

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it, with a fragrance not its own,
So when God dwellest in a mortal soul,
All Heaven's own sweetness seems around it thrown."

—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

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A Threat to the Nation's Vitality

N.Z. Liquor Bill Too High

There are 3,566,840 letters in the English Bible. If you could pin five £1 notes on every letter in the Bible, you would have a display of the amount of money New Zealanders are spending every year on liquor—£1,500,000 went into the liquor bill for 1949. The physical change and the moral wastage resulting from this expenditure does not bear thinking about in a population of under two million people.

In the Christian Church, temperance is not just a matter of whether you or I should or should not drink a glass of beer. That is a matter both of us have to decide with a clear conscience before God.

The Christian Church, in so far as its ministers teach the Christian ethic, has a duty to take up an attitude towards and give a measure of guidance on any social issue, where the welfare or the destruction of human personalities is involved. The expenditure of huge sums on strong drink creates insoluble problems.

A Road Safety Campaign

A Road Safety Campaign, for example, is defeated before it starts if expenditure on liquor is rising. The past twelve months in our own country, have shown, once again, the inevitable linkage between accident, death and

material destruction on the roads, and indulgence in strong drink.

In New Zealand, when we are told that the normal expectation of life has risen to 63 years, as against about 25 years in China, we are loud in our praises of modern science, and its benefits. And yet, when scientists condemn the use of alcohol as a narcotic drug, and tell us that its last place is in the most delicate and perfect mechanism in the world—the human body—we go strangely silent and behave as if our wishful thinking was the truth. Putting alcohol into the body is "like pouring sand into a watch," was the blunt way Edison described the matter.

A Dangerous World

We are living in a very dangerous world. Some observers have said that New Zealanders are living in a fool's paradise. It is quite certain that the world in which we are living is one that is demanding everything we have, spiritually, physically, morally and intellectually, and New Zealand's present rate of expenditure on strong drink threatens to sap what vitality we, as a young nation possess.

—From "Temperance Sunday,"
Address by Rev. A. Salmond,
St. Andrew's, Levin.

Heavy Social Drinkers Cause Most Trouble

Personally I am convinced that heavy social drinkers actually cause more trouble as a group—and this group numbers into the millions—than do the estimated threequarters of a million alcoholics. The reasons for this personal conviction are based on some 20 odd years' experience in psychiatry and of observing the social climate of "our times."

One need not go far for evidence. At any hotel bar or grill you may

see, at any dining hour, a number of well-dressed, presumably influential men, who, as the rounds pile up, become louder, more argumentative and expansive in movement. When calm judgment in business or profession is required, alcoholic states of mind are comparable to a cut-off in electricity at the peak hour of production.—Robert V. Seliger, M.D., Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., in an address, "The Doctor Looks at Alcoholism."

FRUIT JUICES, SOURCE OF ENERGY AND HEALTH

Dr. H. Muller, Director of the Clinic, "La Ligniere," at Gland, presented the following report to the 2nd International Congress of Producers of Fruit Juices, held at Zurich in June, 1950.

"The nutritive and hygienic value of fruit juices is contested by no one today. But it would be of the highest importance to recognise their value also as an aid to working capacity, replacing the alcoholic beverage employed today for this purpose, because alcohol can produce no favourable action on muscular work. The sugar substances contained in fruit juices, glucose in particular, represent, on the other hand, a source of energy par excellence. But, as an aid to work, it is advisable to dilute the fruit juices in order to reduce their glucose concentration to 7 or 9 per cent. of sugar. In this form, they are better thirst quenchers and are more easily digested. The substitution of fruit juices for alcoholic drinks during work would bring about a veritable revolution in favour of the output and well-being of the worker. His condition of life would be transformed, his economic situation improved, morbidity and mortality definitely decreased."

OUR MIGHTY GOD

When hard upon this earthly house,
The winds descend, and dark floods
roll,

Beneath the thunder of their wrath
Cringe not, nor be afraid, my soul!
Above the battle and the flood,
Above the roar of guns and wings,

He, the Lord God Omnipotent,
Still reigns, the one great King of
Kings.

His hand is on the helm that guides
Each atom and each burning sun;
All time and space are in His grasp;
His word is life and law, in one;
Fear not, nor doubt—though dark as
death

The evil one, his challenge flings;
The Lord, our God Omnipotent,
Still reigns! For ever King of
Kings!

—Jessie Wilmore Marton.

MORE REPLIES TO WANGANUI CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The following are replies from Ministers regarding the Resolutions which I had forwarded to them. I have numbered them according to the numbers given in the "White Ribbon" of April last.

From the Hon. K. J. Holyoake,
Minister of Agriculture

No. 16. "Further to my letter of June 28th, I have obtained a report whether it is practicable and economical to manufacture unfermented grape juice at the Te Kauwhata Horticultural Station.

"It is estimated that the cost of producing and packing grape juice would be 3s. 2d. per quart bottle and this would probably retail at 4s. per quart, or 2s. per 10 oz. bottle. At this price it is believed that grape juice would be hard to sell in competition with aerated waters at approximately one quarter the price. Difficulty has already been experienced by firms in Auckland who endeavoured to popularise apple juice and other fruit juices. As the cost of grapes is about four times the cost of apples I do not propose to experiment with the production of grape juice at Te Kauwhata unless a market for a considerable quantity of grape juice at a price which fully covers production costs is assured."

From the Hon. E. B. Corbett,
Minister of Maori Affairs

No. 22. "... The Licensing Amendment Act, 1948, so far as it affects the Maori people, was discussed at length by a very representative meeting of Maori elders at Otaki at the time of the Rangiatea Centennial Celebrations. It was then agreed that this legislation had not yet had a fair trial and that, despite criticism to the contrary, the position had improved. Police reports confirm this.

"It was also pointed out that those who over-indulge in liquor, would continue to do so, regardless of what restrictions were placed on them."

From the Hon. T. Clifton Webb,
Minister of Justice

"I am now in a position to reply in more detail as to the resolutions of your Dominion Convention referred to me.

"No. 6. There is at present no provision directed to preventing young lads from entering hotel bars, but consideration is at the moment being given to making provision on these lines, and I may assure you that the problem is being carefully watched.

