

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"In duties small, be Thou our inspiration,
In large affairs, endue us with Thy might;
Through faithful service cometh full salvation,
So may we serve; Thy Will, our chief delight."

—William Vaughan Jenkins.

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MAORI DAY

The Liquor Position as it Affects the Maori People Today

Written for the "White Ribbon"
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It is not easy in a short paper to give a balanced picture of the liquor situation as it affects the Maori people today. The whole question bristles with difficulties, and it is very easy to catch hold of one aspect and give a very unbalanced impression of the true position. However, there are some facts that stand out sharply.

One is that the Maori people have very recently been thrown into a most confusing world through the recent Licensing Amendment Act, which was hurried through the last House. In this legislation there was made a clean sweep of certain protective provisions in former Licensing Bills, and an effort was made to place the Maori people on a plane of equality with the Pakeha. It is interesting to remember that the protective provisions were not imposed on the Maori people by the Pakeha, but were brought into operation at the desperate and repeated urging of many groups of Maori Elders. In early days the wisest of the Maori leaders recognised that the largest single menace to the security and continuity of their racial identity was the Liquor Traffic. Old files of Government Papers have repeated and pathetic petitions from widespread meetings of Maori leaders, pressing for protection from the ravages of Strong Drink. It is to the credit of early legislators that, in the face of opposition from those who thought only of their own gain, the clamant need of the Maori people was recognised, and repeated enactments came into force that undoubtedly had much to do with the recovery of the numerical strength of the Maori race.

There have always been those, both Pakeha and Maori, who have sought

to undermine the status and effectiveness of these protective clauses, but the consensus of opinion in mature Maori leadership would always be expressed in strong appeals for the continuance and enforcement of the Law.

When the recent Royal Commission on Licensing was holding its hearings and receiving its evidence, many individuals in their own rights, or as representatives of large and influential gatherings of Maori leaders, submitted appeals for the continuance of such protective legislation. There was a readiness to concede to Maori returned servicemen, certain privileges that belonged to their Pakeha fellow servicemen, in gatherings of returned men, but that was the only extent to which such concessions were made. The usual and firm note was the request that the law be enforced and strengthened.

The Royal Commission itself recognised the need to continue and enforce some of the legislation, especially those clauses that protected the womenfolk and the Maori homes or settlements from the curse of liquor.

However, there were constantly being held gatherings of Maori folk, where a section of the younger men, supported by some of the older individuals who wished to do everything they could for the returned man, began pressing for the entire elimination of the clauses that they claimed were oppressive and discriminating. The

catch cry was "Equality." Resolutions from such groups were brought to the notice of those who were drafting legislation for the Licensing Amendment Act, and the cry was acceded to in the form of a sweeping series of recommendations. The word of this caused deep concern among the elders of the Maori people who held many large meetings and submitted their mind to the House, but unfortunately, their submissions were all brushed aside and we now have the position to face of a people, unprepared for these new responsibilities, prematurely called upon to adjust themselves to a terribly difficult situation.

Unfortunately, the section of the Maori race that is failing to make the grade is receiving all the publicity. It must not be thought that the tragic picture that is receiving such notoriety, is the only story to be told. It is a great fact that many people are making a very fine and creditable record in facing the temptations and problems of the new situation. Where there is strong Christian Faith and the happy encouragement of understanding Pakeha friends, a great number of Maori families are keeping the best side of their life uppermost, and standing against a tragic drift among others. Too many, however, are falling before the flood, and too large a proportion of the Maori people are in one way or another, suffering now from the ravages of drink. One aspect that is causing deep concern is the number of young mothers who are going with their children into public bars and making themselves a nuisance as they become increasingly helpless. The result in child neglect and home misery is too frequent to be ignored.

Many young Maori people, men and women, are publicly and in a spirit of bravado, making the most of their new liberty, not realising often, that the first effect of liquor is to lower their sense of self-respect and the fitness of things, with the result that they go far beyond what they realise is happening. This is, of course, a common pattern. However, the tragedy is causing a growing sense of concern among the best of the Maori leaders and their voices are being heard more frequently in an appeal to their people to remember their race and its dignity.

Sporting interests are not assisting to the extent that is needed. Too frequently, football teams of both Maori and European members will rush from the match to the nearest hotel, and leave a trail of empty broken bottles on the roads as their buses return homewards. The Maori youth is not always helped by the example of the Pakeha youth. There are many opportunities found for "celebrations," and the cheap habit of week-end beer parties that is only too often the only form of entertainment that some people seem capable of, is easily followed by the Maori.

One of the greatest needs today is the example and encouragement of Christian Europeans. Patronising will not do the job. It will need very sympathetic and patient personal work, done in an unassuming way. Those who are making the grade should get every encouragement and congratulation on setting a good standard. Helpful activities which fill the interests of the people, old and young, are necessary. It is a well recognised fact that excesses in drink are usually the result of boredom or insecurity. A balanced and satisfactory life will not be cheapened by such temptations as liquor and gambling.

There is a great call to the Church to assist Christian workers to provide rallying points where Maori people can join in good fellowship under bright and satisfying conditions. Many workers are struggling along with insufficient gear and equipment, and unattractive premises in which to meet. Each town of any size with a Maori community, should have a centre in which the people could rally for fellowship, and committees established in which the Maori people themselves would be able to express their leadership in helpful activities.

From our position of greater advantage and experience, the Pakeha could provide assistance in the background, not assuming leadership that might be resented, but providing the opportunities in which those Maori people who have the best interests of their people at heart could gather others in an atmosphere that would be a natural corrective to the debasing influences that at present claim so many of them.

These days are difficult days of readjustment for the Maori people, and patience is needed and encouragement given while the best of the race gain their feet and set a new standard.

A Survey of MAORI WORK IN AUCKLAND

Readers of the "White Ribbon" may be interested to know what development has been taking place in Maori life, especially in the life of the young people these days.

Compulsory education, compulsory learning of English in the primary schools, and the inevitable daily contact of Maori with Pakeha in school life, all has helped to break down the barrier between the two races.

But it was the War that gave the Maori the opportunity of adventure, so that he might prove his worth in courage and leadership.

