

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"O God of Love, O King of Peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain,
Give peace, O God, give peace again."

—H. W. Baker.

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FRANCHISE DAY—SEPTEMBER 19th

WOMAN AND HER FREEDOM

Fifty-seven years ago, on September 19th, 1893, ended the long struggle for Women's Suffrage in New Zealand. Few of us, still in active service, can remember that campaign, but many could recount stories of the toil and hardships by our mothers and other workers for the Franchise. The long tramps on foot to gain signatures to petitions, the rudeness encountered—not always from men—the weariness and disappointments—the prayers and faith of those noble-hearted and courageous workers must all be remembered. Then the great feat was accomplished, by the united efforts of men and women and sympathetic legislators.

Following 1893, when women could record their votes, as local option polls were held and the great wave of enthusiasm and determination resulted in areas here and there "going dry," it almost seemed as if a dry New Zealand were in sight.

Then, in 1919, at the end of the First World War, we canvassed the country with a special petition for a Dominion vote on the liquor question, and this was granted, and almost carried in our favour.

But, in exchange for the privilege of that vote, we were deprived permanently of the right of Local Option Vote. Since that time, there has been no opportunity for increasing the number of dry areas; on the contrary, some have become wet again, and, until the Local Option is restored, we see little hope of further improvement.

What then of our Freedom, so dearly bought? Women's Suffrage means more than the triennial vote for members of Parliament and Dominion No-License.

We are free to vote for members of local bodies. We are also free to seek election on such, as well as to

Parliament. How far have we gone?

How many women have been elected to Parliament? We have a few women on Hospital Boards, where they prove themselves of great service; a greater number on School Committees, where their influence could be used to some extent to restrain the raffling evil; a large number of women are Justices of the Peace, but very seldom have the opportunity of sitting on the Bench.

The matter of women on Juries was nullified by the fact that women must volunteer for that service, and every time that one has been called, she has been challenged. There is still a job to be done in this connection.

It can be seen then, that women are doing something with their freedom, but it is not enough.

If we compare the womanhood of our country today, with that of even 40 or 50 years ago, we find that, then, few women were drinkers and still fewer were smokers, while today, the majority indulge in both practices.

Big wages, short hours of work, easier conditions, all seem to make for increased selfishness and indifference to the needs of others.

Women of Other Lands

For many years after we gained the suffrage, we in New Zealand, were the envy of women all over the world. We prided ourselves that we were the **first**.

In nearly every country of the world, women have been freeing themselves from the age-old traditions and customs that have bound them. They have surmounted incredible difficulties, have mastered languages, pursued studies in scientific and international fields and, by their courageous tenacity of purpose are putting us to shame.

In Belgium, although the women have not yet attained the Suffrage, five women have been elected to the

Senate, and three to the Upper Chamber. Belgium also has **Women**

Police.

In Egypt today, the veil and the harem are almost completely things of the past. Women there do not enjoy the privilege of voting, but the professions are open to them, especially legal and journalistic. They take an active part, too, in philanthropic work and social reform.

A great honour has been conferred, and deservedly, on Senorita Minerva Bernardino of the Dominican Republic in South America. The Department of Foreign Affairs appointed her to be Minister Plenipotentiary to the United Nations, where she has served as delegate at several U.N. Conferences.

If you listen on your radio to U.N. Album, you may hear a Jewess, an African Negress, a Hindu, or a woman of some other country make an excellent speech in excellent English. How many of us have had the patience to master even one other language besides our own?

This is written with the hope of impressing on our minds how we fall short, as the women of New Zealand, of the achievements of women in other and less favoured lands than ours. The problem of how to regain and increase our former zeal is a very serious one. It must be solved by the younger generation of women, so many of whom are privileged to be receiving secondary educations. But secular education will not be sufficient unless it has a Christian foundation.

A character built on love of pleasure, selfishness and indifference to the needs of others, is not more likely to stand against problems and difficult times than a house built on the sand will withstand the storm.

May God give us grace to stand firm for all that the pioneers visualised in the early years of our emancipation.

(Contributed by request.)

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS

Nominations for Dominion Officers for 1950-51, will close with the undersigned on November 12th next.

Consent to nomination must be obtained.

R. M. Underhill,
Blenheim.

AN APPEAL TO SUBSCRIBERS AND UNIONS

Dear Readers,

Our "White Ribbon," like all other publications and periodicals today, is faced with the problem of increased costs of production, paper, postage. Our subscription has been consistently kept at a minimum, but, from and including last month's issue, we are faced with quite a considerable loss in circulating the paper.

The officers have considered the matter very carefully and are reluctant to increase the subscription meantime. We realise the many calls made upon all of you and we ask your prayerful consideration of the following suggestions:—

1. That each Union which has not sent a donation to "White Ribbon Day" Fund, send one now, to the Business Manager, 25 Eldon Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2.

2. That each Union take a **Special Collection** or make a donation from Funds at next meeting.

3. That subscribers to the "White Ribbon" who are unable to attend meetings, and are thus debarred from contributing to collections, send a donation to help cover postage.

4. Voluntary donations and proceeds of special efforts will be much appreciated.

5. A special effort to increase the number of subscribers.

Our paper is the only **Women's Temperance Paper** in the Dominion, and is of great educational value, not only to the general public, but also to young people and thousands of children, among whom the "Beacon" and "Y.P. Supplement" are widely distributed.

Yours for the Temperance Cause,
CATHERINE M. McLAY,
Dominion President.

NEWS BULLETIN OF THE WORLD CONVENTION

The following comprise brief extracts from sessions of the World Convention held at Hastings, England.

"Visitors to the Convention were impressed with its unique choir, composed of about 50 members. Miss Phyllis Wright, the Convention Musical Director, is to be congratulated upon gathering together and training daily, members from a dozen countries."

"Members went round the world in eighty minutes when 31 two-minute speeches were delivered from the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Denmark, Egypt, England, Finland, Germany, Gold Coast, Holland, India, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Korea, Madagascar, Mexico, New Zealand,

Norway, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Ulster, U.S.A., and the West Indies.

"The experience of hearing and seeing so many representatives of so many countries, made one person say: 'It reminded me of Heaven, where we all hope to gather with our Great Father.'"

Rev. H. T. Wigley, Secretary of the National Free Church, in the course of a stirring address, appealed for Church members to be **absolute** "total abstainers." Drunkards are recruited from the ranks of the moderate drinkers: "As the father of two girls, I cannot drink, for I do not know what my influence will be on them, if they see me drinking."

"Juvenile Delinquency" is a much-discussed problem today, and Mme. Boulenger of Belgium reported as follows: "The drinking habits of the parents often play a prominent part in juvenile delinquency, affecting, as they do, the child through heredity and environment." She gave important extracts from a recent book of Professor A. Racine, of Brussels University; "One knows that intoxication due to alcohol, excites the sexual appetite and loosen the inhibitions of the superior centres of the brain. Most of the sexual offences mentioned in our files, have been committed under the influence of alcohol."

World Citizenship was discussed at an evening session. At the meeting, the Vicar of St. Leonards, Rev. G. A. Pavitt, led the devotions. Among the speakers was Mr. Shoran S. Singha, B.A., Chairman of the Overseas Temperance Council. In a forceful address, he said, "Prohibition is the goal of the new Indian Government, following the lead given by Gandhi. Now, at no Government function is liquor offered. In London, the Indian Embassy is the **only** Embassy where liquor is unobtainable. Therefore, a seal has been placed, by authority from the top, as to what the policy is to be." Mr. Singha was not apprehensive about India, Pakistan and Ceylon, but he expressed great concern for the Africans and the Maoris, and our "younger brethren," and urged that these peoples in particular should be borne in mind by all who have the "drink problem at heart."

Included among the resolutions passed at Hastings were the following:

"**Peace**"—We re-affirm the principle of the W. C. T. U. for Peace, the outlawing of war, and the settling of all international differences by arbitration. We pledge our whole-hearted support to the United Nations and the preamble to the U.N. Charter, as the potential instrument for attaining world peace; we declare our opposition to peacetime conscription of men, women, or youth, and to propaganda against any nation; and we invite the co-operation of men and women everywhere, in a constant effort towards understanding, and the securing of a world-peace.

Alcoholic beverages.—Whereas alcohol is a narcotic drug damaging to the human organism, and a major factor in social deterioration and crime, the World's Convention recommends to each National Union—

1. To urge its Government to make illegal the direct and indirect advertising of alcoholic beverages, and

2. That national Unions protest to the appropriate authorities as occasion arises against

(a) Advertisements of alcoholic beverages in the press, over the air, by postal communication, and in any other way, and

(b) The linking up of the use of alcoholic beverages with sport, hospitality and happy home life.

