

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"Do not now, stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Oh, improve each passing moment,
For these moments may be few.
Go and toil in any vineyard;
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field of labour,
You can find it anywhere."

Ellen H. Gates.

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Antiquity's

LESSON

DRINK MEANS DECAY

Antiquity, writing with lurid letters of lost empires, bears its mute and mighty witness to the fact that each civilization that has abandoned the principles of total abstinence and officially encouraged and abetted the so-called moderation theory has found itself becoming the victim of its own excesses, which have written a bitter finale to its existence.

Luxury, idleness, voluptuousness and debauchery wrote their lurid chapters in the disintegration of the ancient empires. Of ancient Babylon, Rawlinson wrote, "the drunken revellers could make no resistance," and commenting on Egypt's period of

decline he observed, "Drunkenness was a common vice among the young." Most historians agree that one of the major causes of the fall of the Roman Empire was its intoxication with drunken pleasures. Rome perished in intemperance.

The period of decay in every great empire of antiquity was marked with drunkenness and licentiousness. The final chapters of their national histories were written in self-indulgence and dissipation. This is antiquity's lesson to modern man, one which he would do well to heed.

—Alert.

THE GIANT PROBLEM BAFFLES

Many people are so overcome with the magnitude of the Alcohol Problem, the financial strength of the Liquor industry, the political and social hold which the traffic now enjoys, that they feel helpless and useless in the face of such great powers. This feeling has so dominated some that they have said, "What's the use?" and have ceased to do anything about it.

It is to be remembered that, where a cause is right, history loudly proclaims the fact that minorities have a peculiar habit of becoming majorities.

The "Temperance Digest" suggests that "each of us make whatever contribution possible, wherever we can, now. These are 'pivotal' days."

Make it a rule of our life to inject into every conversation a well chosen sentence, in a kindly way, showing our definite opposition to the liquor traffic.

"While we have been musing, the liquor fire has burned brightly. By keeping silent we will

but help it to keep on burning."

Our friends are aware of where we go to Church; of the kind of car we drive; and our attitude on hunting, fishing and football. Do they know what we think about liquor? If they were called upon to classify us for election purposes, in which column would our name be placed by them? Would there be any doubt about it?

It is important that all Christian people would so definitely take a stand on this subject that there could be no doubt about their position on such a vital issue. Its moral implications, its economic importance, its significance in the realm of health and happiness would seem to force all Church members to be vocal on the right side.

"Speak up" and let your friends know that we stand unhesitatingly against this traffic. **To remain silent means to condone;** to be active and vocal on the right side spells the ultimate doom of the traffic in beverage alcohol.

*Fostering the Passion to Grasp***THE TRUTH ABOUT GAMBLING**

By Lieut.-Commissioner R. A. Hoggard

FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Gambling for charitable ends is as wrong as gambling in other forms. It is a sad fact that many charities and a few Churches sponsor or permit raffles and other forms of gambling for financial gain. It is frequently argued that the end justifies the means. But that very assertion implies condemnation. For the "means" must be bad if it requires a good "end" to justify it.

Even though it may wear religious garments, gambling remains inherently bad. Even though it be used to promote a most worthy cause, it remains in itself a source of moral corruption.

The fact that some religious leaders see no harm in gambling does not alter the truth that it violates a moral law. Moreover, the sordid and cruel history of gambling proves the moral law to be wise and good. For example, some time ago a British newspaper reviewed the lives of all winners of the Irish Sweepstakes throughout twenty-five years. These so-called lucky people had each won a fortune with which they were to turn life into a veritable paradise, with houses, servants, cars, swimming pools and so on. But an impartial investigation showed that in every case the story was one of trouble and tragedy.

The fact is that all money gained by gambling is corrupted and the gambler is corrupted in the process.

To give to charity by a system out of which you hope to gain something for yourself at the expense of one of your neighbours, amounts to clothing love in the garments of lust.

No action can be economically sound if it is morally wrong, even though sponsored by ecclesiastical authority. Even Satan sometimes appears as an angel of light. Let those who indulge in this vice under the guise of good works face the facts.

Anti-Social in Principle

Gambling is anti-social in practice. In other words, though he seldom realises it, the gambler is the enemy of democracy. He may be shocked and amazed to know that he is helping to destroy the heritage purchased by the blood of millions.

The aim of the gambler is to enrich himself at the expense of others. He is not content with the reward of honest labour and prudent foresight but schemes to gain money for which he has given no appropriate return. There are those who would deny this, asserting that all they seek is the excitement, which results from the element of chance inherent in gambling. They claim that they have little or no interest in any financial gain or loss involved. Then why not gamble with coloured marbles or the counters used in the game of tiddleywinks?

The element of chance would still be there and the possibility of financial gain or loss would be entirely eliminated.

The plain truth is that gamblers use money for one reason and one reason only, because it provides the element of gain at someone else's loss.

At the very heart of the gamble is covetousness. Take that out of the transaction and the vast organisation built up to maintain this vice would crumble overnight. By its very nature gambling breeds the spirit of recklessness and indolence which, but for Christian influence, would rapidly undermine our democratic way of life.

Gambling may be said to be a "fifth column" of those subversive spiritual forces which now hold millions of our fellow men in cruel bondage. Let the gambler face this undeniable fact.

Are Gambling Facilities Essential?

It is often argued that gambling facilities are essential, because if people cannot gamble legally they will gamble illegally. **That argument is worthless.** It is true that men have always gambled. They gambled for the garments of our Lord as He hung on the Cross. It is equally true that illicit gambling is rampant, but experience shows that it will continue even after all the new legal facilities are made available to the public.

Gambling is in the blood, some say, so why not legalise it, tax it, and get fat on the proceeds. But NO intelligent person would give a second thought to such foolish reasoning. Men have always murdered, so why not legalise it, tax it, and get fat on the proceeds. And likewise any other form of evil. We forbid these crimes because their evil results are both apparent and immediate. But we encourage gambling because we fail to see that its evil results, though often hidden and remote, are none the less real.

