on drink.

While Australians drink about 24½ gallons per capita of beer and stout, New Zealanders have steadily (or unsteadily!) increased their total to 22 gallons a head—an increase of about 100 per cent. over the last 20 years. The result—an increase in alcoholism, bringing about more crime, death, accident, and broken homes. Liquor interests here aim at evening hours of sale, restaurant drinking, barmaids, and grocery sales. **Readers! Be on your guard against insidious propaganda. Make your protest to M.P.'s and newspapers.** The employment of barmaids was investigated some years ago by a British Parliamentary Joint Committee, which reported that 75 per cent. proved to be intemperate.

Advertisements asked for stylish, young, attractive ladies. Mr H. W. Milner, Secretary of the N.Z. Alliance, has said that to introduce barmaids into New Zealand again would be putting the clock back 200 years. To prevent Maori girls from being so employed would introduce race discrimination. If the Trade cannot streamline their bar conditions without sacrificing girls, they should go out of business.

Meantime, Sir William Perry, Chairman of N.Z. Breweries, says, "This year we hope that the vote against Prohibition will be stronger than ever, and that Parliament will accept it as a mandate to abolish the triennial poll by legislation." His firm is concerned with profits only.

The Chief Commissioner of Delhi, in the meantime, has banned all advertisements for whisky and other intoxicating liquor and drugs. Although complete prohibition has been introduced into several Indian states, Delhi itself is not yet "dry". It has, however, two dry days a week. Public drinking in hotels and bars is already banned, and people may only drink in the privacy of their own homes and clubs. The President of India is one of 24 Kings and Heads of Governments who have agreed to ban all alcoholic beverages at social and State functions. The list includes the Kings of Sweden and Saudi Arabia, the Emperor of Japan, the Presidents of India and the Philippines, and the Prime Ministers of Holland, India, and Ceylon.

A pamphlet on Alcoholism has been issued by the National Executive of the N.Z. Federation of Labour. The Federation asks for Alcoholism to be recognised as a disease for financial support of the National Society, but not a word about Total Abstinence as a means of prevention. This must go hand in hand with efforts to assist the alcoholic. While the Federation is to be commended for its efforts, they could do more by facing real facts.

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While the tide is so swift that they are caught up in it again on discharge from an institution, it would appear that, in many cases, it would be preferable if they could be kept permanently in security. However, if that course were followed the general public, who now know so little of the wreckage caused by alcohol, would never be aware of this menace.

Why not request our scientists, who have so deftly split the atom, to now confer with the victuallers and concoct an exhilarating beverage to be used on all social occasions to replace alcohol—a new liquor, delightful to the taste, which would cheer, but not inebriate. And, better still **ABOLISH LIQUOR BY YOUR VOTE.**

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Remarkable Service to Community

By Frances North

Mrs S. J. Kirk

Mrs S. J. Kirk, of Wellington, and mother of the late Miss C. E. Kirk, in addition to her Church work, was intensely concerned with the welfare of women and girls in the community. She served for many years on a Committee of the Ladies' Christian Association (quite distinct from the Y.W.C.A.), whose members used to welcome immigrant girls brought out by the Government for domestic service, and to assist them in every possible way. The Association also did visitation work amongst the poor and needy, distributing gifts of food and clothing.

Mrs. Kirk was President of the Wellington W.C.T.U. for 11 years, and during her term of office organised classes for factory girls, teaching them to read and write and to sew and cook.

Her three daughters rendered remarkable service to the community.

Miss Amy Kirk

Miss Kirk was a teacher and a Sunday School teacher for thirty years, and in addition was local secretary of the W.C.T.U. She was appointed visitor to the Wellington Hospital by the Wellington Hospital Charitable Aid Board and continued this service for thirty years.

Mrs A. K. Atkinson

Mrs Atkinson, mother of Miss Janet Atkinson of Wadestown, rendered outstanding service to the W.C.T.U., commencing with the Y branches before she was married. She was Wellington President and was Dominion President for a period of 12 years up to 1906. A noted public speaker, with a good sense of humour, she toured New Zealand, speaking for the N.Z. Alliance, of which she was a Dominion President. Her leadership was also shown in the Presidency of the Wellington Pioneer Club, National Council of Women, and N.Z. Community Welfare Association. Mrs Atkinson was also a foundation committee member of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children.

Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

Miss Kirk's teaching career took her into country schools and finally to the staff of the Otaki Maori College. After 1921 she devoted herself to social work, and was an executive officer of the Society for Protection of Women and Children for 20 years, specialising in Court work and helping to save girls from undue publicity when before the court.