"No. 7. The Court has power to prohibit an offender where the circumstances render that course advisable. I do not think that it would be proper to provide that the Court must issue a prohibition order against an offender whenever his indulgence in strong liquor has been a contributing cause of the accident. In some circumstances the issue of a prohibition order may be appropriate, but not in other cases,

and I am satisfied that the exercise of the power should be left to the discretion of the Court.

"No. 8. In our system of justice, the legislation provides the maximum penalties for offences. I think that the penalties provided by law for sexual offences are adequate. The actual penalty imposed in any case is fixed by the Court, and Government has no control over that.

"No. 17. I do not think minimum penalties are advisable, and I consider that it is wiser to leave the decision, as to what is the appropriate penalty to be imposed in any particular case, to the Court, which hears all the relevant evidence. I may say that, even where the offences to which you refer do not include the causing of bodily injury to a person, substantial penalties are provided by the law—imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or a fine not exceeding £100—and the offender's driving licence may be endorsed or cancelled.

"No. 23. The discretionary power given to a Court in certain circumstances to suppress the name of the person charged is seldom exercised in the case of serious crime, and is subject to some statutory limitations. I am satisfied that this discretion, vested in the Court, is properly and sparingly exercised, and should be retained."

I trust that the various District Executives are preparing remits to send forward for the 1951 Convention, and that they will reach me in good time, preferably before December 31st.

V. A. JAMIESON,

Legal and Parliamentary
Superintendent.

57 Layard Street,
Invercargill.

MRS. F. N. CHRISTIAN

We extend a very warm welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Christian, who recently returned from their trip overseas, where Mrs. Christian attended the World Convention of the W.C.T.U. at Hastings, England.

PURE GRAPE JUICE

Pure grape juice, which can be diluted with water to taste, is being made by Jas. Thompson, Clyde Orchards, Te Kauwhata. We can help to advertise this by asking for it at our grocers, with the request that it be stocked. Encourage this production of non-alcoholic Grape Juice! Thompson's Pure Grape Juice.

ALCOHOL AND MURDER!

"Over-indulgence in alcohol was the immediate cause of many murders," said the Public Opinion Group, Wellington, in submissions to the joint Parliamentary Committee on Capital Punishment.—N.Z. Herald, October 12th, 1950.

REPORTS AND NOTICES

Reports for Dominion Superintendents, Important

"Will all Unions please report their year's work in each Department to the Dominion Superintendents of these Departments as soon as possible after their Annual Meetings and before the end of the year? The names of Dominion Superintendents will be found in the Handbook, which every Union should possess.

Maori Department

Would all Unions who have done any work at all for our Maori work throughout the year, report to me as soon as possible? Thank you.

M. LONG, Bute Road, Brown's Bay,
Auckland, Dominion Superintendent,
Maori Department.

Evangelistic Department

This Department is worked by all Unions so please report work done, special meetings of Evangelistic nature and prayer meetings held.

A. SHERMAN,
Evangelistic Supt.

Dear "White Ribboners,"

It would help considerably if subscriptions were paid in as soon as possible, so that we may not be too busy over the holiday period. This is always a busy period for Postal Authorities, and we can help by posting early.

So far, I have received very few used stamps, and you will remember that, at our Dominion Convention, it was decided that the effort would help the New Zealand Fund.

Yours in Service,

E. M. APPLEBY,
Business Manager.

Miss C. M. McLay, Dominion President, regrets that, acting under medical advice, she is unable to accept nomination for Dominion office.

Mrs. Underhill wishes it to be made known that she is not available for nomination as Dominion Recording Secretary.

LEGACY AND DONATION

At their recent meeting in Wellington, the Dominion Officers were advised by Miss Gibbs, Dominion Treasurer, that a legacy of £34 had been bequeathed to the W.C.T.U. from an Anonymous Deceased Estate in Auckland and that a donation of £25 had been given by a donor who wished to remain anonymous. The officers expressed their deep appreciation and were much encouraged at this interest in our work.

DUNEDIN CONVENTION HOSPITALITY

Would delegates please send names as soon as possible to Miss Armit, 21 Bullen Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin.

GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS

With the memories of seven crowded months pressing in upon one's thoughts, it is difficult to sort out the particular happenings likely to be of interest to our readers. We do know, however, that anything touching the common life of our great organisation brings us very close together; and that all our members are glad to hear of their sister workers wherever they are.

The feeling of close association and kinship is very soon established. Nationality, colour, or Church distinction, form no barriers between "White Ribbon Sisters." Constraint falls away, and a common ground is occupied at once, when it is realised that we "all belong." As we went aboard the "Nieuwe Amsterdam," at Southampton, for our Atlantic voyage, my Badge, worn most conscientiously, was remarked; and, as a result, a little coterie of three missionaries, two delegates to a great Church Conference in Chicago, myself and another lady was soon formed. On a train journey of two days and nights in the U.S.A., we found a fellow traveller to be the County President in her own district, and a very pleasant companionship resulted.

At Vancouver, we had quite a good deal of time with the Canadian Dominion President, Mrs. Lade, who had been a guest in the same hotel at Hastings during the World Convention, with Miss Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Pitt and myself. Mrs. Lade was most kind. As in other places on the American Continent, meetings in Vancouver were not being held; so that there was no opportunity of meeting other members; but much useful conversation and exchange of ideas took place; and a very real comradeship was established. Mrs. Lade sent greetings to New Zealand in the name of the Canadian Union.

It may be interesting to readers to know that we were travelling in this district during the Canadian Pacific Railway Strike. We were compelled to travel all night by bus twice. The novelty of the experience, and the fact that the moon was full, compensated, in no small degree, for the somewhat exhausting circumstances, and we were no worse for it.

At Honolulu, we were met by Mrs. Carson, vice-president of the American (as distinguished from the Japanese) Union there, at 8 o'clock in the morning of a lovely day, as we left the "Aorangi" for a few hours ashore. This was a pleasant surprise. Mrs. Carson drove us in her Buick, showing us the famous Waikiki beach, and other well-known places en route, right up into the high hills which form the glorious background for the city. Up and up we went, among the most luxuriantly wooded valleys and along roads lined with beautiful flowering trees, shrubs, and creepers, till we reached a point from which we had a magnificent view of the city and the coast. Then, back into the city and up

in another direction to the famous "Pali," where the wind nearly blew our clothes off us. So we saw the island of Oahu, on which Honolulu stands. It is impossible to describe the loveliness of the hibiscus, allemanda, and countless other floral delights of this place.