Only when we recognise that the law of God classes gambling with murder and other crimes, and that we cannot break that law without punishment, will we treat this cursed thing in the manner it deserves to be treated—like leprosy.

Let us face the facts. Let us tell the truth—in Parliament, in our schools and universities and in our pulpits. Above all, let us admit that only in a return to the teachings of Christ is there to be found a cure for this moral disease.

It seems that New Zealand has determined to learn by bitter experience. At least she will never be able to say that as among her truest friends, yearning for her highest good, the Salvation Army (among others) did not raise its voice in earnest and reasoned warning.

(The second of a series of articles on gambling by the Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army and printed by courtesy of the "War Cry.")

A CHALLENGING SURVEY

An interesting piece of research was recently done by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burrell of the Yorkshire Band of Hope Union and the National Youth Temperance Council in an attempt to ascertain how far the drink factor was associated with crime and anti-social behaviour.

The search was confined to the columns of one Yorkshire evening newspaper, and cuttings were taken from April 1, 1951, to March 31, 1952.

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W.C.T.U. World Convention

JUNE, 1953

The World Convention will take place in Vancouver at the beginning of June. If you are planning a trip overseas, write for particulars of the Convention to the Dominion President, Mrs. H. N. Toomer.

Convention Surroundings

Vancouver, with a population of half a million, is Canada's third city and one of the world's great seaports. Vancouver is literally carved out of evergreen forest, the coast mountains and the Pacific Ocean. It is historically interesting to know that Sir Francis Drake called at Vancouver Island and Captain Cook landed there in 1778. In half an hour one can be transported by bus to a suspension bridge, 200 feet above the tumbling river. Seven of Vancouver's famous beaches are not more than 15 minutes from the city's centre.

The Convention will centre round the University of British Columbia, which boasts one of the world's most beautiful campuses. The sessions will be held in the Armoury and the majority of the delegates and resident visitors will be domiciled in the students' quarters.

Who's Who at Convention

Noteworthy women from many countries will attend the Convention. **Mrs. Huseyin Elbi**, the President of Turkey, is not only interested in temperance work, but has played a distinguished part in International Red Cross service. Her social work began with nursing the wounded during the Balkan War in 1912. Turkish women were then veiled and used to wear the Tcharshaf on their dresses. Madame was asked to join the British Red Cross and during World War I served as chief nurse of various Red Crescent hospitals and later on the hospital ship Reshid Pasha which carried wounded from the Dardanelles to Istanbul. During the Armistice, hundreds of Turkish students in Switzerland and Germany were in a pitiable condition. It was decided to send a nurse, as a neutral person, to investigate matters; and Mme. Elbi was delegated to go to Switzerland and then, under the auspices of the International Red Cross, to Germany, to help the students.

When the Green Crescent Temperance Society was founded, Mme. Elbi became a member, was elected to the Council and in 1932 organised a women's branch, which later became the National Union of the W.W.C.T.U. In recognition of her services she was awarded the Coronation Medal of King George V. when her husband was Naval Attache in London; the Second Order of Shefkhat, in diamonds, by the late Sultan, the British Red Cross Medal, the Turkish Red Crescent, the Florence Nightingale Medal and the British Red Cross Gold Medal.

Fru. A. Brattstrom, World's Advisory Committee, has been doing some organising work in the far north of Sweden and has founded 21 new local Unions. Three years ago she went to Italy for the World's Union and obtained Officers and members to re-commence the work in Rome, Naples, and other cities.

Miss Isabel McCorkindale, Second World's Vice-President and Director of Temperance Education for the Australian W.C.T.U. and Editor of the

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The Devotional Period

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-20.

W.R. Hymnal No. 71

"Build a little wall of trust around Today:
Fill it full of loving thoughts and therein stay.
Look not through its sheltering bars upon To-morrow;
God will send what comes of joy or sorrow."

"If you worry, you do not trust; if you trust, you do not worry," said someone once to me. "I do not believe it—we all have our burdens."

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He will sustain thee." The Bible has so many passages commanding us to trust and so many promises for us if we do. Isaiah 26 says: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

Psalm 37 says, "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

Why do we weigh ourselves down with worry about future days? We live but a day at a time.

Thoughtfully we may plan for future days and events, quite hopeful that if we do our best, all will be well. But why live it all before it comes? Let us be more leisurely in our day's undertaking. Rush and fret and fume are so much the common attitude that nerves become strained, minds unbalanced and hearts' affections trampled upon and all because we have been in too much hurry to try and live ahead. David said, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand."

"I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

Let us encourage ourselves in our habit of Trusting, even although we do not always understand.

Prayer

Dear Lord and Father, we humbly bow to Thee and bring our love and trust. Thanks be to Thee for all Thy love to us. Grant grace and wisdom to our Dominion Officers and all other leaders. Help us each day to serve Thee and our fellowmen as opportunity comes to us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

R. C. GREEN,

(Dominion Evangelistic Supt.)

THE HARVEST IS SURE

"He, who works in the field of the world
Must work with a faith sublime:
For the seed he sows must lie in the earth,
And wait for God's good time.
But nevertheless, **the harvest is sure**,
Though the sower the sheaves may not see;
For never a word was spoken for Him
But will ring through eternity."

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The Sanctity of Marriage

Historians down the ages have labelled each period by some dominant factor of their time, and I should think the historian of the future might call our age the age of organisation.

Never in any period have there been so many organisations taking the energy of the people as today. But this age is characterised by another feature, that of severely testing every movement, and only those which can stand such a test have any hope of survival. With such things in the melting pot, only those societies which are wise are taking stock of themselves and finding out which methods are most worth while. For instance, the founders of the League of Mothers were wise enough to lay down at the outset that once a year the purpose for which it was set up be recalled, and an address given on the fundamental aim, "The Sanctity of Marriage."

The development of the human race which resulted in the conception of the home and family as being the most vital factor in a community, makes a fascinating study.

