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## TEN O'CLOCK CLOSING ALSO HAS A "SWILL"

### Increase In Associated Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

**Ernest H. J. Steed**, of Sydney, noted writer and speaker, the Executive secretary of the **Australasian Temperance Society**, whose activities extend to New Zealand, **Executive secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Alcoholism**, a member of the **Australian Institute of Public Relations**, as well as holding other official positions in Australia, recently addressed large audiences in this country. Mr Steed is quoted as follows:

"You may hear much and read much about the advantages of 10 o'clock closing in Australia, but I can assure you the roseate picture painted is far from the truth. After an intensive survey over six weeks, I am satisfied that what you people, here, call the five to six "swill", has become the 9.30 to 10 p.m. "swill" in Australia.

"There has been a substantial increase in the number of young people drinking in hotels and in the number of women in hotels. As a result of this, there has been a great increase in juvenile delinquency, a heavy increase in cases of drunkenness and crime associated with it.

"I have a letter from the **city coroner in Sydney, Mr Letts**, and in it, he states unequivocally, that SEVEN out of every TEN DEATHS, which he is called upon to investigate, are due in greater or lesser degree to ALCOHOL.

"**Dr Alan Stoller, Melbourne**, definitely stated that alcohol is a major contributing factor, in the increasing number of cases of mental sickness and that Alcoholism ranks fourth in the contributory causes of a rapidly increasing health problem. Admittedly, there has been a decrease over recent months in the consumption of liquor, because the Australian Commonwealth Government imposed a stiff excise duty on it. If you curtail the availability of liquor, making it difficult to procure, then drinking must decrease.

### Family Life Affected

"We believe it is important to make availability difficult, but we believe more strongly in educating against the insidious dangers in alcoholic liquor. Since we have had 10 o'clock closing—and I will challenge anyone to prove otherwise—there has been a noticeable breaking up of home and family life and our young people are being led into a habit pregnant with appalling consequences. New Zealand is being fed a lot of propaganda on hotel hours and her people are being told of the potential of tourism. If tourists want to come here, they will come in any case, and I may assure you that many Australians come here to get away from the drunkenness in our streets late at night."

## W.C.T.U. Convention Church Parade

## "CHRISTIAN SALVATION"

Conclusion of Sermon preached by Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A., at Durham St. Methodist Church, Sunday evening, 15th March, 1959.

### What, then, is the Nature of this Salvation Christ Offers?

It can be summed up in one word—**DELIVERANCE**. Christ came and lived and died and rose again to set men free from the thralldom of sin and the bondage of fear.

**I. Christian Salvation is, first of all, deliverance from the guilt of sin.** You recall Bunyan's description of the Christian pilgrim as "a man clothed in rags . . . and a great burden upon his back". That burden every man is compelled to bear—the burden of his own guilt. It is this burden, perhaps more than any other, which today weighs so heavily upon men and women, in some cases quite overwhelming them—robbing them of sleep, giving rise to all kinds of mental and physical disorders and bringing many to nervous and mental breakdown. It is a burden you cannot get rid of by your own unaided efforts. **But it can be got rid of!** The burden can be removed. Writes Bunyan, "So I saw in my dream, that just as Christian came up with the Cross, his burden loosed from off his shoulders and fell from off his back and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more. Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with a merry heart 'He hath given me rest by His sorrow and life by His death.'" It is Christ on His Cross who alone can loose from our lives the burden of sin's guilt.

Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfil the laws demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and Thou alone.  
Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy Cross I cling.

There in the Cross of Christ we behold what sin is, what it does to God and what it does to us. But we behold something more. Wonder to tell, we behold God's forgiveness of our sin and at such cost. Let a man in dead earnestness and humility, of heart accept the gift of forgiveness which Christ offers from His Cross and in that moment he will know the burden of his guilt loosed from him. And like Christian, he will be glad and lightsome and merry of heart—for the joy of the Lord will be his possession. **Christian Salvation is deliverance from sin's guilt.**

**II. It is also deliverance from sin's power.** The New Testament and the history of the Church are full of the songs and shouts of men and women who have experienced release from the vice-like grip of self and sin. It is something they can never get over. The wonder of it is with them all their days. Cries St. John the Divine "Unto Him that loved us and loosed us from our sins by His own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God . . . to Him be Glory and Dominion for ever

and ever". Writes St. Paul "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me". Sang Chas. Wesley:

"Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth and followed thee.  
No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus and all in Him is mine!"

John Wesley tells us how, after that heart warming experience of Christ's delivering power in a little room in Aldersgate Street, London, on May 24th, 1738, he returned home and was much buffeted with temptation. He writes in his journal, "And herein I found the difference between this and my former state chiefly consisted. I was striving, yea, fighting with all my might under the law, as well as under grace. But then I was sometimes, if not often, conquered; now, I was always conqueror." As St. Paul puts it, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us". **The salvation Christ offers, my friends, is deliverance from the power of sin.**

**III. But Christian Salvation is not only deliverance from, it is also deliverance to something.** It has not only a negative, but also a positive character. Christ comes not only to release you from sin's guilt and power but also to release in you the power and fulness of an endless life. You are delivered from the power of evil that you might enjoy and practice the power of God. Said Jesus, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly". Christian Salvation introduces you to Life more abundant—life with a new depth and fulness and meaning; life with a new dimension to it. Life in its wholeness—mental, spiritual and physical wholeness. Christian Salvation is deliverance from sin to a life of wholeness, for which the Bible name is holiness. It means that Christ generates within you, the power to be the man, the woman He wants you to be and that you, in your truest moments, want to be. He shares with you His life, His love, His power, till you grow more and more like Him. Strangely enough, He introduces you to a life where you are wondrously released from self-concern, from pre-occupation with yourself and your own need, even your own salvation—a life distinguished by an out-going love and concern for the needs of others. It is such Christlike love which is the distinguishing mark of Christian holiness—a love which consecrates itself for others—which is prepared to deny itself for its weaker brethren. **Here is the Christian motive and dynamic for total abstinence**—a love which refuses to put a stumbling block in the way of a brother for whom Christ died; which refuses to compromise with customs and social habits which hinder men

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# The Devotional Period

W.R. Hymnal, No. 118.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23.