Transport.—"In view of the appalling increase of accidents on the roads, and in consideration of the supreme need of accuracy of judgment in the control of mechanical vehicles on the roads and in the air, we appeal to transport authorities in all lands to issue with every licence to air pilots and motor drivers, a warning that even a small amount of alcoholic drink interferes with reaction time and the quick decision required in emergencies; to call attention to the value of abstinence from alcoholic drinks, as a safety measure of paramount value, and that the consumption of alcoholic liquor be prohibited in all aircraft."

HEADQUARTERS 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our Dominion Headquarters held its 21st Birthday Party on July 18th, when the Chairman of the Committee, Miss Kirk, presided over a large gathering of friends.

After Devotions, when hymn 7 was sung and the Crusade Psalm repeated, Miss Kirk welcomed the guests and gave a brief history of the gaining of Dominion Headquarters and its work over the 21 years of its life.

Flowers were presented to the Dominion President, Miss C. M. McLay, and to the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, Miss Kirk and Mrs. Brewer, respectively.

A very special appreciation of the kind and loving service of Headquarters' Caretaker, Mrs. Ross, was a feature of the function, and flowers were presented.

Since Headquarters was obtained, Mr. and Mrs. Ross have given of their best in work and help in every way possible.

Miss McLay gave a splendid address, emphasising the fine background of inspiration, given by the pioneers in our work and the ever-present need for watchful prayer and work.

Duets sung by Mesdames Cowan and Roxborough gave much pleasure.

The Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., President of the New Zealand Alliance, spoke of the appreciation of the Alli-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Dear Comrades,

At District Conventions which are being held during this month, I shall be glad if opportunity can be made to discuss the **Forward Move and Five-Year Plan**. Methods and ideas could be exchanged and encouragement given to delegates to take back to their local Unions. We need a substantial increase of members and "White Ribbon" subscribers to make good the loss incurred year by year through the removal of stalwarts who have passed on.

Plans are now being made for next Dominion Convention to be held in Dunedin. Your decision to send a delegate, even although you cannot give the name, should be made at your October or November meeting, and advice sent to the Hostess Union—Dunedin—to enable them to arrange for homes. This is very important. The officers would greatly appreciate your co-operation.

I would say a word of thanks and encouragement to all who are doing the children's work, the L.W.R., J.T.L., and Band of Hope. In this work there is the glad new Hope that never dies. We all appreciate your loyal service as you train the little ones and pass them on to the Youth Temperance groups and later on to the Mother Union. These organisations are the seed-bed of Christian Citizenship. The child in the midst is the greatest asset of the Home, the Church, the Nation, and he or she is also the target of the forces of evil. They are all bidding for the child—the liquor traffickers, the gambling interests, the vendors of vile literature, the tobacconists. You are building a wall of defence around many of these precious lives and may God speed your work. While we view with deep concern the growing spoilation of our manhood and womanhood by Drink and its attendant evils, we

"Within the Veil"

Mrs. T. A. H. Field—Nelson

On June 24th at her residence, Port Nelson, one of our oldest and most loyal members passed to her reward.

For a great many years, Mrs. Field was a Dominion Officer and was well known for her devoted service in circulating literature and her work in connection with the Dominion Library.

Over 20,000 cards of the Prayer Sigil, by John Oxenham, were distributed by Mrs. Field.

As first president of the Nelson District, she did faithful work, and she was one of the first to receive the 30 years' badge for service. The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. A. K. Petch, was deeply impressive, and was largely attended by relatives, friends and W.C.T.U. members.

Mrs. Haddy—Upper Hutt

There passed on to Higher Service, on July 15th, one of Upper Hutt Union's most faithful members, Mrs. Haddy, who had been connected with the branch since its formation in 1930. She celebrated her 90th birthday on May 21st last. Although she had resided for some years with her daughter, Mrs. Clarke, in Martinborough, she still kept up her connection with the Upper Hutt Union, and through the "White Ribbon," her interest in the W.C.T.U. work, which she loved, was maintained. She will be greatly missed by members of the Union, for her letters were always so helpful and inspiring, and her enthusiasm in the Cause will ever be remembered.

Mrs. Chuck—Blenheim

In July, there passed to Higher Service, a very faithful member of the Blenheim Union.

The late Mrs. Chuck, who celebrated her 91st birthday shortly before her death, had been connected with the Blenheim Union for a great number of years.

Though bed-ridden for the last years of her life, she still retained her mental alertness, and took a keen interest in Temperance and Christian work.

Converted while a young girl, she had a great love for her Lord and to the very end, gave a faithful witness to His redeeming power in the lives of men and women.

look to your work and feel with the Hymn writer:—

"E'en the hour that darkest seemeth,
Will His changeless goodness prove;
From the gloom His brightness
streameth,
God is Wisdom, God is Love."

Yours for Victory,

CATHERINE M. McLAY.

"THE DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

As the Branch in the Vine

I am the Vine; ye are the branches.
He that abideth in Me, and I in
him, the same bringeth forth much
fruit; for without Me ye can do
nothing.—John 15:5.

It was in connection with the Parable of the Vine that our Lord first used the expression, "Abide in Me." This Parable, so simple, and yet so rich in its teaching, gives us the best and most complete illustration of the meaning of our Lord's command, and the union to which He invites us. The Parable teaches us the nature of that union. The connection between the vine and the branch is a living one, just as it is with the believer and his Lord.

The union with the Lord, is not the work of human wisdom, or human will, but an act of God, by which the closest and most complete life-union is effected between the Son of God and the believer.

Without the vine, the branch can do nothing. And so the Lord says, "**Without Me, ye can do nothing.**" The believer can be pleasing to God only in that which he does through the power of Christ dwelling in Him. The daily inflowing of the life sap of the Holy Spirit is his only power to bring forth fruit. He lives alone in Him and is for each moment dependent on Him.

Without the branch, the vine can do nothing. A vine without branches can bear no fruit. Such is the wonderful condescension of the grace of Jesus Christ that, just as His people are dependent on Him, He has made Himself dependent on them. Without His disciples He cannot dispense His blessings to the world; he cannot offer believers the grapes of the Heavenly Land. It is His own appointment, and this is the high honour to which He has called His loved ones.

As the believer enters into His calling as a branch, he sees that he has to forget himself, and to live entirely for his fellowmen. To love them, to seek for them, and to save them; Jesus came for this. Every branch on the Vine has to live as much as the Vine itself. It is for fruit, much fruit, that the Father has made us one with Jesus Christ, His Son.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, again we do humbly thank Thee for the love bestowed upon us day by day, and we do ask that Thy loving guidance may enable us to understand more of Thy wondrous and precious mysteries and so encourage and strengthen each one of us to live closer to Jesus, our Saviour. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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THE EVILS OF GAMBLING

By Dr. J. D. Salmond

The following report of an address given to women, under the auspices of the Dunedin Women's Christian Temperance Union, appeared as the leading article in the Otago Daily Times of July 26th, 1950:

"It was a characteristic of Western civilisation today, and legal and illegal gambling in the Dominion had increased to **£40,000,000 annually**. It was one of the country's most prosperous industries," said the speaker.

Dr. Salmond appealed to **Christian people to have nothing to do with lotteries or sweepstakes**, to refuse to countenance at Church functions, methods of raising money that savoured of gambling, and not to be misled by "good cause" arguments.

He also asked Church members to make their parliamentary candidates declare their policy on the subject.

'**Gambling interfered with production** by wasting working time. In Britain, it had been estimated that it reduced production in some factories by 20 per cent. No economist had ever favoured it.

It **fostered crime**—particularly fraud and embezzlement. It proke down respect for the law, and could be a source of corruption among those responsible for enforcing the law. It corrupted every sport it touched.

The opinion of Church leaders on gambling, was expressed at the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops in 1930. It declared, "On gambling, we can only reiterate that the desire to get something for nothing and the passion for excitement, which it arouses, are always demoralising and in their worst forms lead to a corruption of character. The whole instinct of gambling is selfish and anti-social."

The Church of Scotland had called upon its people to re-affirm its stand against raising money for Church purposes by gambling, or any methods that savoured of gambling.

On Christian and ethical grounds, gambling was wrong because it appealed to the lower motives—greed, covetousness and laziness. It also

violated the Christian principle of stewardship—no stretch of imagination would ever conceive it possible to gamble to the glory of God.

In New Zealand, so-called art unions have become a feature of our national life. They are a very unfair and subtle form of temptation to young people, who found it hard to stand out against what the group worked with or played with was doing.

