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Election Day . . .

The Ballot . . . A Protection

To Home and Family?

“I know it is a touchy point”, declared the late **Clinton N. Howard**, Editor of “Progress”, when asked to provide a Father’s Day Message for “The National Voice” readers, “but the time where vast multitudes fall down is the day when every father should use the **BALLOT** to protect his boys and girls, their mother and the home.

“There is **one day** when he neglects all these, if he puts his love of selfish indulgence and pleasure first, and that day is **election day**.

“Father is worthy of his day and its gift or greeting, for he supports the home by his labours. He shoulders arms in defence of it and his country, and guards it against fire, violence or harm, to protect his family. No matter where or what father is, remember him on Father’s Day.

WHERE HE FALLS DOWN

“Perhaps it might not be inappropriate, even while appreciating his worth, to tell him that there is one important place where he falls down if **he votes for the liquor traffic**. For he knows full well that the greatest enemy of his home is Liquor and the Liquor Trade that lies in wait on almost every corner and town to ruin the health of his family, to corrupt their morals, to wreck their prospects, to derange their minds, and to help to lay them in a premature grave, as it has done to countless thousands in every country.

“And yet, I say, knowing all this, how many fathers will enter the **ballot box** in the forthcoming election and support candidates who will continue to legalise liquor death-traps throughout the land, as well as to cast their licensing vote in favour of this nefarious trade?

LIQUOR TRAFFIC WOULD DIE

“The great tragedy of our time,” continues Clinton Howard, “is that so many fathers and mothers forget all about Father’s Day, Mother’s Day and Judgment Day! Let me suggest a slogan for that day:

I’ll vote as you want me to vote, dear Lord,

This curse from our country to free;

I’ll pray as you want me to pray, O Lord,

And cast a dry ballot for Thee.’

“Then, if Christians will **do that**, in **one election**, the Liquor Traffic will **die**”.

DOMINION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

Since last writing I have had the privilege of attending the Alliance Conference and it was such a good one and so heartening to see many younger men, both clergy and laymen, taking an enthusiastic approach to present liquor problems. No one can deny that liquor is a problem, and no one can be so blind that they cannot see the wreckage it is leaving in its path. It is good to know that the Temperance forces are not weak, either in the churches or out of them: there are many sober-minded men and women who today feel a sense of alarm and responsibility with regard to the future of our country and our young people. This is good. The Liquor Trade is going all out with regard to advertising, but when statements are made that are untruths and deliberate half-truths, then such advertising cannot prevail. One important factor the Trade has left out of its count is that this is God's Universe and, because it is, it is governed by God's moral law. We remember the false propaganda of Germany and Italy during the regime of both Hitler and Mussolini, do we not? Both failed because both built on falsehood. Someone has rightly written, "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small", and we who are older can look back on history—the world's and our own personal history, and testify to that concept. Let us get on with our work quietly and efficiently and we shall build towards a "loftier race than yet the world has ever known". As I pointed out in my last letter to you, it does not matter if we do not see the fruit of our labour; the point that does matter is that we do our part in the building of Christ's Kingdom, the part that is ours. We may not live to see the roof go on, but go on it surely will if the workers build in the bricks that are given into their care. Please, dear members, do not have a "Stop-meeting", often they are not a blessing but an unforgivable nuisance! . . .

Our meeting with the District Presidents was a very happy occasion and one which will help Unions. Ten Presidents were present for the a"-day meeting, and it was good for your Dominion Officers to get a closer contact with the key women of our organisation. We appreciated the personal sacrifice the Presidents made to get to Wellington; they came from as far north as Auckland and as far south as Dunedin. . . .

Mrs Singleton, our Editress, was unable to get down to Wellington for the Dominion Officers' meetings, owing to family ill-health, but we are sure she will be greatly heartened if you make good use of the "White Ribbon". After reading it yourself, see that it gets passed on to a friend or neighbour . . . it is a worth-while paper and a wonderful way to advertise the message of Temperance.

Most of you will be preparing for Annual Meetings when you read this; my best wishes to you for happy and profitable meetings. I do trust you will have a deep sense of the presence of God, which calms the heart, strengthens the nerves, ennobles the mind and which purifies with the touch of love our inmost spirit.

Yours in Joyous Service,

CONSTANCE TOOMER.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS

Nominations for Dominion Officers for 1958-59 close with the undersigned on November 6th 1957: Consent to nomination must be obtained.

Remits for Convention should be sent to Mrs F. J. T. Grigg, 61 Friend St., Karori, Wellington, by November 1957. Copies of these will be sent to Unions for consideration at their February 1958 meetings.

L. E. DELLOW,
(Dominion Recording Secretary)

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A. D. GRIGG,
(Business Manager.)