Dominion Convention Devotions taken at Christchurch by Mrs Flett of Kaikorai, Dunedin.

We are very apt to think of David writing this Psalm as a youth, but it is quite possible that it was written in later life, for there is a fulness of experience about it, a tone of quiet, subdued confidence, a faith made sober and sure by many trials. This Psalm lies as it were, between the Cross and the Crown. The 22nd Psalm reveals the Lord as the good Shepherd giving His life for the sheep, while the 24th speaks of the Lord as the Chief Shepherd, leading His sheep home.

Let us consider it briefly thus:

1. **Possession:** The Lord is MY SHEPHERD. There is no "if", no "I hope so", but a clear claim that He IS. We all know the difference between knowing about a thing and possessing a thing, such as knowing a house or being able to say, "My house". We may know much about a child but to be able to say, "My child" is a different thing altogether, so that from this Psalm we learn of God's care, a care that we all may possess if we can claim Him as OUR Shepherd.

2. **Provision:** "I shall not want". Not because of money or property or business or profession and not because of wisdom or skill to supply my wants. Others may be richer or stronger or wiser, but I shall not want because God, my God, hath bread enough and to spare for body and soul, so we no longer lack, because all things are provided for us.

3. **Position:** "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." What are these green pastures, but God's Word, which is always fresh, ever rich and never exhausted? When, by faith, we follow into His green pastures, are we not like sheep that have peace and provender, rest, refreshment, security and satisfaction?

4. **Progress:** "He leadeth me." As in the East, the Shepherd always precedes his sheep to find the best pastures, so the Lord ever keeps in front of His sheep to lead us into better and to richer fields.

5. **Preservation:** "He restoreth my soul." When we are sorrowful, He revives us; when weak, He strengthens us, when sinful, He cleanses us, when we stray, He seeks to restore us from danger to safety, from misery to joy and from death to life.

6. **Presence:** "Thou art with me." When we are in green pastures and all is prosperous with us and ours, we speak of Him as our Shepherd, but when danger threatens, the sky darkens, we hasten to His side and speak to Him as My Shepherd, we have no more loneliness and no falling beneath burdens.

7. **Plenty:** "My cup runneth over." God is not mean in His giving, nor does He measure out His blessings drop by drop. God's bounty and His goodness to us always overflow.

8. **Prospect:** "Surely goodness and mercy." It is not goodness alone, for as sinners we need forgiveness; not mercy alone, for as children, we need many things besides forgiveness. So goodness and mercy, like twin guardian angels come forth from

God to minister to us and to escort us all our way. Let us take this Psalm, this gospel in miniature, in this study and catch its spirit, follow its leading and we shall be able to look back upon the past with gratitude to God and to the future with sweet confidence and the assurance of dwelling with our Lord forever.

**Prayer:**

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of fellowship with Thee, for the victory of faith and the power of prayer. May we be ever conscious of the many blessings that enrich our lives. We know "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee". Help us, therefore, to put our whole trust in Thee and to abide in Thy love that Thy peace may ever dwell in our hearts. Be with us in our Unions and in all our work for Thee day by day. Guide our Officers and may we seek to glorify Thy name in everything we do and every step we take. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord we come to Thee. Amen.

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and women from coming to wholeness of life in Christ.

But Christian Salvation is Salvation not only to a life of **Personal Holiness**. It is also Salvation to **Social Holiness**. Not only the lives but also the institutions of men are to be brought into captivity to Christ. Social wholeness means death to every evil and selfish institution, custom and combine—to everything which is in conflict with the Mind of Christ. Here is our justification for the unrelenting struggle with the liquor traffic in Christ's Name. John Wesley declared that Methodists were raised up to preach Scriptural Holiness throughout the land and one of the fruits of such preaching was the growth of a social conscience among the people called Methodists.

The person who is so concerned with personal holiness that he has no concern for the wholeness and health of society has not yet awoken to the tremendous and epoch-making nature of Christian salvation. The story has often been told of a traveller who was journeying through a section of Cornwall. He stopped in a village to look for a public house where he could get a drink. Not finding one, he accosted one of the villagers he met with the remark, "Tell me why it is that a man cannot find a dramshop hereabouts where he can get a drink". The man replied, "A man named John Wesley came down this way a hundred years ago. There have been no dramshops in this village since."

Such is the power of Christ to transform both men and societies. **Christian Salvation is salvation to a life of personal and social Holiness**. But it begins in an hour of deliverance when Christ the Great Rescuer draws near and by His touch releases a heart and life from the prison-house of self and sin. Only in the strength of this new-found freedom are we adequate for the fight to set men free from the evil forces which, today, threaten to enslave them. In the words of Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" let us pray—"As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on".

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### DOMINION PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

'Dearly Beloved of God,

The observance of Mother's Day in May has become a treasured memory, as each year we meet to pay homage to mothers, in gratitude and tenderness for all their sacrifice and love, which has meant so much to us during childhood, youth and through the succeeding years.