Miss Kirk served as local and Dominion President of the W.C.T.U. and was the N.Z. Recording Secretary for 20 years. She was the second woman to be sworn in as a J.P. in Wellington (1926), and in 1935 received the "King George V Jubilee Medal." She was the foundation President of the Wellington Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary, and also held office as a local and a New Zealand President of the National Council of Women.

This record of noble achievement presents only a very brief survey of the lives of Mrs S. J. Kirk and her three honoured daughters.

ABSTINENCE LITERARY CAMPAIGN

Mr H. Grocott, Hon. Sec., 31 Athens St., Wellington, advises that 10 sets of 10 leaflets per set may now be purchased for 5/-, that is, 100 leaflets comprising 10 each of 10 different sorts. With the increase in demand the cost will be further reduced.

—Ed.

Austrian Refugee Children's Villages

W.C.T.U. Appeal for Gift Parcels

Dear W.C.T. Unions,

At Nelson Convention this year an appeal was made to our Unions to send Christmas parcels again to the Austrian Refugee Children's Villages. There are now four such villages, and apart from feeding and clothing the children, the promoters of this most humane enterprise have nothing over with which to provide presents for them at the Christmas season. For the past two years Unions have sent a number of parcels, and maybe this year boys and girls as well as members would like to have a share in bringing happiness to these children.

Gifts must be small and light in weight. The Austrian W.C.T.U. President receives and delivers the parcels to the village matrons, and last year the gifts were shared with Hungarian child refugees. W.C.T.U. districts could help by collecting gifts in from their Unions and despatching the goods in one parcel, or if they so wish, the individual Unions can send them separately.

The parcels should be posted by the **second week in October**, and **parcel rates are as follows:**

3 lbs, 7/6; 7 lbs., 10/-; 11 lbs., 13/6; 22 lbs., 23/6.

The Austrian President's address:

Miss Hedwig Meissner,

Brehergasse 6,

Vienna XIX/117, Austria.

In filling in the P.O. form state that the parcel of gifts is for Austrian Refugee Children.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

Verna J. Jackson.

63 Cole St., Masterton.

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A. D. Grigg,

Business Manager.

Legal and Parliamentary Dept.

Please read this at Union Meetings

Re Gambling, the Hon. S. Smith, Minister of Internal Affairs, writes (1) The Government will not introduce a triennial poll on off-course betting, as it does not consider the views of the people have changed since the last referendum was carried by a large majority. (2) Efforts are being made to stamp out illegal betting, but the collection of evidence is very difficult. (3) He considers that the incidence of gambling is not getting out of hand, but if it appears to do so the Government will consider imposing restrictions. (4) Minors are prohibited by the Gaming Amendment Act 1953, from betting at T.A.B. agencies—not only is the minor liable for prosecution, but the person who sells the ticket, too. The same position applies to race courses. (5) The T.A.B. agency at Waiouru is subject to the same regulations as other agencies. Minors, whether training as territorials or not, are prohibited from betting at the agency, which has been declared out of bounds by the military authorities.

Re Contraceptives, the Hon. Mr Marshall, Minister of Justice, writes that travellers for the two principal brands are given instructions to solicit orders only from chemists, and that the police do not think it common for irresponsible persons to sell contraceptives. Up to December 31st, 1956, six offences were reported, and in one of these the offender was fined £130 for selling contraceptives to children under 16. The police will be glad of any information enabling them to take action. The Minister does not think the limitation of sales to chemists would help. Persons over 16 may lawfully purchase them, and therefore it is immaterial where they are purchased. The real demand comes from married people. Even if only chemists sold them, people could still stock up from chemists for illegal sale.

Note: We think that the answer is not satisfactory. Evidence given to the Commission on Juvenile Delinquency showed this problem to be quite a serious one as far as young people were concerned. It is important that our members get concrete evidence wherever possible.

Re Liquor on Aircraft. The Hon. Mr Shand, Minister in charge of Civil Aviation, writes: N.Z.N.A.C. states that liquor is **not** sold on the Corporation's aircraft. TEAL states that, in view of world-wide practice by international operators, it would be difficult for them to discontinue the sale of liquor on their aircraft, as they think it would be contrary to the wishes of the majority of their passengers. TEAL, however, can refuse to carry any passenger who is intoxicated, while any crew member is liable to summary dismissal in case of drunkenness or use of liquor on duty. No member of the flying staff may consume any alcoholic drink during the period commencing twelve hours prior to undertaking flying duties.