Note re Donation to "W.R." Funds through Brooklyn Union by Mr D. C. Mason: Through a misunderstanding it was stated that Mr Mason collected old coins, but the coins referred to and sold as donations to "White Ribbon Funds" were bequeathed to Mr Mason.—Ed.

YOUNG ABSTAINERS' LEAGUES DOMINION SECRETARY APPOINTED

At the recent Annual Meeting of the N.Z. Alliance in Wellington, the Leagues, about which an article appeared in the June-July issue of "The White Ribbon", have been taken over as the Youth Department of the Alliance.

Consequently a Dominion Secretary of the leagues was appointed and we applaud the choice of Mr Alex. J. MacClure for this position, for many W.C.T.U. members recall his enthusiasm and work as a member and officer of the "Y's" in Auckland when they were a thriving part of our youth work.

Write to Mr A. J. MacClure, 5 Wainui Street, Nelson, when any information, badges, etc., are required. It is gratifying to learn that quite a number of our Unions are interestedly taking up this work, but many more could avail themselves of the opportunity to have a Young Abstinence League formed in their midst.

The Devotional Period

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37. Text Verses 1, 7 & 8.

W.R. Hymnal No. 145.

FRETTING

Let us talk about this sin of our Modern Age. It has been said "fretting is the sin of good people". All fret at some time or other. The word means "to eat away", as we masticate or digest food, or as a moth "frets a garment" (Ps. 39:12). From some, fretting is temporary. Convalescence from an illness, perhaps, when every molehill becomes a mountain; or fretting for loved ones gone from us, finding the blank that remains, but in time with returning health and an adjustment of moral and spiritual balance, fretting eases and brightness of life returns. **There is one kind of fretting, however, which becomes a habit. It is unnecessary, harmful and wrong.** It makes us miserable, discontented, irritable. We suffer from imagination, lose our joy and become a burden to everybody, including ourselves. As Christian women we must, at all costs, eradicate it from our character.

There is an old rhyme which goes:

"Fret not, 'tis wasteful, for it lets thy work;
And selfish, for it doth thy neighbour irk;
And faithless, did not God thy lot prepare?
But chiefly needless, being healed by prayer.

1. 'Tis wasteful, for it lets thy work! "To let" is "to hinder". A fretful spirit is a hindrance to us in our work. We cannot give of our best if there is the canker of fret eating its way into our hearts and thoughts. Fretting souls do little for others. They cannot give comfort in need, for they are too engrossed with themselves; work, instead of being service, becomes slavery; time is wasted, joy, strength, and possibilities for service lost.

2. And selfish, for it doth thy neighbour irk! Who wants to live with a fretful woman? What a dreary prospect for husbands and children at the close of the day! The whole spirit of the family is lost and home-coming filled with dread; neighbours try to avoid her; friends give her a wide berth. It is a selfish habit and it lets down the temperature of the home. King Solomon said "Better a dry morsel and quietness therewith than a house full of sacrifices and fretting . . .", and again, "Like a continual dropping on a very rainy day is a contentious woman . . .", and, sadly enough 't is not only women who fret. "The foolish man perverteth his way, and his heart fretteth against the Lord". Fretting becomes complaint, and one thing leads to another. It is a perversion of God's will for us, and our complaining evidence of our lack of trust.

3. And faithless, did not God thy lot prepare? Fretfulness is the direct opposite of faith. If we believe God reigns, not only in the world, but in the small personal kingdom of our lives, He has a plan for us, and He will guide us step by step along the way **if we trust Him**; He will control circumstance and direct our way. We must not fret.

Such trust is only possible to a true child of God, who knows the Lord Jesus as a personal, loving Saviour, and who lives by the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

4. But chiefly needless, being healed by prayer. Yes, needless, but only to those who know the quietening of prayer. The secret of prayer is that we carry our frets and problems and burdens to God. We trust Him implicitly, for He has said, "Before they call, I will answer. . . ." Christ has assured us that "Our Father knoweth that we have need of these things". Need for help and courage; for faith and patience, for power and peace of heart. In Him we find the wherewithal to face life in the knowledge of God's wonderful love for us. There is a healing power in prayer and in the assurance of God's protective care. So says the Psalmist, "Trust in the Lord **and do good. . . .** Delight thyself in Him and He shall give thee thy heart's desires. . . . Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, **and He shall bring it to pass.**"

D. Hulme-Moir, Bishopdale, Nelson,
(Dominion Supt.).

LISTEN, MOTHER!

"Listen, Mother!" The times must be countless when small children, verbally, or by approach, make this request. Naturally, to them no one is more suited to listening than Mother, and to the woman, interested in her child, the practice of lending a listening ear is most rewarding.

