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THE RADIANCE OF CHRISTMAS

Sir H. W. Baker

*O Christ, Redeemer of our Race,
Thou Brightness of the Father's Face,
Of Him, and with Him ever One,
Ere times and seasons had begun.*

*Thou who art very Light of Light,
Unfailing Hope in sin's dark night,
Hear Thou the prayers Thy people pray,
The wide world o'er this Christmas Day.*

*Today, as year by year, Thy Light
Sheds o'er the world a radiance bright,
One precious truth is echoed on,
"Tis Thou hast saved us, Thou alone".*

*Thou from the Father's Throne didst come,
To call Thy banished children home;
And Heaven and earth and sea and shore,
His Love who sent Thee here, adore.*

*And gladsome too, are we today,
Whose guilt, Thy blood has washed away;
Redeemed the new-made song we sing,*

IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR KING.

DOMINION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

I do wish you a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Strange things have happened this year; things which have caused most of us food for thought. We cannot say this year's history has been a happy or contented one: we had the Suez Canal crisis and then we have had to face up to the new power of the Satellite and what it could mean to the whole world should knowledge thus gained, be put to uses detrimental for mankind. Somehow the spirit of Christmas seems like an echo from some "far country". But this is false reasoning. The spirit of Christmas is the very spirit of God spilling over in love towards men and this should rest and indwell every Christian's breast. It is such a lovely quietening thing to know that Christ was aware of this era in which we find ourselves today, and said, "when these things come to pass, lift up your heads, your redemption draweth nigh." The Christmas spirit is but a foretaste of what is to be. Let us warm ourselves in that spirit and cover and protect others from fear, by the warmth and certainty of God's Goodwill towards all Men.

I know that Christmas seems to rush upon us so quickly and each year we remark that it was "only yesterday" we were celebrating this festive season. But despite the hurried tempo of our days, it is good to come aside to this gay Festal Day, the day on which the Lord Jesus came to earth to gladden and inspire the wilful hearts of men and to lead them and us to the Heart of God. Some of you will go a-holidaying, some will stay at home and some will go picnicking. Wherever we may be, let us in spirit, draw near to the Angels and Archangels who, on that gladsome morning, burst the silence of Eternity with the grandest music earth has ever heard. Let us capture in our hearts the meaning of Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men. This Peace, this Goodwill, is not some ethereal Utopia of the Mind, but it is to be a working, cleansing, healing, active force, and this is needed today. We have missed the point sadly, if we simply, with a wistful nostalgia relegate the whole Christmas story back into the limbo of a dead past. Christmas! Let us turn to the Sacred Cradle and rejoice in the Birth of Jesus, for He changed the whole concept of living and His Name is 'Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace'. Then let us go further, and remember, that unto Him is given the Kingship of this world, for "He shall reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords".

We do not need to fear the mighty ones of this world; we do not need to fear the weapons which are piling up, weapons which can annihilate mankind . . . if we belong to the Blessed Babe of Bethlehem, this Son of the Everlasting Father, this King of Kings, then we can enjoy the coming festivity with hearts bursting with love and good cheer. May we not only remember our own immediate circle but widen our hearts to include the lonely, the disheartened and weary, then indeed we have caught the meaning of Christmas and in a small way are offering our gift of the Gold of Obedience, Incense of Lowliness, and the Frankincense of Sacrificial Giving.

Yes indeed, may you have a Happy Christmas and joyous New Year.

Yours in Joyous Service,

CONSTANCE TOOMER.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS

The following nominations for W.C.T.U. Dominion Officers have been received:

Dominion President, Mrs O. Richards.

Dominion Vice-President, Mrs L. K. V. Grigg, Mrs A. Sherman, Mrs D. Jarvis.

Dominion Corresponding Secretary, Mrs F. Rankin.

Dominion Recording Secretary, Mrs E. Atkins, Miss E. Appleby.

Dominion Treasurer, Mrs J. H. Grigg.

The positions of Editor and Business Manager are appointments, subject to confirmation by Convention, and nominations are not required.

—L. E. Dellow (Dominion Rec. Secretary).

DOMINION CONVENTION REMINDERS

Convention will be held at Palmerston North, commencing Wednesday, March 12th and closing Tuesday, March 18th, 1958.

1. Will Presidents and Secretaries please note: HOSPITALITY CONVENER is Miss E. Bland, 73 Russell Street, Palmerston North.

2. Send the name of your DELEGATE to this lady. If you are not able to send name immediately, but know that your Union will be wanting hospitality for a delegate, please let her know that at once.

3. Dominion Superintendents and District Officers wishing hospitality should also send their names as soon as possible.

4. Delegates should notify their Hostess and Miss Bland of the time of their arrival in Palmerston North. In the event of circumstances arising preventing attendance at Convention, both the Hostess and Miss Bland should be advised.

5. Supply your Delegate with a credential which must be handed to me on the first day of Convention.

6. Remind your Delegate to bring with her to Convention, hymnbook, notebook, pencil and a copy of the Constitution.

7. **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.** Will Unions please send me by the 8th February, the names of members who have passed away during the year, so that the names may be included in the Roll of Honour being prepared for this service.

8. **CONVENTION RAILWAY CONCESSION.** Will all those travelling to Convention, and who wish to avail themselves of the concession in railway fares, please send their names and addresses, with evidence of eligibility to Mrs A. Dellow, 17 Suter Street, Stoke, Nelson, so that the necessary forms may be forwarded to them.

—L. E. Dellow (Dominion Recording Secretary).

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

We wish to advise that the office at Headquarters, 134 Ghuznee St., Wellington, will be closed from **24th Dec., 1957, until 14th Jan., 1958**, during which time Major Fletcher will be on holiday. For any very urgent matter Mrs F. J. T. Grigg, 61 Friend St., Wellington, W.3., may be contacted.

Mrs J. H. Grigg will be on holiday from **20th Dec., 1957 until 20th Jan., 1958**, and asks that mail is **NOT POSTED** to her during that period.

The Devotional Period

Scripture Reading, Matthew 2. vs. 1-15.
W.R. Hymnal No. 134.

WHERE IS HE?

I wonder have you ever stopped to think about the questions in the Bible? How very real they are; how very human. They are largely questions which are still being asked. Why? Because the needs of men do not change, and the aspirations of men at their best are not easily satisfied. In fact they cannot be satisfied by anything this world has to offer. Man's seeking has led men to fantastic discoveries and unimaginable possibilities, but it hasn't given him satisfaction, or happiness, or peace. At this Season when we are thinking of the central message of Christmas . . . "Peace on earth to men of goodwill!" our thoughts turn to the first Christmas Story, and immediately we are faced with a question.

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him." Matt. 2.2.

WHERE IS HE? WHO? GOD.

Man's search for God has gone on right from the very beginning, ever since man by his disobedience lost touch with Him. In one of the oldest books, the book of Job, we find Job saying, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him . . . ?" David, the poet whose works have possibly enjoyed the greatest reading public of any man who ever lived, wrote "My soul longeth after Thee. . . . O when shall I come to stand before thee?" In the Christmas Story we read of the Wise Men who came seeking Him. Not long ago I came across a small boy listening to the story of the ascension of our Lord. At the end of the story there was a pause, then the little fellow said in a very sceptical voice, "I don't believe that story." When asked why not, he replied, "Why, if he'd been taken up in clouds he'd have fallen through." The teacher said, "O yes, but he was held up by the power of God." The little fellow looked at her for a moment then said, "Gee, how'd you plug in to the power of God." But isn't that what the world wants to know? The beaten, torn, disillusioned world? The world that has left God out.

Man's search for God is universal. It has continued through the ages and it will continue until God Himself satisfies that longing in the hearts of men. You see, man's search for God began with God's search for man. God, walking in the Garden in the moment of man's defeat and disobedience, when first man had realised what it meant to lose touch with God, God who had been his friend and lover and companion. Man had failed Him; Man was afraid; Man hid himself and GOD CAME TO LOOK FOR HIM and the Lord God called unto Adam and said, "Where art thou?" God has never ceased to seek for men. Jesus Christ said, "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19.10. And in another place, "I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Matt. 9.13.