Then we were brought down to the Y.W.C.A., a fine, up-to-date building, with a glorious swimming pool, and a tree-shaded garden. Here several ladies of the local Union joined us for luncheon in the garden, after which we went upstairs into one of the many fine rooms available, and had a little friendly talk together. I told something of the Hastings Convention happenings, and, as so many of the prominent people at the Convention were American and known to them personally, they were very keenly interested. In answer to a request, I told them something of our New Zealand work. They were most astonished to learn of our early closing hour for sale of alcoholic liquors, and told me mournfully that their saloons were legally open till 2 a.m.

Here, as elsewhere, the greatest hindrance to the progress of our work is held to be in the indifference of so many professing Christians, and of whole Churches, to the increasing hold of the liquor traffic on social life. The flagrant falsehoods flaunted before the eyes of the public, in the enormous Liquor Advertisements to be seen everywhere in the U.S.A., are also causing terrible concern; and it is felt that a great campaign against them must be carried out, in the interest of youth particularly.

After we separated, two other ladies of the Union took charge of us, and took us to the wonderful Aquarium, and through some charming parts of the city; finally landing us at the wharf with just enough time to scramble aboard before the siren blew for departure. On the wharf were the sweet singers of Honolulu, and to the plaintive strains of "Aloha," we moved off, throwing the lovely leis, with which we had been presented by Mrs. Carson on arrival in the morning, into the marvellously coloured waters, we left Honolulu behind. Greetings were sent to N.Z. from the Union, as from so many other places.

In the beginning of our tour, we had made pleasant contact with our workers in Australia, and all along the way, where possible, this was done. It was good to feel that our work really does go on "All round the World," and to know that the bonds of sisterhood have been strengthened. Our "Noontide" prayers will have a deeper significance than before; and our pride in our great organisation will be greater.

Many very kind messages have been received since our return, for which we are very grateful.

M. CHRISTIAN.

"DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

"Mercy"

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."—Matthew 5:7.

There are many to whom life is a painful struggle; they feel their deficiencies, and are very miserable; they think they have nothing for which to be grateful. Kind words, looks of sympathy, expressions of appreciation, would be to many a struggling and lonely one, as a cup of cold water to a thirsty soul.

A word of sympathy, an act of kindness, would lift burdens that rest heavily upon weary shoulders, and every word or deed of unselfish kindness is an expression of the Love of Christ for lost humanity.

The merciful "shall obtain mercy." There is sweet peace for the compassionate spirit, a blessed satisfaction in the life of self-forgetful service for the good of others.

The Holy Spirit that abides in the soul and is manifest in the life, will soften hard hearts and awaken sympathy and tenderness. You will reap that which you sow. "Blessed is he

that considereth the poor."

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth. He who has given his life to God in ministry to His children, is linked with Him, Who has all the resources of the universe at His command.

The Lord will not fail him in the hour of suffering and need, and in the hour of final need, the merciful shall find refuge in the mercy of the compassionate Saviour.

"A kindly word and a tender tone,
To only God is their value known.
They can lift from the dust, the abject head;

They turn a foe to a friend instead;
So, kindly speak, then some soul in pain

May hear and waken to smile again."

Prayers:

Heavenly Father, we do thank Thee for the love, which only Thou can bestow upon us, and we pray that our lives may be strengthened for the work which Thou hast found for us to do.

Bless the work of Thy children everywhere, and may the harvest be rich and plentiful for Thy dear sake, and now we ask that Thy will be done in all things, because we ask these petitions in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A. SHERMAN,

(Evangelistic Supt.).

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CALLING ALL CHURCHES!

By J. L. McElhany

The most vital issue, from an economic, social, and moral standpoint, that faces most of the countries of the World today, is the danger from the destructive influences and evils concomitant with the consumption of alcoholic beverages. These constitute a greater danger than destruction by the atomic bomb. No community, no individual, no segment of society is exempt or free from the influences of this issue. No professional or economic lines are drawn by alcoholism.

Moral Accountability

One all-important fact bearing upon this question has been too little emphasised by the Churches of Christendom. I speak of the basic element of the Christian life—that of moral accountability to God. Man's moral accountability carries with it his duty to bring every life practice, every habit, into subjection to this basic principle.

There is a text of Scripture we need to emphasize: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God." Whatever expositions might be given on this text, its one outstanding message is: Man has a moral accountability to God.

It matters not what we do even in the ordinary habits of life, whatever it is, we are to do it to the Glory of God.

That duty extends even to men's habits and practices in the matter of eating and drinking.

If that can be impressed on the hearts of all, particularly the young, it may serve a useful purpose in preserving and protecting them from this terrible plague that is sweeping the earth. Can spiritual leaders ignore the Biblical statements that God's woe rests upon those who drink, upon those who give drink to their neighbours, and upon those who manufacture strong drink?

Why does this principle of moral accountability to God, enter into this matter of drinking? Because by drinking man may defile himself and render himself unfit for participation

in the higher and better things of life and for a place in the Kingdom of God.

The Churches should emphasize this fact especially to young people.

The Habit of Complacency

It may be that those who have never touched a glass of alcoholic beverage of any kind are yet contributing to the spread of this evil by the spirit of complacency. When people say, "Well, what can I do about it? After all it isn't my concern," they are exhibiting a great evil in itself—the evil of the spirit of complacency. It is a terrible thing to stand by indifferently and see people going down to destruction. Surely no Christian can stand aloof in this great fight against the evils of intemperance and be clear before God or before his fellow men! This is especially true of spiritual leaders.

The School of Moderation

Where do alcoholics get their training? In the school of moderate drinking. Our youth should be shown that **not moderation but total abstinence** is the only safeguard. There never was a man so steeped in drunkenness but what that man started his drinking career by indulging in what he was pleased to call "Moderation—moderate drinking." This moderation idea is actually part of the sales talk of the liquor industry.