For the three-year period, ended March 31st, 1945, £25 of every £100 invested in art unions went in prizes, £27 went in expenses, £10 in lottery dues, and the net profit was £38. The total average net profit each year was less than £92,000—not a large compensation for fostering the desire for bigger gambling among the young people of the country.

State Lottery

It was often suggested that an organised State Lottery should be established in New Zealand, mainly to prevent money from going overseas to Australia, Tasmania and Ireland. The proceeds would go to hospitals and charities. Experience overseas had shown that only a very small amount of the money invested was received by the hospitals. For every £100 subscribed to the Queensland Golden Casket lottery, from 1939 to 1940, £64 was paid in prizes, £8 in expenses and £5 in lottery duty, leaving only £23 for charitable purposes.

Football Pool

The New Zealand Council of Sport recently suggested that football pools be established in the country to obtain money for sport purposes. The money invested in such pools in Britain had certainly grown to enormous proportions, but thousands of people had had to be drawn from productive industry to run the pool. The Scottish Churches and football associations were both opposed to the pools because they considered them to have a corrupting effect on sport.

The totalisator system was about the only form of legalised gambling in New Zealand. It showed that the sporting and recreational aspects of horse-racing were being subordinated to the business of organised gambling.

The Royal Commission on Gambling recommended off-course betting to eliminate the £20,000,000 profits which were being made annually by the book-makers.

Experience overseas had shown that increased legal gambling facilities had led to an increase in both legal and illegal gambling.

Reasons for Increased Gambling

1. The enormous increase in currency—people had more money to spend wisely, or unwisely.

2. The modern materialistic outlook expressed in the desire to get rich quickly.

3. The spirit of insecurity that had gripped the world.

4. The widespread boredom, that saw no purpose in life.

THE "NO-LICENSE" MOVEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND

Early History Recalled

About the year 1900, a group of citizens in Sydenham, Christchurch, decided to call a halt on the destructive and contaminating influence of the Liquor Traffic.

The first real attack was initiated there when the No-license Party obtained a majority on the Licensing Committee, among whom were **T. E. Taylor, George J. Smith, L. M. Isitt, Patrick Munro**, and others. These men's votes closed entirely the open bar of all the hotels in Sydenham (about 10 in number). This immediately brought the movement into direct conflict with the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and a very determined fight ensued.

The Magistrate's Court gave its decision in favour of the Licensing Trade, maintaining that the decision of the Licensing Committee in closing the hotels, was illegal.

The matter was then taken to the Supreme Court, which ruled that the Licensing Committee were in order in exercising their votes to close the hotels as they had obtained their seats by the people's vote. The hotel bars were then closed in Sydenham. However, this did not end the matter, as the Licensed Victuallers' Association took the matter to the Privy Council in London, who reversed the decision, thus costing the No-license Party upwards of £700. This would have been a great deal more, but for the fact that **Mr. Atkinson**, a sympathiser in Dunedin, gave his legal services gratis. The decision created great bitterness among the more temperate and self-respecting

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THE NEW ZEALAND ALLIANCE

63rd Annual Meeting

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Alliance was held in the Wesley Church Parlour, Taranaki St., Wellington, on the 19th and 20th July, when a good attendance of delegates representative of New Zealand Temperance organisations, met to confer upon matters pertaining to the progress of the Cause of Temperance in this country.

The Chairman, Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., in his opening remarks of welcome, emphasised the fact that great as was the power of the Liquor Trade, the greater power of God was ours, and that we could, with supreme confidence accept and trust God's power to destroy the foe we sought to defeat.

A full and comprehensive report of the year's activities was presented by the General Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Milner and the following are extracts taken from his report:—

No-license Voting

In every No-License district, the position of the last Poll was improved. Although only 40% was required to retain No-License, the average vote was in 10 districts 52%.

There is approximately one-sixth (300,000) of the Dominion's population living under No-License conditions created by the vote of the people and probably an equal number in districts that have developed without any licenses being granted, or again large suburban areas, where licenses were wiped out, in the early days under Reduction voting—Dunedin is an outstanding example of this.

There is not sufficient made of, and certainly not enough education and regular witnessing, concerning the advantages and obvious benefits that pertain in these dry areas. Reduced crime and drunkenness, economic developments and general improvement and cleanliness was evidenced in the early years of No-License, in strong contrast with the preceding wet years, and to and in the present day, every one of these areas can boast better conditions. To thinking people, it stands to reason that a town with a population of 20,000, spending £200,000 on liquor (based on the Dominion, per capita) must be in a worse position than a similar town spending that money annually on innocent and real pleasure and/or capital assets. But the sad fact is people do not think.

National Poll

Unfortunately the improvement shown in the no-license districts cannot be reported of the National Prohibition Vote. Taking the European vote, Prohibition increased 1903, State Purchase and Control decreased 72,261 and Continuance increased 94,050. Obviously it is safe to say, that the whole of the votes lost to State Con-

trol went to Continuance. This deserves some thought.

State Control Issue

Reverting to the State Purchase issue on the National Ballot paper, discussions were held during the year, with Ministers and members of the Labour Government, and it was emphatically stated by several of them, that the Government had abandoned any idea of State Purchase and Control; that it was a proposal which the Government could not give effect to even if carried; but when asked, why not eliminate it from the ballot paper, that was a different thing. Yet, that is the crux of the matter. The Temperance Forces have always been sore about this three issue ballot paper, and, from its inception 30 years ago, have fought against it.

Parliamentarians admit it is undemocratic and unfair. The Royal Commission said: "We recommend the abolition of the issue of State Control and also of the present form of ballot paper and of the methods of determining whether a proposal is carried at the national poll. We consider that both the ballot paper and the method of determining the voting are ill-adapted to ascertaining the real will of the electors."

Licensing Control Commission

The Government set up the Licensing Control Commission with a Magistrate as Chairman, and it has been functioning since June, 1949. Its policy of public sittings for inquiry provides a reasonable opportunity for the public and interested groups to make representations. A survey and an announcement regarding Tourist Licenses has been made, and the Commission is now in the process of covering the Dominion in an attempt to survey the needs, regarding wholesale and accommodation licenses and Club Charters.

The question that most keenly and closely affects temperance progress is the policy of placing or not placing licensed premises in purely or predominantly residential areas. We believe public sentiment is largely against suburban licenses, and we feel strongly that the legislature should make provision for a locality to vote as to whether they want these new licenses or not.

At present, the public only have the right to seek a vote for or against a particular site.

Regulations have been issued and if a license is proposed, a local body may now seek a vote as to whether the residents desire Trust Control or otherwise. But the residents may not want any license at all, and there is no effective way provided for them to say so.

The powers of Licensing Committees have been substantially enlarged. They now have the task of assessing and where they consider necessary, of demanding better facilities, an increase in accommodation or even rebuilding.

Much more interest has been taken in Licensing Committee Elections, as a result of these new powers and the setting up of the Licensing Control Commission.

The major factor should be kept in view, namely, that the Licensing Committee takes the place of the Licensing justice at home and is **there to protect the public interest.**

Trust Control

Since the introduction of the experiment in Invercargill, Trusts have been established at Masterton, Ashburton, and Geraldine.

Votes also have been taken at Matamata, Ngatea, Tokoroa, all favourable to Trust Control (one pending in Tauranga) and yet, there is no legislative provision for the way in which these Trusts shall be set up, or how they will be financed.

It is most undesirable that a series of unconnected and varying "Trusts" should spring up all over the country.

It was the present Government that brought down and gazetted the regulations facilitating these Trusts, and it now remains to be seen, how they will further legislate in the matter.

Children in Bars

There are numerous complaints of the drift in New Zealand, concerning the practice of children being in liquor bars.

In England the law forbids the presence in the bars, of children under fourteen years of age.

During the last 12 years, the New Zealand Alliance has many times asked the Government to legislate to prohibit anyone from taking babies or children into bars and to prevent young people from going into bars.

Signs of Progress

The serious and widespread complaints reported at the last annual meeting, concerning the secret remission of driving penalties, had little effect upon the then Minister of Justice. He refused to make public the remission, by the Justice Department, of penalties imposed by the Courts on drinking drivers.

The present Minister of Justice is to be congratulated upon the quick and firm action he took in this matter, upon assuming office.

The Minister of Health is also to be heartily congratulated upon the steps taken in regard to liquor advertising. The principles of truth in advertising is fairly generally accepted in commercial circles, but with the Liquor Traffic, the ethic of observing the truth is ignored, so much so, that

special legislation is needed to protect the public.

In America it has been illegal for many years to claim medicinal or food value for intoxicating beverages.

The Commission recommended that the ban on radio liquor advertising, which has always existed in New Zealand, should continue; that screen, hoarding or poster liquor advertising be prohibited and that newspaper advertisements be limited to 5 in. by 8 in.