There are three important factors in this search recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel. These men had come seeking. They knew what they were seeking and they knew why? Let us think about the One whom they sought.

1. **HE WAS BORN KING.** There is no doubt

Within the Veil

Mrs Speight—Masterton Union

The Masterton W.C.T. Union records its great esteem and appreciation of their late President and member, Mrs H. Speight, who passed away on September 18th after a protracted illness, which she bore with great Christian courage. She was always an ardent Temperance and Church worker, never failing to give testimony to her beliefs. As W.C.T.U. local President, and member of the N.Z. Alliance and of the Presbyterian Church, she gave of her ability and her strength.

We extend to her two sisters, Miss I. Tankersley, Masterton and Mrs Cooke, Nelson, and her brother, Mr R. Tankersley, Masterton, our sincere sympathy.

Spreydon Union Mourns

Mrs Fehsenfeld and Mrs Sim, two foundation members, and Mrs Haskell and Mrs Docherty, two faithful members of the Spreydon Women's Christian Temperance Union.

about that. He was the Jewish Messiah, but to these men from distant countries, He was simply A KING. It was as such they sought Him. It was to Him as such they offered their gifts. The fact of his Kingship had been revealed to them, because they were eagerly looking for His coming. "Where is He born King of the Jews? Where is He?" They were not the only ones destined to recognise Him as a King. When in that last dreadful hour He was seized and dragged before Pilate, the Roman Governor looking at Him recognised Him as a man without peer. In that corrupt and evil day He could say, "I find in Him no fault at all," but he also asked Him directly, "Art Thou then a King?" and Christ, looking him fearlessly and proudly in the face answered, "Thou sayest . . . I am a King." And so the proud Roman Governor, the servant of Imperial Rome, caused to be written over His cross, "BEHOLD, THE KING OF THE JEWS!" It was left to him, pagan man, in a pagan world, to write the Title for the Living Son of God in His death. St. John tells us, "He came unto His own, but His own received Him not." Yet He was not unrecognised.

2. But, He was more than a King, **HE WAS AND IS GOD.** The Wise Men also recognised this in Him . . . "We are come to WORSHIP HIM." Kingship was not enough. He was God. Very God of Very God. The Angels' message to Mary was just this, "This holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called THE SON OF GOD." There was no doubt about it. Some who loved Him recognised this, but they did not understand. It was left to a Roman soldier to put it into words, in the darkness and fury of Calvary . . . "SURELY THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD!"

3. There was something else about Him, **HE CAME TO SAVE.** So the Angel testified (Matt. 1.21) "He shall save His people from their sin." This was the most important thing of all. Again His own did not understand, but a dying thief declared it. The Chief Priests mocked Him and they taunted Him, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." And it was true. He could not save Himself, because He had come to seek and to

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Drinking Like a Gentleman

"The trouble is that he can't drink like a gentleman. He has to make a hog of himself. Liquor is all right, if you use it right."

How often we hear that!

There is the man who says, "I'm going to teach my son to drink like a gentleman. We have it in the house and he can drink if he wants to drink, but he is expected to be decent about it."

There is the man who teaches his daughter to drink right because he knows that if he does not, "someone else will teach her to drink too much."

How does it work out? What is it doing to the country?

There are possibly seven million people in America who are addicted to alcohol. Some of them are in the last stages of alcoholism. Some are psychopathic alcoholics. A majority of them are just ordinary people who began drinking in the ordinary way. Some of them kept it up for twenty years or more before they found they were caught in a terrible trap. Just for the sake of argument (if there IS an argument) suppose we concede that millions drink all their lives and never suffer obvious damage because of their drinking. Nevertheless, the one man who is ruined by drink should weigh more in the scale of judgment than the ten who are not.

The man who prides himself on being able to "drink like a gentleman" may do so for ten years, twenty years, thirty years, and then wake up to the fact that he has a problem.

Then there is the long roll of secondary, infrequent, and relatively minor debits which drinking almost inevitably writes in the loss column of any drinker's life.

The man who teaches his son to drink like a gentleman may get a telephone call from the police which will not only astound him, because it is so unexpected, but which may devastate his own life and let him know that his son's future has come crashing down in ruins.

The man who teaches his daughter to drink like a gentlewoman may hear her say: "Dad, we

didn't mean to do wrong. We had a few cocktails and I suppose we drank too much before we realised it. Now I need your help, not a sermon. I had my first drink in our home—just remember that."

Why don't we look facts in the face? Why don't the public men and the social leaders of this country—the real men of distinction in industry, commerce, finance—assess the "worth" and the menace of the alcohol custom with the cold objectivity they use in consideration of problems which arise in business?

Why don't we face the fact that the drink custom just isn't worth the price we pay for it?
—"The Clipsheet."

THY PRAYER IS HEARD

"O praying one, who long hath prayed,
And yet no answer heard,
Have ye been sometimes half afraid
God might not keep His Word?
Seems prayer to fall on deafened ears?
Does Heaven seem blind and dumb?
Is hope deferred? Believe—believe—
The answer time will come . . .
God heard thee, He hath not forgot;
Faith shall at length prevail!
Yes—know it! Not one smallest jot
Of all His word can fail."

—Psalm 37:7.

W. McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S., says:

"When tested in the balances, weighted on one side by established facts, ALCOHOL would appear to be of little value to the individual or to the nation. If this indeed be so, then TOTAL ABSTINENCE and its safety is better than moderation and its danger."

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION (INC.) SEVENTY-FIRST DOMINION CONVENTION

12th—18th MARCH, 1958

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall Church Street Palmerston North

AGENDA

(Subject to necessary alteration)

WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 a.m.—Dominion Executive Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall.
- 12.00 noon.—Close.
- 2.00 p.m.—Opening of Convention. Service by Dominion President (Mrs C. Toomer). Pledge. Welcome to Delegates by President of Entertaining District. Appointment of Mistress of Courtesies, Marshals, Reporters, Letter-writer, Pianist, Resolutions Committee. Announcements.
- 2.30 p.m.—Corresponding Secretary's Report (Mrs F. Rankin).
- 2.50 p.m.—Dominion Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet (Mrs J. H. Grigg). Call for donations to N.Z. Administration Fund.
- 3.15 p.m.—Afternoon tea.
- 3.30 p.m.—National Council of Women Report. (Mrs L. K. V. Grigg).
- 3.50 p.m.—Literature and Library Report (Mrs L. E. Sired).
- 4.10 p.m.—Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen World Report (Miss V. Jackson).
- 4.30 p.m.—Close.
- 7.45 p.m.—Reception (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall). Collection for N.Z. Fund.

THURSDAY

- 9.15 a.m.—COMMUNION SERVICE at United Evangelical Church, Princess Street.
- 10.15 a.m.—Convention called to order. Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings to Convention. Greetings out.
- 10.40 a.m.—The "White Ribbon" Report (Editor, Mrs E. Singleton). The "White Ribbon" Business Manager's Report (Mrs J. H. Grigg). Call for Convention numbers. Grants in connection with "White Ribbon".
- 11.20 a.m.—Loyal Temperance Legion Report (Mrs H. Kasper). Little White Ribboners Report (Mrs J. Flett). Band of Hope Report (Mrs H. Sole). Youth Work Report (Mrs A. Richards).
- 12.00 noon.—Noontide.
- 12.10 p.m.—Headquarters Report (Mrs J. H. Grigg).
- 12.15 p.m.—Pan-pacific Report (—).
- 12.30 p.m.—Close.
- 2.00 p.m.—Devotions. Mrs A. Sherman.
- 2.15 p.m.—Maori Report (Mrs Christian). Scientific Temperance Report (Miss Bland). Anti-gambling Report (Mrs M. R. Claridge).
- 3.00 p.m.—Afternoon tea.
- 3.15 p.m.—Press Report (Mrs C. Day).
- 3.20 p.m.—Legal and Parliamentary Report (Mrs L. K. V. Grigg).
- 3.45 p.m.—Hymn and Presidential Address.
- 4.30 p.m.—Close.