The subtle influence of liquor advertising is invading the homes of the nation. In some of the world's leading magazines we see those pictures of home life, picnics and social gatherings in the home and there is that pernicious, seductive slogan, "Beer Belongs." A lot of young people get the idea today that perhaps, after all, drinking is the proper thing to do. The great drive in America now is to get women in the homes to drink, by making them believe that "Beer Belongs."

The trouble with the liquor advertisements is that they **do not carry the story through to the ultimate.** They show only the beginning and not the ending.

Survival is at stake and everyone must be called into action to remove this great evil.

The intelligent co-operation of all Churches, by pen, voice and vote, could accomplish this.

United Action

The social emergency of this drinking situation demands united action.

We must do our utmost to rescue those who are perishing as a result of this growing menace. We need to enlist all intelligent people in the fight against intemperance and the use of alcoholic beverages. We especially need to enlist the co-operation of the young people of all the Churches. **We need to encourage them to take the pledge of total abstinence**, which, in the hour of temptation, would be their protection.

We need to cast aside all spirit of complacency and awaken to our moral responsibility to God and to our fellow men.

—By Courtesy "Signs of the Times."

WINTON 25th BIRTHDAY

On July 28th, to celebrate their 25th Birthday, members travelled 20 miles to entertain the elderly ladies of Victoria Memorial Home, Invercargill.

There they provided a varied programme of vocal and instrumental items, a short sketch, and a bountiful afternoon tea. Four foundation members were present. A very pleasant afternoon ended with the singing of hymns, prayer and benediction.

RICCARTON CRADLE ROLL PARTY

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mrs. Griffiths opened the Social Afternoon for the mothers and C.R. members with devotions and a reading on "Spring."

Mrs. Ray ran the programme of children's items, which were most interesting.

The children were then entertained to a set-down tea and a nice birthday cake. In another room, the mothers were served tea, during which Mrs. Griffiths spoke to them on "The history of the W.C.T.U." Each child received a gift and fruit.

Mrs. C. Henderson expressed the thanks and appreciation of the mothers and children for such a happy party.

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

By Victoria Grigg

Washington is noted for its high consumption of liquor, and it certainly is the worst place for such high consumption with its large percentage of Government employees. I read in an American paper of a newspaperman who attended a dinner there, and who was astounded at the confidential information given away voluntarily by an official who had been imbibing freely.

A highlight of my visit to Washington was my attendance at part of the Annual Conference of the National Council of Negro Women. The difference in colour and feature of the delegates was fascinating. Their president was a wonderful old Negro woman, Mrs. Mary Bethune, who was the daughter of slave parents, with nothing but her own natural ability to help her. The great night of the Conference was the one when representatives of over 40 embassies attended and, with the Negro delegates were addressed by Mrs. Pandit, the Indian Ambassador, President Truman and Dr. Ralph Bunche—a notable trio, which any audience would have been glad to hear.

The Negroes have serious problems of housing and education to overcome, and these women from the different States were concerned in the well-being of their fifteen millions. In Washington School and University, facilities are good.

From there I travelled to Chicago. The bitter cold did not deter me from a visit to Evanston, some miles away, where the warmth of my reception was a compensation for the cold-weather.

It was a great thrill to be taken over Rest Cottage, old home of Frances Willard, to see her well-worn Bible, and to play on the organ purchased by her in her early teaching life.

It was interesting also to see the famous Polyglot Petition. There is so much to say, but Headquarters was fully described in a recent article in the "White Ribbon."

I was fortunate in that Dr. and Mrs. Leigh Colvin were at home, and that they kindly invited me to dine with them. I was greatly impressed by the character and qualities of Mrs. Colvin, who carries such a load as President of the W.C.T.U. of U.S.A. She and her husband have done outstanding work for temperance, and, to me, they represented the very best in American life. Kindness, courtesy, humility, and great ability were their characteristics, these qualities having a truly spiritual basis.

I went on to Denver in Colorado, where I located the W.C.T.U. offices. The typist there had met New Zealanders who went to U.S.A. for the

World Conference of the Churches of Christ.

They go under the name of Disciples in U.S.A. I met the State President, Mrs. Teller, who impressed me with her alertness. She had been President of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Colorado. She arranged to take me to the Christmas meeting of the Washington Park Union. I addressed them on our work in New Zealand and would have been the recipient of much more hospitality if I had stayed longer.

Mrs. Teller told me she was going to Washington in January of this year to attend the Hearing before a Senate Committee of the Legislative Committee of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council. The Legislative Committee was supporting the Bryson Bill, introduced into Congress, and the Langer Bill, introduced into the Senate. Both bills sought to prohibit advertising of all alcoholic liquors over the radio and in newspapers and magazines, which cross State lines.

Douglas Crockwell's beautiful coloured scenes of Home Life in America are used, but they depict life as it is in homes where liquor is not served, or **before** it is served, never the "morning after the night before," or the homes which drink has robbed of comfort and caused neglect of children. These advertisements are used in "Life," "Look," "U.S. News," "McCalls," and "The Woman's Home Companion," with a combined circulation of over 18 million subscribers, and an audience of over 72 million people.

Just prior to Father's Day in U.S.A. last year, over 150 daily papers carried half- or full-page advertisements of one of the four big whisky concerns—the advertisements being both subtle and dangerous.

Over 40 out of 48 State Presidents attended the Hearing of the Bills in Washington, but they did not obtain their objectives.

From Denver, I had a long train journey to Los Angeles, but this was broken by a visit to the southern hem of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. I saw this great wonder of nature by moonlight, at sunrise, in the noonday sunshine and at sunset. Its colours seemed to change continually and of all the sights I saw on my trips abroad, it was the most interesting, awe-inspiring and breathtaking.

From Los Angeles, I visited Pasadena to the home of dear Mrs. Lee-Cowie and the lovable Susan and Matilda Pyle.

I had been initiated by Mrs. Lee-Cowie, as a bride at a Garden Party in Christchurch, and for this reason was very pleased to meet her again.

In spite of their advancing years, they all lived lives of active service and goodness to others and truly the peace of God rested on that home where none could enter its doors without receiving a blessing.

In Los Angeles there is a W.C.T.U. Home for women, where over 100 elderly ladies find sanctuary. While in that city, I saw a newspaper which carried liquor advertisements, editorials containing acid comment on the very light sentences given to drunken drivers, some who had caused loss of life and who had more than one conviction against them.