Down through the ages steady progress has been made, interspersed with short spaces when civilisation has witnessed a return to barbarism.

We are wise indeed if we learn from the past and so mould the present that future mistakes may be avoided. Primitive ages saw no advance whatever, for the best is never possible in isolation. Later, halting efforts were made for co-operation and fellowship, and after a long struggle emerged the family; the union of man and woman in a spiritual contract—the only natural relationship to which the name "Holy" is universally given.

We know of many things that bind people together for a time—material gain, power, even

crime—but none of these last. For a union to last it must have an intangible, but real, spiritual bond, which endures because it knows no force but that of character.

Loyalty to God and the home must go hand in hand and together form the security of any civilisation. A narrow loyalty can never endure, and where the door of the home is shut to God the way is opened up for disaster. Anything which is to live must keep in touch with the source of life.

It is good, too, that as we think of the home in the community, we remind ourselves of what is laid down in the Fifth Commandment. This clearly shows that where there is a high ideal of family life, these nations last. The great empires of Greece, Rome and Egypt fell because of the decay in family life, and any fellowship of women which strives to preserve something which is the life-blood of the community and nation must last and grow.

The ideals of the spiritual unity by marriage are not easy to attain, but let each one look to his or her own marriage and see that it is sanctified.

The war destroyed the wealth of the nations; spiritual and material forces were expended. These are being replaced and at the heart of this new era there must be sanctified homes. We must fight hard against anything from within or without which might tend to destroy the Holy Union, ordained by God Himself.

By Ven. Archdeacon Rich.

W.C.T.U. WORLD CONVENTION—(Cont.)

Australian "White Ribbon," is noted for her interest in Human Rights and Status of Women. So many difficulties, in addition to that of expense, are in the way of Australians and New Zealanders getting to the Convention that she will probably be the only Australian there. So great is her determination to be there that she is taking the long journey across the Pacific and going by way of the Panama Canal and Boston.

Mrs. On Kin, of Burma, who was a colourful and dynamic figure at Hastings, is flying to U.S.A. in order to attend the graduation of her two sons. She, too, will be the sole representative of her country.

Mrs. J. S. Wickson, Past-President of the Canadian W.C.T.U., and a member of the World's Advisory Committee, will certainly be remembered by all who attended the Hastings Convention, on account of the sincere and dignified manner in which she presided over the Installation of Officers, in what proved to be a moving and impressive ceremony.

Vancouver Convention is calling! What a privilege to attend a World Convention and meet our World Officers and delegates from many, many countries.

The Temperance Pledge

Rev. Principal E. S. Klek, M.A., D.D.

Sometimes when the question of the temperance pledge is raised in discussion, I hear people, including some Christian ministers, say, "I don't believe in pledges." This attitude is scarcely intelligible to me. Whether we like it or not, our society is held together by a perfect network of pledges. The person who objects to all pledges, "on principle," cannot do other than "contract out" of the world as we know it.

Originally a "pledge" denoted something offered as security for a debt or as a guarantee for the fulfilment of an engagement. Every pawnbroker's establishment was filled with "pledges." Hostages were often exchanged as "pledges" for the fulfilment of peace treaties. When an accused person is released "on bail," the bail is a "pledge" that he will duly appear for trial.

A Solemn Engagement

Thus it was that, by an easy transition, the word "pledge" came to mean "a solemn engagement." Those entering the King's service or seeking citizenship in the King's dominions are required to "pledge" their loyalty by the oath of allegiance. When a political leader delivers himself in terms of a formal promise or obligation, this is called a "pledge." All business contracts and engagements are of the nature of "pledges," which sometimes take the form of a deposit or advance-payment in token of good faith. A formal engagement of marriage is a kind of "pledge": damages may be recovered for an unwarrantable breach thereof. In the marriage service is always an exchange of vows or "pledges"; the giving and acceptance of the ring is a token of this fact. Thus our political, business and family life involves "pledges" innumerable; we could not get on without them.

A Covenant

How a Christian minister can object to "pledges" is especially hard to imagine. The Bible is so full of "pledges" that we call the Hebrew Scriptures "the old Testament" and the Christian Scriptures "the New Testament." The correct word is really "covenant," which implies mutual pledges. God made covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses and David, to mention no others. God and Israel were bound together by such a covenant. The outpoured blood of sacrifice was the "pledge" for the fulfilment of the covenant. Christ's death on the Cross was the supreme "pledge" of God's love to man and of His purpose of redemption. The fellowship of the Christian Church is based on a pledge of loyalty to Christ and love to one another. The word "sacramentum" meant "a pledge," originally referring to the "pledge" which a soldier made to his military commander. Baptism is a public pledge. So also is Holy Communion.

A Public Committal

The essence of a pledge is that it is a definite and formal public committal. Its goodness or badness depends on its nature and object. Liquor drinkers cannot object to "pledges," for the drinking

of a toast is a recognised form of a "pledge," though why the drink should necessarily possess an alcoholic content is hard to see. Certain it is that a "pledge" to abstain from intoxicating (the Greek word means "poisonous") liquors is a considerable help to people exposed to that terrible social pressure which is the main factor in social drinking. Very many people drink intoxicants, not because they like them or believe that they are any good, but simply because such drinking is customary and expected in the circles where they move. Refusal demands a moral courage extremely rare. This is why the keeping of the temperance pledge requires the grace of God for its accomplishment.

The liquor trade needs, for its continuance, to capture successive generations of young people. The propensity for alcohol has to be acquired; it does not come to us in the course of nature. This is why the liquor trade spends such enormous sums on advertising, often distinctly misleading in its claims. One way of counteracting all this propaganda is to secure as many pledged abstainers as possible. Some "pledges" are, like that of Jephthah, rash and foolish; others become occasions for bitter regret. But I have never heard of anyone being the worse for total abstinence, though I have known many intending "moderate" drinkers whose "moderation" has been undermined by the subtle influence of what is undoubtedly a habit-forming drug. The temperance pledge needs, of course, to be supplemented by temperance education. This is where the Band of Hope has proved its value. Every new generation of young people ought to be warned against the liquor traffic and the liquor habit, both of which make against all those values which right-thinking people hold dear.