FRIDAY

- 9.15 a.m.—Devotions. Mrs E. Singleton.

- 9.35 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.
- 9.45 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 10.00 a.m.—Morning tea.
- 10.15 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 11.00 a.m.—Prayer Session.
- 11.30 a.m.—Remote Areas Report (Mrs Craven).
- 11.40 a.m.—Evangelistic and Home Meetings Report (Mrs Hulme-Moir).
- 12.00 noon.—Noontide. Resolutions.
- 12.30 p.m.—Close.
- 2.00 p.m.—Service of Remembrance conducted by Dominion President, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.
- 2.30 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 2.45 p.m.—Afternoon tea.
- 3.00 p.m.—Special Speaker (Mr T. H. J. Austin).
- 4.00 pm.—Close.
- 4.10 p.m.—Session for Dominion Superintendents.

SATURDAY

- 9.30 a.m.—Devotions. Mrs L. K. V. Grigg.
- 9.45 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.
- 10.00 a.m.—Morning tea.
- 10.15 a.m.—Peace and Arbitration Report (Miss C. M. McLay).
- 10.25 a.m.—Social and Moral Hygiene, Health and Nutrition Report (Mrs F. W. Mountjoy).
- 10.35 a.m.—Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Dominion Report (Miss V. Jackson).
- 10.55 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 12.00 noon.—Noontide. Close.
- OUTING, TEA AND SOCIAL EVENING.

SUNDAY

- 7.00 p.m.—CHURCH PARADE AT ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Rev. J. Hubbard, M.A., B.D.).

MONDAY

- 9.15 a.m.—Devotions. Mrs F. Rankin.
- 9.35 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.
- 9.45 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 10.00 a.m.—Morning tea.
- 10.10 a.m.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS. ELECTION OF DOMINION SUPERINTENDENTS.
- 11.25 a.m.—Temperance Quiz Report (Miss H. Grigg).
- 11.45 a.m.—Christian Education. Sabbath Observance Report (Mrs Knauf).
- 12.00 noon.—Noontide. Council of Christian Education Report (Mrs L. E. Sired).
- 12.30 p.m.—Close.
- 2.00 p.m.—Devotions. Mrs N. Polglase.
- 2.15 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 2.30 p.m.—Good Citizen Report (Mrs Kelsey).
- 2.40 p.m.—Question Box.
- 3.00 p.m.—Afternoon tea.
- 3.15 p.m.—Special Speaker (Rev. G. H. Goodman).
- 4.00 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 4.30 p.m.—Close.

TUESDAY

- 9.15 a.m.—Devotions. Mrs J. H. Grigg.

- 9.35 a.m.—Minutes. Roll Call. Correspondence. Greetings.
- 10.00 a.m.—Morning tea.
- 10.15 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 11.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class Report (Brigadier M. Marshall).
- 11.15 a.m.—Co-operation with Missionary Societies Report (Mrs E. R. Clark).
- 11.30 a.m.—Methods Report (Miss E. Appleby).
- 11.45 a.m.—Prayer Session.
- 12.00 noon.—Close.
- 2.00 p.m.—Devotions, Mrs D. Jarvis.
- 2.15 p.m.—Plans of Work.
- 3.00 a.m.—Afternoon tea.
- 3.20 p.m.—Unfinished Business. Votes of Thanks.
- 4.00 p.m.—Closing Service.

Candid Comments

By Citizen

In the year ended 31st July, 1957, a record amount of £44,471,492 was handled by the Totalisators in N.Z. For off-course betting, the amount was £22,562,539, making a total of over £67 million. Add the amount going through bookmakers and the fantastic sum spent on gambling by a population of two million people, is reached. Across the Tasman the position is even worse. In N.Z., £9,158,238 in totalisator and dividend tax was paid to the Government in seven years by the Totalisator Agency Board—a poor proportion of the amount that has gone through the Board. Far too many people come before the Courts for stealing to recoup gambling losses, too much time is spent at work discussing racing, too many tradespeople have unpaid bills because it goes on the "tote", too many people want to get money without honest work, and too many take no heed of our Lord's command, "Take heed, beware of covetousness."

A weekly paper, certainly not anti-liquor, commenting on the Balance Sheet of Dominion Breweries Ltd., says that the account as printed is **completely unorthodox**, and in their view, the company would be well-advised to revert to a more normal presentation. Up to 1956, the printed profit and loss account showed an item for total gross profit, and on the other side, omnibus items for outgoings specifying directors' fees and tax provision, but not depreciation. To 1956, gross profit had set up a fresh record for six years in succession and in net profit for ten years. This year gross profit and general expenses are suppressed, but residual net profit has established a further record. It is obvious, that the company prefers the public not to know its huge gross profits. We are glad to see this newspaper's criticism of a company from which it has had hundreds of pounds for liquor advertising.

The Liquor Trade at its Annual Conference, considered that the introduction of barmaids would ensure a greater degree of dignity and decorum in hotel bars and would have the whole-hearted support of the drinking public. Of course, it would have the latter, for wine and women go well together for some people, but the unfortunate part is that the barmaids themselves often suffer a loss of their own dignity and decorum and many become victims of the drink they serve to others.

PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION DEPT.

Dear Sisters,

Another year of Union Fellowship and work has been completed. How quickly the year has passed! As we view World conditions and events how conscious we are of answered Prayer and of the restraining Hand of God upon and among the Nations. Let us give thanks continually for this Grace. Remember that in Prayer we have fellowship with a great multitude of Women—worldwide—whose prayers mingle with ours at the Throne of God and—PRAYER IS A POWER.

Reports begin to come in. Please report all Union "Prayer for Peace Sessions."

Catherine M. McLay,

77 Haupapa Street,
Rotorua.

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At a recent Wine and Food Society dinner in Auckland, it was said that the wines of Italy gave considerable pleasure to them. The Italian Minister to N.Z., who was present, considered that wine was a wonderful thing and did a very good job and should be given the rank of ambassador. It is interesting to note, that while the French Government continues its anti-alcohol campaign, Italy has begun to be worried because its people are no longer drinking as much wine as formerly. More men sit in cafes, drinking strong black coffee, invariably accompanied by a glass of water. It is also becoming the custom to dilute the wine of adults as well as of children, with a proprietary brand of mineral water. **Shakespeare** had a different view from the Italian Minister, for he makes Cassio to say in Othello, "O, thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee Devil."

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Congratulations to Sir William Jordan on a splendid Temperance address given at Thames, in which he quoted some telling figures, mentioning too, the dangers of 10 o'clock closing and the many alcoholics who began as moderate drinkers.

Congratulations also to the Rev. Father J. McGrory on his article in their paper, "Zealandia". He spoke of the value of the example set by the half million world members of the Catholic Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. Their promise to God is, "For Thy sake to give good example, I will abstain from all intoxicating drinks."

If people want to know, as they should about the dreadful results arising from the publication of so-called comic magazines in U.S.A. these are given in "The Seduction of the Innocent" by Dr Wertham, an American psychiatrist, who has met with the results of such reading by juveniles and who has fought a courageous battle with apathetic authorities to have these comics banned. We obtained our copy from the local library.

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A restaurant proprietor has said that the fact that half the adult population of N.Z. breaks the licensing laws, is an indication that these laws are bad and need to be changed. This is a dangerous statement which we would challenge. The fact that the majority of people break a law (if this is so), is rather a proof that the majority of people must have a poor respect for law and order, and shows also a bad conception of their duties of citizenship.

Legal and Parliamentary Dept.

Please read this at Union Meetings

Reminder: Unions are asked to forward to me, both Remits for Convention and reports of work done in this Department by 15th December. Remits arriving after that date will be included in Late Remits.