The Maori Battalion in both wars made history, and placed the races on an equal footing, so that, today, we do not speak of the Maori and Pakeha of New Zealand, but of both races as "New Zealanders," with the same chances of education and development.

Then again, today, we see both races working happily together in office—workshop—in the training schools for teachers and nurses. Yes, and in the Universities, seeking higher education.

Twelve years ago, there were few Maoris in the cities, and the girls then were mostly in domestic service.

But the War called for volunteers for Military Camps and for essential work in factories making uniforms for soldiers.

Industries of many kinds came into being during this period and the advertisements in the daily newspapers reached the most back-block homes, and brought Maori youth to work in the towns and cities.

The United Maori Mission, came into being twelve years ago, and it soon saw the great need of caring for the welfare of the Maori youth coming to Auckland City.

In 1940, this Mission secured a house in Union Street, and soon had 12 girls in residence and that little home became the real centre of training.

It is good to know that from this home, there are now three trained missionaries on the field, working amongst their own people. Also two fully trained nurses, and some have been on the Hostel Staffs.

As the War developed, and Maori youth continued to crowd to the City, the Native Department, led by the Minister of Native Affairs, showed great interest and sympathy, and, in a very practical way, helped to establish **five hostels** in Auckland.

In 1943, the Women's Christian Temperance Union Hostel was officially opened at 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, with 20 girls, and this work has continued most successfully.

In 1944, another Hostel was opened in Hepburn Street, Ponsonby, and that too, has been filled with working girls and later with secondary school girls.

By Sister Jessie Alexander

(Formerly of the Presbyterian Maori Mission.)

In 1945, the Presbyterian Maori Girls' Hostel in Portland Avenue, Mt. Eden, for workers, school trainees, and schoolgirls, was opened and has been a very busy centre for over 30 girls.

Then the needs of the Maori boys became pressing, and the Native Department gave possession of a house in Gillies Avenue, to the United Maori Mission, with the responsibility of caring for 38 boys.

Last but not least, in 1947, the Shelly Beach Hostel was opened with 25 girls.

These Hostels all became Christian homes, where our Maori young people are being cared for physically, mentally and spiritually.

The Hostel life encourages every art, towards the making of Christian homes.

It is good to see the girls knitting and dressmaking in the evenings and taking part in Christian services and speaking often in public.

This Race has wonderful gifts and needs only the sympathy and help of the Pakeha, to display rare talents.

The Sunday evening service in the Y.M.C.A., under the leadership of the United Maori Mission has an **average attendance of 150 young people listening to teaching** that will help them to the Christian way of life.

Many Maori Christians take a prominent part in this service.

Temperance education is not neglected in the Hostels—many of the young people are members of the Maori "Y" Branch.

Pray for the Maori Work—everywhere!

COURAGE

By Grenville Kleiser

Press on! Though nists obscure
The steep and rugged way,
And dark'ning doubt besets—
Soon dawns the brighter day.

Keep on! Though hours be long,
And days deep-fraught with woe,
Let patience do her perfect work,
And vanquish every foe.

Hope on! Though all seems lost,
And threat'ning storms beat high,
Have faith! Be still and know
That God is ever nigh.

Fight on! Though fear assails,
And panic grips the heart,
The battle you will surely win,
If you play well your part.

“Within the Veil”

Mrs. Hera Munro, Ohinemutu Union, Rotorua

In the Home Call of Mrs. Hera Munro, last month, at the age of 74, there passed a most vital and interesting link with our Union's work among the Maori people of the early days. As Miss Hera Stirling, she was converted at an early age and later became an officer in the Salvation Army. Keenly interested in the Cause of Temperance, she combined with her itinerant work as an Evangelist, that of a voluntary Organiser of the W.C.T.U. among her Maori people in the Hawke's Bay, Waikato and Wanganui districts. Several good branches of the Union were formed. Travelling on horseback, Miss Stirling was a greatly beloved and welcome visitor. A gifted speaker, and possessed of a magnificent singing voice, she delighted great audiences in New Zealand, and on visits to Australia. She carried the Gospel and the Message of Christian Temperance wherever she went, rich fruit being seen in the lives of leading Maoris today, whom she influenced as boys in Maori Colleges.

Miss Stirling was married to the Rev. H. Munro, Vicar of Ohinemutu, and, after his Home-Call many years ago, continued her work of Evangelism and Temperance among her people there. In 1936, a Maori “Y” branch was organised, which she superintended for many years, and she also taught Temperance in the Sunday School which she led, laying lasting foundations in many young lives.

Daniel 12:3.

CATHERINE M. McLAY.

Miss N. Dewar, Auckland Union

The Auckland Union has suffered the loss of a dearly loved member, Miss N. Dewar, daughter of Mrs. A. Dewar, first Treasurer of the Auckland Union, formed on February 4th, 1885.

Throughout her long life, Miss Dewar has been an active worker in the W.C.T.U.

Always keen and efficient, never sparing herself in all she undertook to do.

For many years she was Secretary for the Auckland Union, taking part in the gaining of six o'clock closing of hotels, canvassing at elections and street collections, and assisting the work of the Union in every possible way.

For 67 years, a faithful member of the Baptist Tabernacle, as Sunday School teacher and deeply interested in missionary work.

Her influence and example will be long remembered.

Our sympathy goes out to the loved ones left.

“Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou unto the joy of the Lord.”

M. LONG.

Mrs. Ada Spencer, Lower Hutt Union

With feelings of great joy and also of great sorrow we record the Home Call of our beloved sister, Mrs. Ada Spencer. She is best known to many White Ribboners through her wonderful work among children and young people, carried on chiefly at her home in Belmont; but to those who know her best, her radiant Christianity, based on simple faith in our Risen Lord, almost eclipsed the thought of her as just a woman. Called on to bear pain and much weariness, her faith shone more and more brightly, as she neared the journey's end.

Beloved friends cared for her with the same faith and cheerful tenderness which she would have given to others, giving her every help possible right up to the last earthly moment when our dear sister went in unbounded joy and peace to meet our Redeemer face to face.

While we praise God for her life and work, we earnestly pray for those who shall carry on the work she has laid down.

