

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
With reverence and with fear;
Though dust and ashes in Thy sight,
WE may, WE MUST draw near.
We perish, if we cease from prayer,
OH GRANT US POWER TO PRAY."
—James Montgomery.

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IT IS "MAORI DAY"

(By Sister Grace Clement, Methodist Deaconess,
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"Maori Day" comes once a year to members of the W.C.T.U. It has come again. As it is impossible to consider a "Maori Day" unrelated to the year's work, so also is it impossible to view an unbalanced part of the picture, in seeing any problem labelled Maori, set apart from the total population in this country. There is no specifically Maori problem—not even T.B.—that is not shared either partially or wholly by the complete community.

This generation likes to use words; lots of them; words meaning much or little. Conferences have been said to be the peculiar ill of this age. Maori needs, wishes, desires, are not exempt from this wordiness. We talk of Maori problems and fail to see clearly, in seeing too generally. The group hides the individual. The People and the problems do not necessarily coincide. We wonder whether the people can be within the problem, alongside or apart from it. It is freely acknowledged that there are no problem children without first problem parents. It is also true that there is no problem set in solitary separation from the population, both Maori and Pakeha. We are all in this together and there is no differentiation. We are New Zealanders, citizens of the country and created in the image of one God and Father of us all.

There are not problem people, but there are difficult and seemingly impossible situations, which appear, in close perspective, possessed of a baffling and frustrating endlessness. Although this appears rather wide-spread in our society generally, it is just a brick wall we have built for ourselves or idly allowed some vocal citizens to build for us.

This is Maori Day. The knowledge that there are Maori women who are active members in the ranks of the White Ribboners—women who approach the task of building up the welfare of the people in a realistic, understanding and hopeful frame of mind, is an enheartening and uplifting thing.

While there are elements in Pakeha life that miss few opportunities to accent the Maori persons who have not yet learned to use well the ways and the methods of Pakeha living, we have the lives of numbers of leading Maori people to strike the correct balance.

In this country, in one year, we have mourned as a complete nation, outstanding figures in the

persons of Te Puea Herangi and Sir Peter Buck. This month marks the first anniversary of Te Puea's passing. It is therefore fitting that her name should be remembered in this month, in which Maori day is celebrated. Te Puea was a woman to encourage all that is best in the life of any people and to heartily discourage vice, especially the drinking of intoxicants, which she knew to be a drag on the progress of her own and every people.

It is Maori Day. Yes, this day comes and goes year by year. Do we find it necessary to make a fresh start in our relationships with other New Zealanders or can progress be seen in our feelings and attitudes, since last we celebrated this day?

You have heard it said in public places—"Yes, I knew a Maori once; I'll not allow another to let me down." None of us enjoy being arbitrarily classified. Although we are quick to condemn such cut and dried conclusions in other countries, we in this land must see in such statements, a canker at the heart of our living. The more limited a person's experience, so much more are labels used and a whole group condemned for the actions of an individual. This is neither just nor right. Even more important it is, that we can do so very little to influence anyone, to whom our feelings are condemnatory.

I was sadly grieved recently, when a very sick man confessed that he had passed me by in his weakness, "because you would think I was drunk." This is an impression we must be on our guard against giving to any. We must necessarily condemn sin and not seem to condone it in any way—but we must help the sinner. God himself hates sin, but He loves the sinner. We must needs make our share of the love of God towards all men, so unmistakable that no confusion may arise.

There has been given to me in the last few days, the joy of seeing a familiar situation through fresh eyes, and being able to note the quick response of some people to a sincere and comradely attitude and spirit. It is the response of all people to a Christ directed person. Let us endeavour to spread that spirit of love towards our Maori people.

"And love your neighbour as yourself."

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS

Nominations for Dominion Officers for 1954-55 close with the undersigned on November 8th, 1953. CONSENT TO NOMINATION MUST BE OBTAINED.

REMITTS for Convention should be sent to Miss V. A. Jamieson, 57 Layard St., Invercargill, by 30th November, 1953. Copies of these will be sent to Unions for consideration at their February, 1954, meetings.

A. D. GRIGG,
Dominion Recording Secretary.

**PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATION DEPARTMENT**

Dear Sisters,

We praise God for the news of the Armistice, for the cessation of fighting on one of the world's battlefronts.