—Courtesy "The Patriot" (South Australia).

CHURCH WORLD COUNCIL WOMAN'S APPOINTMENT

Miss Madeline Barot, social and religious worker of Paris, has been made secretary of the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, a Department of the World Council of Churches. Miss Barot is well-known throughout Europe and America as the guiding spirit of Cimade, Christian service organisation of Protestant youth, which was set up in France during World War II to give help to prisoners of war, refugees and displaced persons. The scope of the work was later extended to include other countries, and such services as kindergartens in devastated areas, student centres in overpopulated cities or educational facilities for refugees. Chairman of the Commission is Mrs. Kathleen Bliss, of London—one of the two women Doctors of Divinity in Great Britain.

Monday Afternoon

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

By Rev. William J. May

ANOTHER LITTLE DRINK

Over, and over again in the Gospels we find evil spirits crying out to Jesus, "Let us alone! What have we to do with Thee?" In effect, they said "Why do you not mind your own business? We do not interfere with you; why should you interfere with us?" That has been the cry of every evil spirit in every age. They have no thought for the home that is being wrecked, the spirit that is being tortured, the life that is being ruined, because someone is possessed by an evil spirit. Let us alone! Imagine what it had meant to the man himself and to those who loved him and those who lived near him, that the man at Gadara was possessed by devils. Yet when Jesus endeavoured to heal him, the evil spirits declared that Jesus had no right to interfere with them.

The Drink Evil

In earlier days, we talked of fighting the drink evil; now we have become more polite and talk of solving the drink problem. The change of name has not altered the fact. We are still having to fight the drink evil. Would that we had some of the forthrightness of **John Wesley** who said of the distillers of spirits "All who sell them in the common way to any that will buy, are poisoners general. They murder his Majesty's subjects by wholesale, neither does their eye pity or spare. They drive them to hell, like sheep. And what is their gain? Is it not the blood of these men? Who would envy their large estates and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them! The curse of God cleaves to the stones, the timber, the furniture of them."

And to those who would shirk the fight against evil, he said, "You have faith in God, and in Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent, faith which overcometh the world; and hereby you conquer both evil and shame . . . Qualified, then, as you are and armed for the fight, will you be like the children of Ephraim who, being equipped and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle?"

"Will you leave a few of your brethren to stand alone against all the hosts of the aliens?"

You do not need a host of figures to prove the reality of the drink evil; in fact, figures are almost useless. **The real cost of the drink traffic is not measured by the money spent or by the number of convictions for drunkenness, but in the wreckage of homes, in the loss of human happiness, in the betrayed love and ruined character. You know the cost down your street and among your acquaintances. Someone noticed a household hint that alcohol will remove grass stains from summer cloths. He added, "it will remove summer clothes entirely; also spring and winter clothes, not only from the man who drinks it, but also from his wife and children. It will remove furniture from the homes and food from the pantry; the smile from the face of his wife and happiness from his home. In fact, as a remover, alcohol has no equal.**

Thou Shalt Not Kill

This is one of the Commandments, whose authority and truth nobody disputes, but why do we limit it to the killing of the body? There are far more terrible forms of murder than that. Did not Jesus say that the death of the body was not something to be feared, but what we needed to fear was murder of the soul. That is the great condemnation of the drink traffic. Modern plays and novels all persistently suggest that there is no worry, however great; no sorrow, however deep, which cannot be healed and comforted by another glass of whisky. What utter folly it is to prescribe a glass of whisky as a cure for a broken heart. You might as well offer it as a cure for a broken leg. "Temperance," said Xenophon, a Greek philosopher, who lived about 400 years before Christ, "means abstinence from things dangerous, as the use of intoxicating wines."

Alcohol has not changed its nature from that day to this, nor lost its capacity for evil.

Thou shalt not kill—a woman's honour, her self-respect, her health, her faith, her character—in a word, thou shalt not kill a woman's soul. Anything that makes a woman less of a woman, than she might or should be, has committed murder. Anything that takes a woman, who might have been a fine mother, a good wife, the maker of a good home, and degrades her to the level of a slut, has committed murder. The real woman, the woman she might have been, the woman God intended her to be, has been murdered. Do you see now why alcohol is not just a problem, but an evil? Do you see now why Jesus said "Fear not those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I warn you who to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear him." Is not that precisely what alcohol does, and the drinker drags others with him.

George Bernard Shaw hated the drink traffic with a deadly hatred, because his father had been an habitual drunkard and his son was never able to forget the man who was good when he was sober, but horrible when he was drugged with alcohol. Many years after his father died, when Shaw had had long experience as a social worker, he wrote: "The reason why bad social conditions are still tolerated, why there is no divine discontent in the hearts of the people, is that they are doped and drugged with drink. **Liquor is chloroform!**"

So the business goes on. Men and women die in darkness at our side. **Can we stand by in careless indifference while murder is being done?** Like the good man who, in stuttering eagerness invented the word, cry "I'll have nowt to do with this moderation, botheration pledge. I'll be right down, out and out, tee-tee-total for ever," we that are strong are out to bear the burdens of the weak and not to please ourselves.

—Reprinted from "Joyful News," British Methodist Journal.

Eliminating Traffic Accidents

Expressing concern at the mounting number of deaths on the roads, Mr. M. Moohan (Opposition, Petone) said in the House of Representatives last October that it did not appear that adequate steps were being taken to reduce the death rate. The number of persons killed and injured in traffic accidents was a drain on a small country like this.

Referring to the number of intoxicated motorists, Mr. Osborne (Opposition, Orāhunga) said the position was becoming alarming. He suggested that the penalty should be substantially increased. Every intoxicated motorist was a potential murderer. Sometimes fines were imposed for this offence and sometimes the offender was sent to prison. "I think Parliament has to find some way of increasing the minimum penalty to see if we cannot eliminate the practice of intoxicated persons getting behind the wheel," he said.