Our deep sympathy goes out to her Union, Lower Hutt, of which she was President, and especially our thoughts go to her two sons and daughter-in-law, together with our prayers that all may be helped and comforted.

Mrs. Mary Emmett, Onehunga Union

Mrs. Mary Emmett, who was called to Higher Service recently, in her 96th year, came with her husband to New Zealand in 1882. They lived in various parts of N.Z. and in Tasmania, and had lived in Auckland since 1918, but everywhere, their kindly Christian influence remained.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett decided on their wedding day that they would have no alcohol in their home, and she linked up with the W.C.T.U. in its early years, maintaining her interest until the last. Mrs. Emmett believed that every Christian woman in New Zealand should join the W.C.T.U. and should wear her badge, even if unable to attend meetings.

Always quiet, wise and kindly, she will long be remembered by those who loved her.

Her husband and one daughter predeceased her, but the daughter and four sons who remain, can truly say of her,—“Call it not death, it is life begun.”

Mrs. Ellen Harris, Onehunga Union

Onehunga Union has suffered the loss of another member by the calling to rest of Mrs. Harris, in her 82nd year. Through ill health, she had been unable to attend meetings for several years. Mrs. Harris was a gentle, sincere Christian, who, though so frail, never lost her interest in Church and Temperance work.

To her daughter and sons, we offer our sincere sympathy.

E. A. MUSHET.

“THE DEVOTIONAL PERIOD” All, in Jesus Christ

II Corinthians, 3:18.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the Glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from Glory to Glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

As the years have flown by there has come, time and again, the call to a deeper consecration to Christ Himself, with the sure and certain knowledge that only Jesus can satisfy the human heart. Oh, if God's dear children everywhere, and those who as yet have not been born again of His Spirit, would realize that Jesus does mean all in all. Books have been written, sermons have been preached, telling how we can walk with Jesus, and live a deeper and more beautiful life here on this earth. As I see Him by faith, day by day, so I am changed into His image; the base metal of my life changed, and the whole secret of my happy Christian life has come from continually looking to Jesus for love and guidance. Abiding in Jesus for every need is not a state of carelessness, but a faith in His wonderful love that he is able to meet my needs. The helplessness of my extremity is the opportunity for the mightiness of His power to do all things for me. Abiding or reposing in Jesus is the condition for bearing much fruit. Hear Him, as He stands in the Temple on the last great day of the Feast, and cries aloud for all to hear throughout the ages, “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.” Whatever our thirst, whether to know Him as the Saviour, whether for spiritual companionship, or for Victory over sin, He says we are to come to Him and drink, and keep on drinking, until from out of our lives there shall flow rivers of blessing to other thirsty souls here on earth.

Happy the heart that has found its chiefest joy in Jesus, because it will always want to spread joy, sunshine and fragrance of His love around it wherever it may be. You may say that your life is a failure, in spite of your strivings and prayers, but I say, if you take Jesus into your whole life, you will find your life transformed and you will be for ever rejoicing in Him.

Jesus, I am resting, resting

In the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness

Of Thy Loving Heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we come once again, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, in prayer, to thank Thee for the many blessings we have received during the past month. And Father, we ask that Thou wilt bless Thy children everywhere and strengthen them during these anxious days, giving them guidance in whatever they may find to do, because we ask these things in all faith that Thou canst and will answer our prayers, as Thou see'st best. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Conventions . . .

AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Presidential Address, September 12th, 1950

By Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy,
District President

Passing a wayside pulpit in the tram recently, I read these words, "An upright man can never be a downright failure." I was so taken with the slogan that I jotted it down. That same evening I heard of another slogan that appeared outside a Church in my own district, "Come in and have your faith lifted." The reaction of a woman who saw it was that she "could hardly restrain herself from going into the Church grounds and tearing it down." But the local newspaper wrote of it, in black print, that it was the "perfect advertisement," for the obvious reason that it made people take notice.

Advertising in the newspapers, in periodicals, on the picture screens, in the streets, etc., all must be worthwhile or it would not be continued. Firms pay large sums for one large sized newspaper advertisement appearing in one issue only, which proves that advertising must pay dividends.

Unfortunately there are too many of the false advertisements appearing on hoardings and in newspapers, like those attributing long life to the Maori woman of 109 and the man of 94. Both, according to the advertisements, only started drinking within the last 20 years. So they had lived to a good age without the help (?) of intoxicants. Then there are those attributing drinking in moderation to the qualification of a gentleman, showing a picture of a young man in sports outfit, also pictures of women and children, and many more, copies of which I have in my possession. These are lying statements and should not be allowed as they are predisposing the minds of children and the community to its own destruction.

Drink is a social menace, a scourge, and these advertisements should not be permitted to appear in our newspapers or on our hoardings.

An amendment to the Medical Advertisements Act has been gazetted prohibiting in advertisements, any suggestion that beverages have nutritive or medicinal properties.

There are other kinds of advertisements like those inserted in various newspapers throughout the Dominion by the Health Departments, warning against leaving young children alone in a locked house, for fear they touch electric switches, matches, razors, etc.; against leaving children in locked motor cars, about it being "unkind, unfair, and could lead to tragedy. Psychologically too, these practices are harmful." We appreciate this bringing to the notice of thoughtless people obvious facts. Also the fact that "drinking and driving don't mix." That is from one department of our Government, but another department licenses the poison that acts as a depressant and deadens the conscience of the individual.

In the stop press news in the "Star" recently, the director of the National Council of the Licensed Trade suggested the extension of hotel closing time for an hour or more as a solution to the problem of overcrowded bars in New Zealand. Apart from the very important fact that the people showed, in no uncertain manner, what their wishes were when the referendum on 6 o'clock versus 10 o'clock closing was taken last year, the police, before the Licensing Control Commission in Wellington, according to the "Herald" of the 9th instant, declared that an extension of drinking hours in Wellington bars to 6.30 would not alleviate overcrowding. Sub-Inspector D. R. Sugrue said that, if hours were extended, drinkers would go on drinking longer. Those content with what they could get between 5 and 6 p.m., would be content with what they could get between 5 and 6.30 p.m.