The Armistice in Korea; the way opened up for fuller negotiations and arbitration; the return of prisoners of war of all nations concerned; the relief of anxiety in the hearts of mothers and wives and families—worldwide—all give cause for deep thanksgiving to God, and much encouragement in our WORK of PRAYER.

The many reports of special prayer for this work of World Peace are very encouraging as is also the knowledge of the many individual and group intercessions which go on continually. Let us "Continue in Prayer and watch for the same with Thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

Continue to pray for the United Nations Organisation. The way to PEACE is beset by tremendous difficulties and dangers for all who negotiate the terms. They have need of Patience, Wisdom from above and strength of mind and body.

The Christian women of the world, to whom PRAYER is a vital force, are united as never before, as we watch with these men as they bend to the TASK entrusted to them. Let us not fail them, remembering that, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12.

CATHERINE M. McLAY,

Dom. Supt. P. & A. Dept.

(Regret this letter was omitted last month—Ed.)

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT W.C.T.U.
MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL**

Mrs. Kennedy, Matron of the Auckland District W.C.T.U. Maori Girls' Hostel, has forwarded the following interesting account of the Hostel work during the year, for the information of our Unions on "Maori Day" this month:—

The Hostel has been full throughout the year and many girls have had to be turned away. Dress-making is still the main hobby with the girls, and many lovely frocks have been made. Knitting and embroidery are also very popular. Maori arts are not forgotten. A number of the girls weave Taniko belts and headbands.

Then too, the girls are still active in their Red Cross work. Throughout the year five girls have gone on duty at Cornwall Hospital each Sunday. A Bible class is held every fortnight by the Rev. J. N. Smith of the Presbyterian Maori Mission in Auckland. On alternate Sundays, members of the W.C.T.U. take their turn in con-

ducting after-tea devotions at the Hostel with the girls. These short services prove popular with them.

New paths have been laid around the building and many improvements inside have helped to make work easier. We are grateful to all those who have in any way assisted the work of the Hostel by their gifts of money, goods and time.

W.C.T.U. HEADQUARTERS

The official opening of the newly purchased Headquarters of the N.Z.W.C.T.U. at 134 Ghuznee St., Wellington, will take place on Thursday, 15th October, at 2.30 p.m. We would be glad to see any members of our Unions from near or far, present with us on this occasion.

Further donations are gratefully acknowledged from Wanganui District, £10, and from the following Unions: Henderson, 5/-; Motueka, £1; Opotiki, £5; Dunedin Central, £5; Feilding, £2/2/-; Te Kuiti (European), 7/6; Otorohanga, 10/-; Green Island, £1; Wellsford, £2; Anonymous, £1/10/-; Mrs. Kelly, Wellington, crockery; Mrs. Kennerley, Levin, spoons and forks and Mrs. A. Powell, Wellsford, floor rug.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE T.A.B.

"The time has come when the Government must revise the whole principle of T.A.B. Not only is it undermining the morale of the nation, but it is having most adverse economic effects," says Dr. A. L. Haddon, President of the Council of Churches, Dunedin. And the Prime Minister, so recently in Dunedin at the National Party Conference, would do well to waste no time in ordering a complete investigation of the operation and effects of this Government-organised social evil.

"Already the Retailers' Association and the Master Printers are protesting against T.A.B. . . . As more and more authoritative bodies make their feelings of protest known, as they will undoubtedly do, add their voices to the growing indignation of the churches, the Government cannot do otherwise than realise it must wipe out what has become a canker at the nation's root.

"The Council of Churches has discussed the matter already at several conferences and some ugly instances of the way T.A.B. is undermining the people, have been revealed. One of the most unfortunate aspects is the way in which it is menacing the home life and the young people in an even greater degree. This is the sort of intrusion the T.A.B. is making into the people's lives that worries not only the Churches; one woman bought a 70 lb. bag of sugar from a grocer, and, to raise money to put on the T.A.B., she sold it illegally at a profit in small lots to neighbours.

There is no doubt that many more people are developing the habit today than when they used the bookmakers. With bookmakers, betting was mainly done on the racecourses. Today, you can buy a bet in a shop, anybody can, young or old, rich or poor. And the pity is that the rich have less incentive to bother—it is the poor who want to get rich quickly. No, there is no place for organised gambling of this sort in this young and growing nation, which cannot afford to have its vitality sapped the T.A.B. way."