The Hon. J. R. Marshall apologises for delay in replying re National Party Licensing Remits. He says, "No legislation will be passed without the most careful consideration. I can also tell you quite definitely that the Government has no intention of extending bar hours beyond 6 o'clock in the evening, without first holding a Referendum on the subject."

The Hon. K. J. Holyoake, Prime Minister, writes in reply to my comments on proposals by the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Wine industry: "I am glad to be informed of the views of your organisation on such an important matter and assure you that they will be borne in mind when the Report of the Committee is being considered." We hope they will!

It is becoming a regular custom to introduce, in the dying hours of the session, a licensing amendment, giving still more concessions to the Liquor Trade. This time, it took the form of giving permanent permission to wine-sellers to sell fortified wine in half gallon lots and allowing wine-sellers to forego the recording of sales of wine, cider or perry in less than 2 gallon lots. Yet another clause allows **chemists to sell any spirituous fermented or distilled liquor for medicinal purposes**. Chemists have always sold medicated wines, but this goes much further, can lead to much abuse, and is something against which our unions should make vigorous protest. Folk who would hesitate to enter a bottle store for liquor, would find it quite respectable to do so at a pharmacy, and apparently no doctor's order is required.

Licensing Committee Elections: Occasionally we receive that for which we have asked, and at last Convention we asked for this, "In future, elections for licensing bodies are to be held in conjunction with local body elections. Licensing Committee elections due next year are to be postponed until polling day for the next local body elections.

Nationality of Married Women: This is a matter which has been pioneered by our W.C.T.U. over many years. The United Nations' Convention on the nationality of married women has now been signed by 19 States and ratified by two, United Kingdom and Israel. It will come into effect after six States have ratified it or acceded to it. It provides that a woman's nationality is not affected ipso facto by marriage, the dissolution of marriage or a change in her husband's national status. Contracting parties also agree to speed naturalisation formalities to enable a woman of foreign nationality, if she so requests, to acquire her husband's nationality.

Films: When our Film Censor rejects films, he does so with good reason as in the case of "Rebel Without a Cause." This film portrayed, "Playing Chicken", and this was the main reason for the

censor's rejection of it. The Appeal Board allowed the film, and we have already had unpleasant examples of chicken driving in this country. Three films, "Wild Party", "The Delinquents", and "Chained for Life", were all rejected by the Censor, but the Appeal Board allowed one, provided it was shown only to those over 16 years of age. We should support the Film Censor in every possible way.

The Licensing Poll will be over when you read this column, but next year we will have to use the utmost vigilance to protect against proposals to sell wines in restaurants and grocery stores, to employ barmaids, and to bring in late closing of hotel bars. A determined effort will also be made to eliminate future licensing referendums. Should all these come to pass, the moral tone of the country, particularly of our young people, will sink to a deplorably low level. May God help us to bring about righteousness that exalteth a nation, and NOT the sin that will bring reproach to its people.

● —L. K. V. Grigg
(Director Legal & Parliamentary Dept)

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A. D. Grigg,
Business Manager.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

34th Auckland District Convention

By Mrs A. T. Richards, J.P.

It is gratifying to be able to say numerically we are stronger since we last met in this way; most unions have made a steady progress having had an increase of membership. Wider publicity has been given by personal contact, addressing outside groups of various organisations. Is this not evidence that there is a real stir among other citizens, who come forward asking for speakers on Temperance work. I can assure you, I have gone the extra mile, never failing to enter an open door; God has been in these meetings in mighty power; remarks from groups that their hearts were stirred as they listened to God speaking through the messenger, all realised that there are no half measures where these evils are concerned, and the answer to all our social problems is Christ Jesus, who said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men." What a challenge to you and me.

The word franchise means privilege, and as such, carries responsibilities. We are duty bound sisters, to make ourselves familiar with prevailing conditions. The greatest danger lies in apathy to questions that affect the country. We have a duty to fulfil because we have received the vote from a past generation. This legislation was passed in 1893, and the W.C.T.U. played an outstanding part which will always be to our credit. Having faith in our great cause and Almighty God, who has set His Seal upon this work, let me emphasise that it is not a question of how to bring about prohibition; we have already made it clear that it must come.

Liquor Is Costly!

A clarion call must come from all churches, for war against poverty, hunger and slums, which are facing the rising generation, caused by the liquor traffic. Let us resume the onward march. We can face unitedly and confidently, the coming election, and as a body we can march forward to victory, providing alcohol deceives the citizens who believe alcohol is good, because excise duty and other taxes on it, bring millions into the Treasury. Alcohol costs this country a huge amount of money, and an uncalculable amount of human unhappiness, by increasing crime, reckless behaviour, broken homes, road injuries and even deaths. Alcohol never has been willing to live within the law established for its regulations. Socially, alcohol is a prolific source of unemployment. The rising tide of alcoholism is giving Social Welfare Workers, Public Health Authorities, Police Department Officials and Courts of Justice great concern.

Justice Department figures for drunkenness in year 1955 increased from 2,432 to 5,053. New Zealand's drink bill has reached the appalling figure of £27,252,408 for 1956. £12/12/3 for every man, woman and child. 45,000,000 gallons of beer consumed. Consumption of spirits trebled in the last ten years. 12,000,000 bottles of wine and spirits are imported into this country yearly. Drunkenness is worse than it has ever been, but it is kept well hidden by respectability. If the liquor interests photographed the filthy wrecks that some Welfare Workers have to handle then people would know how to vote.

If alcoholism is a disease as some would have us believe, why should we permit the germs that cause the disease to be bottled up and sold in every town? Since the trend of modern medicine is towards preventive rather than curative, let us emphasise the importance of launching an aggressive educational programme of prevention.

The drink traffic involves a powerful vested interest, exerting sinister pressure on public life and making huge profits out of ruthless exploitation of the drinking habit. It is stark tragedy showing the devastating power of liquor on cultured and ignorant alike; it tells in no uncertain tone that liquor is not the answer to injustice and frustration. Children should be told the effects of alcohol by their parents; the home is always the most important basis on which a child's moral and spiritual upbringing is founded.

While we know something of men and women, broken in health and personality by the drink habit, we do not see, and therefore do not realise the sadder mental wrecks, who, for public safety, must be shut away in mental hospitals. There should be no need here, to indicate its detrimental effects upon the life of the community, but young people should assure themselves that society is much better off without an evil, which diverts from spending upon necessities, to squandering on so called luxuries, and lowers the moral and spiritual tone of the community.

What causes our youngsters to get into trouble? Drinking among parents leaves on children the scars of hate, injustice, poverty, and they carry the invisible scar of social irresponsibility. The wide spread of this habit is surely undermining the physical health of the country. As citizens, we must realise that the command "Thou shall not kill", applies on roads of our country, just as it does in any other aspect of life. When the public cultivate this and share the full degree of responsibility, we shall have gone a long way towards eliminating the road hazards, which are more dangerous than diseases.

Dr Lynch said only recently that alcohol plays a very important part in many road accidents, therefore, drunken drivers are No. 1 criminals in New Zealand. In 1953 drunken drivers were involved in 116 accidents resulting in deaths of 21 persons. In 1955, 145 drunken drivers were responsible for 25 deaths. In a period of 18 months between 1954 and 1955, 140 drunken driver accidents took place in New Zealand. 64 of these drivers were the cause of 70 deaths.

The trouble is that we all seem to take a too detached view of the vexed question of road safety. Until every road user considers it his business to make the road as safe as humanly possible, we will face increasing fatalities.

God is not to blame for present-day conditions. The fault lies with the people, who have shut the covers of the Bible and turned to their own ways. This is verified day by day in our daily news. Every thinking person must be appalled at the recital of crime and inability of the powers to deal effectively with the problems that confront humanity.

Have you ever tried to calculate the miles of advertising space given to alcohol and do you ever ponder how many precious lives end in drunkards graves through these advertisements?