In both Los Angeles and San Francisco, I saw many liquor shops. There are 43,000 licensed premises in California, but by the numbers I saw, I would have estimated that there were double that number. At night, passing these places, their lighting was so poor, that I could hardly see the details inside. I felt they were habitations of darkness in more ways than one and that they were dimly lit for a purpose which was not a good one. I heard much about the corruption of Californian politics by the gambling and liquor interests and how difficult it was for any politician, who opposed these interests wholeheartedly to stay in office.

Opposition to the Liquor Trade in U.S.A., as in New Zealand, requires constant and unremitting warfare on our part. Wherever we slacken, the enemy will press home his attack. Where we stand firm and rise to the attack, he is repelled. No wonder, our members have to pledge themselves to work and pray till death or victory.

The W.C.T.U. of U.S.A. is always on the alert. It has spent thousands of dollars on the production of motion pictures and slide films. These are in constant use in the schools and other organisations.

The teacher training programme of the W.C.T.U. has prepared alcohol education specialists who train teachers in methods and techniques in alcohol education, and its research department provides accurate information for temperance organisations and the general public.

It fights, not flesh and blood, but spiritual wickedness in high places. May God strengthen its members and all other Temperance workers throughout the world.

TODAY ALONE

The past is gone; the future yet unknown;
They both belong to God.
Waste not thy time in vain regret nor fearful dread;
Let doubt give place to hope.
Instead of gloom, let sun in radiance shine.
Guard well this priceless gift, O man!
Today alone is thine.

—Helen Laughton.

The "No-License" Movement

Part 2

Mr. L. M. Isitt was invited by the British Temperance workers to tour England. He, with Mr. T. E. Taylor, had become the greatest Temperance speakers in New Zealand and his British tour was an inspiring one. His addresses brought down upon himself and the Party abuse and criticism from their opponents. On one occasion at Durham, he was challenged to appear before a united audience, composed of both sections, to answer certain challenging remarks and questions. As his itinerary was booked up for four months ahead, the best he could do was to book up a date at the conclusion of this period. The date duly arrived and the great building, the largest in Durham, and capable of holding 6,000, was filled to the doors, the Mayor presiding.

For twenty minutes L. M. Isitt fought with that audience for a hearing, until at last a drunken man fell in the aisle. Mr. Isitt snatched his opportunity and ascertained from the Chairman that he was the proprietor of the "Rising Sun." Pointing to the fallen man he said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rising Sun has fallen," and in the laughter that followed he got away with his address and had a successful meeting.

He returned to New Zealand in due course, having been released by the Methodist Conference to continue with Temperance work, to help on the great Campaign.

About this time, Mr. Atkinson, of Dunedin, wrote an instructive pamphlet on the evils of the Liquor Traffic and this had wide circulation.

The small paper, the "Prohibitionist," commencing with very meagre dimensions, had grown in size and distribution, and supplied a running account of the doings of the Trade and of the No-License Campaign.

During a large part of the Campaign and for months before an election, the Tuam Street Hall in Christchurch was taken every Sunday evening at 8.15 p.m., when addresses were given by the leading speakers of the Prohibition Party. It was a common thing to see leaders of the License Party there in force, and they often were given a welcome in person by L. M. Isitt and T. E. Taylor. I have often heard, "We are glad to see Capt. Kiddey, Capt. Marciel, Mr. Myers and Mr. Cawlishaw in our audience tonight." I might also add that when Captain Kiddey was dying, he sent for Rev. L. M. Isitt, telling him that he was dying and wanting to know the Truth. This indeed was a very great compliment from a leading opponent, proving the respect in which he was held.

Obtaining suitable halls for meetings gave the No License Party considerable difficulty, for the License Party would book up all halls for months in advance. On one such occasion, the

Skating Rink was the only place not booked and this was taken and all available seats and chairs were hired for seating about 5,000 people and the balance of the audience stood and listened to Messrs. T. E. Taylor, L. M. Isitt, F. N. Isitt, P. Munro, C. Porter, C. H. Laws, and G. J. Smith. I was present at this meeting and many others of similar size.

Mr. T. E. Taylor's speeches in the House of Representatives created a similar impression to these meetings, for when he took the floor, newspapers ceased to rustle and notebooks were all in operation to verify every word he uttered. On one occasion Mr. Taylor had just become seated after one of his able addresses in the House, when the Member for Avon followed and stated that "the House knew Mr. Taylor to be a crank." Mr. Speaker interjected, "The member for Avon must withdraw that remark." Mr. Taylor rose immediately and corrected the Speaker, stating, "There is no need for the Member to withdraw that remark, a Crank is a means of transmitting power," and the House was convulsed with laughter.

The death of this great leader in 1911, in the middle of his career, was a tremendous blow to the whole Temperance Movement. He was Mayor of Christchurch at the time of his death, and friend and foe alike attended his funeral, one of the largest ever witnessed in this country.

Mr. Taylor's devoted wife was Dominion President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union—a responsible position which she held with distinction and credit until failing health closed this avenue of service.

Mr. L. M. Isitt, after many years of service in Parliament, gained a seat in the Legislative Council, which he held until his demise.

Mr. G. J. Smith held similar responsible positions in both Houses until his death.

Such mighty men of leadership and zeal as these and numerous others, gave themselves to the cause of Temperance.

The fight continues and men and women of courage and enthusiasm are required to replace the leaders of those earlier years. We must have, as in the past, progressive No-License Leagues in every locality of any size, so that no opportunity is missed to attack this great enemy to progress and morality.

H. C. CHRISTIAN.

Cambridge.

"Through the long experience of my father and grandfather, extending over 100 years, I have reached the conviction that no other cause has brought about so much suffering, so much disease and misery, as the use of intoxicating beverages."

—DARWIN.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

(Reports unpublished will appear in December)

Hawke's Bay

Delegates from Napier, Hastings, Waipukurau, Dannevirke, Gisborne and Wairoa were present at the Convention held in Wairoa on September 26th and 27th.

The Rev. Caldwell led the opening devotions. Delegates and Mrs. F. Grigg, the guest speaker, were welcomed by Mrs. Houghton, Wairoa President.