In England, where the longer hours prevail and games are engaged in as an added attraction at night evening sales are strongly condemned by Rev. Luke Jenkins, B.A., Principal of the Baptist Theological College, Auckland, who is in a position to know, having engaged in social work in the vicinity of many public houses, and having seen something of the degradation of homes and families. He mentions particularly families of small children left alone while both parents go to hotels, or inns as they are called. He has heard arguments as to who was to stay outside and mind the children while the other partner went into the bar. Sometimes children have been left outside on their own, while both parents entered by different doors, showing the hold the cursed drink can get over a person, drowning all sense of responsibility. He said, "The average hotel bar, the world over, is a stinking place, where any decent man would not wish to take his wife or children. Closed hotels at night meant enrichment of child and home life."

In a Wellington paper, mention was made by the Secretary of the New Zealand Merchant Service Guild, Captain W. R. Williams, of the visiting of ships in port by women having grown in recent years, and getting out of bounds. He said the habit of holding beer parties aboard ships with noisiness and disturbance of the sleep of decent members of crews had developed to an alarming degree.

Expulsion from the Federated Seamen's Union of New Zealand of members taking women or unauthorised persons into the crews' quarters on their ships was unanimously recommended at a stop-work meeting of seamen in Wellington. This recommendation has been placed before all branches of the Union.

In the last session of the last Parliament, legislation was passed empowering the Police to prevent unauthorised persons from going on board ships without permits. So far this legislation has not been implemented. If it were implemented I feel that some girls might be spared temptation through being in the wrong environment. Environment plays a great part in the life of the adolescent. No young person would really wish to become a drunkard. In fact a young person usually looks with scorn on a drunkard, thinking that he or she would never become one, but would always know when they had had enough. Unfortunately, young people, particularly those in certain so-called "Society," often go from one cocktail party to another thinking they are

only having a little to drink at each. Soon their judgment is impaired and they are not aware that they are acting boisterously, and doing and saying things that, in their saner minds, they would scorn to do or say.

At a well-attended Association meeting, I was at recently, an hotel proprietor (a school committee member), speaking to a remit before the meeting, which had nothing whatever to do with drinking or temperance, said, "We should do away with it, just as we should do away with the drunkards and heavy drinkers in my line and educate a new lot of younger drinkers." That just shows the opinion of those who encourage and sell drink. The drunkard is no longer wanted. Who knows which of the young drinkers will become a drunkard?

A dispatch from Lausanne says "The Ministry of Public Health of Belgium has subsidised the National Committee against alcoholism, which is undertaking a systematic campaign against the growing consumption of alcoholic beverages, including in particular that of strong beer. Posters are being used in railway stations and youth centres, and a temperance day is being observed in all primary schools under the patronage of the Ministry of Public Instruction. A syllabus has been prepared and published in Flemish and also in French to facilitate the teaching of temperance lessons by teachers. Maurice Milliet, Professor of Hygiene at the University of Brussels, has been made president of the committee."

The "Star" of 13th April has an interesting piece of news. Quoting from a resolution appearing in the youth organisation paper "Miada Fronta" they said "Nearly half the pupils in Czech secondary schools have signed a pledge never to smoke or drink alcohol. People who succumb to drink have no place in our Socialistic Society."

The Shetland Islands went dry some time ago during a local option campaign and remain dry. In a population of 26,000 there is almost no unemployment, no crime at all, and five policemen to look after 800 square miles.

Last year, 1949, the drink bill for New Zealand was £17,683,962, or £9/10/0 per head of the population. I doubt if there is ever a newspaper printed in New Zealand without reference to some crime or accident that has been caused through the consumption of strong drink.

A long article appeared in the "Evening Post" of the 22nd of July written by an "Evening Post" reporter, on Alcoholics Anonymous. It is really one of the finest advertisements for Temperance I have ever read in any newspaper.

Extracts from the article read:—

"The Alcoholics Leader in New Zealand said his organisation wished to serve New Zealand Alcoholics—those persons with a craving for alcohol. He outlines his definition of an alcoholic:—

1. A man who drinks when he has decided not to or who has good reason not to.

2. A man who drinks alone.
3. A man who has "extras" between those served to others.
4. A man who, after a party or a day's drinking requires more before he can function properly."

The reporter stated that the value of Alcoholics Anonymous has been recognised by Mr. J. H. Luxford, S.M., who stated "that sending men to the 'Island' had been a matter of segregation, and this alone did not have great success in effecting a cure."

Included in the article is mention of Alcoholics Anonymous Comics which are acclaimed in the United States where they use comic strips as advertising mediums for soap and toothpaste, and even motor-cars. A comic strip has now been developed to show the value of the work being done by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Published in 600 newspapers throughout the United States, the comic strip, in serial instalments, shows a seemingly hopeless drunkard winning a long fight to redeem himself through the aid of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The comic was drawn by Leslie Turner, creator of the American "comic strip hero," Captain Easy, whose adventures are followed by literally millions.

We women have a great responsibility. We must not grow weary in the fight, but endeavour, through persistent efforts and witness, to uphold our banner for God, Home and Humanity, and make this fair land of ours a better place to live in, for the coming generation.

"As labourers in Thy vineyard,
Send us out, Christ, to be,
Content to bear the burden
Of weary days for Thee.
We ask no other wages,
When Thou shalt call us home,
But to have shared Thy travail
And see Thy Kingdom come."
(Regret address curtailed through lack of space.—Ed.)

NORTHLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Northland District Convention, held at Whangarei, in the Methodist Church Hall, on September 5th, was attended by delegates from Whangarei, Dargaville, Pukehuia and Maungakaramea.

Mrs. Green, District President, conducted the opening devotional exercises and Mrs. Lawrence led the Noon-tide Hour. Mrs. Roberts took the devotions for the afternoon session. In her Presidential Address, Mrs. Green gave present-day facts on world affairs and on the new Licensing Laws in New Zealand. At the Service of Remembrance, tributes were paid to the memory of our departed sisters, Mrs. Lee Cowie, Miss Edmed of Dargaville, Mrs. Dreadon and Mrs. Wright, of Whangarei, and Mrs. Clow, of Russell.