None of these recommendations were given effect to, except the ban on radio advertising.

The beverage use of alcohol remains one of the greatest and most damaging evils of our day in every country in the world. The tension and speed of modern life, coupled with the decline of spiritual and moral forces, intensify the problems and must continue to do so, increasingly.

In England and America, alcoholism is declared to be No. 1 health problem. In every country, controls and restrictions are being multiplied, but the problem grows. The shallow and foolish claims that, where the restrictions are few, the people do not get drunk and the problem is small, have been completely shattered.

The problem is found to be greater in these places, and the authorities are painfully waking up to the fact.

The only effective control is **prohibition** in whatever degree it is applied, and temperance forces in New Zealand may continue to put their faith, with absolute confidence, in **Prohibition** as the **only cure**.

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ance for the work of the W.C.T.U., and brought congratulatory greetings.

A collection taken up during the function amounted to £13/10/2. Greetings and cheques from Christchurch, Dunedin, Napier, Brooklyn and Wellington Central Unions totalled £18/10/-. Headquarters Fund thus benefitted to the extent of £32/0/2.

Further greetings came from Oamaru, South Canterbury District, Northland, South Auckland District, New Plymouth, Karori and Wellington Unions; from Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Bishop and Miss Appleby.

Verbal greetings in the meeting were given by the following District Presidents: Mrs. Toomer, Mrs. Mountjoy, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Burnham (for Manawatu).

The formal programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Afternoon tea was served by members of the Headquarters Committee.

Despite the difficulties of catering, caused by the fact that barely half of those invited, acknowledged their invitations, the supplies were more than adequate.

Headquarters Committee was much encouraged by the heartiness of the enthusiasm of those present and by the number and kindness of greetings received.

J. ATKINSON.

CANADA AND THE W.C.T.U.

By Victoria Grigg, M.A.

After crossing the Atlantic in the Queen Mary, from Southampton to New York, and spending a week in Washington D.C., my journey to Canada took me back through New York to Boston, and thence to Montreal. Though I was the recipient of much kindness in the U.S.A., it was a real thrill to see Canadian Customs Officials, and know that I was no longer an alien, but in a part of our great British Commonwealth of Nations. A short stay in Montreal preceded my visit to Ottawa, the capital of Canada. Nearly thirty years ago, the House of Parliament was destroyed by fire, except the library, but the new building is worthy of a great sister Dominion. Its great tower houses a beautiful war memorial reminiscent, on a small scale, of the Scottish War Memorial, and also a lovely carillon which plays regularly on certain days of the week and on special occasions.

Another impressive war memorial takes the form of a magnificent group of statuary, sculptured by several brothers. This is not far from the House of Parliament.

A warm welcome was received from the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. James Thorn and Mrs. Thorn.

I was the guest of a young woman fellow passenger on the Queen Mary. The conversion of the family was a wonderful story, and, at their home contact was made with a number of interesting people.

I telephoned Mrs. Lucie Allbright, a W.C.T.U. World Superintendent; and she went to a lot of trouble to arrange a luncheon for me at very short notice, at one of Ottawa's leading department stores. Practically every officer of the Ottawa District was present, over twenty women, and I had a strong feeling of fellowship with my Canadian sisters.

Like other White Ribboners throughout the world, they were deeply interested in the work in our small corner and particularly in the recent referendum on six o'clock closing.

Headquarters

An outstanding achievement of the Canadian W.C.T.U. was the opening of their National Headquarters in Toronto in 1946. The brick and brownstone building comprises, on the first floor, the Board Room and Library, the Literature Depository, and the Business Office of the Canadian White Ribbon Tidings and a literature stock room and kitchenette. The building was paid for by the gifts of White Ribboners throughout Canada, and the generosity of individuals within a vision. Let us, here in New Zealand, pray for a **debt-free** Headquarters in the near future.

The President of the Ottawa Branch of the National Council of Women, Mrs. H. G. Barber, went out of her way to show me kindness. She arranged for me to meet the National President who was paying a brief visit to Ottawa, and I also received hospitality from

Mrs. Dorman, a National Vice-President. Mrs. Barber crowned her kindness by coming to the station to bid me farewell. She was a truly gracious woman.

Educational Work

The Canadian W.C.T.U. has done outstanding educational work in both Day Schools and Sunday Schools. They formerly arranged special scholarships for teachers to study in U.S.A., but have now their own school of narcotic studies in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. They have been most fortunate in receiving co-operation from educational authorities for work in Day Schools and, for Sunday Schools, have co-operated with the Religious Educational Council of Canada. Awards have been provided for successful contestants. The giving of these awards and certificates is generally made a special event in the Sunday Schools or in the Public School that has taken up the special course of five lessons, or by a public meeting with a temperance programme.

W.C.T.U. workers assist Travellers' Aid Societies at the Railway Stations and I would like to pay a personal tribute to help received from these Societies in both Canada and the U.S.A. Willard Hall, in Toronto, provides accommodation for about 200 business girls and strangers to the city. Vancouver supports a home for friendless women. Good use is made of temperance films in schools. Gaol and hospital visitation is carried out in the larger centres.

It was my great pleasure to be entertained in Vancouver by Mrs. James Lade, Canadian President, and Mrs. R. H. Boyer, President of British Columbia W.C.T.U., also receive much kindness from a member, Mrs. Paul Harding and her family, who were related to some New Zealand friends.

It was just near Christmas when I left Vancouver and the newspapers were carrying appeals to people to be careful in the use of intoxicants owing to the dangerous state of the roads. The recent floods were very bad in Canada particularly in Manitoba, and I heard recently that the position was worse than reported in the newspapers.

The Editor of the Canadian "White Ribbon Tidings" compiles Clip Sheets giving eight Temperance Programmes a year. Each Clip Sheet is devoted to one aspect of the Drink Trade, and carries appropriate newspaper extracts and illustrations.

Two that I received were on "Citizenship" and "Cocktail Bars." Canada's Drink Bill in 1948 was 525 million dollars—more than a million dollars a day. Ontario's Drink Bill in 1948 was more than 220 million dollars, compared with 75 million dollars in 1939. The President of Ontario paraphrased a familiar saying, "Never has so much been taken from so many, with such harmful results."

At the Ontario Convention held last year, Dr. Little defended the prohibition period and branded Government control as "an ignoble experiment."

During the decade 1916-1926, of the

Ontario Temperance Act, 10 million dollars were spent on liquor, yet in 1948 over 220 million dollars. In one year, under the O.T.A. there were 8,000 arrests for drunkenness; in 1948, 31,000 of whom 2,000 were women. Beer rooms for women were introduced and cocktail bars imposed on cities, without a vote. During the O.T.A., relief was at a minimum, juvenile delinquency was not an acute problem and gaols were half empty and some of them closed.

The President of British Columbia told me that she was deeply concerned at the extent of drinking in that province. She also told me, that while, as a woman, she felt proud of the appointment of the first Canadian woman Speaker to the House of Representatives in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, she regretted that the appointee, who had been of great service to her fellow women, was now barred, as Speaker, from playing the active part she had played alone up until the time of her appointment.

I left Canada with a warm feeling for our Canadian W.C.T.U. sisters, who had shown me much kindness and displayed such determination to continue in aggressive warfare against our common enemy, and to oppose everything that hinders the moral and spiritual welfare of that great Dominion.

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people of the community, who objected that the Privy Council knew little about our laws and local conditions. The Party then set to work to rectify any loop-holes in their position.

The Courts showed considerable antagonism generally and this attitude extended to some most unjust private refusals of contract, loss of trade, and many cancellations of employment.

The Party at this time felt that their only method to assist the Movement was to get representatives into Parliament. So the support of the movement was a big item for or against a candidate, and this Party formed what was known as the left wing in the House of Representatives.

They were not long in getting T. E. Taylor and G. J. Smith in for Christchurch City, which was entitled then to three seats. Other members were added, namely, Mr. Pirani, H. D. Bedford, Dunedin, H. G. Ell and others,

making a left wing of about 8 or 10 members.

This was in the time of the Rt. Hon. Richard Seddon, Prime Minister, and representative of Kumara, a coal mining area. Mr. Seddon was antagonistic to all No-license Reform and fought with his party against the whole movement. Many pamphlets by both parties were put on the market. The No-license Party gave absolute figures to show that the £600,000 revenue obtained from the sale of intoxicating liquors was more than offset by the damage it was doing in filling our Asylums, Gaols, Old People's Homes, Charitable Aid Institutions, and in the destruction of young people's prospects in life.

The License Party claimed that the revenue obtained reduced the rates of all people, that people's liberty was not interfered with and that any man or woman was entitled to do themselves what harm they chose, immaterial of its effects on others.