Encouraging reports were given by the delegates. A five minutes' talk was given by a member from each Union and these were inspiring and uplifting. Superintendents presented reports of steady work. During the afternoons, Mrs. Grigg spoke of her trip overseas.

A well-attended social evening was held when Mrs. Grigg, who received a floral tribute, again spoke of experiences on her trip.

In appreciation of services rendered over a period of years, Miss Ennor and Mrs. Lewis were presented with a cup, saucer and plate.

Items were given by the Wairoa Ladies' Choir, under Miss V. Edser's leadership.

The sessions the next day included "Plans of Work," and a question box.

It was decided to hold a fully representative Executive meeting in Napier next March.

A discussion took place on the recent film, "The Secrets of Life," and a decision made to protest against the sale of the booklets accompanying the picture. Though intended for adults, it was reported that children in their early teens were able to procure them at the theatres.

Temperance Hotels and Temperance booths at local A. and P. Shows were discussed. The desirability of an alternative drink, preferably fruit drink or soft drink being offered at public and private functions was considered.

One new member initiated.

Election of Officers: President, Mrs. Lewis; Secretary, Miss L. Ennor; Treasurer, Mrs. Brocklehurst.

An invitation to hold the next Convention at Dannevirke was gratefully accepted.

Votes of thanks for the excellency of all arrangements were passed to the Wairoa Union, and it was felt that the 1950 Convention had been one of the best held in the Hawke's Bay District.

Manawatu

The Convention was held in Palmerston North on October 3rd, with delegates present from Feilding, Pahiatua, Levin and Palmerston North. Miss Jamieson led the opening devotions.

Reports revealed faithful work. Discussions took place on Children in Hotel Bars, Selling of Raffle Tickets by Children, and Licensing Committees.

Mrs. Stewart, of Feilding, led the

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Noontide Devotions. Reports of Youth, Literature and Maori Departments and Seamen's Rest showed good work accomplished.

Palmerston North entrants in Temperance Essay Competition were present. 1st and 3rd prizes were won by Palmerston North girls, and the Union presented a small monetary prize to each other entrant in the Competition.

Mrs. Shearman presided at the afternoon session and Mrs. Boniface led devotions. Two vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Lyon.

Mrs. Brigadier Goffin gave a most inspiring address on "Experiences from her Life," concluding with an exhortation to all members to pray without ceasing, for prayer could close public houses.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. C. Jamieson; Secretary, Mrs. M. R. Claridge; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Coles; all of Palmerston North.

Votes of thanks and the benediction concluded an inspiring and happy Convention.

Otago

The Convention was held at Green Island, on September 20th, under ideal conditions.

After preliminary devotions, Miss Innes, Green Island President, and Mrs. Dickinson, District President, welcomed delegates. Rev. J. W. Oliver also extended a welcome, and said we were doing a most important work. Mrs. Dickinson stressed the need for individual work to make a success of our work.

Mrs. Hiatt gave a talk on the World Convention, where 50 nations were represented by 1,000 women.

Election of Officers: President, Mrs. Dickinson, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Jones; Secretary, _____ W.R. Supt., Mrs. Iles, C.R., Mrs. Don. Miss Armit led the afternoon devotions.

Presentations made to Mrs. Donaldson, of Dunedin South Union, who is going to reside in Scotland.

An outstanding address was given by Rev. Graham Miller of the New Hebrides. Mr. Miller described the difficulties encountered in the work there, in regard to drinking and smoking.

The Green Island Convention was felt to be a most successful one, for the good fellowship that existed and the interest shown in the work.

North East Valley extended an invitation for 1951.

North and South Canterbury

The Convention opened in Christchurch on September 12, with 65 delegates attending, 12 for the first time.

Mrs. Clarke, North Canterbury President welcomed delegates and the Mayoress, Mrs. Hardy Cookson extended a welcome. Greetings from the N.C.W., through their President, Miss McLean, who states that the W.C.T.U. was responsible for the

"Within the Veil"

Mrs. Emily Harrison

There passed away recently, at the age of 83, Mrs. Emily Harrison, of Ngaere, who for the past 65 years has resided in the Eltham district.

Mrs. Harrison was an active member in the early days of the Methodist Church and remained a devoted worshipper all her life.

As a member of the W.C.T.U., she was keenly interested in the cause of temperance and until her death, was a subscriber to the "White Ribbon." To her husband and family is extended loving sympathy in their loss.

Mrs. Hansen, Henderson Union

* The Henderson Union has suffered the loss of a most loyal member in the passing of Mrs. Hansen, who, though of a quiet, retiring nature, was keenly interested in the Temperance work. In the campaign for Women's Franchise in New Zealand, she was one of the courageous workers, who canvassed for signatures under difficult conditions nearly 60 years ago. She was a member of this Union for nearly 25 years and seldom missed a meeting and for a number of years was Cradle Roll Superintendent. She will be greatly missed from our meetings, but will ever live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

beginning of all other women's organisations.

Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg was guest speaker.

The second day's session opened with an inspiring Communion Service conducted by Pastor A. W. Grundy. Reports by Secretaries of both districts revealed splendid work.

Five Minute Papers by Mrs. Millar, entitled, "There is Much Rubbish," and one on "Gambling," by Rev. Parry, read by Mrs. Dellars, were much appreciated.

Plans of Work: 10,000 folders and literature to be sent inside Digests and Magazines to Buraham Camp. Temperance Literature to go in "Youth for Christ" leaflets for distribution.

Collection taken to purchase articles for ditty bags for Timaru Sailors' Rest.

Miss C. Henderson spoke on the "History of the W.C.T.U." Mrs. Clarke answered questions in the Box.

The devotions at the sessions were conducted by Mrs. Clarke, Rev. A. W. Grundy, Sister Mildred West and Mrs. A. Griffiths. Miss Saell was pianist.

Election of Officers

South Canterbury: President, Mrs. Densem; Vice-President, Sister Mildred West; Secretary, Mrs. Dellow; Treasurer, Mrs. Walker.

North Canterbury: President, Mrs. Clarke; Vice-President, Mrs. Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. Atkins; Treasurer, Mrs. Piegh.

A most successful Convention concluded with the Doxology.

LIQUOR AND THE LEGISLATURE

"It is not for kings, O, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes, strong drink. Lest they drink and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted."