Reports

The Corso Supt. reported that 100 garments had been forwarded during the year.

Dargaville and Whangarei reported on the visit of Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Vice-President.

Reports revealed that, although much work was being done, no youth work, with the exception of the Cradle Roll Department, was being carried out.

A 20 years' service badge was presented to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Moorhead, Jun., of Dargaville.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—

President: Mrs. Green; Vice-President, Mrs. Lane; Corres. Sec.: Mrs. Moorhead, Jun.; Record. Sec.: Mrs. Jolly; Treasurer: Mrs. Taylor.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Annual District Convention was held in Hamilton on September 7th, with the President, Miss A. M. McLay, in the chair. Rev. H. Matthews, B.A., who conducted the opening devotions, took as his theme, "Christian Witness," from I Peter, 1:13. The speaker emphasised the fact that we can only influence others by what we are and do ourselves.

The word Christian, as associated with "Temperance Union," gave the group all the power necessary as its source came from God Himself.

The Roll Call was answered by delegates from Hamilton, Cambridge, Fen-court, Te Awamutu, Otorohanga, Te Kuiti Maori, Te Kuiti Pakeha, Opo-tiki, Hangatiki and Tauranga, a total of 42 being present.

Reports showed much activity and novel means taken in emphasising the work. Te Kuiti Maori reported 16 new members. Tauranga prepared 60 children for the Temperance examinations, and co-operation was given by the College Headmaster, and Primary School Headmaster. Opo-tiki has its flourishing Band of Hope, now 25 years old. It is a highlight in social events and advertises and reports in local papers.

Hamilton held its 50-year Jubilee celebration.

Otorohanga pays for advertisements on Railway Station, and other unions maintain a high standard, especially in youth work.

The Annual District report showed 313 members, 396 White Ribbon subscribers and 800 Cradle Roll members. Miss McLay, in reviewing the work said that, though the position was satisfactory, much yet remained to be done to intensify the Five Fold Plan of Work.

An invitation to hold the next Convention at Tauranga was accepted.

Noon tide devotions were conducted by Mrs. Bensley, of Tauranga, and the afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Kemsley, of Cambridge.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, Miss A. McLay; Vice-President, Mrs. Christian; Secretary, Mrs. Lewis, Treasurer, Mrs. Clark; Dist. Cradle Roll Supt., Miss G. Clark; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs. Lewis.

U.S.A. and the W.C.T.U.

By Victoria Grigg

If I tended at any time to become depressed about our work in New Zealand, the thought of the great achievements of our White Ribbon sisters in U.S.A. would be as a rift in the clouds. When Prohibition was made effective in January 1920, 177,000 saloons were closed and 507 distilleries shut down, 1,247 breweries ceased an annual production of 1,800 million gallons of beer. All liquor advertising disappeared from newspapers and magazines. Surely, the tremendous success of Prohibition was shown by the fact that, in 1928, 224 out of 275 liquor cure hospitals closed for lack of patients.

In 1919, there had been organised the Association against the Prohibition Amendment. The issue of revenue was raised, and, through newspapers, which had lost the income from liquor advertising, attention was captured from a public bewildered and confused by financial distress. It was unfortunate that, though the majority of citizens wanted the law enforced, in very many cases, their elected representatives were subservient to liquor interests. Even so, Prohibition was a success in that there was a decrease in crime and an increase in savings. Bodies, such as the Salvation Army testified as to the decrease in their social work.

It was again unfortunate that so few actually voted at the polls, on the issue of repeal, but when repeal was carried it would have been easy for our American sisters to sit back with folded hands and say that it was no use starting all over again. Nothing was further from their thoughts, and it is in great part due to their efforts some States are wholly dry and nearly 1,000 out of some 3,000 American counties are dry.

Last year, the W.C.T.U. in U.S.A. gained 50,000 new members. Let these facts hearten and enthuse each one of us.

Before I left London, I spent an afternoon with Mrs. Heath, the World Secretary, who had just returned from the U.S.A. Diamond Jubilee Convention. It was a real disappointment for me to miss this, but I was fortunate in having many other contacts with the W.C.T.U.

In New York, I called at the State Offices and met there Mrs. Helen Estelle, the State President. She is also Treasurer of the N.C.W. in the U.S.A. I always had a feeling of belonging each time I entered W.C.T.U. offices and meetings. Other interesting experiences in New York were a visit to N.C.W. offices and a visit to U.N.O., at Lake Success, where I heard Mr. Jacob Malik speak. I was sorry to miss Mrs. Ella Boole, former World President, for I heard she would have given me a warm welcome.

In Washington, it was a pleasure to meet that good friend of New Zealanders, Miss Clare Lusby. She was hostess to Mrs. Kasper and Mrs. Mackie, and had also entertained Mrs. Don, Mr. Charles Todd and other Temperance workers on their visits to the States.

She showed much kindness in entertaining me, and using her car for my benefit. I was able to speak at three meetings in Washington, all in private homes. One was an evening one—Miss Lusby's Union at Tacoma Park. This is near the big Seventh Day Adventist printing works and has a number of S.D.A. members. Another was a luncheon party with a very good attendance. I remember an interesting member there, an artist, the wife of a sculptor. She had just been drawing illustrations for a book, "Flowers of Palestine," and had them with her. The third meeting was a small but vigorous union, near the Capitol. The members were organising a strong protest to a proposed licence for a store in their neighbourhood.

I also visited the offices of the Parliamentary Officer, Mrs. Stewart, in the Methodist Headquarters near the Capitol. She is very much on the alert and needs to watch every encroachment of liquor interests.

In the Capitol itself, it was a thrill to see the statue of our great founder, Frances Willard, the only woman, among many eminent American citizens.

It was depressing to see liquor sold in so many stores and drug stores, and I heard it said that some eating-houses encourage children to watch the television sets in their premises with the idea that they will be future customers for drink. I cannot forget the sight of a group of children gathered round a television set in one of these places at a time in the evening when they should have been home. The television set in that place was showing nothing but scenes of shooting and violence.

The liquor advertisements in many American magazines, women's and other publications of good standing, are as subtle and cunning as they could possibly be, Satan transforming himself into an angel of light.