Quite often, it would seem, there is not time enough. In a home, the art of coping with innumerable plans and minor problems gets plenty of scope to develop. Can't we all say "Amen" to that statement? But as children are enthusiastic in their joy and urgent in their need, postponing their news or confidence is not easy. To a small child few things are unimportant. When, later, what may be thought a "suitable" time arrives, the urge to "tell Mum" may have waned, or, with a sensitive child, may have been sent into the background and so something precious has been lost by both.

Having proved ourselves good listeners to the juniors, they, as their years add up, sense our desire and willingness to be available at all times.

Many a mother has reason to thank God when, being moved by joy, sadness, or anxiety, her child has come with confidence and "told Mum"—feeling assured that he or she would be met half-way with interest and sympathy.

Joys are doubled, and troubles halved when shared—so get the habit and "Listen, Mother!" You will never regret it.—D. M. P.

—W. R. Signal, Australia.

Drinking is a problem that merits the concern of the Church, because the Church is under mandate to resist every form of human activity that is injurious to man's spiritual and moral well-being.—Clifford Earle.

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The Power of the Franchise

Election Day Responsibility

Once more the wings of time bring us face to face with a Poll Year. Upon every citizen over 21 years of age who is not disfranchised for any reason lies the responsibility of casting their vote for a member of Parliament. The Women's Christian Temperance Union is particularly interested that women should rise to their responsibility and cast a vote for the man who will later vote for a policy in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ, who was the greatest individualist the world has ever known. He taught that every soul stands alone in its relation to God, and each one must bring his own life into accord with God's laws.

It is the duty of the state, that is, the members whom we elect, to see that conditions are fair and just, and to hold the balance evenly between different and oftentimes opposing factions. To all should be given the opportunity to work and to render service. Material prosperity, though, is not true wealth, but a nation's best asset is the character of its people. And to the State belongs the function to provide conditions that will encourage our youth, the men and women of tomorrow, to work honestly and to win the crown of true Christian character.

The W.C.T.U. fought the battle for women's franchise. Mrs Sheppard, W.C.T.U. Franchise Department Superintendent, led the forces to victory and when the fight was won and Earl Glasgow had signed the Bill, the Hon. R. J. Seddon telegraphed to Mrs Sheppard "The Electoral Bill assented to by His Excellency the Governor at a quarter to twelve this day". Later, Mr Seddon presented to Mrs Sheppard the pen with which Earl Glasgow signed the Bill. This pen was later deposited in the records at W.C.T.U. headquarters in Brougham Street, Wellington.

But, though women could elect, it was some years before they could be elected, and still longer

before the first woman M.P. was elected to Parliament, and this was Mrs Elizabeth McCombs, Dominion Treasurer of the W.C.T.U.

A DIRECT VOTE ON ONE QUESTION

As well as the power and responsibility of electing a member to Parliament, we have the responsibility of exercising a direct vote upon one question only. Is the Licensed Liquor Trade to continue, and if so, how? The New Zealand ballot paper contains on it three issues, and from these three a choice must be made: 1. National Continuance; 2. State Purchase and Control; or 3. National Prohibition.

The evils of alcoholic beverages have been set forth in these pages for many years. Alcohol remains the same to our day as when the franchise was won for the women of this country. It is still the enemy of children, of mothers, of the home and of the nation itself.

"God has no vote at the ballot box

Save the one that you and I cast for Him."

We must not neglect this opportunity, this responsibility. **Just one vote**, but what a power lies behind the vote of every Christian man and woman in New Zealand. We **MUST** use our vote.

—N.P.

CONCEALED COSTS

"The cost of concealed alcoholism is enormous. In many countries adult males in need of treatment for alcoholism outnumbered those in need of treatment for tuberculosis by several hundred per cent."—United Nations World Health Organisation.

CANADA—EVEN IN MODERATE USE

"There are no drinks conducive to health among alcoholic beverages; even the extremely moderate use of those which have the lowest alcohol content is never really beneficial".—Medical Union of Montreal.

Candid Comments

By Citizen

We did not think much of the insistence of the Rev. Carl Uehling, Lutheran minister of U.S.A., on his right as a clergyman to drink socially. The newspaper reporting him said that he thought drinking was not wrong, but drunkenness was. He needs to study again Paul's passage on freedom in the Epistle to the Galatians. Moderate-drinking clergymen in our own and other countries have, through example, been the excuse for too many young people starting the habit. We heard of the case in this land of a church elder who entertained dark-skinned students in his home, offering them liquor. Unfortunately, he started them on a habit they did not have before coming here. Clergymen who have the true interests of their congregations at heart will abstain from liquor. Alcoholic institutes have clergymen numbered amongst their patients.