This sound advice, given many years ago to King Lemuel by his mother, has been ignored by the legislators of our country and we have recently been witnesses of a sorry spectacle.

At the commencement of the new Parliament, a vote was taken as usual by members of both Houses, to decide whether liquor should be sold at Bellamy's in the precincts of the House.

What was the result? Out of 52 Legislative Councillors, many of them new appointees, 52 voted for the sale of drink. One regretted the absence of the Hon. J. A. Hanan, who has never failed to record his vote against the sale, and I know he would have done so on this occasion.

Of 77 members of the House of Representatives, 66 voted for the sale of drink, and 11 against.

Of 129 legislators, there were only eleven who did not want the products of the Trade.

It is a depressing thought that our legislators feel such need of the artificial stimulus so aptly described by Shakespeare, in "Othello." He makes Cassio say, "O, thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil"; and "O, that men would put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains! that we should with joy, pleasance, revel and applause, transform ourselves into beasts."

If there ever was a time when clear heads and clear thinking were sorely needed, surely it is in our day and our generation. We thank God for the eleven members of the House of Representatives, who have shown that they realise this necessity.

V. GRIGG.

ALCOHOL AND THE CHILD

"Prospective parents are constantly in search of knowledge as to what they can do to give their children a better chance than they themselves may have been given. Their effort is to know what they can do to increase the fitness of their children.

It is certain that if they realised that any alcohol taken by them reaches the unborn child and acts as a poison to it, 99 per cent. of parents would abstain from taking alcohol.

Alcohol is a menace to child life at all stages of the child's existence.

Absolute abstinence is necessary if the unborn child is not to be subjected to the poisoning and narcotic effect of alcohol.

Sir Thomas Barlow pointed out years ago that the giving of alcohol to children is, from every point of view, undesirable, and may lead to definite disease.

—Professor Amy M. Fleming,
M.D., D.Sc.

Homemakers' Bulletin of Union News Corner

(By Mrs. Rankin, Nelson)

The Healthful Onion

"But my breath will smell," is the horrified protest.

No, it can't be as bad as all that.

The onion family is a wide one and only a few of the family are so "fragrant."

Edge your path with chives, accumulating onions, shallots, and don't let a day pass without some of the chopped tops going into salads, sandwiches, soup, stew, scrambled eggs, white sauce, or mashed potatoes—don't over-cook it. Put in with the thickening. If the family protest, use very little and increase the amount gradually. Don't make an issue of it, but be "wise as a serpent" and keep at it. It is difficult to overrate the good it will do you all.

The statement, "I simply can't eat onions," should be clearly and closely scrutinised before repeated so often that you believe it. Even garlic, so beloved of the Latin races, can be used.

A sprig of garlic pushed into the centre of a rolled roast before cooking gives a distinctive flavour that is acceptable.

A rub round the salad bowl with a cut piece of garlic is very good. They are easily grown and stored.

Don't discard a stored onion that has started to grow, just push firmly into the soil, and in a few weeks, behold, Spring onions.

Remember how the wandering Hebrews yearned for their onions and garlic? Nature's flavouring, and all much superior to the synthetic flavouring with which we scorch our palate.

CANCER RESEARCH AND SMOKING

Research work in America and England has revealed the fact that smoking is probably an important factor in the cause of cancer of the lung.

A further report has been presented to the British Medical Journal by two experts. These doctors have spent a long period studying diseases that smoking could possibly encourage.

From their report, it was found that the majority of men with cancer of the lung had been smokers at some period, and the risk varied in approximately like proportions to the amount smoked.

Pipe smoking was less closely associated with lung cancer than was cigarette smoking.

Of the 649 men with cancer who were interviewed, 0.3 per cent. were non-smokers, and of the 60 women interviewed, 31.7 per cent. were non-smokers. A smoker is defined as "a person who had smoked as much as one cigarette a day for as long as one year."

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tirirangi. September 19th. Devotions led by Mrs. Duncanson and Mrs. Peat. Readings were given by Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Parrish. Mrs. Duncanson and Mrs. Whitburn reported on the Convention. Donations of £1 to be given to White Ribbon Fund. Collection, £1/12/-.

Onehunga. September 14th. Franchise Day. Miss Grigg, in taking devotions, spoke of the musical instruments in the Bible. Special collection for U.N.I.C.E.F. Appeal. Mentioned Baptist Churches have Temperance Book Markers with Temperance Vow. Convention reports given by delegates. Discussions on business. Satisfactory progress at Maori Girls' Hostel under wise influence of Mrs. Kennedy.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga. October 3rd. Good attendance, presided over by Mrs. Bensley, who led devotions. Maori Day observed. Address by Miss Beswick, descriptive of work among the Maoris of the Wanganui River District, as Anglican Sister. N.C.W. and District Convention Reports given by Mrs. Hunt. Secretary reported eight children having the Scientific Temperance Examination. Mrs. Christian welcomed and presented with shoulder spray. Plans for special effort to finance youth work. Miss Napper thanked for generous donation of cost of Y.P. Supplements distributed monthly. Bring and Buy Stall.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth. September 27th. Delegates from Hawera, Eltham, Inglewood, attended Annual District Executive. Mrs. Hurrell presided and Mrs. Holly led devotions. District Officers re-elected. Annual reports showed steady work. Rev. Olds addressed the afternoon meeting, encouraging members to fight on in spite of difficult times. Songs by Mrs. Scott and recitations by Mrs. Brown.

Hawera. June Meeting. Presided over by Mrs. Rex Goldsmith. White Ribbon Day observed. Mrs. Lovell displayed valuable treasures from her travels.

In July the speaker was Mrs. Capt. McNath, who gave a talk on the training of S.A. Officers. Letter and flowers to Mrs. Barron in Hospital.

August. Mrs. Hayward presided and took devotions. Annual Bring and Buy Stall for Seamen's Rest. Business discussed. Afternoon tea.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier. September. Evening meeting, when young business members were present. Mrs. Ryan led devotions. Tributes paid to late Bishop Bennett. Mrs. Watson from Rhodesia told of experiences there. Gifts of scarves for Lepers and £2/10/- raised for that purpose. 1 new member initiated. Invitation from Baptist Church to meet the Rt. Hon. and Mrs. Ernest Brown accepted.