Over the broken bodies and lost souls, Satan can boast that, "It pays to advertise". To counteract the devastating effect of massive hoarding adver-

tisements every church should feel responsible for large public signs bearing the pure word of God.

The tide will turn towards sobriety and decency when people of influence and ability make the alcohol problem a major concern in their activity and giving.

Truly, the night is far spent. For long enough have we cleared our eyes to the cancer of alcohol in our social life, the time is overdue for us to cast off these works of darkness. We stand condemned unless we do this, not only does our conscience condemn us, but so does the world, and alas, so does a just and Righteous God. "If a church remains silent on a question as vital as the free use of intoxicating liquors and their sale—when it should be guiding its people towards sobriety, that church is aiding the liquor interests. Let us advertise Abstinence on every highway."

One feels deeply, whether the penalties for certain sex crimes are sufficiently deterrent. The community should be protected from such persons, and we must let our voice be heard though it may be considered only a voice in the wilderness. As ambassadors, let us then be honest with our hearts for the weapons of our warfare are omnipotent as the God, who gave us them, and are able to wrest Christ's lawful captives from the snares of Satan. So for the sake of family life; for the sake of community goodwill; for the sake of the country's welfare—Vote no liquor at the poll.

—Abbreviated.

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

South Auckland. 35th Convention was held in Hamilton with delegates present from Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Tauranga, Te Kuiti Maori and Pakeha, and Hamilton. Rev. W. R. Francis conducted devotions. Encouraging reports given and Balance Sheet a healthy one. N.C.W. activities reported on by Mrs Moore. Timaru and New Plymouth W.C.T.U. Seamen's Rests have appreciated all gifts sent. Mrs Toomer, whose recent visit to Unions was a great stimulus, realised the difficulties in this District on account of distances. Hymn and message from Mrs Moore at Noon tide. It was gratifying to hear that the concerted efforts of our Unions and scattered members had helped the "White Ribbon" in its financial difficulties.

Afternoon devotions taken by Mrs Whimster. Pres., Mrs Dewe, Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Christian, Paki and Moore. Sec., Mrs Eastwood, Treasurer, Mrs Perry. Mrs Ron Knight delighted with two solos. As guest speaker, Mrs J. H. Grigg (Wellington) spoke of the W.C.T.U. as the oldest women's organisation in N.Z., its slow periods and its progressive times. In a very gracious speech, Mrs Paki thanked the Hostess Union for generous hospitality, the soloist, devotional leaders and the speaker.

Canterbury Convention was held at Waimate. An enjoyable sit-down luncheon appreciated by all. The floral arrangements and sprays were most colourful. Mrs S. Dellow, Vice-President, presided and a special welcome was extended to Mrs C. Toomer by Mrs McRae, Mayoress of Waimate, Mrs S. Grut, N.C.W., Rev. I. Polson, Ministers' Assoc., and Rev. Geo. Dash, M.B.E. Vocal items by Miss D. Grigg, humorous sketch by Miss I. Kennard and Mrs F. Basley much appreciated. In the afternoon Mrs Toomer gave a forceful address.

Reports were presented at an evening session. Nth. Canterbury's 10 Unions were visited by their Dist. President and are active in all departments of the work. Sth. Canterbury's 3 Unions have good membership and much work done in addressing outside organisations and in all W.C.T.U. Depts., and welfare work. Incorporation of Sailors' Rest has been finalised and much praise given to it for work done for visiting seamen. Good publicity given to Temperance work by newspapers.

Mrs Wood entertained with a demonstration of her methods for reaching children in a modern way. There is no limitation to the places where one can get to teach the evils of alcohol in this way. Delightful supper combined with Presbyterian Auxiliary.

Wednesday commenced with business session, adjourning at 10 a.m. for a Communion Service conducted by the Rev. I. Polson in Knox Presbyterian Church. It was a rich experience for delegates and visitors. Concern expressed at breaking of the law, by liquor being consumed on trains, especially short excursion trips. A strong protest to the department concerned should be made, for consumption of liquor on public conveyances hampered the safety of the travelling public. As Mrs Toomer was leaving, opportunity was taken to present her with a small gift in recognition of her fine work to the Cause over many years. Convention devotions were conducted by Mesdames Dellow and Griffiths, other Officers taking part in prayer. Miss E. Gainsford reported on Council of Christian Education and Mrs Griffiths on the Presidents' meeting in Wellington. Sth. Canterbury Officers re-elected. Nth. Canterbury welcomed a new Vice-President, Mrs S. Smith.

Otago Convention, held at N.E. Valley, was attended by a good delegation and members, including representatives from Balclutha and Oamaru, the southern and northern boundaries. We were especially favoured in having with us, Mrs Toomer, the Dominion President, who arrived at midday from Invercargill. Mrs Toomer gave an address at the afternoon session, when the Lady Editor of one of the daily papers was present. This ensured a wide coverage in both dailies, for which we were grateful. Excerpts from "The Tale of the Years" were clearly stated and remits relating to the "Sale of Wine in Restaurants", a referendum if change of trading hours be proposed, supplying liquor to minors, who book in at hotels, etc., were fully recorded.

Election of Officers: Pres., Mrs Flett, Vice-Pres., Mrs Jones, Secretary, Mrs Iles, Treasurer, Mrs Dickenson, L. W. R. Supt., Mrs Lythgoe, L.T.L. Mrs Gill, Evangelistic, Mrs Jamieson.

Auckland District. 34th Convention commenced with a well-attended Church Parade at Pitt St. Methodist Church, where the minister, Rev. R. F. Clement preached on "The Prohibition Vote," and Mrs Richards read the Lesson. Convention Communion Service followed.

On Monday, the District President, Mrs Richards, at the Public Reception presided over about 130 ladies, and among visitors welcomed were Sir William and Lady Jordan. Greetings were brought by many organisations and a fine programme of musical and elocutionary items were presented. Mrs H. Kasper, M.B.E., presented Banners and vases for the Five-Fold-Plan best work. Birkenhead Union first place, thus gaining the Silver

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UNION NEWS

Northland District Executive quarterly meeting at Dargaville with representatives from Te Kopuru, Dargaville, Whangarei, Wellsford. Mrs S. Green presided. Devotions by Mrs Bickers. Plans for District Conv. at Dargaville. Dominion nominations discussed and decided upon. Splendid Corso report by Mrs Lawrence. Unions arranging Poll work. Public meeting after lunch addressed by Miss Lait on experiences as a missionary with the L.M.S. in Africa in which all were inspired and challenged by the power of God through prayer and consecrated service.

Auckland District Executive, September meeting presided over by Mrs A. T. Richards, and devotions taken by Mrs R. Christopher. Members reminded Health Stamp sales and Street Appeal for which helpers are needed. Dist. Convention guest speakers to be Major E. Briggs and Mr N. A. Reynolds. Unions asked to support the appeal for the Dr Doris Gordon Memorial Fund. Mrs F. W. Mountjoy reported on the N.C.W. monthly meeting and the Maori Girls' Hostel.

Remuera, August. Mrs Kelsey presided. Devotions taken by Mrs Mackey, and members engaged in prayer. Donations were handed in for the Alliance for Poll Campaign work. Mrs Kraai gave a very interesting talk and was given flowers. One of our faithful members, Mrs Ibbetson, has passed on to Higher Service and members stood in silent prayer.

Takapuna, August. Mrs E. Prussing presided and Miss Cullen and Mrs Petchell conducted devotions. Guest speaker was Major Montgomery of the S.A., who, in discussing the various aspects of the liquor question, said there could be no compromise. The changed life by the power of God is the only real cure for the Alcoholic. A special effort, realising £5, is to be sent to the N.Z. Alliance.

Otahuhu, August. In Mrs Jamieson's absence through sickness, Mrs Mears presided and took devotions. A lovely sacred solo was sung by Mrs Captain Nicholson. Mrs Richardson welcomed and given pretty bunch violets and freezias. After routine business, an interesting talk was given by her on the Alliance and W.C.T.U. work. Two new members received.