The elections and the Ballot papers were watched keenly. The No-license Party secured in the House of Representatives, a ballot-paper with the following three headings:—

1. I vote for Continuance.
2. I vote for Reduction.
3. I vote for No-license.

Number one entitled the licenses to remain as they stood. The second one meant a reduction of 25 per cent. of the then number of hotels, or at least one of their number. The third granted No-license to the district which carried a three-fifths majority while Reduction was carried by a bare majority.

"Strike out the Top Line," originated from this form of the ballot-paper.

Clutha was the first locality to carry Local Option and at the following election, Mataura and Bruce, the two electorates adjoining Clutha, also carried it. Invercargill was added about this time, and later Ashburton and Masterton.

Prohibition Leagues were inaugurated throughout the whole country, and more electorates won No-license under Local Option.

The ballot-paper then came under much discussion. Some contended that Reduction and Local Option issues should be deleted and in their place National Prohibition and State Control be instituted.

At that time, it was not realised that an issue cannot be forced on a people wholesale until it has been well tried out in smaller localities. It is better for each locality to have the option of their district, where they can demonstrate its wisdom, or otherwise.

While this policy was in existence, the Party was steadily gaining ground, but since the alteration of the ballot-paper, to its present form, the No-License Movement has never closed an hotel, and many supporters believe that it never will, until Local Option voting is restored.

(To be continued.)

—By H. C. CHRISTIAN,
Cambridge.

NEW ZEALAND ALLIANCE RESOLUTIONS

Passed at the Annual Meeting in Wellington

The resolutions passed in Wellington included the following:—

1. "To aim vigorously at trying to secure Local Option Voting once more."

2. "That we request that provision be made for any locality, where it is proposed to put a new license, to have a vote as to whether they want the license or not."

3. (a) "That we request Area and Electorate Committees and individual representatives and friends of the Alliance to organise the systematic collection of newspaper cuttings, containing references to court cases, accidents, crime, etc., where liquor is involved in any way and to make this information available by arrangement for analysis, tabulation and report to Alliance Headquarters."

(b) "Further, that we request the Government to develop research into, and tabulate and make available reliable information regarding the part played by liquor in accidents and crime."

4. "That we urge the Government to arrange that the Agricultural Department use a portion of Te Kauwhata for the production of unfermented wine, and that research and experiments be carried out in conjunction with the Health Department in the matter of the production of health drinks made from fruits, herbs, or plant life in New Zealand."

5. **Young People in Bars.**—"That we ask that legislation be passed to prohibit children or babies being taken into bars, and, further, prohibit anyone under 21 entering bars."

6. "That an approach be made to the Government with a view to arriving at and enforcing of a minimum age for supplying liquor to young people."

7. "That the New Zealand Alliance seek the co-operation of all organisations, which stand for the Sanctity of the Home in combating the increasing practice of parents giving liquor to children in the home."

8. "That we urge upon the Minister of Education and his Department that there should be fuller implementation of the provisions for scientific temperance teaching in Primary and Secondary Schools and in our Colleges."

Raffles—

"The Annual Meeting of the Alliance heard through its delegates from many parts of New Zealand, complaints that promoters of Art Unions or Raffles, many of which are in support of good causes, are offering, amongst **their prizes, alcoholic liquor.**

"It was pointed out to the delegates that the promoters of such raffles in selling tickets and giving such prizes, were **sly-grog selling**, and that it was the duty of good citizens to bring this fact under their notice, and, if this is not effective, the matter should be referred to the police."

NEW "WHITE RIBBON" SUBSCRIBERS

JULY:

Bienheim	....	....	....	....	1
Cambridge	....	....	....	....	1
Gore	2
Levin	1
Napier	1
Ritcarton	2
Stoke	1
Wainukurau	1
Wellsford	2
Winton	1

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Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

District Executive. June 7th. Mrs. Green presided. Members present from Whangarei, Dargaville and Pukehuia. Mrs. Lane reported on Dominion Convention. Plans made for District Convention in Whangarei in September.

Dargaville. July 11th Mrs. Jolly in the Chair. Mrs. Harries told of their work for 10 years in Syria and Lebanon. Quoting Scripture, Mrs. Harries showed that customs were exactly the same today. Recitations by Miss Carrington enjoyed.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive. July 3rd. Mrs. Mountjoy presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Knauf. Mt. Albert Union reported a meeting similar to Band of Hope, with 80 children present. Mrs. Appleby reported that a School of Methods had been held. Report of Maori Hostel by Mrs. Long, stated, Mr. Carroll, Minister of Maori Affairs had visited the Hostel and was pleased with its running. N.C.W. Report was given by Mrs. Mountjoy. District Convention to be in September in Edinburgh St. Hall. Congratulations sent to Mayor and Mayoress and to Rev. T. Halliday for honours conferred.

Auckland Union. Memorial Day observed. Interesting talk on the early W.C.T.U. pioneers, by Mrs. Long. Mary Clement Levatt, World's W.C.T.U. Missionary, organised this Union in 1885. Congratulations to Mrs. Clow, a member who has reached her 96th birthday.

Henderson. July 19th. Memorial Day was observed. Mrs. Leman reported on District Executive Meeting. Possibility of forming a "Y" branch discussed. Further Chapter from life of Frances Willard read, and followed by interesting discussion.

Warkworth. July 19th. Mrs. Moore presided. Roll Call answered on "Long-suffering." Memorial Day observed and excellent paper on life of Mrs. Lee-Cowie given by Mrs. J. H. Thompson.

Wellsford. July. Mrs. Browne in Chair and devotions led by Mrs. Fordyce. Large quantity vegetables, fruit, sent to W.C.T.U. Maori Hostel. Magazines collected for Seamen's Rests. Rev. R. E. Fordyce gave splendid report Auckland Annual Meeting of N.Z. Alliance.

Onehunga. June 8th. A well arranged, interesting programme by Miss Grigg, "White Ribbon" Agent, was appreciated by members. Miss Grigg spoke of the faithfulness and influence of members in past years. Reports regarding youth activities given and discussed.

July 13th. Miss Grigg, Devotional Supt., gave a talk with flannelgraph illustrations. Good programme arranged by Treasurer for "Pay Up Social." Invitations sent to local Church guilds. District Convention matters arranged.

Titirangi. July 18th. Mrs. Holt presided and took devotions. Mrs. Farrish, Supt. Sailors', work was handed, 12 ditty bags and contents for sailors. Collection, £1/9/6.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT COMBINED

Remuera. July 24th. Devotions were taken by the President. Reading on "Peace," from "White Ribbon." Mrs. Gane gave the Temperance Fact. Mrs. McGregor, a retired Maori Missioner gave a talk on her work in isolated parts of the North Island. Mrs. Robinson presented the speaker with flowers.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth. July. Good meeting despite unpleasant weather. Pleasure at Miss Petersen's improved health. N.C.W. Remits considered. Final arrangements for Seamen's Rest Mart. Request made for open homes for Seamen. Reference made to our Corresponding Secretary who is visiting England.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier. July. Devotions led by the President. Anti-Gambling and Temperance Fact given. Arrangements to entertain the Blind Club. Pioneer Day observed. Several members contributed short accounts of the faith and vision of Pioneer men and women. Interesting bulletin from Mrs. Pitt.

Hastings. July 27th. Mrs. Hopper led devotions. Birthday sprays given. In absence of the speaker, Mrs. Mildenhall read a paper from School of Methods Dept. Special prayers for Korea and World Affairs. Social chat and afternoon tea.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson. Mrs. Toomer presided and led devotions at the June meeting. Mrs. Sherratt welcomed. Mrs. C. V. Knapp elected presi-

dent as Miss Toomer wished to be relieved owing to pressure of District duties. Mrs. Rankin gave stimulating talk on healthy living.

July 11th. Mrs. Knapp presided. Devotions taken by Mrs. McMillan. Mrs. Toomer to represent W.C.T.U. at N.Z. Alliance Meeting in Wellington. Report on successful Youth Rally organised by the N.Z. Alliance. Flowers and congratulations to Mrs. Knapp Sen., for her 80th birthday. Two representatives appointed to attend Plunket Society's Annual Meeting.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive. July 20th. Quarterly meeting. Devotions and prayer by members. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Powell and family. Appreciation of Mrs. Powell's work recorded. Discussion re flouting of six o'clock closing law. Arrangements for District Convention on October 2nd at Picton. Agenda prepared. President reported on the United Nations' Appeal for Children.

Springlands. July. Memorial Day was held at home of Mrs. Underhill. Devotions by Mrs. Leslie. The President referred to early members of the Union and work accomplished by them. Mrs. Rousell read from the life of Elizabeth Fry. Several members volunteered to canvass for U.N.O. Appeal.