—"Daily Times."

DOMINION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

While in America I went to one of their National Forests and stood at the base of a giant Sequoia tree reputed to be 5,000 years old. As I gazed some hundreds of feet upwards into its branches I wondered what message it would give to mortal man if it had the gift of speech. I had a feeling it would say "God is Love"! It stood so tall and straight and for all those years had grown up, and ever up into the blue sky; there was nothing mean looking about it, no twisted boughs, no blasting of its mighty trunk—it looked very, very noble. Standing there in contemplation it gave me a sense of the immutability of God, His unending patience, His unerring wisdom, His un-failing love. Five thousand years ago Moses stood on Mt. Sinai and talked with God face to face and this tree was then just a little sapling. Time has not altered God's word, nor are the laws vouchsafed to Moses discarded or set at nought—no, change is not with God but with Man! It was so quiet in the forest, birds nesting; deer quietly foraging for food; bears, practically tame, wandering about; chipmunks and squirrels playing and no-one making them afraid, indeed the peacefulness was like a benediction. What ails man that he is oft-times so out of harmony with God and himself? Perhaps nothing but littleness of spirit; pride and lust of power and position makes for such discord and is the root cause of most of this world's ills. But my thoughts were not all sad as I rested at the foot of this mighty monarch of the forest, no, I thought of the vast army of God's saints who have journeyed along life's pathways through aeons of time and who have left the world nobler and sweeter and a trail of gladsome memories as our inheritance and surely we are the richer for their living.

As I sit and pen this letter to you I am reminded that time is passing and that we are fast approaching the end of another year's toil in our W.C.T.U. vineyard. Have we reached the goal we set ourselves? There is something inspiring about a goal, even St. Paul speaks of "pressing on towards the goal" and I do think in our work it is so necessary to have a destination point. It is so unwise just to amble along.

I heard an amusing conversation, or part of it, the other day between a Cradle Roll Superintendent and some Union members, the gist of it being that they must get the Dominion Banner this year and to this noble end the Superintendent was spurring on her comrades. I have an idea they thought of doing a house to house canvas. Well, that is a good spirit indeed—it rejoiced my heart to hear them.

We need more members. We have been concerned indeed over the King Country situation and every woman in our ranks gives us greater strength when sending letters to Parliament. Let us make this a very personal matter and may each of us secure at least one other woman to add to our membership. We have a wonderful Cause, and like St. Paul, we too are not ashamed of our calling, for we know that it is indeed for God, for Home and for Humanity.

Yours in Joyous Service,

CONSTANCE TOOMER.

The Devotional Period

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12. W.R. Hymnal 116.

When we are disappointed, how do we react? One person stamps and raves and makes everyone about him unhappy. Another says, "What is to be, will be." Yet another is calm, saying little and then looks for another avenue of enjoyment or occupation. Why do we find these various reactions? Temperament? Training? Lack of enthusiasm? Or is it a trust in God which says, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

Within is confidence, in spite of disappointment, and an optimism which refuses to be cast down. Christ must have been disappointed often in those who professed to love Him. Peter denied Him, but how many have done the same down through the years to the present day. One is silent so often when opportunity thrusts forth a call to speak. Oh! These tongues of ours so often fail to do what they should; or a tongue uncontrolled does more damage than enough.

Disappointed! Yes! But mostly with oneself. We **intend** to do or say a kindness—time speeds on—and at the end of the day—disappointment.

We are so imperfect, even in our planning. But—

"He is not a disappointment,
Jesus is far more to me
Then in all my glowing daydreams
I had fancied He could be.
And, the more I get to know Him,
So the more I find Him true
And the more I long that others
Should be led to know Him too.

"He is not a disappointment
He is all in all to me—
Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer,
The unchanging Christ is He.
He has won my heart's affection,
And He meets my every need;
He is not a disappointment
For He satisfies indeed."