Re Drunken Motorists, the Hon. Mr Goosman, Minister of Transport, writes: Existing legislation provides for a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment or £500 fine, plus one year's disqualification of driver's licence in the case of drunk-in-charge drivers causing bodily injury. Where there is no bodily injury the maximum

penalty is 3 months' imprisonment or £100 fine, plus one year's minimum disqualification. The period of automatic disqualification for drunk-in-charge offences, after the first, was recently increased from 3 to 5 years. The whole matter is to be reviewed again with regard to penalties after discussing with Magistrates. **With regard to blood testing,** the N.Z. Road Safety Council is not satisfied that such a move would be of advantage to this country. The Government is very conscious of the problem of the drinking driver, and every means which is likely to prove of practical value is being explored with a view to ameliorating the gravity of the problem.

Note: The Minister did not comment on other suggestions re urine test. The evidence from this test has just been used for the first time in the Auckland Magistrates' Court, and was instrumental in the conviction of a drunken driver. Why, we ask, should air pilots have to refrain from liquor for 12 hours before flying and motorists be allowed to control a car when the motorist is in such a condition through liquor as to give his car lethal possibilities?

Re Broken Bottles. Since we received a reply from the Minister on this matter it has been interesting to note that nearly 12,000 people have signed a petition urging special legislation to deal with this menace. Two Borough Councils, a Town Council, and 14 County Councils have signed the petition on behalf of 115,000 ratepayers, and the Auckland District St. Johns Ambulance, on behalf of 2,500 members. The petition was sponsored by the Kaitaia and District Progressive Society and has already been presented to the House by the Hon. Mr S. Smith. The Petitioners claim that a large proportion of the glass comes from broken beer bottles. The result will be of great interest to us.

We note the intention of **Mr Boord, M.P.,** to introduce a Bill to establish a Racing Commission to control totalisator permits. At present these permits, which are, in effect, licences to hold race meetings, are controlled by the Minister of Internal Affairs. We hope this will not eventuate. The establishment of the Liquor Control Commission has not helped in reducing facilities for Liquor, and it is likely that the same would apply with regard to the Racing Control Commission. There would, in all probability, be a big increase in racing permits, and already there are too many. It is not a good thing for Cabinet Ministers to shift their responsibilities on to such Commissions, in matters relating to the moral welfare of the people.

L. K. V. Grigg,

(Director, Legal and Parliamentary Dept.)

I believe that the drink traffic is one of the greatest evils which curse our land today. Every week that I live, I am more convinced that the political power of the liquor traffic, and the drinking habits of our people, are of the greatest—if not the greatest hindrance in the way of everything that makes for national righteousness and the betterment of the condition of the people.—**The late Viscount Snowden,** Chancellor of the Exchequer.

UNION NEWS

Wellsford, June. In the unavoidable absence of the President and Vice-President Mr T. Bamford, minister of the Church of Christ, kindly chaired the meeting and conducted opening devotions. The guest speaker was the District President, Mrs S. S. Green of Dargaville, who was accompanied by Mrs Rowlands, Deputy Mayoress. Mrs Phillips presented a shoulder spray of roses to Mrs Green, whose message was one of challenge and inspiration. Roll Call, a verse from Ephesians. Collection for W.R. Funds, and successful Bring and Buy.

Auckland District Executive, June meeting. Mrs A. T. Richards (President) presided, and Mrs B. Christopher led the devotions. The work of the Maori Girls' Hostel was reported on by Mrs F. W. Mountjoy, who also gave the report of the Annual Meeting of the N.C.W. It was decided to hold our District Convention in October. Mrs C. Toomer, Dominion President, is expected to visit Auckland in a week's time. The report of the Mothers' Day Gathering given by Mrs W. Clarke.

July Executive Meeting with the District President in the chair. Devotions again taken by Mrs Christopher. Mrs A. T. Richards reported having visited several meetings in connection with the Methodist Women's Auxiliary, addressing them on W.C.T.U. work. Mrs Richards also gave the N.C.W. monthly report. Miss E. Appleby reported on the combined meeting in connection with the Methods Dept.