Blenheim. July. Mrs. Forbes presided, 23 present. Devotions led by Mrs. Kentsham. Rev. Mr. Jones gave inspiring talk on "Rest." Report on farewell to Mrs. Julian who, with Dr. Julian, is retiring. New member, Miss June Knight, initiated and welcomed.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

North Brighton. June. Mrs. Noonan presided. Devotions and Thought taken from "White Ribbon." Mental Hospital patients visited by Mesdames Aston and Hardman. Talk on Children's Home in Hamilton given by Captain Kirk of the local Salvation Army. Interesting photographs shown.

July 18th. Mrs. McIlraith led devotions based on "White Ribbon." "Why Wine Injures Health," was read by Mrs. Noonan from "W.R." Mental Hospital visiting reported on. Mrs. Lord delegate to District Convention.

Good prayer meeting held at Mrs. Oxley's home. Mrs. L. Woodcock of Spreydon was the speaker, on Frances Willard and our Motto, illustrated with poems. Suggestion to oppose the establishment of betting pools, sent to Executive. Offering taken.

Spreydon. Mrs. Nisbet presided. Mrs. Brown appointed delegate to Dist. Convention. Temperance posters and donation for prizes to be given to the Baptist Sunday School. Mrs. Ancall reported on Mental Hospital visitation. Proposals made for celebrating our Centennial year.

Riccarton. July 13th. Mrs. Griffiths in Chair and devotions taken by Miss Hughes. Mental Hospital Report good. Cradle Roll Party to be held in August holidays. "Alcoholism and Liberty," by Rev. S. Baird, was an interesting paper read by the President. Discussion on plans to place W.C.T.U. before the Public during Centennial celebrations.

Papanui. July 27th. Mrs. Malcolm led devotions. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Hampton—N.Z. Beer Bill for 1949 was Three Times that of 1935. Roll Call was text of Scripture. Mental Hospital patients visited. Cradle Roll Party to be held August 30th. Memorial Day celebrated by readings from early Temperance days in N.Z.

Sydenham. August 3rd. Mrs. Filer presided and Mrs. Davies conducted devotions. Interesting and informative account of the history of the W.C.T.U. was given by the Treasurer, Mrs. Seivers.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin Central. June. Devotions led by Mrs. Ballantyne. Dominion Convention Hospitality discussed. Union responsible for about 40 delegates. Guest speaker, Dr. A. L. Haddon. Subject, "United Nations and Peace." Dr. Haddon's visit to Lake Success revealed 60 Nations pledged to promote peace.

July 25th. Mrs. Hiatt reported a posy of flowers tied with White Ribbon bow taken to Mrs. Thomas on her 100th birthday and much appreciated. Guest speaker, Dr. Salmon gave an inspiring and forceful address on the evils of gambling (as reported elsewhere in these pages).

Literature Department

Leaflets

- "The pick-me-up that lets you down."
- "Why did nobody ever tell me?"
- "Having a wedding or a party."
- "A tale of a vacuum cleaner."
- "Wake up, Mothers of N.Z."
- "Poison Unlimited."
- 8d. doz., 4/6 100.
- "How to be a he-man," 1/- doz., 7/6 100.
- "What are the facts about beer?" 1/- doz., 7/6 100.
- "Wine is harmful," 1/- doz.
- "Racial Poison," 8d. doz.
- "Alcoholic Parties," 1/- doz.
- "Let's Take Some Refreshment," 1/- doz.
- Poster, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6.
- Posters (Bob Scott), 3d. each, 2/6 doz.
- Blotters (Road Safety), reduced to 2/- per 100 while stocks last.

New Leaflets from Australia

- "Wine is not Grape Juice," 6d. doz.
- "What We Drink," 6d. doz.
- "Mothers, Be Fair," 1/- doz.
- "Move On," 6d. doz.
- "Gambling, the Question Answered," 1/- doz.
- "Armour-Bearers," six Temperance lessons, 2d. each.

GENERAL SUPPLIES.

- Treasurers' Receipt Books, 2/6 each.
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AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Road, Onehunga, S.E.5; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Long, Bute Road, Brown's Bay, Auckland; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. I. Cullen, 8 Taiere Terrace, Onehunga; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. Joner, 92 Lincoln Road, Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Road, Takapuna, N.2.

ARAMOHO, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Feild St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Greig; Corr. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson St.; Treas., Mrs. H. Good, 2A Paterson St.; W.R., Mrs. Suddaby, 20 Cúmbrae Place.

ASHBURTON, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist School Hall. Pres., Miss E. M. West, 139 Aitken St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. G. Holmes, 78 Chalmers Ave.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. E. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Pierce, 195 East St.; W.R., Mrs. Thompson, Tancred St.

AUCKLAND, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, in Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St. Pres., Mrs. J. Long, Bute Rd., Brown's Bay, Auckland; Cor. Sec., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Tce., Ponsonby, W.1; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull, 28 Ngatiawa St., Onehunga, S.E.5; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Swan, 18 Maungarei Rd., Remuera, S.E.2; W.R., Mrs. Holmes, 100 Arney Rd., Remuera, S.E.2.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill Hall, 1.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wanhill; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 26 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson, Ocean View Road; W.R., Mrs. Skentelbery, Zion Road.

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. P. A. Stephens, Howick Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. W. Southam, 69 Scott St.; Treas., Mrs. Webster, 33 Arthur St.; W.R., Mrs. R. Wayne, 26 Beaver Rd.

BROOKLYN, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jordan; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Sawden, 16 Todman St.; W.R., Mrs. Pearce; Treas., Mrs. Gittings; C.R., Mrs. Gillings.

BRYNDWR, Christchurch, 4th Tues., St. John's Church. Pres., Mrs. Pattison; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Kelly; Sec., Mrs. E. R. Clarke, 39 Burnside Road, Fendalton; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. R. Pugh, 65 Hartley Ave., Papanui.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, chr. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Square. Meetings held on 4th Wednesday in each month. Pres., Miss C. E. Henderson, J.P., 15 Menzies St.; Sumner; Hon. Sec. —; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Rd., W.2; W.R., Mrs. Neutze, 122 Aikman's Rd., Merivale.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Pres., —; Sec., Mrs. Hunt, Park Road; Treas. and C.R., Miss Edwards; W.R. Miss Bairstow, Clareville; Devotions, Mrs. Every.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Kemsley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bycroft and Holmes; Sec., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, 64 Clare St.; Treas., Mrs. W. Hooker, 60 Queen St.; W.R., Mrs. Burt, Queen St.

DARGAVILLE, 2nd Tues., Presbyterian Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly, Victoria St.; Sec., Mrs. F. T. Moorhead, P.O. Box 2; Treas., Mrs. S. Phillips, Awakino Pt.; W.R., Miss Carrington, Maungawahare.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Tues., Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Major Calcott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paviour Smith and Miss W. Thompson; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 27 Swinburn St.; Treas., Mrs. P. Turner; Cor. Sec., Miss Thompson; W.R., Mrs. Fryer.

DEVONPORT, 2nd Monday, at 2.0 p.m. in Congregational Church. Pres., Mrs. A. V. Harris; Sec., Mrs. G. F. Day, 27 Hinemoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. S. Wrack, 42 Hinemoa Ave.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Sunday School, Hanover St. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiett, 11 Duke St.; Cor. Sec., Miss Farquhar, 4a Duke St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Cannington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., —; W.R., Mrs. Graham, 4 Dundas St.; L.W.R., Mrs. Whittington, 7 Cargill St., Dunedin.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Donaldson; Sec., Mrs. Dow, 37 Cavell St., Tainui; Treas., Mrs. Graham, 32 Sidey St., Caversham; W.R., Mrs. Madigan, 155 Valley Rd., Caversham.

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. A. Towers, Mabey St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. F. E. Holley, 9 Bath St.; W.R., Mrs. Streeter, 8 London St.; C.R., Mrs. Beal, London St.

EDEN, 4th Tuesday, Walter's Rd. Church of Christ. Pres. Mrs. V. A. Read, 73a Symonds St., City; Sec., Mrs. G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Corr, 65 First Ave., Kingsland; W.R., Miss Baldock.

FENCOURT, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs. J. Clark, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Miss O. Clark; Corr. Sec., Mrs. W. T. Beer, Victoria Road, R.D. Cambridge; Treas., Miss L. Clark; W.R., Miss P. Rickard; C.R., Miss M. Clark.

FEILDING, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., —; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Spence, Taylor and Stewart; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Whisker, Kawa Kawa Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Cleland, Makino Rd.; W.R., Miss Watt, Grey St.