Since Convention, I have covered much ground, although not fully recovered from the attack of 'flu in Christchurch, which left me very tired. There has been no time to dwell upon aches and pains, for the demand to address Church organisations and other groups has been great. One feels that we must redeem the time by exposing the evils undermining the moral life of our youth and so enter every door the Lord opens for us. When you receive this, the following ground will have been covered. Four days at Te Kuiti addressing the combined Churches under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. and also the Maori sisters where we had a very profitable time together. Then I spoke at the Birkenhead Rotary Club and really felt like Daniel in the lion's den, also at the Papatotēo Baptist W.M.U. Then the Mother's Day message at the Wayside Mission and from there to a Church of Christ Women's Rally, which was followed by a meeting of the ladies of the Baptist Tabernacle and all this, as well as peaking at our own Unions. Therefore, I desire that you will daily bring me before the Throne of Grace that I may be strengthened for the task that lies before me.

Now a matter of life and death, is a spiritual awakening that will call the people back to God in New Zealand and in the world, for "lawlessness stalks the threshold of civilisation, engaging pampered and impoverished youth in drunkenness, gambling and every sensual and subtle device of evil, crime, divorce and disregard for every sanctity increases with each tick of the clock".

We must be on our guard. Many undesirable scenes and influences are being introduced by television. A T.V. report supplied by the Victorian Federation of Mothers' Clubs states that the

following occurrences were scenes on T.V. during 10 hours of viewing time for five nights.

**National Channel 2.** There were 9 stabbings, 3 stranglings, 1 attempted murder, 1 wounding, 1 suicide and 3 murders discussed.

**Commercial Channel 7.** There were 6 bashings, 1 maiming, 8 brawls, 1 armed robbery, 2 woundings, 11 murders, 2 killed, 18 corpses, and 1 scene where a child describes how both his parents were murdered.

**Commercial Channel 9.** There were 2 bashings, 3 brawls, 4 murders, 1 armed robbery, 1 assault, 2 stranglings, 2 attempts to murder a child, a dope fiend shows his dope needle marks and 4 murders discussed.

Sisters, there can be no doubt that it will influence human thinking. "Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness and his chambers by wrong, that saith, 'I will build me a wide house and large cedars and paint with vermilion.' Shalt thou reign because thou clovest thyself in cedar? Thine eyes and thy heart are not, but for thy covetousness and for to shed innocent blood and for oppression and for violence to do it."

Beloved sisters, here is a picture of the work of those who manufacture and who sell intoxicating liquor. Their business means robbery, for the money they receive, no equivalent is returned. Every pound they add to their gain has brought a curse to the spender. The honour of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of the community, of the home and of the individual, demand that every possible effort be put into arousing people to the evils of intemperance. Soon we shall see the results of this terrible evil, as we have never seen them before. Let us make a determined effort to stay the work of destruction. Let the drink-maddened men and women be given an opportunity to escape from their thralldom.

Let us lay hold of passing opportunity and utilise it for God, being thus faithful in that which is little, our God may commit unto us, that which is great; being diligent stewards in the few things, the Master may make us "ruler over many things".

In the Master's Service, Olive Richards.

## FOOTBALL SEASON CAN BE NIGHTMARE FOR PARENTS

Reprinted from "Woman to Woman" by Sally, in *The Evening Star, Dunedin, 11th April 1959.*

The football season is with parents again—with its held-over meals (after mid-week practices), bruises, kicked heads, cuts requiring plasters, and that nightmare for parents of young sons—drinking after football on Saturday afternoons.

"There is a law in this country that liquor may not be served to boys under 21—then where do they get it on Saturday afternoons?" a perturbed mother has asked me.

She is not the first mother I've heard ask the same question; and I've seen the silly youths too, returning from football flushed and talkative and kidding themselves they are behaving like men.

### The Crux

That's the crux of the whole thing, of course. Boys think smoking makes them men at 16; drinking at 18; and lining up at an hotel bar puts the stamp on their manhood.

"If I had my way, barmen who serve drink to young boys would be behind bars," the mother who wrote to me said. "And if the boys get the beer in their own football clubs—its worse still—their true ages ought to be known there."

I made a few inquiries about this from football-playing boys and I know and received a firm denial that beer or any other liquor was supplied to anyone under 21 in football clubs.

All I received to my inquiry as to whether they were served in hotel bars after football on Saturdays, were shrugs and, "What do you think?"

### No Sleep?

Another point made by my correspondent was that when boys go away for the weekend with sporting teams they come back looking as though they have never been to bed.

Could be a fact too—I once stayed in an hotel at Queenstown over Labour Day weekend and watched the male members, and one or two of the girls, of sports teams from Dunedin, spend the whole day drinking, some of them not even bothering to take part in the games they had travelled to Queenstown to play. Most of them were obviously under 21 years of age.

This seems to me to be indicative of the reasons behind the problem — the immaturity of boys between the ages of 18 and 20 and that it is a wise law that prohibits the supplying of liquor to those under 21 years (if it was strictly enforced).

Practically everyone, except the boys themselves, is aware that youths at this age are far less mature than girls of the same age generally.

There are, of course, exceptions among girls—those who remain childish for ever—thinking it is smart to drink and smoke in hotel lounges like children who, if they cannot attract attention to themselves in any other way, get it by being naughty.

However, they are fortunately few and far between—there is always a proportion, in all age groups, of fools in our midst.

On the whole, no one can deny that girls between the ages of 18 and 20 are better adjusted and balanced than boys of the same age.

### "Catch Up"

Recently, reporting on the Seacliff Hospital nurse recruiting campaign, the medical superintendent, Dr G. Blake-Palmer said, "We are not looking for men under 21 years of age. Males under that age are not as mature as girls—that is an established fact. Of course, they catch up later."

Yes, of course they do, but going back to the drinking problem, by that time the damage may have been done if boys have developed undesirable habits.

If it was not possible for them to begin drinking until they had passed those silly, immature years, they would approach it in a more balanced reasonable way, and might never start, or at least indulge only in moderation, according to their individual capacity and pocket.