They are an awful menace to youth in their suggestions that the drinking of alcoholic liquors is absolutely essential to right living.

During my stay in Washington, Mrs. Pandit, the Indian Ambassador and sister of Nehru, gave a big reception to members of other embassies. The newspapers remarked that her reception was obviously none the less popular for its lack of strong drinks. Fruit juices of all kinds were served

A LETTER FROM MRS. CHRISTIAN

Chicago, 10/8/50.

My Dear Sisters,

This very wonderful travelling that my husband and I have been doing, has left me much less time than I had anticipated for keeping in touch with "White Ribbon" readers. There is always so much to be done and the time goes by very quickly.

I must write to tell you that, during the past fortnight, I have visited our beloved World President Emeritus, Dr. Ella Boole, at her home in Brooklyn, New York. The day before my visit, she had celebrated her 92nd birthday and her room was filled with lovely flowers. She had been ill during the previous three weeks, but was greatly improved, and was up and able to converse with perfect fluency and great charm. We spoke of the World Convention and she sent messages of remembrance to the Misses McLay and others. It was a wonderful privilege to have had this contact.

Miss Estelle, the Assistant World Treasurer, had invited me to lunch with her and she had then driven me to see Dr. Boole—a kindness I very greatly appreciated.

Then, yesterday, my husband and I went out to world-famous Evanston. Here, the U.S.A. National President, that gifted and notable woman, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, was our hostess and took us all through the premises, which are really wonderful, and then, through the place of hallowed memories, "Rest Cottage"—the home of the late Frances Willard.

How lovely it was! The very spirit of our beloved and revered founder seemed to linger there.

We were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Colvin for the evening meal, and had a very delightful time with these most distinguished people.

Last week-end, we were at Windsor, Ontario, and met the President and some officers of the Windsor County Union at the home of the President, Mrs. Jackson. We had a most pleasant evening.

Unfortunately, most Unions are in recess, this being the hot summertime, and, believe me, it is **hot!**

With greetings to all readers,

I am,

Yours in W.R. Bonds,

M. CHRISTIAN.

to the guests. I felt proud to think that a woman had set this example to other ambassadors.

In Washington, I had pleasant contacts with the Federation of University Women and through my contact with Negro members, was able to attend part of the Annual Conference of the National Council of Negro women. I hope to say something of this next month, and also of further contacts with the W.C.T.U. of the U.S.A.

Notices and Reports

ANNUAL DOMINION REPORTS—

Notice to Secretaries

Will **Secretaries** please prepare their Annual Reports and send them in by **December 15th** to the Dominion Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Field Street, Aramoho, Wanganui?

NOMINATION OF DOMINION OFFICERS

You are reminded that **Nominations for Dominion Officers** for 1951-52, close with the Recording Secretary on November 12th.

—R. M. Underhill (Record. Sec.),
Lakings Road, Blenheim.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN

Would all Unions, who have helped the Seamen's Rests throughout the year, please report to me, as soon as possible after their annual meeting?

M. F. GARDINER,
Dominion Superintendent,
Work Among Seamen.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS—August

Auckland, 1; New Plymouth, 1; Gisborne, 2; Blenheim, 1; Spreydon, 1; Oamaru, 1. Total for month, 7.

DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash received—February 1st to July 31st, 1950:

New Zealand Fund.—Christchurch, £10; Convention Public Reception, £7/1/3; Sales Table, £9/9/-; Invercargill South, Riccarton, Blenheim, Wanganui East, Upper Hutt, Hamilton, Eltham, Motueka, Hastings, Richmond, Napier, Wellington Central, Wanganui, 20/-; Aramoho, Belmont "Y's", Opawa, North Brighton, Onehunga, Remuera, Gisborne, St. Alban's, Levin, Papanui, Green Island, Kaikorai, Raetihi, Takapuna, Otorohanga, Newton East, Winton, St. Helier's, 10/-; Mrs. MacKay, £2/2/-; Wellington, Karori, £2; Palmerston North, £3; Nelson, £5; Auckland, £3/3/-; A. McLean, 8/-; Hangitiki, 7/6. **Total £71/18/3.**

World Missionary Fund.—Christchurch, £1; Riccarton, 10/-; Gisborne, 5/-; Ashburton, 16/-; Feilding, 10/9; Dannevirke, 5/-; Levin, 15/-; Hastings, 17/3; Waipukurau, 5/9; Sumner, 7/-; Remuera, 5/-; Wellsford, 18/6; Upper Hutt, 10/-; Richmond, £1; Masterton, £1; Wairoa, 5/-; Auckland, £1/1/6; Napier, 10/-. **Total £11/1/9.**

Franchise Day.—Christchurch, £2; Dargaville, 8/-; Waipawa, Gisborne, Remuera, Winton, 5/-. **Total £3/8/-.**

Maori Fund.—Christchurch, £2; Waipawa, 10/-; Gisborne, 5/-; Nelson, £1; Dargaville, 7/1; Winton, 5/-; Richmond 9/-. **Total £4/16/1.**

Headquarters Mortgage Reduction.—Christchurch, £5; Remuera, 10/-; Te Kuiti Union, 10/-; 21st Birthday Celebrations, £32/0/2. **Total £38/0/2.**

General Fund.—Anonymous, £25.

G. GIBBS,
(Dominion Treasurer).

CRADLE ROLL PARTY

A successful Cradle Roll Party was held on Wednesday, August 30th, at Papanui, about 50 children and their mothers being present. Each child received a party hat and a bag of sweets.

Dainty sprays were presented to the President, Mrs. Neville, and the Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Tillman.

A programme of pianoforte duets, vocal solos, recitations, Highland dancing, and games for the children was much enjoyed, after which afternoon tea was served.

A stall of children's wares and cakes was well patronised.

OPOTIKI BAND OF HOPE

ENCOURAGING YOUTH WORK

The Opotiki Band of Hope has just held its closing meeting for the 1950 series and the attendance and interest have been outstanding. All local ministers have helped, also Scouts and Guide management. This wonderful work is being carried on under the able leadership of Mrs. J. H. Thompson.