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The annual report of the Controller of Police shows a disquieting increase in crime, particularly theft. This should not be in a country with such good social conditions, but other countries also have their worries. The U.S.A. Senate Juvenile Delinquency Committee noted a serious increase in crime and that 200,000 teenagers contract venereal disease each year. Teenagers visit Mexican border towns where prostitution, drunkenness, sale of narcotics, perversion, and all forms of vice flourish openly. The committee said that some of the worst cases occur in new-housing projects. Some years ago people argued that bad housing was the main cause of crime, but we have some trouble in our new areas. It would look as though good housing does not change bad natures. A reporter of a suburban newspaper in one of our main towns visited a city hall and noted a disgraceful condition. Teen-agers indulging in what can only be described as orgies of love-making, drinking and exhibitionism. Young people of both sexes from 14 to 16 years, in unpleasant states of intoxication. He begged parents to keep track of their young people's activities.

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An exhibition of comics in Parliament House, Wellington, showed most of the 160 titles banned since the Indecent Publications Act 1954. None of those banned had been disputed by the distributors. In the display, examples of unnecessary violence were illustrated, including a case of men being burned alive and another of men's faces being burned with acid. Some new magazines in U.S.A. are a vast success and are rivalling such ones as "Life" and "Look" in their sales. These new ones are frankly physical in tone; photographs of near nudes, cartoons of incidents on desert islands and in harems, their stories angled for men. We do not like the look of some of a similar kind easily purchased in our own book stalls and shops of New Zealand.

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The series of large beer advertisements put out by the Liquor Trade are subtly designed to influence electors at the coming poll. One of the

worst ones noticed was put out by Newmarket Wines and Spirits Ltd. In it you are invited to bring gaiety to the party with Rock and Rye, the whisky-based cocktail. The young people portrayed certainly look as though they have had too much Rock and Rye themselves—a poor advertisement for their drink. Those who indulge in this drink can be set rocking in a way which will make them a nuisance to others. Too many examples of this kind of rocking can be seen in our streets after 6 p.m.

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India again sets an example. The Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, says that drink will not be served at formal functions. If people come for free drinks only they can keep away. It encourages loosened tongues in foreign office and defence officials. An Indian Embassy function held in Washington some time ago was one of the best of the year. Delicious fruit drinks were served, and the guests commented on their excellence.

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The President of the Methodist Church in Australia has made a trenchant attack on an Australian firm for building a brewery in Fiji. He accused the firm of following a disgraceful policy of stimulating sales of beer to Fijians.

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We read that the Tasmanian Treasurer not only wants football pools, but also favours casinos. These gambling devices will all find their way over here if we are not vigilant.

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Yes, even publicans admit they are worried sometimes about the effect of drink. Some in Wellington have refused to have sporting teams because of the damage to property. A member of the trade had the honesty to point out that many publicans were only too happy to sell liquor to visiting teams. They could only blame themselves for the results.

Yet another publican says that the matter of supplying minors has always been of grave concern to hotelkeepers (is this true?). "We have taken every step we can to **alleviate the evil**," he said. A minor was often brought into the hotel by his friends or **even his father**".

In Delaware, U.S.A., retail package liquor stores actually asked the State Legislature to adopt a Bill requiring stores to close at 9 p.m. instead of midnight, "**because we are deeply concerned over the rising rate of highway accidents and lawlessness in our State**". It is enlightening to get some publicans to admit damage caused by their trade.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY CHAIRMAN

The newly-elected chairman of the **British Labour Party** is Miss M. Herbison, M.P. for Lanark N., Scotland, who has been the representative for that constituency for eleven years. Miss Herbison was Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Scotland in 1950-51.

She is a total abstainer and an active member of the **Workers' Temperance League**.

TEMPERANCE ACTIVITIES

PROGRESS IN OTHER LANDS

(White Ribbon Bulletin)

Our Indebtedness

Dr Haven Emerson, a pioneer public health physician and a former health commissioner of New York City, died in May at the age of 82. A grand-nephew of Ralph Waldo Emerson and a graduate of Harvard University, the Doctor distinguished himself in many ways in his medical career. His knowledge and fame gave valuable emphasis to his pronouncements and publications connected with alcohol and the drink problem. He was author of "Alcohol and its effects on Man".

Almost every summer he was one of the lecturers in the Narcotic Education course at National W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Evanston, Illinois. The W.C.T.U. and the whole world cause of Temperance is greatly indebted to Dr Emerson for his contribution, educationally and morally, toward the undermining of the drink habit.

Chile

Chile now has local Unions in 28 towns, with an approximate membership of 400. A National Union was organised by Mrs Farnsworth in 1939, but as long ago as 1905 W.C.T.U. work was being carried on, and Medal Contests were organised.

The Literature Department reports the placing of Union's posters on the walls of principal railway stations by courtesy of the General Manager of Railroads.

Some of the best rewarded efforts have been those among children. For example, after a children's meeting in a poor neighbourhood, a little girl, on returning to her home, was asked by her father to go and buy wine from the corner store. She went out, taking the money, but returned with a package of fruit! A boy Sra Guerra's son, student at a Government school, had to prepare, in common with the rest of his class, a short speech on any subject. He selected "Alcoholism" and was congratulated by his teacher; it was the first time such a topic had been chosen. Such episodes should cause local Unions in every land to begin work among children. It pays dividends.