But the drinking habit established earlier in those immature years might be impossible to uproot later. We have all heard of alcoholics.

It can, and has, put finish to many promising careers (sapping initiative and ambition) and in the field of sport too, must affect the chances of a boy ever being a top-notch in his chosen sport.

### Different Urge

Never let it be said, though, that all boys fall into this category of immaturity. There are the exceptions, who have the strength of will and courage to refuse to follow the example of their weaker contemporaries. Sometimes they are assisted by a different urge—the determination to save their money for the ultimate purchase of a motor car, or some other ambition.

But, sadly, too, there are today those young people earning too much, when too young, for their own good.

It is interesting to take a peep at the queues in the T.A.B. on Friday evenings. I'll guarantee some of the faces I've seen there are under 21, and almost without exception they are male.

Here is another instance where it is difficult to assess exact age, and where the immaturity of youth with too much money (and sometimes not too much either) establishes disastrous habits in impressionable years.

Boys in their employment are exposed in a greater degree to gambling in its various forms than are girls, and, of course, are more easily influenced, too.

Therefore, if we are agreed that boys are weak, immature and easily led in those years of budding manhood, isn't it up to the adults to do something about it?

Shouldn't each and every one of us help in every way we can to see that the law designed to protect these young people is enforced?

### A Thought

Here's a thought—couldn't those older men lining up at hotel bars on Saturday afternoons assist barmen by pointing out those they know to be under age, so that the law could be enforced? If they had consciences they wouldn't hesitate.

I know lots of mothers who wouldn't.

Come to that, it mightn't be a bad idea if mothers took to invading hotel bars on Saturday afternoons for this very purpose.

What an entertaining situation that would be?

## Candid Comments

By Citizen

An interesting visitor to our country has been **Mr E. H. J. Steed, the Secretary of the Australian Temperance Society**, who gave us some valuable information on the results of 10 p.m. closing in N.S.W. He says that there has been a new race of drinkers, women and youth, and that in many suburban hotels, there are now two "swills"—one just before the tea break and the other just before closing for the night.

In one city Court, for all criminal cases in a month, Alcohol played a part in 285 and no part in only 12. New Zealand's alcoholism figures were similar to those of Sydney, at present, so the country would be "in a fix" if it had 10 p.m. closing. Mr Steed considered there should be a greater education on the real effect of alcohol in Society. This is something the W.C.T.U. is always advocating.

The same newspaper that reported the fact of 27,000 alcoholics in N.Z., announced that wet canteens would be established in territorial camps and also reported that a young Englishman, who had killed a policeman, when he had been incited by liquor, was to be hanged. Who is to blame? The young man, the friends who encouraged him to drink of celebrate his wedding anniversary, the retailer, the wholesaler of liquor, the Government that licenses its sale, or the folk who are too apathetic to make a protest?

The Anti-Vice Bill passed by the British House of Commons is interesting. Regular prostitutes have been carrying on their trade with no greater risk than a fine of £2. Under this Bill, they may be fined up to £25 or be sent to prison for a maximum period of 3 months, if convicted of soliciting on the streets for a third time. It was said that in 1957, out of 13,000 convictions, 1,720 or 12½ per cent were against girls of 17 to 21. The persons who deserve heavy punishment are those who trap young girls into this way of life, and who run houses of ill-fame and particularly, the despicable men, who live on the earnings of these unfortunate girls. It is surprising to hear sometimes of women who should know better, arguing that there is a necessity for prostitutes and yet none of these women would want their own daughters to be the prostitutes.

### BIGGEST CAUSE

We learn that alcohol is the **biggest single cause of mental illness and that 40 per cent of men in mental hospitals are there because of alcohol**. This is what was said recently by Dr E. C. Dax, the Chairman of the Mental Hygiene Authority of Victoria, Australia, when being interviewed on a Melbourne Television programme.

"God never does, nor suffers to be done,  
But, you, yourself, would do,  
If you could see  
The end of all events as well  
as He."

Mr J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I. of America, has asked Hollywood to soft pedal on films glorifying crime. He speaks of opportunistic elements in the motion picture industry, appearing to be dedicated to the pursuit of profits above all else. Mr Hoover mentioned only one picture, "Baby Face Nelson", who was one of America's best known criminals. The excuse is often made that such films have a deterrent effect, but the opposite has been proved by court cases where young people have admitted the influence of films.

Speaking of films, while we enjoyed "The Ten Commandments" as a magnificent spectacle, surely it should have been given another name! In a film of 3½ hours, there was not time to read the Commandments in full. It would have been a good thing to have had them read slowly and distinctly, as so many people are quite hazy in regard to knowledge of them. And why alter the Bible story. A good story to film would be that of Joseph and his brethren, but the trouble would be, that a producer would make the part about Potiphar's wife the central part of the film!

A weekly paper, which is pressing for liberalised liquor laws, contains weekly, many accounts of criminal offences in which alcohol has been a contributing factor. Taken over a year, these make an appalling list and are evidence that liquor laws should be tightened up and not liberalised. The daily papers are in the same position. In city ones, which are also pressing for further drinking facilities, not a day passes without some offence which has been caused through drink. We might well wonder why papers, that publish such depressing itmes, should want to increase opportunities for these offences, but then one remembers that liquor interests are big advertisers.

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—M. E. Melvin (W.R. Business Manager).

## Legal and Parliamentary Dept.

(Please read at Union Meetings)

The following are further replies received from Cabinet Ministers concerning Convention remits:

**Re Sales Tax on printed matter and other kinds of stationery:** The Hon. R. Boord, Minister of Customs, writes that he appreciates our point of view, which has been raised by other bodies also. The Government has not yet found it possible to create statutory exemptions and that he is arranging for the matter to be considered when a review of the schedule of exemptions is undertaken. However, he cannot promise that the exemptions for which we ask, will necessarily, be created in the near future. **Note:** A very courteous reply.