Remuera May meeting was held at the home of Mrs Robinson. **June 17th**, two sessions were held at Methodist Hall. Mrs Kelsey presided, welcoming Mrs Kasper and members of 5 other Unions. Mrs Kasper explained the School of Methods Dept., and Miss Appleby read a paper on same. Mrs. Kasper led devotions, members recited texts, followed by sentence prayers. Three-minute speeches were given by Mesdames Hutton, B. Jonas, and Yates on "How Can a Member Promote the Ideals of a Union?" Noonday hymn sung. Much helpful advice was given on the duties of officers and departmental work explained. The lunch hour was a time of happy fellowship. A vote of thanks to the hostess union, and sprays given to the speakers. A Trading Table brought in £1/10/- for W.R. Funds and £3 in donations.

Papatoetoe May meeting. Mrs Bartlett presided and took devotions. A welcome was extended to our guest speaker, Mrs Richards, who gave a bright and inspiring address on the recent Nelson Convention. We were happy to enrol a new member, Mrs F. V. Frost. A collection of £3 was taken up for the Alliance.

Kohi-St. Heliers May meeting was held at the home of Mrs Kasper with good attendance present. Prayers, verses of Scripture and suitable hymn for Mothers' Day. Mrs Kasper gave a talk on the origin of Mothers' Day. It was decided to work for a stall as a donation to the N.Z. Alliance. 3 members received—one by transfer and two new members.

June meeting at Mrs Kasper's home. Mrs Pearson led devotions following the theme of "Peace". Routine business done and Mrs Kasper gave a short talk on the Maori Girls' Hostel. Discussion on the work followed. Mrs Chermiside showed things she had made for bazaar. An interesting talk on Good Citizenship was given by our guest speaker, Mrs Davis, who was given a hearty vote of thanks.

Tauranga, June. "White Ribbon" Day observed and a special collection realised upwards of £20 for W.R. funds. Devotions led by Mrs York. Interesting address given by Mrs R. McNaughton, Editor of "Home and Country", with special stress being laid on the duties of reporters. Matters of general rather than of local interest should be reported. The great value of a magazine to any movement was emphasised and the need for all members to support it was pointed out. Feeling reference to the passing of Miss Kirk, whose association with the Union had been very close.

Napier, June meeting with Mrs Bartle (President) presiding. Devotions led by Rev. Nancy Ward. The guest speaker was Mr Johnson, who had recently returned from a fact-finding tour of India under the auspices of Corso. His address was chiefly based on the distribution of gifts to the distressed of India. We were reminded that India is making rapid progress and many Indian women have risen to high status in Leadership and Government positions. India is making great strides in the banning of Alcohol.

Wellington District Executive, April. Miss Jackson presided. The hostess Union, Johnsonville, conducted devotions. 7 Unions represented. Mrs F. J. T. Grigg gave a report on two Methodist Guilds addressed and Mrs J. H. Grigg had a very profitable time with Northland and Thorndon Missionary Auxiliary groups. Brigadier Marshall to speak at Knox Presbyterian Guild. Decided to invite these groups to a social afternoon. W.R. report was given by Mrs J. H. Grigg, who stressed the high costs of printing and urged Unions to strive for new subscribers. Decided to appoint an official reporter to World Bulletin. Noonday hour observed. Temperance Quiz discussed. Miss Jackson gave very interesting talk on speakers at Convention. Mrs Melvin reported on the Road Safety Council.

June Executive Meeting with the President in the chair and Wellington Central as hostess Union. Mrs. Melvin led devotions. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect

to the late Miss Kirk and in sympathy with Miss Atkinson and Mrs Hall. Market Day in October discussed and Mrs Burton Mitchell made Convener of the Committee and representative to the Jun. Chamber of Commerce meeting for Market Day. Mrs Melvin and Major Fletcher conducted last Lower Hutt meeting. Churches there to be contacted before next monthly meeting. Mrs Kent to be asked to try and arrange for W.C.T.U. speakers into some of the Upper Hutt Church meetings. Decided to purchase 2 doz. bottles grape juice from Greenways Orchards, Te Kauwhata, for sale to members. A Fruit Juices book to be sent to Aunt Daisy. Mental hospital visiting discussed. Mesdames Galloway and Delecar visit regularly. Miss Jackson spoke on the Maori Question, urging Unions to observe Maori Day. Poll work discussed. For Austrian parcels, gloves, scarves, and soft toys most acceptable. The District entertained Northland and Thorndon Ladies' Guilds after lunch, and Mrs F. Grigg spoke on the W.C.T.U., its beginnings and achievements. 4 ladies joined our ranks. Afternoon tea.