Korea

In February the nation suffered the great loss of Dr Myo Mook Lee, M.A., Ph.D., at the early age of 55. Commencing as a teacher at a Methodist High School in Kongju, he proceeded from one important post to another in education, journalism, U.N. Commission on Korea, etc. Since June 1951 he served as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to the Court of St. James, London.

Dr Lee and his wife (graduate of the Kongju Methodist Mission School and Ewha Women's College), have shown a great interest in the work of the W.C.T.U., and graciously invited Mrs Heath to represent the World's Union at a number of functions. This brilliant, capable man was kindly, with a sense of humour. Mrs Lee has returned to Korea, and the profound sympathy of W.C.T.U. members in New Zealand, too, would go out to her and her three sons in their great loss.

An Organiser Interviewed

Under the caption "Liquor is a Deceiver and Causes Ills", a Puerto Rico newspaper, "World Journal", published recently a long article about Mrs Irvine-Rivera, with her picture. She has travelled something like 100,000 miles organising W.C.T.U. Groups in Latin America, U.S.A., Canada, and Nova Scotia. She has five children and an adopted daughter.

When she had her first child the doctor told her to drink a little beer for nourishment, but she asked him, "Isn't there anything else just as nourishing?" He said there was, and so she had chocolate instead. Her husband, Pedro Amado Rivera, San Juan attorney, is a strict teetotaler. The writer of the article asked Mrs Rivera what she thought to be the main evil of drink. She replied, "The evil of drink shows itself gradually. First, you find inefficiency, then ill-health or immorality; immorality in all its different phases. A man or woman may very soon lose the higher conception of life. You see," she went on, "liquor attacks your brain. It weakens the whole system. It can bring on heart disease, tuberculosis, and modern research is showing that alcohol is one of the major causes of cancer".

On the wall of Mrs Rivera's office is a text, **Ephesians 6:11**: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil".

Ulster

The 36th Anniversary was celebrated in an elegant mansion in Belfast, property of the city authorities. Under the presidency of Mrs Wilton a large company gathered to enjoy a lavish supper, which included a large iced cake, decorated with a white bow. The meeting which followed was addressed by Mrs H. C. Heath, World Corresponding Secretary, and by Miss Patterson, an organiser for the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union. There was much rejoicing, for Miss Patterson, in co-operation with the W.C.T.U. leaders, had been instrumental in preventing the free distribution of Australian wine to women textile workers in many Belfast factories—part of a campaign to publicise Australian products. Miss Patterson said that she spoke for thousands of women employees, many of whom complained bitterly about introducing young girls to drink in this way. She believes women have got to set a standard. The whole proceedings were vitalised by success in answer to prayer.

Canada

It looks fairly certain that the Saskatchewan Vehicles Act (which will cause drivers to lose their licences if they refuse to take the Drunkometer Test when suspected of driving under the influence of drink) will shortly become law.

Hon. C. M. Fines, who sponsored the bill, stated, "We will go to the limit the law will allow to put drunken drivers off the road for all time, and we will use every means at our disposal".

England

The "Education Authorities throughout the country were asked to disallow the use of any

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Legal and Parliamentary Dept.

Please read this at Union Meetings

Re food supplies and manpower used in the manufacture of liquor. W. R. Leonard, Director of Statistics Office of United Nations Organisation, writes that they do not collect statistics on this particular matter.

Road Safety. Both the Minister of Transport and the Road Safety Council were written to concerning the large beer advertisements which advise people to drink beer on all occasions, and their use of Road Safety Slogans. The Road Safety Council says that these advertisements will not refer in future to the Road Safety Council, but will continue to quote from the Road Code. **The Hon. Mr Goosman, Minister of Transport,** says that he can do nothing with regard to the actual advertisement. **Note:** It is extraordinary that the Transport Department has advertised asking motorists **not to drink before driving,** and yet the Minister says he can do nothing about an advertisement telling people to drink beer on all occasions.

Hotel Workers. I was concerned when, through a friend, I visited the living conditions of kitchen staff of a large licensed hotel, and also to hear of the difficulty of the staff in obtaining uniforms or uniform allowance. A letter to the appropriate Union secretary brought the reply that (1) Officials from the Health Department, with some of the Police Department, visit each licensed hotel regularly, and inspect the kitchen and living quarters and all departments of the hotel; (2) Proprietors of licensed hotels must provide kitchen staff with uniforms or with uniform allowance.

Note: I find it difficult to believe that these officials passed the accommodation which I saw, and it seems that the regulation re uniforms can be evaded. Some folk without homes take up this work to get a roof over their heads, and are frightened to complain owing to the difficulty of finding other accommodation.