Tauranga, September meeting addressed by Mrs Stenhouse on the subject of Women's Franchise, and how it was won in England and in New Zealand. A graphic and most interesting address. Birthday Party, District Convention and Youth Rally arrangements all finalised. N.C.W. report given, and opinions expressed on important matters. Very wet day, only fair attendance.

Te Kuiti (Pakeha). After 16 months in recess, our Union has resumed with a new President and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Brown respectively. Both ladies attended the Dist. Executive meeting in Hamilton in July. Our August meeting was presided over by Sister Grace Clement, who gave us a comprehensive account of Mrs Toomer's meeting at the Maori Centre. She urged us to always wear our White Ribbon bow and to adopt a cheerful attitude and above all to spend time in prayer for our Cause. We hope to send some delegates to Dist. Convention at Hamilton. Mrs Hudson hopes to start a Band of Hope or an L.T.L. shortly and this is good news. Though but a small band of women, we are financial members and by God's help and power we hope to augment our activities. (It is good to hear from you, Te Kuiti.)

Napier, August. Very enjoyable meeting with a large number of members and visitors attending and a special appeal was generously responded to for the N.Z. Alliance funds. Mrs Bartle presided and Mrs Pearce gave an abridged report of the Alliance meeting which she had attended recently. The Methodist Ladies' Guild Choir singing was much enjoyed and appreciated, and also elocutionary items by Mrs Hosken. The most pleasing part of the afternoon was that **eight new members** were initiated. Afternoon tea and a chat with our visitors and new members closed a happy function.

Levin. The president, Mrs Kenneley, presided over a fairly large attendance, including several Maori friends, as there was a special guest speaker for the observance of Maori Day. One new member enrolled and another welcomed on transfer. Final arrangements made for conducting Temperance Quiz. Members thanked for conducting the Cake Stall at the Salvation Army Fair. A soft toy competition being held next month, toys then to go to Austrian Refugee Children. Two members have been farewelled and thanked for valuable work. An increase in W.R. subscribers and in the C.R. membership, and also in Union membership. A good deal of interest being taken in the branch of the Young Abstainer's League, we hope to foster.

Wellington District Executive, August. Miss Jackson opened with prayer, and Mrs Mitchell took devotions. Pledge repeated. More pure grape juice to be obtained. An invitation to attend a luncheon received from the R.C. women's group. Noonday hour observed. Afternoon session. Brigadier Marshall opened with prayer. Union reports given. Letters to be sent to members in hospitals. Major Fletcher reported

on Headquarters, and Miss Jackson gave an account of the Alliance Annual meeting. District Convention to be held at Brooklyn Methodist Church on October 24th.

North Canterbury District Executive, August. Mrs E. R. Clarke presided, and Mrs Ewart Smith conducted devotions. Members discussed resolutions to come before the District Convention being held at Waimate on October 8th and 9th. Final arrangements made for the Convention.

Christchurch Central, August. Mrs I. Wilson in the chair, leading devotions and reading an extract from "Streams in the Desert". Salvation Army invitation accepted and Mesdames Gray and Harding to attend. Mrs J. D. Gray read an article, "Alcoholism, an unusual Disease" from Methodist Times. An article by an alcoholic, cured through Alcoholics Anonymous, read by Mrs H. A. Hunt. Mrs Griffiths was nominated for Dist. President again. Delegates to District Convention are Mesdames Angus, H. G. Brown, J. McGregor and H. A. Hunt. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mesdames McGregor and Lennon and helpers.

Riccarton, August. Mrs A. T. Newth presided and devotions taken by Miss L. Hughes. N.Z. Alliance, Dist. Executive and Mental Hospital reports presented. Literature for distribution given out. Members asked to attend any meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous of which they knew. Mrs D. Buggy delegate to Waimate Convention. Ten members promised to attend Women's meeting to hear Major Smith. Miss E. Gainsford gave an address on Council of Christian Education, and was heartily thanked by Mrs Matthews. Prayer for Peace.

New Brighton, August. Mrs Wrighton in the chair and Mrs Edmond conducted devotions. Mental Hospital patients had been visited by Mesdames Wrighton and Edmond. An interesting address was given by Miss E. Gainsford on Christian Education in schools. Mrs Wrighton appointed delegate to Waimate Dist. Convention.

Balclutha, August. Devotions and routine business. Mrs Henry, a visitor from Wellington, welcomed. A poem, "If Jesus came to your home", was read by Mrs Gill. Mrs Williamson read a summary of an address on "Alcoholic Addiction and Problem Drinking" by the Bishop of Nelson, Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, reported in the newspapers.

Wellsford. Annual meeting held in evening presided over by Mrs Singleton. Annual Reports and Balance Sheet presented. Roll Call from I. Theas. Discussion of work, 274 articles sent to Corso, Gift parcel to C. Brett lighthouse, clothing to Maori workers, donations to W.C.T.U. Seamen's Rests, etc. reported. Rev. D. Stubbs conducted devotions. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs C. Phillips, Sec., Mrs Singleton, V.Pres., Mrs A. Gubb, C.R., Mesdames A. Powell and W. Cullen, Devotions, Mrs T. Bamford, W.R., Mrs A. Powell, Maori, Mrs Gubb, Pianiste, Mrs Busbridge, Hostesses, Mrs H. Neal.

Auckland District Executive, October, with Mrs A. T. Richards presiding and devotions taken by Mrs B. Christopher. Remits received for Dist. Convention. Mesdames Richards and Glaister to represent W.C.T.U. at an "At Home" at the Y.W.C.A. in honour of Hon. Isabel Catto. Mrs Richards reported entering 30 children from L.T.L. for Temperance Quiz—3 had gained 100 per cent, and 8 First Class prizes. Mrs Mountjoy reported on N.C.W. and Maori Girls' Hostel. **November** meeting continued business; arrangements to assist with Combined Orphanages' Street Appeal Day on 15th. The President appointed Exec. delegate to Dominion Convention. Agreed to hold the Annual Christmas Party in December instead of usual Executive meeting. As Mrs Prussing was unable to take the office of Recording Secretary, Mrs A. Sherman was appointed. Mrs Mountjoy reported on the Maori Girls' Hostel.

Warkworth, September. Devotions led by Mrs Nelson, speaking briefly on Courage. Annual meeting and election of officers. All officers re-elected except for Mrs Moore, who became Vice-President and Mrs Nelson appointed president, and Mrs Langridge replaces Mrs Pepperell as C.R. Supt., as the latter has left the district. Mrs Richards gave a very helpful and inspirational address. Meeting concluded with afternoon tea.

Epsom-Green Lane, September, Annual Meeting. Mrs Eccersall presided and presented a comprehensive report, showing the Union's work to be in good heart. Thanks to Mesdames Kasper and Knauf and Pastor W. Campbell for helpful talks. Two members recently called to "Higher Service". Officers all re-elected with the exception of Mrs C. Blackburn, who was elected Secretary.

Remuera, September. Annual meeting held, when Mrs Kelsey presided. Devotions taken by Mrs Mackey and members engaged in prayer. Delegates appointed to District Convention. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Mrs A. L. Kelsey, Rec. Secretary, Miss Tozer, Vice Pres., and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs G. Robinson, Treasurer, Mrs Arnold, W.R., Miss Harlow, Devotional, Mrs Mackey.

Kohi-St. Heliers, met at Mrs Phillips' home, Sept. 26th. Devotions led by Mrs Pearson who spoke on "Women who have served God". The Annual Meeting and Mrs Phillips presented Balance Sheet. £2 to go to N.Z. Alliance for Poll

expenses. Election of officers—only new change being Good Citizenship, as Mrs Carpenter was not available. Two new W.R. subscribers, 25 on Cradle Roll. L.T.L. has lapsed. Mrs Pearson, V. President, thanked all for their work. A vote of thanks passed to her for her help during year as Evangelistic Supt. Temperance Fact by Mrs Macky. **October meeting** opened with devotions and a welcome from Mrs Kasper. Alliance donation £3 instead of £2. Mrs Kasper gave 26 handkerchiefs to Mrs Chermiside for posting to L.W.R.s' for Christmas. Temperance fact given by Mrs Phillips. Mrs Kasper gave a report of District Convention and also of her visit to Perth Conference. It was decided to protest to our M.P., Mr Halstead, against the Parliamentary Select Committee on Liquor.