Karori. A special effort for W.R. Funds brought nearly £5. Some entrants gained for Temperance Quiz. President to take Temperance Instruction for G.L.B. examination for badges. 2 new members received.

Nth. Canterbury District Executive, July, with Mrs Griffiths presiding. Miss E. Gainsford reported on the Council of Christian Education and the helpful co-operation of the headmasters and teaching staff of the various schools. A report on Alcoholics Anonymous was very interesting. A Garden Party was recently held at Mrs Ewart Smith's home, where funds were raised for District Executive.

Riccarton. June meeting celebrated as 34th Birthday Party. Mrs Griffiths presided and devotions were taken by Miss L. Hughes. The Riccarton Townswomen's Guild entertained a crowded Hall with choruses, action songs, solos, duets, piano/forte solos and recitations—all very greatly enjoyed. Each entertainer received a small gift. Mrs Griffiths read extracts from our "White Ribbon," and gave figures of alcoholics in New Zealand, asking our guests to remember this when they voted. Over £5 resulted from trading table.

New Brighton, May. Mrs Wrighton in the chair and Mrs Edmonds took devotions, her subject being "Be still and know that I am God." Mesdames Edmond and Wrighton had visited 12 patients at the Mental Hospital. "Peace Day" was observed and the guest speaker, Mrs. Walton, received a hearty vote of thanks.

June meeting, 46th birthday party. Mrs Wrighton presided and welcomed many members from other Unions, who brought greetings. Sympathy was expressed with Miss Gamble in the loss, so suddenly, of her mother, who was our Temperance Fact Supt., loved by us all Also with Mrs Mitchell in the loss of a brother. A delightful programme, arranged by Mrs Reeve, was given by Mesdames Reeve, Coltart, Swallow, Ancell, and Pashby. A birthday cake was given and cut by Mrs Wrighton.

Papanui, June. Mrs W. Blight presided over good attendance. Mrs Neville led the devotions. Report on Mental Hospital visiting by Mrs Anderson and Coley received. £1 sent to District Funds. Mrs Hugh Graham gave a helpful address on "Where are you living now?" In it she likened life to a three-storeyed house.

Timaru, May. Mrs Wood presided and devotions taken by Mrs Smith. Our guest speaker was Brigadier Henry Goffin of the S. Army, who was accompanied by Captain Grant. The Brigadier spoke on his work amongst the youth, and we were delighted to hear of the splendid way in which he tackles this most important work.

June meeting, with Mrs Wood in the chair and devotions taken by Mrs Dellow. Guest speaker, Miss Pullar, Field Organiser for the Crippled Children's Society, who outlined the many aspects of this valuable work. Special collection for W.R. Fund, Sailors' Rest and N.C.W. reports given. Remits discussed, Children's Colouring Competition judged and prizes awarded. An apron competition in May and a cake competition in June to enlarge our funds for advertising Temperance Facts in our newspapers.

Dunedin Central, May. Mrs Tood, Vice-president, conducted the meeting. Mrs Garden took devotions. Our guest speaker, Mrs Woolman, President of the N.C.W., gave an interesting and instructive talk on the Abolition of Capital Punishment.

June meeting presided over by Mrs Todd in the absence of Mrs Hiatt. Mrs Garden led devotions. Special prayer offered for our sick members. The guest speaker was the Rev Mr Enright, who gave the history of the Bible-in-Schools Movement, which has made great strides since its inception. What is still wanted? More Bible lesson teachers, more interest by the public and more prayer. The speaker's inspiring address was much appreciated.

Dunedin South, May. Mrs Flery presided over fair attendance. A very interesting talk was given by Major Hannaford on her work as Probation Officer and social worker. Mrs Creighton conducted devotions and was also farewelled, as she is shortly to take up residence in Christchurch.

Balclutha, June. Mrs Gill presided. Monetary donations were given to the Timaru Seamen's Rest and the Dominion White Ribbon Fund. We were soon to farewell a member, Mrs Huston, who is leaving to live in the North Island.

Newspaper cuttings re liquor Traffic were read. Hymn and Benediction.

Mataura, April. Devotions led by Capt. Denham. One new W.R. subscriber. Report of Nelson Convention given by Miss Muir. Offering received for Seaman's Rest.

June meeting. Mrs L. Covic led devotions, speaking of the Rechabites. Discussion re Temperance Quiz. Offering for W.R. Funds.