The final meeting had a great programme from Rev. Carter and Sister Miller, Maori Missioners. About fifteen High School girls and boys presented a Maori Pageant and the Temperance and Gospel address was given by the Rev. Carter.

The series concluded with this splendid evening.

30th Birthday Party

OAMARU CELEBRATIONS

August 14th was a gala day for the Oamaru Union, when its 30th birthday was celebrated.

In taking the devotions, Mrs. Hiatt spoke on Christian Inheritance. Among the visitors welcomed by the President, Mrs. Daniel, were the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Cooney, Rev. A. Marshall, Pastor Salisbury, Mrs.

T. C. Hayman, and Mrs. Weston, J.P., of Oxford.

The hall was gay with spring flowers and floral sprays were presented to the Mayoress and to Mrs. Hiatt.

White Bows were pinned on Mrs. Hiatt, Mrs. Walker, 45 years a worker, and on six foundation members present.

Representatives were present from all Church Guilds and two new members were gained.

The Mayor expressed pleasure at being present to have the opportunity of thanking members for their work in various ways for the benefit of the town, and wished us every success in the future.

Rev. A. Marshall said the Health Department were advocating Health measures through pressure from the W.C.T.U., and our Temperance Films were educating the young people.

Pastor Salisbury pointed out that the W.C.T.U. never went into recess, but continues to work for the benefit of others.

£5 was donated from the meeting for the United Nations' Appeal for assistance for the children.

A musical programme, a Birthday Cake, and a dainty afternoon tea concluded a long to be remembered afternoon.

YOUR NEED

Who shall tell our untold need,
Deeply felt, though scarcely known?
Who the hungering soul can feed,
Guard, and guide, but God alone?
Blessed promise! While we see
Earthly friends must powerless be,
Earthly fountains quickly dry:
'God' shall all your need supply.

Can we count redemption's treasure,
Scan the glory of God's love?
Such shall be the boundless measure
Of His blessings from above.
All we ask or think, and more,
He will give in bounteous store;
He can fill and satisfy,
God shall all your need 'supply.'

—FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

RANGE IN MENTAL DISTURBANCE

Mental disturbance due to alcohol, ranges from slight intoxication to the various psychoses, alcoholism, and permanent mental derangement. Megendorfer says, "That acute alcoholic intoxication is not designated as a mental disorder, is simply due to a tacit agreement because of the consequences which such a designation would involve. In reality acute alcohol intoxication is a poisoning of the brain and can be placed side by side with the severest mental disturbances which are known to us."

—DR. E. M. JELLINEK,
Yale University,
In "Methodist Clip-sheet."

Homemakers' Bulletin of Union News Corner

By Mrs. F. Rankin, Nelson

Warmth

Warmth is Life. No wonder men were once sun worshippers. Aim at cosiness in the home in wintertime, but don't neglect ventilation.

Watch Pussy select different corners during the wintry day, where she can bask in the sun; copy her and take your sewing or reading where you can absorb the health-giving rays. Christ is the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings, and, by His love, cold, unresponsive hearts grow warm, throb with life and blossom into unselfish service.

Put a little extra warmth into your smile, your handshake, your "good morning," and see the tide of human appreciation flow back to you.

Potato Boats

Boil even-sized potatoes in their skins. Cut in half lengthwise, and place in shallow dishes. Scoop a hollow in each potato-half, with a dessert-spoon. Mash the removed portion and an extra potato with salt, fat, and milk, and herbs, grated cheese and/or chopped chives or onions. Pile high on potato-halves, pour melted fat over, and bake till crisp and brown.

For young children, a cheese "man" and two spring onion "oars," make an attractive and appetising meal.

"NO SURRENDER"

We must keep the Flag a-flying,
And keep doing, till we're dying,
Moving stumbling blocks from out the
weak ones' way.

There must never be surrender
While the young ones, sweet and
tender

Need our guidance, care, and watch-
fulness, today.

When the bait of fashion presses,
And the wrong, as right it dresses,
May our youth be trained to boldly
answer, "No!"

Bring themselves up, straight and
steady,

Always, for the right and ready,
Telling Alcohol, that sly old fox to go!

What would folks who like their liquor,
Think, if out, our Cause should flicker,
And no light for generations, shine
from us?

They would say our work was over,
And themselves in victor's clover,
And they'd say 'tis gone for good, this
Temperance fuss.

No! We rise in "No Surrender"
To King Alcohol, offender!

But our weapons must be ready all
the same,

So, with prayer to God, we're bending,
He will still, our Cause be tending,
And will help us with His "Pentecostal
flame."

—by Ethel L. Piper,
(12/8/50, Auckland.)

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

District Executive. August 14th, at Dargaville with Mrs. Green presiding. Convention arrangements made for Sept. 5th, Whangarei. Planned to hold Executive meetings March, June and September, on 1st Wednesday.

Dargaville. August 8th. Mrs. Jolly presided and took Devotions. Peace letter from Dist. Supt. read. Corso reported parcel ready. Dist. Convention plans made and nominations for officers taken.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive met on August 7th, when Mrs. Mountjoy presided. Books and Magazines sent to Military Camp through the Y.M.C.A. Final arrangements made for District Convention. A satisfactory report of Maori Girls' Hostel given by Mrs. Long. Members to assist with Street Appeal for the Protection of Women and Children. Mrs. Mountjoy presented report of the N.C.W. monthly meeting.

Warkworth. August 15th. Good attendance of members and visitors. Devotional talk on "The Bible." Roll Call—"Gentleness." Guest speaker, Miss Berg, Organiser British and Foreign Bible Society. Display of types of Bibles available. Social hour to conclude.

Onehunga. August 16th. Annual "Pay up" Social. Elocutionary items by Mrs. Eccersall. Miss Livingstone, on furlough from Ludhiana Mission, Punjab, gave a very interesting address on the work of the Mission and conditions in that part of India.