GISBORNE, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. V. Clement; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Road; Treas., Mrs. Coles, 8 Mangapapa Road; C.R., Mrs. Stockman; W.R., Mrs. Mackintosh, 1 Salisbury Road.

GORE, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. G. Wilson, Lewis St.; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill, Halton St.; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose, Onslow St.; C.R., Mrs. D. Dodds, 18 Mary St.; W.R., Mrs. A. M. Duthie, P.O. Box 81.

GONVILLE, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Knox Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancey; Sec., Miss Roots, 27 May St.; Treas., Mrs. Spurdle, 47 Kawatiri Ave.; W.R., Mrs. Parker, 35 Koromiko Rd.

HAMILTON, 1st Thursday, in St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Pres., Mrs. M. E. Moore, 4 Piako Rd.; Sec., Mrs. M. E. Buick, 18 Wye St., Frankton; Treas., Mrs. N. Wood, 7 Taniwha St., Frankton; W.R., Mrs. Braigley, 15 Bell St., Claudelands; C.R., Mrs. G. Bryant, Ranfurly Ave., Hamilton.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, Metcalfe Road; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, Tirimoana Road; W.R., Mrs. Johnson; C.R. and Evang., Mrs. E. V. Phillips.

HAWERA, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Bible Class room. Pres., Mrs. Hayward, 15 Caledonia St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 Collins St.; W.R., Mrs. Page, 12 Tawhiti Road, Nolandtown; C.R., Mrs. Burton, 6 Tawhiti Road, Nolandtown; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Tozer, South Road.

HANGATIKI, Maori Union. Meets 2nd Thursday, 10.30 a.m., at the Public Hall, Hangatiki. Pres., Mrs. R. Haereiti, Hangatiki; Sec., Mrs. Osborne, Hangatiki Post Office; Treas., Mrs. L. Hurst, Hangatiki Post Office; L.W.R. Sec., Mrs. Philips, Hangatiki Post Office.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Pres., Miss D. M. Mildenhall, Duchess Cres.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. C. Hagenson, 206 Wolseley St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Herbison, King St. Nth.; Treas., Mrs. H. Grainger, 612 Greys Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Buckingham, 208 St. Aubyn St. E.

HOKITIKA, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Miss L. Berendt, Weld St.; Treas., Mrs. S. Preston, Rolleston St.; W.R., Mrs. Stoop, Fitzherbert St.

INGLEWOOD, 4th Wednesday, in Methodist Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Gordon, Rata St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Clough; Sec., Mrs. Arthur, Brown St.; Treas. and W.R., Miss Pollard; C.R., Mrs. Pollard.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL, 1st Wednesday, Central Methodist Hall, Jed St., at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss H. Jamieson, 57 Layard St.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames E. M. Brown and J. B. Cameron; Sec., Mrs. J. M. Watson, 14 Mitchell St.; Treas., Mrs. J. H. Boyd, 43 Elles Road Nth; W.R., Mrs. J. B. Cameron, 33 McMaster St.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres. and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jefcoate, 289 Elles Rd.; Sec., Mrs. F. Rumler, 46 Lees St.; Treas., Mrs. N. Henderson; C.R., Mrs. R T Harris.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall, Grace St. Pres., Mrs. E. L. Richards, 16 Roy St. Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cole, Richards and Lea. Cor. Sec., Mrs. Reidy, 53 Teviot St. Treas., Miss Griffiths, 235 Crinan St. W.R., Miss L. Aitken. C.R., Mrs. Crozier. Maori Supt., Mrs. J. Richards. Evang., Mesdames Richards and Beckham. Notable Days, Miss J. McCallum. Musica!, Mrs. Lea.

JOHNSONVILLE, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. McBride, Main Rd. Sec., Miss I. Mitchell, 134 Nicholson Rd., Khandallah, N.5; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson, Petherick Cres.; W.R. and C.R., Mrs. Davis, Burgess Rd.

KAIAPOI, last Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., in W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking, Cam Road; Sec., Miss Hamel, Fuller Street; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans, Fuller Street.

KARORI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Members' homes. Pres., Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, 61 Friend St.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson, 2 Shirley St.; Treas., Mrs. R. Watchman, 78 Campbell St.; W.R., Mrs. Horne, 12 Scapa Tce.

LEVIN, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Andricksen, Oxford St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. Plaster; Treas., Mrs. Burnham, Oxford St. Nth.; C.R., Mrs. V. Hudson; W.R., Mrs. Storey.

LINWOOD, last Tuesday, in Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Graham, 634 Worcester St. Sec., Mrs. R. Black, 42 Cranley St. Treas., Mrs. McMillan, 393 Armagh St. W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller, 20 Buckley Rd.

LOWER HUTT, Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Long's Rd., 2.0 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. Spencer, "Chingford," Belmont; Corr. Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, 22 Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. J. P. Cooper, 27 Maire St.; C.R., Mrs. Aldersley; Devotional, Mrs. Swift; Birthday League, Mrs. Cooper; W.R., Mrs. Heyes, Melling Rd., and Mrs. Teasdale, Kauri St.

MT. ALBERT, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstice; Sec., Mrs. Glaister, 9 Summit Drive; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Elton Road, Mt. Eden, S.2; W.R., Miss Shepherd; C.R., Miss Blomfield.

MT. EDEN, 1st Tuesday, 2.0 p.m., Methodist B.C. Room. Pres., Mrs. Warring, 13 Poronui Street, Mt. Eden; Sec., —; Treas., —; W.R., Mrs. Pickering; C.R., Miss McKinney.

MASTERTON, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Speight, 7 Johnstone St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Vennell; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener, 47 Work-sop Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Hoare; W.R., Mrs. C. Sims.

MAUNGATUROTO, 2nd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. H. Flower; Acting Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Brock; C.R., Mrs. V. Knightbridge; Birthday League, Mrs. T. Knightbridge; W.R. and Temperance Fact, Mrs. Brock.

MOSGIEL, Presbyterian Hall, 2.30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, Feb., May, Aug. and Nov. Acting Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. A. E. Osborne, 23 Factory Road.

MOTUEKA, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., at Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. B. Carter, Queen Victoria St.; Sec., Mrs. Geo. Lunn, Staples St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Wratt, Whakarewa St.; W.R., Mrs. Cresswell; C.R., Miss Holdaway.

NAPIER, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donnelly and Ryan; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Atherfold, 21 Colenso St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. G. Martin, 194 Wellesley Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Thomson, 40 Vigor Brown St.; W.R., Miss L. Ennor, 62 Georges Drive; C.R., Mrs. Donnelly, 3 Lawrence Road.

NELSON, 2nd Tuesday, Burrough House, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. V. Knapp, Moncrieff Ave.; Sec., Mrs. A. Hay, 64 Kawai St.; Treas., Mrs. J. McMillan, Bisley Ave.; W.R., Mrs. S. E. Keeble, 65 Richardson St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. M. Neal, 8 Endeavour St.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Whiteley Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Stewart, 22 Weymouth St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wood, 2 Cutfield St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mt. Edgcombe Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Morwood, Leach St.; W.R., Mrs. Brown, 38 Dorset Ave.; Seamen's Rest, Pres., Mrs. T. Hurrell, Barring Tce.; Sec., Miss G. Petersen, 18 Woolcombe Tce.

NEW BRIGHTON, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m. in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Edmond; Sec., Mrs. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe St.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. F. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale St.; C.R., Mrs. McIlroy.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs. Peart, 860 George St.; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, 1 Bouverie St.; W.R., Mrs. McLay, 24 Black's Rd., N.E.1.

OAMARU, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Daniel, 22 Till St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cawley and Rawson and Miss Cowan; Sec., Mrs. McIlwraith, 10 Till St.; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter, 30 Kother St.; W.R., Mrs. J. J. Clarke, 11 Tamar St.; C.R., Mrs. Poole, 24 Torridge St.

ONEHUNGA, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stacey and Mushett and Miss Caughley; Sec., Mrs. W. Cullen, 8 Taiere Tce.; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce; W.R. and Home Meetings, Mrs. C. Ashton; C.R., Miss Caughley; Evangelistic, Miss H. Grigg; L.T.L., Mrs. Moore; Press, Mrs. Mushett.

OPAWA, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. Ewart Smith, Wilsons Rd., Opawa; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs. E. M. Atkins, 37 St. Albans St., Christchurch.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs. R. Sinclair; P.O. Box 15; W.R. Mrs. C. Knight; C.R., Miss McCallum.

OTAHUHU, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. B. Hughes, Vine St., Mangere; Vice-Pres., Mesdames E. J. Mears and M. Hall; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Beaumont, 5 Fairburn Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Jamison, 59 Walmsley Rd.