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ASHBURTON-TINWALD, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist School-Hall. Pres., Mrs. McIlroy, Carter's Terrace, Tin-

wald; Cor. Sec., Mrs. L. Lion, 38 Cameron St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. T. Pethick, Wakanui Rd., Ashburton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Pierce, 190 East St., Ashburton.
AUCKLAND, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St. Pres., Mrs. J. Long, 9 Matai Rd., Cheltenham; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Swan.
BALCLUTHA, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Presbyterian Church Choir Room. Pres., Mrs. V. Gill, Main North Road; Sec., Miss A. Thomson, P.O. Box 78; Treas., Mrs. G. D. Walker, Cossens St.; W.R., Mrs. E. Williamson, Cossens St.
BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall, 10.30 a.m. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace; Sec., Mrs H. Stansfield, 168A Onewa St.; Treas., Mrs N. Wilson.
BLenheim, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Steel, 4 Lee St., Blenheim; Sec. Mrs. R. Waime; Treas., Mrs. F. W. Harris.
BROOKLYN, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. T. H. Reed, 6 Bruce Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Jordan, 235 Happy Valley Rd.; Cor. Sec.-Treas., Miss O'Connor, 37 Washington Ave., Brooklyn.
CAMBRIDGE, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres. Mrs. F. A. Parry, Wordsworth St., Leamington; Sec., Mrs. A. Burt, 29 Queen St.; Treas Mrs. H. Larsen, Robinson St.; C.R., Mrs. H. Larsen; W.R., Mrs. P. R. Hunt.
CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL, Cambridge Tce. Methodist S.S. Hall, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs I. Wilson, 258 Lyttelton St., S.W.1; Sec., Mrs H. A. Hunt, 89 St. Andrews Hill Rd.; Treas and W.R., Mrs Angus, 287 Worcester St.; C.R., Mrs Harding, 359 Worcester St.
DARGAVILLE, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Green, Gordon St.; Sec., Mrs. F. G. Smith, Awakino Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. T. Heathcote; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Cuthbert.
DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Mildon; Secretary Treas., Mrs. H. P. Turner; Cor. Sec., Miss Thompson.
DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Hanover St. Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs J. Hielt, 11 Duke St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lithgoe and Todd; Sec., Mrs Jackson, 34 Cunningham Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Farquhar; W.R., Mrs Graham, 11 Northfield Avenue, Ophoho, 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. W. Hes, 5 Niedpath Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Graham, 32 Sidey St.; C.R., Mrs. L. Page; 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. G. E. Holley, 51 High St.; C.R., Mrs. J. Towers, 41 London Street.
EPSOM-GREENLANE, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Fire Station Hall, Greenlane Rd., Greenlane. Pres. and Sec., Mrs. T. H. Eccersall, 88 Market Rd., Epsom, S.E.3.; W.R. Supt., 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. H. E. Hart, 9 Camden St.; Treas., Mrs. Belk, 174 Manchester St.; W.R., Miss M. Masters.
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. Clancey; Sec., Miss Roo's, 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.
HASTINGS, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres. Mrs. E. Linyard, S. Hastings St.; Sec., Mrs. M. Pitt, 1015 Waipuna St.; Treas., Mrs L. Doig, 502 Frederick St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Herbison, 301 S. Willowpark Rd.
HAWERA, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. M. Hurrell, 2 Little Regent Street; Sec., Miss Callagher; Treas., Mrs. Yearbury; W.R., Mrs. Gane; C.R., Mrs. S. Barkla.
HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs D. MacLeod, MacLeod Rd., R.D. Henderson; Sec., Mrs J. E. Thompson, "Casa-loma" R.D. Henderson; Treas., Mrs Tunks, Gt. Norton Rd., Henderson; W.R. Agent Mrs J. E. Thompson.
HOKITIKA, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. Cropp, Livingstone St.; Sec., Mrs. Strop, 84 Fitzherbert St.; Treas., Mrs. Sweeney, Rolleston St.
INVERCARGILL, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Salvation Army Social Hall. Pres., Mrs H. Tinker, 43 High St., Rosedale; Sec., Mrs J. M. Watson, 14 Mitchell St.; Treas., Miss H. S. Jamieson.
JOHNSONVILLE, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. McBride, Main Rd.; Sec., Miss I. Mitchell; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson.
KAIAPOI, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking; Cam 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. S. G. Phillips,

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LEVIN, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs Kennerley, 30 Cambridge St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs V. Hudson; Corr. Sec., Mrs Halliwell, Bartholomew Rd.; Treas., Mrs C. Palmer.