Takapuna, October, with the President, Mrs Prussing presiding. Devotions taken by Miss Cullen. Miss Leman gave an interesting talk from the personal experiences of an Alcoholic, whom Alcoholics Anonymous had helped to become a changed man. He now gives his time helping other unfortunates who have fallen victims. One startling fact he gives, is that every drinker is a potential alcoholic. Literature for distribution supplied to members. A vote of thanks accorded to Miss Leman.

Tauranga, October. Meeting took the form of a Birthday Party celebrating the 35th anniversary of the re-organisation of the Union, which had functioned for fourteen years previously. Brief report of District Convention given by delegate, Mrs March. Short address on the reasons for the continued and active existence of the W.C.T.U. given by Mrs Christian, and musical items by Mesdames G. and N. Decks. Competition won by Mrs Woolford. Beautiful cake made by Mrs Kelly and iced by Captain Stark, was cut by Mrs Fairbrother, candles lit by Mrs Foxcroft and extinguished by Mrs Christian. Acting President, Mrs Williamson, gave amusing items from Margaret Baker's Entertainment book. Day of Prayer kept in conjunction with the Home League meeting on the same day.

Feilding. Cradle Roll Afternoon was held in August, when the little folk were entertained with games and a party tea, while adults enjoyed a travel talk by Mrs A. Hunt of Palmerston North. **September**, a talk by Mrs Johnson, who, with her husband, was for two years stationed at Rotorua Island, Salvation Army Home for Inebriates.

New Brighton, September. Annual Meeting. All officers re-elected. Mrs Griffiths presided for election. Sympathy and a spray sent to Mrs Ellis in the loss of her husband. Mental hospital patients had been visited. **October**, Sympathy expressed to Mrs McLeod in the loss of her husband and with Mrs Mitchell in her illness. A good report of District Convention at Waimate, was given by Mrs Wrighton.

Papanui. 14 present with Mrs Griffith, Dist. President, in chair. Annual report showed 10 meetings held. C.R. membership 68 with 14 new. 11 subscribers to W.R. 1 new member and 1 passed on. 2 children entered for Quiz, one first prize gained. Description of Dist. Presidents' meeting in Wellington given by Mrs Griffiths. Officers elected: President, Mrs Coley, V. Pres., Mesdames Clarke, Elliott and Neville, Sec., Mrs Hodder, Treasurer, Mrs Slinn.

Spreydon, September. Mrs L. H. Woodcock presided. Mrs Bawden read a very good report of year's work. Mrs Griffiths took the chair for the election of officers. All officers elected for another year's work, and Mrs Griffiths offered prayer for guidance for coming year. Mrs Hecc appointed delegate to Dist. Convention at Waimate.

Linwood, Christchurch, September. Annual Meeting with good attendance. Mrs Major Simpson took devotions. Promise Box passed round and each member read the Scripture verse. Mrs C. Francis appointed delegate to Dist. Convention, Waimate. All reports from the different departments showed successful year's work. Election of officers: President, Mrs W. Browne, Secretary, Mrs J. Stokes, Treasurer, Mrs B. McMillan.

Riccarton, September. Annual meeting with the President, Mrs Griffiths presiding. All previous officers re-elected with addition of Mrs G. Smith as a V. Pres., and Mrs Newman in charge of Birthday League. Invitations accepted to attend St. Ninean's Presby. P.W.M.U. Social afternoon and League of Mothers' afternoon. Riccarton will combine with other Unions in packing for Corso. Reports and Balance Sheet adopted. Mrs Buggy to be delegate to Dist. Convention. Mrs Griffiths reported on the recent meetings with Dominion Officers by Presidents for one day and closed our meeting with short reading, "Faith Works".

October, with Mrs Griffiths in chair and Miss L. Hughes taking devotions on the theme "Sincerity". Executive report discussed. The British Sailors' Committee would be grateful if members could collect on street in Lyttelton for the society. Members to sell Health Staups. Literature taken for distribution. Mrs Buggy reported on recent Waimate Convention and Mrs Griffiths gave some highlights.

Christchurch Central, September. Annual Meeting, when reports were received from secretary, treasurer and superintendents. Members had worked for Corso, Red Cross,

Crippled Children's Society, and Orphanages. Election of officers was as follows: Pres., Mrs I. Wilson, V. Presidents, Mesdames H. G. Brown, C. H. Lennon, J. McGregor and Neutze. Life member, Miss M. M. Thomas, Sec., Mrs H. A. Hunt, Treasurer, Mrs C. Angus, L.W.R.s, Mrs Harding, W.R., Mrs C. Angus, N.C.W., Mrs Angus, Tea Hostesses Mesdames J. McGregor and C. H. Lennon.

October meeting. Devotions taken by Mrs H. G. Brown, who also read from Sister Rita Snowden's book, "No room in the Inn." Mrs J. McGregor gave an excellent report on Waimate Convention, £1 donated by Mrs Lennon to W.R. special fund.

Dunedin Central. At the meeting, Mrs Todd, V. President, presided, and welcomed guest speaker, the Rev. McL. Olds, Sec. Dunedin area N.Z. Alliance, who spoke with great admiration of "Alcoholics Anonymous." Devotions taken by Miss Armit, and as she was shortly leaving to live in Auckland, occasion was taken to show our appreciation of her good work in our Union.

Mesdames Lythgoe and Todd appointed delegates to Dist. Convention. Miss Farquhar reported £2/10/- collected towards Memorial to late Dr. Doris Gordon.

Dunedin South. Officers elected at the annual meeting were as follows, Pres., Mrs M. Iles, V. Presidents, Mesdames I. Fleury and Johnson, Sec., Mrs J. Jones, Treasurer, Mrs Graham, C.R. Supt., Mrs R. Dewar, W.R., Mrs J. Lenz, Devotions, Miss E. Moreton, and Mrs Johnson, Hostesses, Mrs Graham and Mrs J. Clayton.

Members stood in silence as a mark of sympathy with the passing of a member, Miss E. Bruce, and the passing of an ex-member and one-time President, Mrs Donaldson.

Balclutha, September meeting. After devotions, annual reports and Balance Sheet read. The following officers elected: Pres., Mrs Gill, V. Pres., Mrs Thorsa, Mrs Kane, Sec., Miss Thomson, Treas., Mrs Walker, W.R. Agent, Mrs Williamson. The Rev. J. T. Gardiner addressed us, showing by statistics and examples these critical times in relation to the liquor traffic. Many people hitherto unsympathetic to problems connected with liquor, were now becoming aware of its dangers and alarmed at its results shown when increased facilities for drinking were made available.

October meeting with Mrs Gill presiding. One new member welcomed. Several interesting facts re the liquor traffic were read from the "Challenge", and "The War Cry". Hymn and benediction closed meeting.

W.C.T.U. MEMBERS—A WARNING!

An advertisement that has appeared lately in a Nelson newspaper, reads thus: "Christian ladies, now is the time to act! Are you in favour of extended drinking hours? We are not." It suggests sending donations to the "hon secretary", through a Post Office Box address in Wellington.

"TRUTH", checking on a name and the address behind the box number, found no one answering to the name at a Wellington private hotel, which was the address.

The advertisement conveys nothing about applying donations to any purpose and nothing to indicate who the hon. secretary represents. It could be some bona fide band of citizens striving against the demon drink, or maybe some lone crusader genuinely appealing for help. But this could also be just another confidence trickster. Perhaps it would be wiser to give our donations through recognised organisations, such as the W.C.T.U. or N.Z. Alliance.