OTOROHANGA, 4th Friday, in Methodist Church, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. C. Kenny; Vice-Pres., Mesdames C. Rogers and Hall; Sec., Miss N. Rogers, Kio Kio R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. C. Clark, Main South Rd.; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Wharanui.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Fisher, Bennetts; Sec., Mrs. L. Jones, West Oxford; Treas., Mrs. Weston, Baptist Manse, High St.; W.R., Mrs. E. Magrath; Evang., Mrs. N. Dalley; Notable Days, Mrs. Comyns.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Hall. Pres., Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Sutherland, 69 Marne St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Claridge; Treas., Mrs. Cobb, 32 Ashley St.; W.R., Mrs. Coles, 45 Albert St.

PAPATOETOE, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Road. Pres., Mrs. Knauf, Maunu Road; Vice-Pres., Miss Kimpston; Sec., Mrs. Mollard, Allenby Road; Treas., Miss T. Heaven; W.R., Mrs. Harris.

PICTON, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Millen, Durham St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. T. Tennent; Sec., Mrs. J. Martien, Kent St.; Treas., Mrs. V. Kirken, Buller St.; W.R., Mrs. J. Martien.

PORT CHALMERS, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Quarterly in Members' homes. Pres., Capt. G. Winwood; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. B. Chambers, Wickliffe Tce.; W.R., Mrs. Taylor; C.R., Mrs. Mirams.

PONSONBY, 3rd Thursday, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Clarke, 85 Norfolk St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames B. Woods and Hambly and Sister Jessie; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. B. Christopher, 120A William Ave., Grey Lynn; Devotional, Miss E. Appleby; Maori, Sister Jessie; Temperance Fact, Miss Runciman; W.R., Mrs. B. Woods.

PUKEKOHE, 2.30 p.m., 1st Tuesday, in alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. Curnow, Prospect Tce.; Sec., Mrs. Thornton, Ward St.; Treas., Mrs. Jackson, Franklin Rd.; C.R., Mrs. Clayton.

REEFTON, 2nd Thursday, 3.0 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. Thompson; Acting Sec., Treas., and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Gilmour, Buller Road.

RAETIHI, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs. W. H. Sandford; Sec., Miss G. Scarrow; Treas., Mrs. J. Seerup; W.R., Mrs. W. H. Scarrow; C.R., Mrs. McLean.

RANGIORA, last Friday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hodges, 204 King St.; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Smith, 14 Albert St.; Treas., Mrs. Stan Watkins, Southbrook; C.R., Mrs. Hunt, 50 Newnham St.; W.R., Mrs. James, Percival St.

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., at the Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, Dorset St.; Sec., Mrs. Gill, Dorset St.; Treas., Mrs. Houston, Hill St.; W.R., Miss Andrews, William St.; C.R., Miss Tarrant.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 2nd Monday, 2.30 p.m., in Women's Rest Room. Pres., Miss V. A. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. Taylor; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. Ruthven, Tay St.; Treas., Miss C. Griffiths, 235 Crinan St., Invercargill.

SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. J. Filer; Sec., Mrs. W. E. Drewett, 63 Roker St., S.W.1; Treas., Mrs. Seivers; W.R., Mrs. E. Rogers, 37 Thackeray St., Waltham; C.R., Mrs. Garlick.

TAURANGA, 1st Tuesday, 2.0 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. A. Bensley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Christian, Bulmer, Foxcroft, Williamson and Home; Sec., Mrs. Clarkson; Treas., Mrs. Maunder, 127 Hunter St.; W.R., Mrs. Foxcroft, 67 Cameron St.

TAKAPUNA, 1st Wednesday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Winstone and Petchell; Sec., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; Treas., Miss Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; W.R., Mrs. T. H. Kelsey, 18 Sydney St.; Evang., Miss Cullen; Maori, Mrs. Petchell; C.R., Mrs. Winstone; Backblocks, Mrs. Morgan Richards; Temperance Fact, Mesdames Tremain and Wallace.

TEMUKA, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in S.A. Hall, Wood St. Pres., Mrs. W. Hewson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Grocott; Sec., Mrs. E. Butler, 30 Hayhurst St.; Treas., Mrs. Capt. Harford; C.R. and W.R., Mrs. Allanby.

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. Anderson, Mahoe St.; Treas. Mrs. E. L. Purdie, Wynyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. J. Thompson; C.R., Mrs. Poolman.

TE KOPURU, 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. O. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth, P.O. Box 58; Treas., Mrs. Soole; W.R., Miss F. Wordsworth; Temp. Fact, Mrs. H. Taylor.

TE KUITI, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Stratford; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Woolford; Sec., Mrs. Bruce, Esplanade; Treas., Mrs. Scown, A906 Te Kuni Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Coyle; C.R., Mesdames Christensen and Smith.

TE KUITI MAORI, 2nd Friday, 1.0 p.m., at Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. A. Joseph; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Kukutai and McNaught; Sec., Mrs. E. Koroheke, Waiteti Viaduct; Treas., Mrs. M. Joseph, P.O. Box 141; Evang. Supt., Mrs. M. Hose; C.R., Mrs. M. Hynes; Seamen's, Mrs. Ormsby; Backblocks and Visitor, Mrs. R. Ewan; W.R., Mrs. K. Wetere.

THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay St. Schoolroom, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Paul; Sec., Mrs. Gooder, Pollen St.; Treas., Mrs. G. Martin, 296 Queen St., Nth.; W.R., Mrs. M. Paul, 65 Hope St.; C.R., Mrs. Riley, Karaka Rd.

TIMARU, last Tuesday at 2.15 p.m. in Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Holdgate; Rec. Sec., Mrs. S. Dellow, 22 Guinness St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Hutton, 11 Sarah St.; Treas., Mrs. K. Newlands, 45 Avenue Rd.; W.R., Mrs. Howe; C.R., Miss Arras; Seamen's Rest, Mrs. N. Dickinson, 7 Chalmers Ave.

TINWALD, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Church Hall, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Millar; Sec., Mrs. Oakley, 156 Victoria St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Harkness, McMurdo St.; W.R., Mrs. Millar; C.R., Mesdames Millar and Hopwood.

UPPER HUTT, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs. Kent; Sec., Mrs. Ross, Martin St.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Knox Hall. Pres., Mrs. Duckett, Mary St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Simpson, Kippenberger, Stark and Griffiths; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills, 60 Belt St.; Treas., Miss S. Hayman, Willowbridge; W.R., Mrs. Tooley, 8 Grace St.; C.R., Miss P. Tooley and Major Pinnell.

WAIPIKURAU, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Miss Bibby, Rose St., Waipawa.

WAIROA, H.B., 2nd Tuesday, at 2.0 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Haughton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McDonald and Wheeler; Sec., Mrs. H. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.; Treas., Mrs. Aldridge; C.R., Mrs. D. McIntyre; W.R., Mrs. Edlington.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. A. Duxfield, Okoia; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Goodey and F. Parker; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Wilson, 145 Glasgow St.; Rec. Sec., Miss B. E. Wadsworth; Treas., Mrs. M. C. Ogg, 21 Maxwell Ave., Durie Hill; W.R., Miss V. Kendall, 133 Harrison St.; C.R., Miss V. Kendall.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Albans Hall. Pres., Mrs. Robb; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jones; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 38 No. 3 Line; W.R., Mrs. Ogier; C.R., Mrs. Conybeer; L.T.L., Mrs. A. Jarvis.

WARKWORTH, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. R. V. Moore; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bartle and Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. H. Thompson; Treas. and W.R., —.

WELLINGTON, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. at Headquarters. Pres., Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.; Sec., Miss E. A. Brooks, c/o 8 Melbourne Road, S.2.; Treas. and W.R., —.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Boardroom, Y.M.C.A., Willis St. Pres., Mrs. J. C. Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace, C.1.; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Fairview Cres., W.1.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Parrant, 40 Nottingham St., Karori; C.R., Mrs. McGowen.

WELLSFORD, 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m. Pres. and Treas., Mrs. E. V. Singleton, Mangawai; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fordyce and D. Browne; Sec., Mrs. A. Gubb, Port Albert; W.R., Mrs. A. Powell; C.R., Mrs. A. Powell, Te Hana, and Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Port Albert.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. P. Lane, 8 Dinness Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Glover, 31 Cairnfield Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Hills, 10 Norfolk St.; C.R., Mrs. Green, 92 Kamo Rd.

WINTON, 3rd Tuesday, every 2nd month, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, Section 2, Otahuti R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Miss H. Clement, Great North Road; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley, Park Street; W.R., Mrs. McKenzie; C.R., Mrs. Dixon.