**From the Minister of Justice re the serving of liquor to persons already intoxicated:** The Minister states that the Licensing Act contains a provision to this effect. Section 181 provides that, "if any licensee permits drunkenness on his premises or sells liquor to anyone who is intoxicated or by any means encourages and incites any person to drink, he is liable to a fine of £20 for a first offence and £50 for any subsequent offences". **Note:** A more effective penalty would be the cancellation of the offending publican's licence.

**Re Funeral Costs:** The Minister of Industries and Commerce refers to the high charges as quoted in Convention. He would like, if possible, accounts or copies of any charges considered excessive to be sent to the **Commissioner of Trade Practices and Prices, Department of Industry and Commerce, P.O. Box 1320, Wellington.** W.C.T.U. members can do this as individuals.

**Re Sound Proof Labour Rooms at Maternity Hospitals:** The Minister of Health writes that, of the 15 Health Districts in N.Z. there are 12 in which all labour rooms contain only one bed. In the remaining three districts, there are only 6 Hospitals where these rooms have 2 beds, equipped and used at times. These Hospitals are either of old design or are smaller hospitals where two confinements simultaneously are rare. St. Helens, Wellington, is due for extensive alterations and additions and the Auckland St. Helens is to be rebuilt.

**Re instruction to school pupils in the harmful effects of smoking:** The Hon. P. O. Skoglund, Minister of Education, writes that he thinks the task mainly for post primary schools, though there is a reference to the subject in the Primary Schools' Syllabus for Health Education, as well as for Intermediate schools. He agrees that the results of recent research on the relationship of smoking and lung cancer give the matter increased importance. At present, the **Health and Education Departments are co-operating in the preparation of suitable pamphlets on the effects of smoking for post primary school pupils.** The Minister appreciates very much our interest in this important matter and agrees that our teachers should keep it continuously in mind in their day to day work with children. **Note:** Another courteous reply.

**Re Anti-shouting legislation:** The Prime Minister says, "I was interested to read all you have to say on the subject and shall be pleased to bring your request to the attention of my colleague, the Hon. H. G. R. Mason, Minister of Justice, so that he may have the opportunity of considering the matter of

suitable legislation in this respect".

**Re elimination of State Control issue from the National Licensing Poll:** The Prime Minister states that he is referring our representations to the Minister of Justice to ensure that the matter comes up for discussion at the appropriate time.

**Re Censorship of Films:** I enclosed newspaper advertisements re films, but the Censor reports that he can do nothing about these, as newspaper advertisements are not subject to his censorship. With regard to an advertisement offering insurance against death by fright, the censor recently rejected a poster with a similar insurance offer. The Censor welcomes criticism, **but complaints must be specified to title, place and date of showing.** Members are invited to write to him individually on any matter connected with films.

An unsatisfactory reply has been received from the **Minister of Internal Affairs**, who merely states he has noted the views of our Union on **night trotting, football pools and the Totalisator Agency Board.**

**Important.** Members are asked to watch the newspapers carefully, while Parliament is meeting and if it appears that legislation is likely to be prepared for granting further concessions to the Liquor Trade, then to make immediate protest to local M.P.s. Ask your M.P. to state definitely where he stands and if you think, from experience, that he is unlikely to reply, enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

—L. K. V. Grigg (Director, L. & P. Dept.)

### W.C.T.U. MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL Honours Miss Fanaafi Ma'ai'i

Recently an Afternoon Tea was given in honour of Miss Fanaafi Ma'ai'i, of Western Samoa, who has gained unusual achievements as a scholar.

Fanaafi came to the W.C.T.U. Hostel in Parnell in 1946, just a shy, little girl, feeling herself far away from home and friends in a new country, surrounded by everything so vastly different from her homeland. The then Matron of the Hostel, Mrs J. Long, soon made a difference in Fanaafi's life. She was given a real home with this New Zealand "Mother", who has always taken a keen interest in her welfare.

Upon leaving Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Fanaafi went to Ardmore Training College and the next step was back to Samoa, where she was engaged in broadcasting lessons to children out in the villages for the next two years. Another call to New Zealand was given Fanaafi to study at Victoria University for her B.A. degree, which she gained in two years and was the first Polynesian to gain such distinction. She has also gained her Diploma of Education.

Fanaafi has translated three English books into Samoan for the school children in Samoa. Last year, she still excelled in scholarship, gaining her M.A. degree with honours and also winning the James McIntosh Scholarship award. At present, Fanaafi is in London at the University for two years to sit for a Doctorate in Languages.

The Auckland W.C.T.U. is very proud of this young woman, and as a token, she was given a farewell tea and gift in money with many wishes for her future accomplishments and the hope that she will return with her heart's desire fully realised.

—A.L.K.

## UNION NEWS

**Auckland District Executive, May.** Commenced with a prayer session, 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m., with Mrs Sherman presiding. Half hour talks were given by Miss C. McLay, Mrs Anstice, Mrs Eccersall and Miss Campbell. At the afternoon business meeting, Mrs W. Clarke, former Secretary, was warmly welcomed back after a long period of illness, Mrs A. T. Richards was present.

Members stood as a mark of esteem and respect to the late Sir W. Jordan and Mr C. W. Lopdell, stalwarts of the Temperance cause. It was decided to unite with the Wayside Mission for the Annual Mothers' Day service and Mrs Richards to be speaker. Mrs C. Blackburn appointed acting treasurer, replacing Mrs Knauf, who has resigned owing to ill-health. N.C.W. report given by Mrs Mountjoy. W.C.T.U. members to assist with Cake Stall at the N.C.W.'s "Super Market" in Town Hall, July 31st. Members also to assist with morning and afternoon teas at Alliance "Workshop". Interesting news given of a member, Miss Fanaafi Ma'ai'i, now studying at London University.