Hastings. September 28th. Miss Mildenhall led devotions. Letter of thanks and appreciation of interest in their work, from N.C.W. Jumble Sale to be held for funds. Mrs. Buckingham gave interesting report on District Convention. Band of Hope progressing well. Reference to the passing of Bishop Bennett.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn. October 10th. Mrs. Brewer presided and Mrs. Sawden conducted devotions. Mrs. Gillies gave the Temperance Fact. Mesdames Jordan and Pearce delegates to District Executive. "The Liquor position as it affects the Maori People," was read from the W.R. by Mrs. Pearce. Special offerings for Headquarters—£11/10/- collected. Donation to Seamen's Rest.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands. September 19th. Franchise Day. Devotions by Mrs. Hegglun. President reported £40/5/6 collected by members of U.N. Appeal. Letter from a "Lone Member." The article, "Woman's Freedom," from W.R., read. Impromptu debate on "Whether Women use their Privilege."

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Oxford. Meetings fairly well attended during winter. 2 new members received. Mrs. Clarke, Dist. Pres., visited us for White Ribbon Day. Mrs. Colonel Gray, of the S.A., gave us an interesting address. Congratulations to Miss Caverhill for her 77th birthday. She still attends regularly. Mrs. Dalley absent through a serious operation, has been greatly missed.

Sydenham. October 15th. Mrs. Filer presided and devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies. Mesdames Garlick, Davies and Drewett gave very interesting accounts of all work done at the District Convention. Two queries regarding the size of liquor advertisements in newspapers and the lightness of penalties for traffic offenders to be brought before the Dist. Executive.

North Brighton. August 18th. Mrs. McIlraith led devotions. Remit re Betting Pools sent to Dist. Executive. 6 Patients at Mental Hospital visited by Mrs. McIlraith and Mrs. Pepperall. 6 members at prayer meeting at Mrs. Cockburn's. Mrs. Willmot, of Christchurch, gave inspiring talk on "Friendship."

September 19th. Devotions from Luke 18. Excerpt from "Wine of Paradise," by Howard B. Rand, read by Mrs. Hardman. Mrs. Barry initiated. Some members attended Temperance Rally in Christchurch. Sick visiting by Mesdames Lord and Oxley, and Mental Hospital visitation by Mrs. Hardman. "Franchise Day" article from W.R. read. Bring and Buy.

CANTERBURY SOUTH

Waimate. August. Mrs. Duckett presided and took devotions. Guest speaker was Nurse Shears, who gave highly interesting address on her work among the Maoris.

September. Mrs. Duckett introduced the ladies of the P.W.M.U., who conducted our meeting. Mrs. Thompson led devotions. Four ladies described the work of their missionaries in the New Hebrides, in Chipa, in India, and among the Maori people, the speakers being Mesdames Grant, Griffiths, Simpson and Thompson. Meeting concluded with the Doxology.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin Central. August 29th. Mrs. Hiatt presided and devotions conducted by Mrs. Ballantyne. Guest speaker, Mrs. Menzies, who had had a long connection with Temperance work. Her mother had been State President in Queensland and later in Scotland. She stated that State Ownership was not a solution to drink problem—the Government was not impartial. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Menzies for stirring address.

Lawrence. October 3rd. Miss Ferguson, President, in the Chair, and conducted devotional exercises and prayer. Report of District Convention by delegate, Miss Ferguson, much appreciated.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Winton. August 12th. "Musical Afternoon" held and provided by Mrs. Rennie Winton. pianoforte solos. Mrs. A. G. Lee and Miss Lee, pianoforte duets, Mrs. Hamilton, musical monologues, and Miss Lee, violin solos; all of Invercargill. Mrs. Lee was accompaniste. Items by children. Afternoon tea enjoyed. Collection of £2/14/9.

August 15th. Mrs. Rennie, a recent arrival to the Manse from Scotland, gave an interesting talk on Temperance Work in Scotland. Remits, plans for work and speakers discussed. Several well-filled ditty bags for Timaru "Sailors' Rest."

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday, at 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. W. Mounjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd., Onehunga, S.E.5; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Knauf, Maunu Rd., Papanui; Cor. Sec., Miss E. Appleby, 25 Eldon Rd., Mt. Eden, S.2; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clarke, 85 Norfolk St., Ponsonby, W.1; Treas., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd., Takapuna.

ARAMOHO, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Feild St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Greig; Cor. 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.; Cor. 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.

BLLENHEIM, 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; Cor. 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, 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, Maungawahare.

DANNFVIRKE, 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, 22 Sidy 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., Miss O. Clark, Matangi; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Wiseman, Hautapu, Cambridge; Cor. 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. Spurule, 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., Mrs. Tuck, Rimu St.; Treas., Mrs. Barron, 96 Collins St.; W.R., Mrs. Page, 12 Tawhiti Rd., Nolandtown; C.R., Mrs. Burton, 6 Tawhiti Rd., Nolandtown; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Tozer, South Rd.

HANGATIKI, Maori Union. Meets 2nd Thursday, 10.30 a.m., at the Public Hall, Hangatiki. Pres., Mrs. R. Haereti, 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, 205 Wolseley St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Herbison, King St. Nth.; Treas., Mrs. H. Grainger, 612 Grey's 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. Prestcu, 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, 23 McMaster St.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres. and W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jelcoate, 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. Evangel., 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. P. 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 Muire St.; C.R., Mrs. Aldersley; Devotional, Mrs. Switt; 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 Eflon 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 Workop 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. V. 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. 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.1.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT, 1st Wednesday, at Dargaville. Pres., Mrs. S. S. Green, Donnelly's Crossing; Corr. Sec., Mrs. F. T. Moorhead, Box 2, Dargaville; Rec. Sec., Mrs. G. H. Jolly, Victoria St., Dargaville; Treas., Mrs. Hill-Taylor, Parore St., Dargaville.

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 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. 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. Wharauui.

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. Magath; 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.; Corr. Sec., Miss M. Sutherland, 59 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. Millen, Durham St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. 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 Williamson 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. Seirup; 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. A'lanby.

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. Pochman.

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.; Corr. 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, Kippenberge, 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; Corr. 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; Corr. 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; Corr.-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.