Mr. Freer (Opposition, Mt. Albert) said it appeared that too much attention was being paid to speeding, as against other dangerous driving practices. Mr. Freer outlined a system on which there had been experiments on the Continent, where penalty points were listed against a driver. When 15 points were recorded, the driver's license was automatically cancelled for three years.

Fifteen points were immediately recorded for intoxication in charge.

"What is to be done with the drunken driver?" asked Mr. Carr (Opposition, Timaru). "We have to get at causes rather than effects. We should start an education campaign, showing the dangers of driving when intoxicated and impressing on the people the perils associated with this risk."

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Goosman, stated that the Transport Department had done and was doing everything possible to reduce the accident rate. Legislation was being prepared to distinguish between the intoxicated driver of a car and a person who "gets into the back seat and does not attempt to drive." That was the person who should be commended, said the Minister.

Mr. J. Stewart (Opposition, Arch Hill), said that the Government should give the Transport Department stronger powers to deal with speeding, bad drivers and other offences. "Sweet reasonableness will not achieve anything," he said. He believed that in the main intoxicated drivers sat in the back seats of their cars because they did not want to drive.

Such were some of the comments made during the discussion on the vote on the Estimates for the Transport Department and it is noted with satisfaction that concern over the drinking driver is being awakened among members of Parliament. The drinking driver is the real menace on our roads and stern measures should be taken to keep him off them.

Alcohol and Accidents are allies, for vision is blurred, judgment is impaired, and action is delayed, even though the drinker experiences greater self-satisfaction. **The driver owes it to the public to avoid alcohol when in charge of a car and for several hours before.**

From here and there . . .

Personalia

In November, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin (World Vice-President) of Evanston, Illinois, underwent an operation, and just prior to Christmas was expecting to return to her home to continue her convalescence. We in New Zealand wish for her a speedy recovery to complete health and strength again.

Miss Ethel Hubler, the well-known Editor of "The National Voice," an excellent Temperance paper in the United States, also had to undergo an operation, but has now been able to resume her work again. Miss Hubler broadcasts regularly to an immense number of listeners.

Finland.—Alli Trygg-Helenius, one of the most noted of women Temperance leaders, was born a hundred years ago at Reso. She studied in England, met Frances Willard, and returned to Finland, where she established the Abstaining Teachers' Society which is still strong and influential. In 1897 she became Madame Helenius Seppälä. She and her husband built up the Finnish Abstinence Movement. No woman has exercised a greater influence on Temperance work in Finland than this courageous woman.

Chili.—An encouraging feature of the work is the growth of the L.T.L.'s. At the fourth Annual Convention a novelty, in the form of a "Children's Hour" was introduced. Seventy children took part with items and an address given by a gifted young woman. Grape juice was served to the children and the recipe given to them. Although grapes are so abundant, grape-juice is practically unknown. A great quantity was made by the Union and sold to the Churches for use at Communion Services.

Iraq.—Some months ago many electric signs appeared in Baghdad advertising beer. Dr. Jamali raised the question in Parliament as to why, when other Moslems were moving towards Prohibition, propagation of a habit contrary to the religion and welfare of their country should be tolerated. The signs were turned off, although they had cost £3,000.

The latest venture of the White Ribbon women in Iraq is to found a school for mentally handicapped children, the first to exist in the Middle East.

FACTS ABOUT DIGESTION

Alcohol deadens the taste cells, taking away the keen relish for food. Large doses hurt so much that a drunken man cannot distinguish salt from sugar or an apple from an onion.

Alcohol weakens the saliva that helps us to digest our food, sometimes destroying the power of changing starchy food into soluble sugars entirely.

Alcohol weakens the gastric juice. Drinking large draughts of beer greatly weakens the gastric juice, and in some cases digestion is stopped until the stomach has got rid of the alcohol. Spirits inflame the lining of the stomach, making it unable to digest food properly.

—Temperance Advocate.

Union News . . .

Northland District Executive. Feb. 4th at Whangarei. Vice-President Mrs. S. S. Green presided and led devotions. Good report of Children's Colouring Competition. Prizes awarded. Mrs. Green delegate to Convention in Blenheim. Discussion on remits received. Mrs. Roberts, Dist. Peace Supt., congratulated on celebrating her 79th birthday that day. Plans of work considered.

Auckland District Executive, Feb. 2nd. Mrs. A. T. Richards in the chair. Devotions taken by Mrs. Christopher. Mrs. Clarke reported on the Christmas Party and Mrs. Mountjoy on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel. A piano had been purchased for the Hostel. Convention remits discussed. The Mother's Day gathering to be held early in May. Letter of thanks from St. John Ambulance Association for help given at the Annual Street Day Appeal. Report given on N.C.W. Social Evening last December.

New Plymouth, January 28th. Mrs. Exley, President, led the devotions in the absence of Miss Petersen, through illness. Attendance good. Interesting letter from Mrs. Dr. Gilby, thanking the Union for parcels sent to needy in Britain. Convention remits discussed. Mrs. Brunton, delegate to Convention. Mrs. Wright reported on her visit to Bingham House for elderly people, and Miss Gaustad told of visits to Maori patients in hospital and delighted to find two who had been members of the W.C.T.U. and knew our Bow.

Wellington Central, October. Maori Day observed at good meeting. Reference to new Maori Bible. Article read on "Maori Youth Today." Literature sent to country. White Ribbon put in Rest Room of City drapery and permission given to send to Maori Girls' Hostel in City. Sick members visited and Christmas cards to be sent to them. Mrs. Hoult and Mrs. Wright given floral tributes for their good work in providing afternoon tea all year. Annual meeting later as many members to be away in November.

Tinwald. A very enjoyable Cradle Roll afternoon held on October 23rd presided over by Mrs. McIlroy, who also led devotions. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Roffley and a most appropriate address, "Women in the Home," was given by Mrs. F. Hight. Ice cream and afternoon tea were enjoyed by all present and concluded a very happy function. On November 22nd a successful Rose Show was held, and it was decided to make this an annual fixture.