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Vase. Takapuna and Onehunga tied for second place. Largest C.R. with 153 was won by Takapuna. Largest L.T.L. with 40, won by Birkenhead with Warkworth second. Takapuna won the silver vase for most new C.R. members, 17. The guest speaker for the afternoon session was Major E. Briggs of the S.A.

Tuesday morning session. Opening devotions taken by Mrs B. Christopher. 40 present. Mrs W. Clarke presented the recording Secretary's report which showed good work accomplished by the Executive, while Mrs A. L. Kelsey's report showed good work by the Unions. Mrs E. Prussing presented a very satisfactory Balance Sheet. Noon-tide devotions by Mrs Hooper.

Mrs F. W. Mountjoy gave her 12th Annual report and Annual Balance Sheet of the W.C.T.U. Maori Girls' Hostel, which she said was her final one as Treasurer of the Hostel. The lunch-hour Guest Speaker was Mr N. A. Reynolds, Secretary of the Auckland Area N.Z. Alliance, who urged all to work for the coming Poll. Mrs McMahon sang two sacred solos at the Service of Memories conducted by Mrs Richards.

Mrs Richards presented 5 long service badges for 30 years' service to Mrs Auld (90 years old), Miss Harlow, Miss Baker, Mrs Mackie, and Miss Tozer. A very fine Presidential address was given by Mrs Richards. In the Cradle Roll report by Mrs Day showed 551 names on the Roll.

Election of officers: Pres., Mrs A. T. Richards, Life V. President, Mrs H. Kasper, M.B.E., Vice-President, Miss E. Appleby, Corr. Sec., Mrs A. Kelsey, Rec. Sec., Mrs E. Prussin, Treas., Mrs M. Knauf. Mrs Richards then made a presentation of a beautiful handbag to Mrs W. Clarke, who retired after 21 years as Recording Secretary for the District.

Wednesday opened with devotions by Mrs Yates. 17 Departmental reports showing good progress. 10 remits were passed to go to Dominion Convention. The Temperance Quiz was reported on by Miss H. Grigg. Mrs Parsons led Noontide devotions and Miss Appleby took afternoon devotions. Later the Closing Order of Service concluded a successful Convention.

Wellington Convention, 24/10/57. Members met at the Brooklyn Methodist Church for a Communion Service conducted by the Rev. Kitchenham. Morning tea was served by Brooklyn ladies. Mrs Reed welcomed members. Miss V. Jackson, District President presided. The result of Market Day Stall held in the Town Hall was £45. A healthy financial position was revealed by the Balance Sheet. Mrs J. H. Grigg spoke on the "White Ribbon" and urged for more subscribers. A letter from the Road Safety Council acknowledged Mrs Melvin, our Secretary, as one of its members.

The sympathy of Convention to be expressed by letter to Mrs Dellow, of Nelson, on the loss of their daughter.

Reports of local Unions showed varied activities, with special emphasis on work for the Poll this year.

Donation of £5 to Timaru and New Plymouth Seamen's Rests, also a parcel of Christmas gifts to Austrian Refugee children. Election of officers and benediction closed a successful Convention.

Manawatu Convention was held at Palmerston North and presided over by Miss C. Jamieson. A good attendance of delegates from Levin and Feilding and visitors from Wanganui were welcomed.

Routine reports received and some plans made for Dominion Convention next March. Suggestions for Poll work reviewed. Report of work of National Council of Women given by Miss Jamieson. Devotions were led by Sister Hazel Turner and a most interesting address given by Mrs Victoria Grigg on the beginning of Temperance Movement and the work of the W.C.T.U. in America and New Zealand. Afternoon tea served.

Northland Convention, held in Dargaville, and attended by delegates from Whangarei, Te Kopuru, Wellsford, Maungaturoto, and Dargaville, was presided over by Mrs S. Green. Convention was welcomed with morning tea—many had travelled very long distances to attend. Helpful devotions conducted by Mrs Bickers. Reports from the Secretary and District Superintendents of Departments showed considerable activity among Unions. The Good Citizenship report showed 1,500 articles in splendid order had gone to Corso Headquarters. A satisfactory Balance Sheet was presented. Mrs Roberts of Whangarei led Noontide devotions. At the afternoon session, Mrs Palmer took devotions, and a Service of Remembrance for Mrs J. Taylor, late member of Whangarei, was conducted by the President.

Election of officers during morning, was as follows: President, Mrs S. S. Green, V. Pres., Mrs H. Taylor, Rec. Sec., Mrs Keyte, Corr. Sec., Mrs T. P. Lane, Treas., Mrs Hill Taylor. 11 Supts. appointed. N.C.W. representative, Mrs S. S. Green. Mrs Keyte to be delegate to Dominion Convention.

A well-attended public meeting in the afternoon enjoyed two inspiring duets rendered by the Rev. and Mrs Yule (Presbyterian Church), and were encouraged and challenged by a forceful address by Mr T. Bamford, Minister of the Churches of Christ, Wellsford, who likened the Liquor Traffic to "A Savage Beast" that must be destroyed for the safety and good of this country. Floral sprays presented to Mrs Yule, Mrs Bamford and the District President.

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Governor-General of Ceylon, in order to cut down the consumption of liquor increased the price of it. When the price was increased, the consumption dropped. In one instance drinking dropped by 75 per cent., and crime completely disappeared when prices were jumped to a point at which the people could not buy.

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save the lost. Only in dying could He accomplish their salvation, yours and mine. But they did not recognise Him. They let Him die. St. Paul writes, "This is a true saying . . . Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." **THIS IS WHY MEN STILL SEEK HIM.** Deep within themselves they know they can never be happy, strong, true or good without Him; they are lost without God. Without hope. Yet, they need not die. God in His great love sent Christ to die in their stead. (John 3.16.) **AND THIS IS WHY WHEN HE IS FOUND MEN MUST WORSHIP HIM.**

Prayer: O God, who hast come so near each one of us in Thy Son, open our eyes that we may see Thee, for Christ, our Saviour's sake. Amen.

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AUCKLAND, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, V.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, Cosseus St.; W.R., Mrs. E. Williamson, Cosseus St.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall, 10.30 a.m. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace; Sec., Mr. 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., M.S. 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.; Corr. 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 Pk.; 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; Corr. Sec., Miss Thompson.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Hanover St. Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiett, 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, Opoho, Dunedin.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Sth. Dunedin S.A. Hall, King Edward St. Pres., Mrs. M. Iles, 15 Niedpath Rd., Sec., Mrs. F. Jones, 134 Bay View Rd., Treas., Mrs. Graham, 32 Sidey St.; C.R., Mrs. R. Dewar; 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.

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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.

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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.

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HAWERA, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. M. Hurrell, 2 Little Regent Street; Sec., Miss Callaghan, Treas., Mrs. Yearbury; W.R., Mrs. Gane; C.R., Mrs. S. Barkia.

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. Paul's Methodist 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. Chapman, Raven St.; Secretary-Treas., Miss S. E. Evans, 74 Otaki St., Kaiapoi.

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- 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.
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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," Milford Rd.; Treas., Miss Dale, 611 Church St.
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- 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. 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 Dewe, c/o 95 Studholme St., Morrinsville; Vice-Pres., Mrs Christian, Mrs Paki, Mrs Moore; Sec., Mrs L. Eastwood, 2 Wellington St., Hamilton; Treas., Mrs F. A. Parry, Wordsworth St., Leamington. 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 I. 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.
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- 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. Alban'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 Nelson; V. Pres., Mrs R. V. Moore; Sec., Mrs A. W. Gittos, Neville St.; Treas., Miss J. Davie-Martin; W.R., Mrs Rowe; C.R., Mrs Langridge.
- 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.
- 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. 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. W. Phillips, No. 3 R.D., Wellsford; V. Pres., Mrs A. Gubb; Sec.-Treas., Mrs C. H. Singleton, Private Bag, Wellsford; 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.