**Remuera, May.** The president, Mrs Kelsey, presided, and devotions conducted by Mrs Mackey. Members engaged in prayer for the work, Sister Jessie gave a very interesting talk on her work as a Presbyterian missionary among the Maoris, forty-five years ago. She was thanked by Mrs Robinson and presented with flowers.

**Cambridge, April.** Our president, Mrs F. Parry, presided, and Mrs E. B. Kemsley led the devotions. Mrs A. Burt elected delegate to newly-formed Branch of N.C.W. Very full and interesting report of Dominion Convention was given by Mrs L. Kelly, of Tauranga, Stn. Auckland Dist. Secretary. Further donations received for Seamen's Rest.

**Te Kuiti, Mrs A. T. Richards** visited us and gave a public address in the Methodist Church. There was a very good attendance from women's organisations and local churches. Our president, Mrs Hudson, warmly welcomed Mrs Richards. Mrs Dolson, who has served faithfully for many years, presented her with a shoulder spray. A brief survey of W.C.T.U. work was given by the speaker. Speaking of juvenile problems, she said that adult failure must be acknowledged as the primary cause, for youth was the product of its environment. The message given, was an inspiration to all and we left determined to become better acquainted with God and to allow Him to guide in all our activities. Afternoon tea was served. Next day, Mrs Richards addressed the members of the Maori Union, once again leading us to the feet of Jesus. Mrs Richards was the guest of Mrs E. Brown during her visit.

**New Plymouth, April-May.** Mrs Exley presided at the former meeting. Devotions at both meetings. Reports of Dominion Convention were given by Mrs Squire, general, and Mrs Cole, remits. We felt we had been present and were greatly uplifted and encouraged by the atmosphere they created, and we thank them. Seamen's Rest has had 2,390 visits of seamen in the last month or so. They like the quiet homeliness and many of them say so in words, as well as in attendance and frequent visits, sometimes extending for several hours at a time. Preliminary arrangements made for our Mart and Street Day and house to house collection again granted to us by the City Council for 10th July. We appreciate this continued tribute to our work by the Council.

**Feilding.** In March we studied remits for Dominion Convention. Mrs Gill was our delegate and brought back a splendid report from Christchurch to our April meeting. At our May meeting, Miss F. Tolley spoke on United Nations' Health and Educational Organisation's working towards world peace.

**Levin.** At our first meeting of this year, a letter of thanks was read from sponsors of the Austrian Refugee Children's Homes for a much appreciated Christmas parcel sent. Vegetables sent as usual to W.C.T.U. Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland, also greatly appreciated. At April meeting a very full Dominion Convention report was given by Mrs Moxham, our delegate, and Miss Cody, District delegate. Over 200 children attended our Annual rally for them—a film was shown, a temperance talk and flannelgraph and chorus singing. Biscuits and a cold drink were served. As May is Peace Month, the guest speaker, Mrs Nees inspired us with her address from the text, "Acquaint now thyself with God and be at peace". Two beautiful solos were sung. Reports of each meeting are published in two local papers, together with scientific temperance fact read at meetings and at church guilds.

**Wellington District Executive, February,** with Miss V. Jackson presiding, and devotions taken by Miss Connor. Mrs Reed welcomed Executive to Brooklyn. Special welcome to Mrs Jordan, now 92 years of age and a life-long member. Of 3 districts, Titahi Bay alone favoured the opening of a bottle store. Market Day Funds apportioned as follows: Convention Fund 30, W.R. Funds £10, N.Z. Fund £5, New Plymouth Seamen's Rest £2, Timaru Rest, Road Safety

## "Within The Veil"

Mr C. W. Lopdell, Auckland

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union pay a tribute of deep thankfulness to God for the long life of service to the Cause of Temperance and the Christian Church in our land, rendered by the late Mr C. W. Lopdell, of Mt. Albert, and former Superintendent of Police. Always gracious, helpful and with a fund of information, this servant of God will be greatly missed from the ranks of those who stand foremost in the fight against alcoholic liquors. To Mrs Lopdell and the members of his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

The War Cry writes thus: "In the promotion to Glory of Envoy C. W. Lopdell, the Salvation Army has lost a distinguished son, who throughout a long life of public service, maintained the highest traditions of Christian witness. His influence for righteousness was felt, not only in Army circles, but in many other spheres, notably in the cause of temperance. Said one magistrate of him, 'He was a just and upright man, fair in all his dealings with those who broke the law.'" —E.V.S.

## Jessie Law Tasker-Brown

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Mrs Jessie Tasker-Brown, after a long illness, borne with patience and great courage. As Miss Jessie Bradshaw, she will be remembered by many, for her Organising work in the W.C.T.U., a position to which she was appointed in 1923, at the New Plymouth Convention.

After her marriage, Mrs Tasker-Brown lived in Auckland, but later, with her husband and son, went to reside in Wellington, where she soon became well known through the many activities in which she took an active part. Among these was the St. John Ambulance Brigade of which she was Member-in-charge of the Wellington Division. For the past sixteen years, she held the position of personnel officer at the Wellington Hospital.

The funeral service was held in the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church, where the full church, the large number of beautiful floral emblems and the fine tribute from the Minister of the church, betokened the affection and esteem in which our sister was held by a wide circle of friends and associates.

To her husband and her son, Tommy, who is a member of the staff of Messrs Wright & Carman Ltd., where he takes a special, personal interest in the "White Ribbon", is extended the deep sympathy of W.C.T.U. members, in the loss of a devoted wife and mother.