A MOTHER'S POWER

An ancient proverb places a great responsibility upon womankind—"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." With such a chaotic world situation, it would seem that many mothers have been amiss in teaching this generation the way of peace. I believe that a Christian homemaker and mother has an unexcelled opportunity to bring up children in a good moral atmosphere. Scripture truth is undeniable—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom."

When a mother will inculcate high moral ideals and exemplify them in her words and deeds, this influence will be demonstrated in the lives of her growing children. In a home where beverage alcohol is spoken of as an enemy, where healthy recreation is encouraged, the young folks will invariably make the right choice when faced with the myriad temptations of everyday life. When a mother understands her children, she will not force her ideas upon them—for then they will become rebellious. Neither can she bring them up as "hot house plants," for then they cannot stand against the testing of temptations.

With the innate love of a mother, she can guide her children so that they of themselves can choose the "high road" that leads to high, moral, Christian standards. To that task, we mothers must dedicate ourselves.

—Mrs. Reuben H. Ford (in the "Spotlight").

Within the Veil

Mrs. Mary Gordon, Wellington Central

Mrs. Mary Gordon passed away at her home in Brooklyn after months of ill-health. Although unable to attend our meetings, she was a very generous subscriber and most interested in our work. Her only relatives in New Zealand came over from Nelson for her funeral and were met by our President, Mrs. Webb, and Secretary. Sincere appreciation was expressed by her relatives for our interest in their late cousin. The funeral took place from "Lychgate," Wellington Terrace.

Mrs. G. F. Jennings, Wellington Central

Deep regret is felt at the passing of Mrs. G. F. Jennings, over 80 years of age.

Mrs. Jennings was a pioneer member of the W.C.T.U. in early days, and although quite unable to attend our meetings, she was a regular subscriber up to the end of her life. The funeral was largely attended. The relatives of the late Mrs. Jennings have been written to, and assured of our loving sympathy in their bereavement.

Mrs. Morwood, New Plymouth

In the passing of Mrs. Morwood our Union has lost one who has been always an out and out enemy of the Drink Traffic. For upwards of 14 years she was our capable treasurer, for many years our official accompaniste and has also represented our Union at Convention.

An accomplished musician, her services were in great demand by all branches of the community and were most freely given. Her passing is a distinct loss, not only to our Union, but also to the whole community.

THE TRUTH ABOUT GAMBLING—(Cont.)

Apart from reports of violation of the licensing laws, such as betting on licensed premises and drinking out of hours, there were 342 separate cases reported where drink was referred to as having been a factor.

Nine people were charged with murder involving the deaths of twelve people; two of the murderers afterwards took their own lives.

There were seven charges of manslaughter, and in one case there were injuries to another person, and five people committed suicide.

Of the less serious charges, 79 individuals were charged with assault, 56 were found drunk and disorderly, 40 people were found guilty of stealing (in 11 cases assault was also involved).

During the year seven cases of cruelty to children were reported and there were three cases of bankruptcy.

The number of charges of driving under the influence of drink totalled 134, and there were reports of two people dying following accidents.

This evidence alone is sufficient to cause concern to all citizens irrespective of their personal habits regarding alcoholic beverages.

In spite of the efforts of the police and any efforts that may be made by licensees to mitigate the harmful results of drinking, it is obvious that the Drink Trade is still responsible for a tremendous amount of crime.

What is the answer to the problem?

IN THE SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER

"There is a place where Thou canst touch the eyes,
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight:
There is a place where Thou canst say 'arise,'
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;
There is a place where Thou canst reach the store
Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord:
There is a place upon some distant shore—
Where Thou canst send the worker or the Word:
There is a place where Heaven's resistless power
Responsive moves to Thine insistent plea;
There is a place—a silent trysting place—
Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask
'Where?'
O soul, it is the secret place of PRAYER."

—Selected.

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Union Meetings . . .

- AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Monday, 1.30 p.m., Tabernacle Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace, Birkenhead; Life Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. H. Eccersall; Cor. Sec., Miss E. Appleby, 25 Eldon Rd., Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Clarke; Treas., Mrs. E. Prussing.
- ARAMOHO**, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Field St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour; Treas., Mrs. H. Good.
- ASHBURTON**, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist School Hall. Pres., Sister Mildred, 133 Aitken St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. E. Harwood, 12 Alford Forest Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Pierce.
- AUCKLAND**, 2.15 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen St. Pres., Mrs. J. Long, Bute Rd., Brown's Bay; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Swan.
- BIRKENHEAD**, 3rd Tuesday, Zion Hill, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Stansfield; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 26 Wairoa Ave.; Treas., Mrs. N. Wilson.
- BLENHEIM**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. N. Forbes, 9 Grady St.; Sec., Mrs. R. Watson; Treas., Mrs. F. W. Harris.
- BROOKLYN**, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brewer, 85 Todman St.; Sec., Mrs. Sawden; Treas., Mrs. Gittings.
- CAMBRIDGE**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Stan Hall; Sec., Mrs. A. Burt; Treas., Mrs. A. L. Lewis; C.R., Mrs. N. Burt; W.R., Mrs. Robinson.
- CARTERTON**, 1st Wednesday, S.A. Barracks, 2.30 p.m. Vice-Pres., Mesdames Sage, Nichols, Knutson, Miss Birstow; Sec., Mrs. J. L. Hunt; Treas., Mrs. S. Peters.
- CHRISTCHURCH**, Central Mission Rooms, cnr. Chancery Lane and Cathedral Sq., 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Hunt, 89 St. Andrews Hill; Sec., Mrs. Farquharson, 168 Fendalton Rd.; Assist. Sec., Miss M. M. Thomas; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith; W.R., Mrs. Neutze, 122 Aikman's Rd., Merivale.
- DARGAVILLE**, 2nd Wednesday, Presbyterian Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Jolly; Sec., Mrs. Hill Taylor; Treas., Miss Carrington; W.R. Mrs. F. Phillips.
- DANNEVIRKE**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Major Calcott; Treas., Mrs. P. Turner; Corr. Sec., Miss Thompson.
- DUNEDIN CENTRAL**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Hanover St. Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiett, 11 Duke St.; Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Connington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Farquhar; W.R., Mrs. Graham, 4 Dundas St., S.1.
- DUNEDIN SOUTH**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Wesley Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Jones, 134 Bay View Road, St. Kilda; Sec., Mrs. M. Iles; Treas., Mrs. E. Fluery; W.R. Mrs. J. Lenz.
- ELTHAM**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. at Mrs. Towers' home, 41 London St. Pres., Mrs. A. Towers, Mabey St.; Sec., Mrs. L. Tuck, Box 83; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Holly, Bath St.
- EPSOM-GREEN LANE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m. Fire Station Hall, Greenlane Rd., Green Lane. Pres. and Acting Sec., Mrs. T. H. Eccersall, 45 Bright St., Eden Terrace, C.3. W.R. Supt., Mrs. Dunningham, 39 Matai Rd., Green Lane.
- FEILDING**, 1st Wednesday, St. Paul's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Taylor, 14 Wellington St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Spence and Cumming; Sec., Mrs. Tremain, Denbige St.; Treas., Mrs. Belk, 174 Manchester St.; W.R., Miss Watt.
- GISBORNE**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. V. Clement; Sec., Mrs. Wallen, 493 Aberdeen Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Coles.
- GORE**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Alex. Johnston, Maitland, via Gore; Treas., Mrs. D. McAskill; Sec., Mrs. C. S. Rose.
- GONVILLE**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. R. Clancy; Sec., Miss Roots, 27 May St.; Treas., Mrs. Spurdle.
- HAMILTON**, 1st Thursday, St. Paul's Parlour, London St. Pres., Mrs. M. E. Moore, 4 Piako Rd.; Sec., Mrs. M. E. Buick; Treas., Mrs. N. Hood.
- HANGATIKI Maori Union**, 2nd Thursday, 10.30 a.m., Public Hall. Pres., Mrs. Haereiti; Sec., Mrs. Osborne; Treas. Mrs. Hurst.
- HASTINGS**, 4th Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Miss D. M. Mildenhall, Duchess Cres.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Hopper; Treas., Mrs. H. E. Grainger; W.R., Mrs. A. M. Smith, 102 Townhend St.
- HAWERA**, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. in Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. R. Goldsmith; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Gane; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hayward; Treas., Mrs. Barron; W.R., Mrs. Page; C.R., Mrs. Burton.
- HENDERSON**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. E. V. Phillips, Metcalfe Rd.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Leman, Tirimoana Rd., Henderson.