SOUTH AUCKLAND

Thames. August 30th. Annual Cradle Roll Party. Wet afternoon, but 53 mothers and children attended. Programme of songs and recitations by children and fine Temperance address by Major Canty of the Salvation Army. Hall decorated with flowers and posters. Literature distributed. Orange drinks for children and sumptuous afternoon tea.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth. August 30th. Very good attendance. Miss Peterson who was warmly welcomed after her serious illness, led devotions. Letter from Mrs. Wood, at present visiting England. A talk on "India from a Missionary's Viewpoint," by Mrs. Leech, and solo by Beverley Shute, made an interesting meeting.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier. August. Mrs. Lewis led devotions. Pastor Ibbott, of the S.D.A. Church, gave a very fine address on Present World Conditions, and sang some beautiful sacred solos. District Convention to be held at Wairoa. Mrs. Fitzwater, delegate. Donation of £6 to Mrs. Galen for Hospital visitation work. Large number of ditty bags for Seamen's Rest.

Hastings. August 24th. Devotions led by the President. Mrs. Grainger reported Band of Hope progressing happily. Miss Furniss, our N.C.W. representative, reported on remits to their Dominion Convention in Christchurch. The sudden passing of Lieut. Col. Burton, O.B.E., was deeply regretted. He, with Mrs. Burton, had worked unceasingly in the Temperance Cause. Birthday sprays given. Social half-hour spent.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive. August 24th. Miss Kirk presided and led devotions. Reports of Headquarters 21st Birthday Party, and of a film evening organised by Mrs. Hall and held in the Eastbourne Presbyterian Church after the evening service. Mrs. Pearce reported on N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting. Arrangements to be made to entertain Mrs. E. Brown, a prominent W.C.T.U. member, who is to visit Wellington in October, with her husband, the Hon. Ernest Brown, ex-British Cabinet Minister. Interesting talk by Mrs. Purser on her visit to England, where she attended the World Convention as a visitor. Remits to N.C.W. Jubilee Conference voted upon. "Bring and Buy" for Headquarters to be held at District Convention.

Brooklyn. August 29th. Mrs. Brewer presided over good attendance. Silent prayer for very sick member. Devotions by Mrs. Greenwood. Bring and Buy stall for Headquarters early in October. Letter of thanks for pull-overs sent to Ramabai Mukti Mission. Report of District Executive meeting by the President. Questionnaire on Temperance topics of special interest.

Wellington Central. August. Mrs. Rowntree took devotions in Mrs. Webb's absence through illness. Letters of acknowledgment received from New Plymouth Seamen's Rest and Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland. Letter of thanks from England for cake sent. N.C.W. Report was given by Mrs. Sired. United Nations' Report by Mrs. Rowntree. Satisfactory Sales' Table in aid of Seamen's Rest.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson. August 8th. Mrs. C. V. Knapp presided. Devotions conducted by Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Sherratt. Mrs. Tocmer gave an encouraging report of the N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting. Mrs. Knapp sang a solo, Mrs. Wilson recited, and Miss D. Knapp gave an interesting talk on a recent trip to Australia. Next Youth Rally to be held in conjunction with special Salvation Army Celebrations.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim. August 1st. Mrs. Forbes presided and devotions were conducted by Miss Tarrant. Mrs. Webster welcomed back, but owing to ill health resigned her position as treasurer. Mrs. W. Harris to carry on the position at present. The guest speaker was Canon Beaumont, of Spring Creek, who spoke of his work and experiences in the London slums.

August 5th. Mrs. Forbes in the chair. Mrs. Wayne led devotions. District Convention in Picton on October 3rd. Guest speaker, Mr. Lawson spoke on Prohibition Days in Scotland. Special mention of Mrs. Carrie A. Nation.

Springlands. August 15th. Fine attendance at President's home. Many visitors welcomed. Mrs. Leslie led devotions. District Convention discussed. Splendid response to Roll Call. Rev. J. D. McArthur, guest speaker, based his address on Isaiah 24:28, giving much food for thought. Piano duet by Mesdames Eyles and Weir enjoyed. Social time spent.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Hokitika. July. Our meetings have been held regularly each month, though the membership is small the interest is maintained. President spoke on "Faithfulness to our work. Pastor Marshall, of the Church of Christ, addressed the June meeting.

Riccarton. August 10th. Mrs. Griffiths presided over attendance of 22. Devotions by Miss Hughes. One member initiated. District Convention will be attended in Sept., also Band of Hope Rally. Mrs. McLean congratulated on "life membership" in Band of Hope Council. We have 160 "White Ribbon" subscribers. Riccarton will help in running a Creche during the Centennial games. Inspiring paper on "Faith" read by the President.

Lyttelton-Heathcote. August 29th. Mrs. Clark, District President gave most helpful address on our Badge and The White Ribbon, to a good attendance of members, interesting meeting enjoyed.

Papanui. August 24th. Mrs. Neville in the chair, and Devotions taken by Mrs. Elliott. Mrs. Hampton gave the Temperance Fact. Discussion re helping with Centennial Celebrations and a creche to be held at Sports meetings favoured. Temperance Rally on Sept. 17th. Mental Hospital patients visited.

Sydenham. September 7th. Annual Social afternoon with Mrs. Filer presiding. Devotions conducted by Mrs. Davies. Hearty welcome to guests from the Ladies' Guilds. Vocal duets by Mesdames Filer and Weatherhead. Humorous recitations by Mrs. Gee, and vocal solos by Mesdames Fulton and Drewett. Two new members. Profitable Bring and Buy.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence. September 5th. Good attendance. District Convention discussed. Miss Ferguson appointed delegate. Present officers re-nominated. One new member initiated.

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. Jones, 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 Cumbræ 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 Pompallier 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. C. 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.

BRINDWYR, 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, cnr. 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, Maungawhare.

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. Hiatt, 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. Hood, 7 Taniwha St., Frankton; W.R., Mrs. Bradley, 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. Musical, 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, Laing's Rd., 2.0 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. Spencer, "Chingford," Belmont; Cor. 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 Edon 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 Workshop 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 Kaiti 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. Edgecumbe 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.L.

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, 36 Rother 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. E. 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 Kimp-ton; Sec., Mrs. Mollard, Allenby Road; Treas., Miss T. Heaven; W.R., Mrs. Harris.

PICTON, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Miller, 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 Cranian 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. Rose; 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, 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. McGowan.

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.