LINWOOD, last Tuesday, Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. League, 163 Shaw Avenue, New Brighton; Sec., Mrs. Stokes; Treas., Mrs. McMillan; W.R., Miss A. Schumacher.

LOWER HUTT, Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laing's Rd., 2 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, 22 Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. J. P. Cooper.

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MASTERTON, McLaren Room, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Miss V. Jackson, 63 Cole St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener; Treas., Mrs. Hoare, 28 Sussex St.

MOTUEKA, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. G. Lunn, Saxon St.; Sec., Mrs. A. Bisley, Queen Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Wratt, Whakawera St.

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Orange Hall, Acting Presidents, Mrs W. R. Bartle, 136 Battery Rd., Mrs H. Ryan, 8 Burns Rd., Napier; Sec., Mrs Pearce, 28 Vigor Brown St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs V. Martin, 194 Wellesley St.; Acting Treas., Miss C. L. Ennor, 62 Georges Drive.

NELSON, 2nd Tuesday, W.C.T.U. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. G. Rankin, 64 Washington Valley Rd.; Sec., Mrs. W. Ross, 65 Washington Valley Rd.; Treas., Mrs. A. E. Doel; W.R., Mrs J. Andrews, 100 Brook St.; C.R. Mrs E. Wilson.

NEW BRIGHTON, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Wrighton; Sec., Mrs. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale St.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Last Tuesday, Whately Youth Centre, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. M. Atkins, 20 Aubrey St.; Sec., Mrs W. F. Powell, 80 Seaview Rd.; Treas., Mrs H. Simpson, 285 Carrington St., New Plymouth; Seamen's Rest, Treas., Mrs H. O. Cole, 54 Pioneer Rd. Parcels or money to Mrs Cole.

NEWTON EAST, 4th Thursday, at 7.30 p.m., Newton East Mission, Dundonald St. Pres., Mrs. Yates, 27 Amy St., Ellerslie; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Davison, 9 Maori Street, Avondale.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Cambridge Terrace Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. M. Griffiths, 87 Riccarton Rd., Chch.; Sec., Mrs. J. E. Stokes, 24 McLean St., Chch., E.1.; Treas., Mrs. L. R. Pugh, 65 Hartley Ave., Papanui, Chch.

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NORTH EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Church of Christ Hall. Pres., Mrs L. Jamieson, James St.; Sec., Miss G. Gibbs, 118 North Rd.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Wednesday, February, April, June, Sept. Pres., Mrs S. S. Green, Gordon St. Dargaville; Vice-Pres., Mrs Singleton; Rec. Sec., Mrs Keyte; Corr. Sec., Mrs Lane, 15 Lovatts Cres., Whangarei; 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, Mrs H. Grigg, 2 Malvern Rd., Te Papapa; Treas., Mrs E. Mead, 3 Alcorn St., Royal Oak.

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. Height, 66 Opawa Rd.

OTAHUHU, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. C. Jamieson, 59 Walmsley Rd.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. E. J. Mears, 621 Great South Rd., Auckland, S.E.7.

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PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in U.E.C. Rooms. Pres., Miss Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Sec., Mrs. M. R. Claridge, "Thornbury," Millford Rd.; Treas., Miss Dale, 611 Church St.

PAPATOETOE, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Rd.; Pres., Mrs. C. Bartlett, Ranfurly St., Puhinui, Papatoetoe; Sec., Mrs. C. L. Mollard, 54 Kenderline Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Fretwell.

PICTON, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., —; Acting Vice Pres., Mrs Millen; Sec.-Treasurer, W.R. Agent, Mrs A. T. Powell.

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 Tessie.

REMUERA, 3rd Monday, Methodist Hall, St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. L. Kelsey, 32 St. Vincent Ave.; Rec. Sec., Miss Tozer, 25 Princes St., Northcote; V.-Pres and Corr. Sec., Mrs. G. Robinson; Treas., Mrs. Arnold, 107 McCullough Ave., Mt. Roskill; W.R., Miss Harlow.

RICCARTON, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Clarence St. Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. S. Griffiths, 87 Riccarton Rd.; Sec., Mrs. J. Buggy, 20 Sylvan St., Hillmorton; Treas., Mrs. Thomas, 15 Division St.

RICHMOND (Neilson) 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. Hunter, Hill St., Richmond; Sec., and W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, 30 Waverley St.; Treas., Mrs. Houston, Hill St.