- HOKITIKA**, 3rd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Miss Potts, Park St.; Sec., Mrs. C. Stoop, 84 Fitzherbert St.; Treas., Mrs. S. Preston.
- INVERCARGILL**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Salvation Army Social Hall. Pres., Mrs. M. Ruthven, 79 Robertson St.; Sec., Mrs. E. M. Brown; Treas., Miss V. A. Jamieson.
- JOHNSONVILLE**, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Mrs. McBride, Main Rd.; Sec., Miss I. Mitchell; Treas., Mrs. H. Johnson.
- KAIAPOI**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Hall. Pres., Mrs. A. Stocking; Cam Rd.; Sec., Miss Hamel; Treas., Miss S. E. Evans.
- KARORI**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in members' homes. Pres., Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, 61 Friend St.; Sec., Mrs. Johnson; Treas., Mrs. R. Watchman.
- LEVIN**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Salvation Army Hall. Pres., Mrs. Kennerley; Sec., Mrs. Burnham; Treas., Mrs. A. Eade.
- LINWOOD** last Tuesday, Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Graham, 634 Worcester St.; Sec., Mrs. Stokes; Treas., Mrs. McMillan; W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller.
- LOWER HUTT**, Wesley Infant Schoolroom, Laing's Rd., 2 p.m., 4th Wednesday. Sec., Mrs. R. Aldersley, 22 Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs. J. P. Cooper.
- MT. ALBERT**, 2nd Thursday, Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. Anstice; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Davison, 27 Himekera Ave., Auckland, S.W.3.; Treas., Miss McGregor, 11 Eldon Rd., Mt. Eden.
- MASTERTON**, McLennan Hall, Knox Church, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Speight, 7 Johnstone St.; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Kitchener; Treas., Mrs. Hoare.
- MOTUEKA**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. B. Carter, Queen Victoria St.; Sec., Mrs. Geo. Lunn; Treas., Mrs. E. Wratt.
- NAPIER**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. P. Lewis, 20 Hooker Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Pearce, 11 Vautier St.; Treas., Miss M. Bradley.
- NELSON**, 2nd Tuesday, W.C.T.U. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. G. Rankin, 64 Washington Rd.; Sec., Mrs. A. Hay; W.R., Mrs. J. Andrews, 100 Brook St.; C.R., Mrs. A. M. Neal, Murphy St.
- NEW PLYMOUTH**, last Wednesday, Whiteley Hall, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Exley; Secs., Mrs. Guilford and Mrs. Wright; Treas., Miss Petersen; Seamen's Rest, Miss G. Petersen, 18 Woolcombe Terrace.
- NEW BRIGHTON**, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Edmond, Beresford St.; Sec., Mrs. Ellis; Treas., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.
- NEWTON EAST**, 3rd Wednesday at 2 p.m., Newton East Mission Hall, Dundonald St. Pres., Mrs. Davison, 27 Himikera Ave., Avondale; Sec., Miss I. Tait; Treas., Miss E. Appleby.
- NORTH-EAST VALLEY**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist School Hall. Pres., Mrs. L. Jamieson, James St.; Sec., Miss Gibbs, 118 North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Johnstone, 1 Bouverie St.
- NORTHLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**, 1st Wednesday, February, April, June, September. Pres., Mrs. Lane, Box 387, Whangarei; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Green; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jolly; Corr., Mrs. Moorhead; Treas., Mrs. Hill Taylor.
- OAMARU**, Wesley Hall, Eden St., 2.30 p.m., 2nd Monday. Pres., Mrs. Daniell, 22 Till St.; Sec., Mrs. McIlwraith; Treas., Mrs. McWhirter.
- ONEHUNGA**, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd.; Sec., Mrs. W. Cullen; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce.
- OPAWA**, 3rd Tuesday, Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs. Ewart-Smith, 75 St. Martin's Rd., St. Martin's; Sec., Mrs. Campbell, 31 Allen St., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs. E. M. Atkins.
- OPOTIKI**, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. T. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs. R. Sinclair.
- OTAHUHU**, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. B. Hughes; Sec., Mrs. E. J. Mears, 621 Great South Rd., Auckland, S.E.7.; Treas., Mrs. Beaumont.
- OTOROHANGA**, 4th Friday, Methodist Church, 1.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Burnett, No. 4 R.D.; Sec., Miss N. Rogers, Kio Kio R.D.; Treas., Mrs. J. C. Clark; Seamen's Work, Mrs. Wharanui.
- OXFORD**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs. Comyns, Main St., Oxford; Sec., Mrs. H. Cederman, R.M.D., Oxford; Treas., Mrs. Weston, Baptist Manse.
- PALMERSTON NORTH**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in U.E.C. Rooms. Pres., Miss Jamieson, 70 Albert St.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. M. R. Claridge, "Thornbury," Milford Rd.
- PAPATOETOE**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Kolmar Rd. Pres., Mrs. Knauf, Maunu Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Mollard; Treas., Miss T. Heaven.
- PICTON**, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Millen, Durham St.; Sec., Mrs. J. Martien; Treas., Mrs. V. Kirken.
- PONSONBY**, 3rd Thursday, St. John's Ladies' Guild Room, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Clarke, 85 Norfolk St.; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. B. Christopher; Maori, Sister Jessie.
- RICHMOND (Nelson)**, 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Dyson, Dorset St.; Sec., Mrs. Gill; Treas., Mrs. Houston.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 77 Haupapa St., Rotorua; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dewe, c/o Mrs. Morgan, Cambridge Rd., Te Awamutu; Sec., Mrs. F. N. Christian, "Fairlight," Tauranga; Treas., Mrs. Eastwood, 2 Wellington St., Hamilton East. Meetings as arranged.
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- TAURANGA**, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m. Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Christian, 5th Ave.; V.P., Mrs. Williamson; Corr. Sec., Mrs. York; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clarkson; Treas., Mrs. Maander.
- TAKAPUNA**, 1st Wednesday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Petchell, 236 Lake Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Prussing, 1 Campbell Rd.; Treas., Miss P. Prussing; W.R., Mrs. Kelsey, 32 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera.
- TE AWAMUTU**, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Alexander; Sec., Mrs. Anderson; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie.
- TE KOPURU**, 3rd Thursday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Soole.
- TE KUITI**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Stratford, Hinerangi St.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. J. Elliott; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Smith; C.R., Mrs. Christensen; W.R., Mrs. Coyle.
- TE KUITI MAORI**, 1st Friday, 11 a.m., Maori Centre. Pres., Mrs. A. M. Joseph; Sec., Mrs. R. P. Emery; Treas., Mrs. M. Joseph; C.R., Miss Ivy King; Seamen's, Mrs. A. Ormsby; W.R., Miss H. M. Joseph.
- TIMARU**, last Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. S. Smith, 1 Raymond St.; Sec., Mrs. S. Dellow, 22 Guinness St.; Treas., Mrs. Newlands; Sec.-Treas., Sailors' Rest, Mrs. N. Dickenson, 80 Evans St.
- TINWALD**, 4th Thursday, Presbyterian Church Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. McIlroy, Carter's Terrace, Tinwald; Sec., Mrs. Oakley, 156 Victoria St., Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Mooney; C.R., Mrs. Moss; W.R., Mrs. Millar.
- UPPER HUTT**, 4th Monday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Kent, Main Rd., Trentham; Sec., Mrs. Ross, 109 Martin St., Upper Hutt; Treas. Mrs. Williams, Granville Rd., Trentham.
- WAIMATE**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Knox Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Duckett, Mary St.; Treas., Miss S. Hayman; Sec., Mrs. C. Mills; W.R., Mrs. Blackgrove.
- WAIPIKURAU AND WAIPAWA**, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. alternate months respectively. Pres., Miss Bibby, Rose St., Waipawa.
- WAIROA, H.B.**, 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Mrs. E. Haughton; Sec., Mrs. H. Brocklehurst, 108 Lahore St.; Treas., Mrs. Aldridge.
- WANGANUI CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. R. Wilson, 145 Glasgow St.; Corr. Sec., Miss G. Scario; Rec. Sec.-Treas., Mrs. C. M. Ogg.
- WANGANUI EAST**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Alban's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Robb; Sec., Mrs. A. Jarvis; Treas., Miss V. Jarvis, 33 Salisbury Ave.
- WARKWORTH**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. R. V. Moore; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Rowe; Sec., Mrs. Torkington.
- WELLINGTON**, 2nd Wednesday 2.15 p.m., at Headquarters. Pres., Miss Kirk, J.P., 57 Pitt St., Wadestown; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Hall; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss Atkinson, B.A.
- WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Boardroom, Y.M.C.A., Willis St. Pres., Mrs. J. C. Webb, 26 Talavera Tce.; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Fairview Cres.; Treas. and W.R., Mrs. Parrant.
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- WINTON**, 3rd Tuesday, every 2nd month, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. A. Thomson, "Meadowlea," Thomson's Crossing, No. 4 R.D., Invercargill; Sec., Mrs. A. McIntosh, Gap Rd., No. 3 R.D., Winton; Treas., Mrs. J. Bromley.