Mental Health Act. In some places W.C.T.U. members make visitation of mental hospital patients part of their work. Legislation before the House will make committal easier. There has been considerable discussion recently about the need for stronger safeguards in the procedure for committal to mental hospitals. The proposed amendments appear to relax these safeguards rather than to strengthen them. The Public Trustee is to be given more power over estates. He will be able to use up to £500 for any one person without the Court's approval. For the purpose of improving patients' properties this could have its advantages.

Tranquillising drugs. We are glad to see proposals to restrain the sale of tranquillising drugs by chemists, who have stated that they welcome this suggested legislation.

The Annual Police Report refers to the difficulty of the police in enforcing licensing legislation. We congratulate the police on recent vigorous action in spite of loopholes found by defending counsel in the law. The report said that it would be idle to suppose that the bookmaker is disappearing. There were 75 convictions in 1956. The police work under difficulties. Both Inland Revenue and Post and Telegraph Departments have information which could lead to many more convictions, but the police are denied the use of this information.

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Within the Veil

Mrs A. E. Stacey, Onehunga Union

On 5th April our greatly loved sister, Mrs A. E. Stacey, was called to Higher Service. She had held office of various kinds since 1917, which included secretaryship for 17 years, and Maori "Y" Branch superintendency for 5 years.

Mrs Stacey was also associated with inaugurating the Bible-in-Schools League during her six years as a committee member. In addition to the love and esteem of her family, she treasured the fellowship of the Methodist Church and found joy in supplying "Y.P." Supplements to the S.S. Her last piece of service for our Union was to bring our "Book of Remembrance" up to date.

Mrs Muriel Rippin, Dunedin South

The death occurred in March of Mrs Rippin, who had for many years been a faithful member of Dunedin South Union. She had held many offices in the Union, having been president and then secretary for many years. She was also secretary of Otago District for upwards of ten years.

Mrs Rippin was always unafraid to speak out in favour of the Prohibition Cause, and against all the evils associated with the Drink. The funeral service was held in the Musselburgh Presbyterian Church, which was well-filled with friends and acquaintances.

Mrs May McRae, Blenheim

The Blenheim Union has suffered the loss of a faithful officer and member of many years in the unexpected call Home at only fifty-two years of age of Mrs May McRae. Less than two months before her death she was taking devotions at our meeting in May, being laid to rest on our meeting day of July. The funeral service in Wesley Church was followed by the W.C.T.U. service conducted by the President and Secretary. Later, members formed a guard of honour for the cortege as it left the Church.

Mrs McRae will be much missed for her kindly, self-effacing, willing service and for her faithful work as Corresponding Secretary, Cradle Roll Superintendent, and Peace Superintendent, all offices being held by her at her death. She has truly earned her Saviour's commendation, "Well done".

GRAPE PUNCH

1 pint of grape juice, 1 cup of orange pulp, 1 cup of sugar, 4 cups water, juice of two lemons, juice of two oranges, 1 cup halved and seeded grapes.

Boil water and sugar gently for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool, add fruit juices and fruits and serve with ice cubes in cocktail glasses. A cherry could be put on top.

W. Carlsson, Johannesburg.
(S. African W.C.T.U.)

UNION NEWS

Whangarei, August. Maori Day speaker was Mrs M. Malcolm, local Maori Welfare Officer, who told of education, placement, and housing, the three main aspects of her work. It was a very interesting and informative address, supplemented by brief talk by Mrs Rangi Brown, President of the local Maori Women's Welfare League. Members urged to take helpful interest in new Maori Centre being built in town. Sacred duet by the Maori members, Mesdames A. Marsh and E. Pitman. Temperance Quiz and Film discussed. Poll literature and White Ribbon Special Fund donations forwarded.

Wellsford, July. Enjoyable meeting with visiting speaker Mrs W. Phillips from Warkworth, accompanied by Mrs Nelson, who sang with Mrs Phillips and also rendered a solo. A most interesting talk on Maori and pakeha life. Bunches of daphne presented to the guests. Roll Call—verse from Philippians. Bring and Buy for funds. Collection for Maori work.

Auckland District Executive, July 29th. A very enjoyable morning tea was held in the Tabernacle Hall to bid farewell to Mrs H. Kasper, M.B.E., who was leaving to attend the Australian W.C.T.U. Conference in Perth in August. Mrs A. T Richards presided and wished Mrs Kasper a happy journey and safe return, and presented her with a small gift and shoulder spray. Many of the members wished her journeying mercies and a posy of violets was presented by Mrs J. W. Long. Mrs Kasper replied with warm thanks for the gift and the function and wishes.