ST. ALBANS, last Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Salvation Army Hall, Cranford St. Pres., Mrs E. Walton, 17 McMillan Ave.; Sec., Mrs E. M. Osborne, 70 Purchas St.; Treas., Miss M. Dudney, 11 Oxley Avenue.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE. Pres., Mrs Dev. c/o 95 Studholme St., Morrinsville; Vice-Pres., Mrs Moor. Mrs Christian, Miss A. M. McLay. Sec., —; Treas., Mrs Eastwood, 2 Wellington St., Hamilton East. Meetings as arranged.

SPREYDON, Salvation Army Hall, 2nd Tuesday. Pres., Mrs. L. H. Woodcock, 258 Lyttelton St.; Sec., Mrs. Bowden, 74 Selwyn St.; Treas., Miss J. Brown, 138 Lincoln Rd., Spreydon.

STOKE, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs N. Polglase, 6 Taupata St., Stoke; Sec., Mrs J. H. Cowan, Poistead Rd.; Treas., Mrs L. B. Walker, Willow Ave.

TAURANGA, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., Salvation Army Hall. (Acting) Pres., Mrs Williamson, Pitt St.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Christian, Bulmer, Woolford, and Starke; Corr. Sec., Mrs Christian, Fairlight, Sixth Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Marsh, King John St.; Treas., Miss Beswick, First Avenue.

TAKAPUNA, 1st Wednesday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; Sec., Mrs Galbraith, 1 Lombard St.; Treas., Miss P. Prussing; W.R., Miss Gordon.

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall; Pres., —; 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. B. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Soole.

TE KUITI, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church Vestry. Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bruce, Jackson and Christensen; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. G. Elliott; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Smith; C. R., Mrs. Christensen; W.R. Mrs. Coyle; Seamen's Rest, Mrs. E. Smith.

TE KUITI (Maori), 1st Friday, 11 a.m., "Te Huinga" Maori Centre. Pres., Mrs. Baker, No. 1 R.D., Te Kuiti; Sec., Sister G. Clement, Box 102; Treas., Mrs. M. Joseph, 54 Awakino Rd., Te Kuiti.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailor's Rest. Pres. Mrs H. A. F. Wood, 37 Victoria St.; Sec., Mrs S. Dellow, 22 Guinness St.; Treas., Mrs A. Heron, 57 Orbell St.; Sec.-Treas., Sailor's Rest, Mrs N. Dickenson, 80 Evans St.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Duckett, Mary St.; Treas., Miss S. Hayman; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills; W.R., Miss I. Kennard.

WAIPIKURAU AND WAIPAWA, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. alternate months respectively. Pres., Miss Bibby, Rose St., Waipawa.

WAIROA, H.B., 2nd Tuesday. Pres., Mrs E. Houghton, Queen St.; Sec., Mrs B. G. Winter, P.O. Box 140; Treas., Mrs H. T. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Salvation Army Hall, Wicksteed St. Pres., Miss V. Kendall, 133 Harrison St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Wilson, 3 Marshall Ave., Wanganui East; Treas., Mrs. Crawford, 23 Alexander 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; Sec., Mrs A. W. Gittos, Neville St.; Treas., Miss J. Davie-Martin; W.R., Mrs. Rowe.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., at Cambridge Terrace Congregational Schoolroom, pro tem. Pres., Mrs. Mitchell, 13 Stafford St., C.4., Wellington; Sec., Mrs. Hall, 402 Muritai Rd., Eastbourne; Treas., Miss Kirk, J.P., 57 Pitt St., Wadestown.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 134 Ghuznee St., Wellington, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. I. H. Barbour, Poplar Ave., Raumati Sth.; Sec. Major A. Fletcher, 134 Ghuznee St.; Treas., Mrs. Parrant, 40 Nottingham St., Karori; W.R., Mrs. Barbour.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, at Headquarters, bi-monthly. Pres., Miss V. G. Jackson, 63 Cole St., Masterton; Acting Sec., Mrs. J. H. Grigg, 1 Mallam St., Wellington, W.3.

WELLSFORD, 4th Tuesday, 1.45 p.m., alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. C. H. Singleton; Sec., Mrs. D. G. Stubbs, No. 3 R.D.; Treas., Mrs Singleton; W.R., Mrs. A. Powell; C.R., Mrs. A. Powell and Mrs. W. Cullen.

WHANGAREI, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres. (Acting), Mrs W. J. Roberts; Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs T. P. Lane, 15 Lovatt's Cres.; Treas., Mrs E. J. Hills; C.R., Mrs Rarity.