Council, and Council of Christian Education £1 each. Mrs J. H. Grigg to speak at Raumati and Paekakariki Methodist Guilds.

**April meeting** at Headquarters with Karori Union as the Hostess. Welcome given by Mrs F. Grigg who conducted devotions. As Dominion Convention meets in Wellington next year, tentative arrangements being made and committees set up. Members urged to protest against liquor being sold at Airlines Bus stations and Railways, and against little children selling raffle tickets. Road Safety Council, and N.C.W. reports received. Union reports encouraging. At the afternoon session, a presentation was made to Mrs Melvin, Dist. Secretary, who is going to reside in the Bay of Plenty District. Miss Jackson gave a comprehensive report of Christchurch Convention.



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**CAMBRIDGE**, 4th Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs F. A. Parry, Wordsworth St., Leamington; Sec. Mrs A. Burt, 29 Queen St.; Treas. Mrs G. W. Carter, 25 Queen Street; C.R., Mrs H. Kernoghan; W.R., Mrs P. A. Hunt.

**CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL**, Cambridge Tce. Methodist S.S. Hall, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. G. Brown, 237 Salisbury St.; Sec., Mrs H. A. Hunt, 89 St. Andrews Hill Rd.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs H. G. Brown; C.R., Mrs Harding, 359 Worcester St.

**DARGAVILLE**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Green, Gordon St.; Sec., Mrs Heathcote, Awakino Rd.; Treas., Mrs L. Rowlands, Mt. Wesley; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cuthbert.

**DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs L. McLaughlan, 171 High St. Sec., Mrs E. Harper, 19A Swinburne St. Treas., Mrs M. J. Turner, 3 Albert St.

**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, Opho, 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. Supt., Mrs E. Fleury.

**ELTHAM**, 2nd Wednesday, Salvation Army Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. Cox, George St.; Vice-Pres. & C.R. Supt., Mrs J. Towers, London St.; Sec., Mrs J. Caskie, 5 London St.

**EPSOM—GREEN LANE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Kindergarten Hall, Green Lane Congregational Church. Pres.-Treas., Mrs T. H. Eccersall, 88 Market Rd., Epsom, S.E.3.; Sec., Mrs C. Blackburn, 38 Marewa Rd., S.E.4.; W.R. Agent, 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 A. McQueen, Broughton St. Sec., Mrs Rose, Onslow St. Treas., Miss A. S. Collins, 5 Anzac St., West Gore.

**GONVILLE**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs T. R. Clancey; Sec.-Treas., Mrs G. M. Spurdle, 47 Kawatiri Ave., Gonville.

**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.; Corr. 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 E. Johnson, 76 Wilson St., 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. Paul's Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Cropp, Livingstone St.; Sec., Mrs. Strop, 84 Fitzherbert St.; Treas., Mrs. Sweeney, Rolleston St.

**INVERCARGILL**, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m. Salvation Army Social Hall. Pres., Mrs V. J. Adamson, Edendale, Kamahi R.D., Southland; Sec., Mrs B. Hubber, Box 413, Invercargill; Treasurer, Mrs G. Livingstone, Grove Bush, No. 2 R.D., Invercargill.

**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.

**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 A. R. Dawber, 62 Power St.; Treas., Mrs C. Palmer.

**LINWOOD**, last Tuesday, Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs W. Browne; Sec., Mrs Stokes; Treas., Mrs McMillan; W.R. Miss A. Schumacher.

**Union Meetings . . .**

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Monday, 1.30 p.m., Methodist Church, Pitt Street (Room No. 4). Pres., Mrs J. Sherman, Fairholme Ave., Epsom; Corr. Sec., Mrs A. L. Kelsey, 87 Kowhai Rd., Mairangi Bay, Nth. Shore. Auck.; Rec. Sec., Mrs C. Snelgar, 13 Rugby Rd., Birkenhead; Treas. Mrs M. Knauf, 36 Rimu Rd., Mangere, S.E.S.

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**AUCKLAND**, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St. Pres., Mrs. J. Long, 9 Matai Rd., Cheltenham; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Swan.

**BALCLUTHA**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Presbyterian Church Choir Room. Pres., Mrs. V. Gill, Main North Road; Sec., Miss A. Thomson, P.O. Box 78; Treas., Mrs. G. D. Walker, Cossens St.; W.R., Mrs. E. Williamson, Cossens St.

**BIRKENHEAD**, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall, 10.30 a.m. Pres., Mrs L. Snelgar, 13 Rugby Road; Sec., Mrs H. Stansfield, 168A Onewa St.; Treas., Mrs N. Wilson.

**BLLENHEIM**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Steel, 4 Lee St., Blenheim; Sec. Mrs. R. Waive; Treas., Mrs. F. W. Harris

**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.

**MT. ALBERT**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstice; Sec. Mrs. Glaister, 1046 New North Rd., S.W.2.; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Rd., Mt. Eden.

**MASTERTON**, McLaren Room, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Miss V. Jackson, 63 Cole St.; Corr. Sec., Mesdames J. Kitchener, H. Speight; Rec. Sec., Mrs. C. J. Sims; Treas., Mrs. Hoare, 28 Sussex St.

**MOTUEKA**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Pierce, Lower Moutere R.D.2, Upper Moutere; Sec., Mrs. A. Bisley, Queen Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Wratt, Whakawera St.

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

**NELSON**, 2nd Tuesday, W.C.T.U. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. G Rankin, 64 Washington Valley Rd.; Sec., Mrs L. E. Dellow, 17 Suter Street, Stoke; Treas., Mrs A. E. Doel; W.R., Mrs Bradley, 4 Brougham St.; CR. Mrs E. Wilson.