Auckland District Executive, August, with the President, Mrs Richards in the chair and conducting devotions. It was decided to assist with Joint Street Day Appeal for Hospital Auxiliary and Kindergarten Association in September, also with the sale of Health Stamps on the first day. Mrs Mountjoy presented reports on the Maori Girls' Hostel and the N.C.W. Miss H. Grigg reported that Temperance Quiz entries had reached a record this year. Mrs Richards, Auckland Area of the Alliance delegate to the Dominion Annual Meetings, gave a concise report of these meetings, and also of the meeting of the 9 District Presidents with the Dominion Officers for one day.

Henderson, July. Opening devotions. Mrs MacLeod read an article on Poland, brought by Mrs Platt, and members asked to pray for this country. The book "Six Mighty Men" was added to our W.C.T.U. library. Jars of jam brought for Maori Girls' Hostel. Prayer asked that new Matron be found for Hostel—an urgent need. Pulpit notices to be sent to new housing area re our meetings. Poll leaflets to be obtained for distribution. Mrs Richards then addressed us, basing her talk on Nehemiah 6:3, giving a most enlightening and challenging address, urging the need for spiritual mothers and fathers. Thanks expressed and bouquet of flowers presented. Hostess: Mrs Tunks.

Remuera, July, with Mrs Kelsey presiding. Members engaged in prayer. Recitation and song given by Mrs Walters. Mrs Christopher of the Dist. Executive gave a very interesting, helpful talk. A letter of thanks for magazines sent to their hospital was read from Tonga. Arrangements made to raise funds for N.Z. Alliance work for coming poll.

Onehunga, June. Successful School of Methods held here with Mrs H. Kasper presiding. Other Unions attended this meeting. "White Ribbon" Day observed after lunch. World Convention episodes given by Miss Appleby concluded a very happy and profitable day.

Takapuna, July. Mrs Prussing presided and Miss Cullen took devotions with Mrs Parsons leading in Prayer. The guest speaker was Mr W. E. Roberts, a member of the Licensing Committee. "This," said Mr Roberts, "is a year of activity, being polling year. We must educate the public to overcome their apathy regarding the great enemy with which we are dealing—the Liquor Traffic". A donation was sent to the Alliance. The splendid efforts of Alcoholics Anonymous were discussed.

St. Heliers, July. Meeting at Mrs Kasper's home. Mrs Pearson led devotions. Memorial Day observed and Mesdames Don, Taylor, Perynan and Miss Kirk remembered, as well as our own members, Mesdames Lediard, Lewis Eady, Gribble and Farr. Next two meetings at home of Mrs Phillips, in absence of Mrs Kasper. In June £1 sent to W.R. fund. Miss Appleby gave an interesting talk on the last World Convention.

Tauranga, July meeting addressed by Mrs Toomer, Dominion President, who was visiting the South Auckland District. A most stimulating talk urging the greatest activity possible in poll work, this being a crucial test poll. Good attendance.

August meeting addressed by the Rev. I. Muir on the position of the Maori today and yesterday. Four years of ministry in the King Country had given the speaker first-hand knowledge. Gratitude expressed by president for very clear outline of events leading to the present situation. Delegates appointed for District Convention at Hamilton, September 17th. £5 more received for "White Ribbon" fund.

Wanganui District Executive special meeting to arrange for visit of Mrs Toomer. Also leaflets had arrived for dis-

tribution, 1000 each, from S.D.A. and St. James' Presbyterian Church.

Wanganui East, June. Annual social and Bring and Buy. Mrs R. Kuss took devotions, speaking on "Contentment". A most enjoyable programme followed, comprising items from St. Albans Methodist Ladies' Choir, violin solos by Lieut. Carduelo, solo by Mr Russell Brown, and elocution, Mrs Strachan. The stall resulted in raising £14.

Brooklyn, June. One new member. Paper read on "How to Vote". Decided to approach each local church women's organisations with the request that it be read at a meeting before the poll. Mrs Reed, Pres., spoke on the Young Abstainers League successfully launched in Palmerston North. Ministers Assoc. to be asked to appoint a member to organise a League in Brooklyn. A small Bring and Buy in aid of W.R. funds.

Christchurch Central, July, with Mrs I. Wilson in the chair. A most interesting meeting. Devotions led by Mrs H. A. Hunt reading from Phil. ch. 4. A paper, "Ourselves and Our Neighbours" read, telling of the unconscious influence for good or ill exerted by everyone. Mrs Angus reported on the N.C.W. meeting re the life of Dr Doris Gordon and the proposed memorial to her honour. An article on Alcoholics Anonymous read from Australian magazine "Woman's Day". Mrs Wilson read an article on the great work of Dr Reece in an English mental hospital where wonderful results were being obtained. Mrs J. McGregor and helpers served afternoon tea.

New Brighton. Devotions taken by Mrs Edmond, with Mrs Wrighton in the chair. Warm welcome extended to Mrs Griffiths, District President, our guest speaker, who dealt with several aspects of our work. Mental hospital patients had been visited by Mrs Wrighton and Mrs Aston.