**NEW BRIGHTON**, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Wrighton; Sec., Mrs Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas., Mrs F. M. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale St.

**NEW PLYMOUTH**, 4th Tuesday, Whitley Youth Centre, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. M. Atkins, 20 Aubrey St.; Sec., Mrs C. Squire, 56 Mill Rd.; Treas., Mrs S. E. Bennett, 9 Maranui St.; Seamen's Rest, Treas., Mrs H. O. Cole, 54 Pioneer Rd. Parcels or money to Mrs Cole.

**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, 1.30 p.m. Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Turner, 16 Seaview Ave., Northcote; Sec., Mrs. L. J. Hockenbuhl, 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.; Treas., Mrs Owen Benfell, 3 Bouverie St., Dunedin, N.E.1.

**NORHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Wednesday, February, April, June, Sept., Pres., Mrs C. H. Singleton, Private Bag, Wellsford; Vice-Pres., Mrs S. S. Green, Mrs Bellingham; Rec. Sec., Mrs Keyte; Corr. Sec., Mrs Lane, 15 Lovatts Cres., Whangarei; Treas., Mrs Heathcote, Dargaville.

**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 H. Knauf, Rimu Rd., Mangere, S.E.5.; Corr. Sec. and Press Reporter, Mrs F. W. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd., Onehunga; Rec. Sec. and W.R. Agent, Mrs Carless, 34 Hardington St.; Treas., Mrs E. Mead, 3 Acorn St., Epsom; C.R. Supt., Miss H. Grigg, 2 Malvern Rd., S.E.5.

**OPAWA**, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church; Pres., Miss E. Gainsford, 52 Barnett Avenue, Chch.; Sec., Mrs M. Campbell, 28 Battersea St., Sydenham; 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.

**OXFORD**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs N. G. Dalley, Powell's Rd.; Sec. Mrs H. W. Harrison, Ashley Gorge Rd., Oxford; Treas., Mrs R. Ingram, Bay Rd., Oxford.

**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.

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

**PICTON**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Rodley, 10 Kent St.; Sec. Mrs T. S. Beattie, Hampden St.; Treas., Mrs Powell, Milton Terrace, W.R., Mrs Kerkin, Gravesend.

**PONSONBY**, 3rd Thursday, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Clarke, 85 Norfolk St.; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. B. Christopher; Maori, Sister Jessie.

**REMUERA**, 3rd Monday, Methodist Hall, St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. L. Kelsey, 87 Kowhai Rd., Mairangi Bay, Nth. Shore; 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, 64 Ottawa Rd., Wainoni, Chch.; Treas., Mrs Thomas, 15 Division St

**RICHMOND** (Nelson) 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Polyglaze, Stoke; Sec. & W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, 30 Waverley St. Treas., Mrs Goodall, 48 Oxford 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. Dudley, 11 Oxley Avenue.

**SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**: Pres., Miss J. Muir, 13 Kana St., Mataura; Sec., Mrs V. J. Adamson, Edendale, Kamahi R.D.; Treas., Mrs G. Livingstone, Grove Bush, No. 2 R.D. Invercargill.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**: Pres., Mrs L. Eastwood, 2 Wellington St., Hamilton; Sec., Mrs L. Kelly, 9 St. Johns St., Tauranga; Treas., Mrs F. A. Parry, Wordsworth St., Leamington; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Christian, Paki, Moore. 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 p.m. Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs E. A. Smart, 163 Main Rd., Stoke; Sec., Mrs J. H. Cowan, 38 Polstead Rd.; Treas., Mrs Walker, 9 Willow Ave.

**TAURANGA**, First Tuesday, 2 p.m., Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs L. Kelly, 9 St. Johns St.; Sec., Mrs B. Stark, Rimu St., Tauranga South; Treas., Mrs J. Daley, Durham St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Christian, Bulmer, Woolford.

**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, St. Andrews Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. H. Benson, Ohaupo Rd. Te Awamutu; Sec., Mrs S. E. Bryant, 31 College St.; Treas. & W.R., Mrs E. L. Purdie, Wynyard St.

**TE KOPURU**, 3rd Thursday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers, Box 32; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth, Box 58.

**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, 1 p.m., Te Huinga Maori Centre. Pres., Mrs M. Joseph, 54 Awakino Rd.; Sec., Mrs N. Papanahi, No. 5 R.D. Oparure, Te Kuiti; Treas., Mrs R. Baker, No. 5 R.D. Oparure, 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., Mrs G. Keen; Sec., Miss I. Kennard; W.R., Mrs N. McKenzie.

**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. Fobb; 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. Dawie-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

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 134 Ghuznee St., Wellington, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. V. Melvin, 16 Bruges Ave., Miramar; Sec., Major A. Fletcher, 134 Ghuznee St.; Treas. Mrs T. Ball, 617 Evans Bay Rd., Wellington, E.3; W.R., Mrs Barbour.

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, at Headquarters, bi-monthly. Pres., Miss V. G. Jackson, 63 Cole St., Masterton; Sec., Mrs H. V. Melvin, 16 Bruges Ave., Miramar.

**WELLSFORD**, 4th Tuesday, 1.45 p.m., alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs C. W. Phillips, No. 3 R.D., Wellsford; Minute Sec., Mrs Powell; Sec.-Treas., Mrs C. H. Singleton; W.R., Mrs. A. Powell; C.R., Mrs A. Powell, Mrs C. Phillips.

**WHANGAREI**, 1st Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs T. P. Lane, 5 Lovatt's Cresc.; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. Bellingham; Corr. Sec., Mrs W. J. Roberts, 34 Whau Valley Rd.; Treas., Mrs E. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; C.R., Mrs A. Marsh; W.R., Mrs Lane.