Spreydon, June, Mrs L. H. Woodcock presided and devotions led by Mrs H. L. Heec. Mrs G. W. Thomas gave a very interesting talk re the need for Children's Homes.

July. Devotions taken by Mrs Murray. Our meeting has suffered the loss of an aged member, Mrs Askeff, members standing as a mark of esteem and remembrance. Donation to be sent to Funds. Each member contributed an item. Miss Brown closed with prayer.

Riccarton, July. Miss Hughes led devotions—"God gives real hope and true faith". Letter from M.P. for Riccarton, Mr Connelly, saying he did not favour any move to extend the hours of sale or to extend facilities for sale of liquor. Dist. Exec. report read. Miss E. Gainsford to speak on Council of Christian Education in August. A letter to go to Miss Mabel Howard re the shortage of raisins. Decided to publish Temperance Facts in newspapers. Miss Hughes wrote to papers re Liquor advertisements. Sympathy expressed with Mesdames Sutherland and Murray in loss of their mother. Mrs Griffiths read the Convention Service of Remembrance.

Dunedin South, July. A most interesting and informative talk was given by Dr Medicott on the subject of Capital Punishment. Mrs E. Fluery presided and members were entertained with a solo from Mrs Beamish. Miss R. Dewar conducted devotions.

Balclutha. July meeting presided over by Mrs Gill. Devotions were taken. Mrs Thomson read a paper prepared by Mrs J. Hiatt of Dunedin on the evils of the Liquor Trade, emphasising the need for young people to be total abstainers. Meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

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For the first time in New Zealand the **Urine Test** was submitted recently, in a case in Auckland, as the final proof of intoxication. In spite of the reluctance of doctors, it seems that tests of some kind will have to come eventually, and this particular test need not involve extra work for the medical profession.

Special note: All Unions must get busy to ascertain their Parliamentary candidates' opinions on evening hours of sale, restaurant drinking, grocery sales of liquor, barmaids and gambling facilities. When you write, keep a copy of your letter with date. I know only too well that many candidates, in spite of it being most discourteous, ignore letters on these questions. If no reply is received within a reasonable time, write again or telephone, quoting date of previous letter, and say that your Union is most anxious for a reply as soon as possible. If no reply at all is forthcoming, assume that "he who is not with us, is against us."

L. K. V. GRIGG,

(Director, Legal and Parliamentary Department).

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form of alcohol for school cookery classes" as its inclusion causes anxiety and distress to many parents and children.

In view of the increasing tendency to supply alcoholic drinks to patients in hospitals, regardless of their personal wishes in some cases, Hospital Regional Boards were urged to discontinue such provision. (This wasteful expenditure of public money is in marked contrast to the strict rule that doctors shall not prescribe intoxicants for patients in the National Health Insurance Scheme). Resolutions under Peace and International Relations dealt with the needs of Hungarian and other refugees; the discontinuance of hydrogen bomb tests; the systematic reduction of armaments, the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction. The Council welcomed the new member, Ghana, and promised to pray that the new State "may take its place in the vanguard of Temperance and all Social Reforms."

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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. Douil; 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. Willfamson, 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. Waive; 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. L. 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.

DARLAVILLE, 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.

DANNEVERKE, 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. Hiatt, 11 Duke St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lithgoe and Todd; Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Conington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Farquhar; W.R., Mrs. Graham, 11 Northfield Avenue, Opoho, 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. Iles, 15 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-GREENHANE, 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, 2.50 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancey; 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.

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. North 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,

No. 1 Hathaway Ave., Karori, W.3.; Treas., Mrs. R. Watchman.

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. Teague, 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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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, Whitely 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.

NORTHCOTE, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Turner, 16 Seaview Ave., Northcote; Sec., Mrs. L. J. Hockenhuik, 32 Richmond Ave., Northcote; Treas., Mrs. Wyatt, 20 Vincent Rd., Northcote.

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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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 (Nelson) 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. Waiton, 17 McMillan Ave.; Sec., Mrs E. M. Osborne, 70 Purchas St.; Treas., Miss M. Dudley, 11 Oxley Avenue.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE. Pres., Mrs Dewe, c/o 95 Studholme St., Morrinsville; Vice-Pres., Mrs Moore, 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 L. 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, Polstead 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 Lomond 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. H. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Soole.

TE KUITI (Pakeha), 4th Thursday in the Methodist Parlour at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs R. Hudson, Lemmidge St., Sec.-Treas., Mrs T. A. Brown, Box 177; W.R. Agent, Mrs C. J. Coyle, King St.; Hospital Visitor, Mrs E. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mrs M. D. Bruce, Mrs N. P. Christensen.

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. Kenward.

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 Maritai 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. J. 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. C. 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.