Prayer. Lord Jesus, give us willing hearts to grow in Grace. Make us humble and obedient; a bearer of good tidings; swift to do Thy will and slow to do our own. Be with all our Dominion Officers in their leadership. Overcome evil by Thy Righteousness. Be near to the sick and the suffering, whose trust is in Thee. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

R. C. GREEN,
(Dominion Evangelistic Supt.)

THROUGH THE WATERS

"When thou passest through the waters,"
Deep the waves may be and cold,
But Jehovah is our refuge,
And His promise is our hold;
For the Lord, Himself hath said it,
He, the faithful God and true;
"When thou comest to the waters,
Thou shalt not go down, but THROUGH."

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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WORLD WORKERS OF THE W.C.T.U.

(By Verna G. Jackson, Masterton)

In considering some of the World's W.C.T.U. workers, I feel my first pleasure is to pay tribute to the Canadian President, Mrs. James Lade and her band of workers in Vancouver. The organisation of every detail necessary in running so large a gathering as the World's W.C.T.U. Convention, was planned for and carried out. Convention delegates were the guests of the Canadian W.C.T.U. throughout Convention; buses being provided for those at a distance, to attend Convention and get to meals, and as our President, Mrs. Toomer has already told you, we were well housed in the Armoury Hall. Committee meetings were held in the Faculty Buildings, postal arrangements were on the spot, gifts of Canadian souvenirs were given to overseas' delegates—chocolate, fruit juices, soft drinks, a tin of Canadian salmon and lastly each delegate was given a tin of Andrews Fruit Salts!

On our homeward journey, while at San Francisco, the W.C.T.U. officers entertained Mrs. Toomer and myself as also did the officers at Honolulu, during our four days' stay there. We were both invited to speak at meetings, and this we were pleased to do.

I would like to describe one important section of the World W.C.T.U. work—that of our World Organisers—the missionaries of our Organisation. Six of the ten workers were present at Vancouver and I will endeavour to introduce you to them:—

1. **Mrs. Loretta Hoyman** (Egypt) is a veteran in World W.C.T.U. organising. She is an enterprising, earnest Christian woman, with a great love for her work and those among whom she is working and is possessed of excellent organising ability. I found her on June 2nd (the day before Convention) busy arranging Egypt's display tables, articles made by W.C.T.U. classes, literature in

various languages spoken in her area, Biblical pictures, etc. The display was a credit to the Egyptian Unions and the carrying and packing of which, was no light task. A large band of young men, some 200 of them, show films and give talks on the dangers of the drink and drug habits to students' adult and Sunday School gatherings. Cyprus has been organised, Baghdad visited and many meetings held. Miss Ghalli of the Y.W.C.A. and the Presbyterian Church assist in temperance work in Egypt.

2. **Mrs. Rivera of Puerto Rico**—our second veteran organiser is now doing part time work. She has visited ten countries since last World Convention in 1950. To talk to Mrs. Rivera of her work is a most interesting experience. She goes quietly on her way, but she gets there. In Dutch Guiana, Temperance Radio programmes are given fortnightly by their W.C.T.U. President. Paraguay is organised. Cuba, though not affiliated, has a Union in action, run by a Pastor's wife; Venezuela delegate reported that work in her country is on sound lines and so these two veteran organisers carry on their work for God, for Home and for Everyland.

3. **Rev. Mrs. Portt**, who, after the death of her husband, qualified as a minister of the Gospel, is a Spanish lady and is now working in South America. She visited Panama, Nicaragua, Peru, Guatemala and adjacent countries and seven Unions were organised. Mrs. Portt found that the drink habit had become a custom in some church communities, Protestant and Catholic. Protestant denominations were somewhat isolated in these largely Catholic countries, but she found them fine people and ready to help and work with the W.C.T.U. Every country in South America has now an established W.C.T.U. in their main centres—a noble work, indeed.

4. **Mrs. De Benito, Mexico**, a new organiser, who was the first Bible Woman in Spain, says she is happy to be in the work of the W.C.T.U. So far, her work has been to organise among the children in Mexican towns. Several adult Unions assist. Mrs. De Benito says that Mexico needs the W.C.T.U. more than any other country. There are 5,000 liquor bars in Mexico City alone. Church Pastors, who, at first were not so co-operative, now that they understand our aims, are assisting in the work.

5. **Mrs. D. Allen-Lodge** is also a new organiser. To meet her is to realise that she is an outstanding character. Her field of work in Kenya Gold Coast and Sierra Leone is very far-flung. The first mentioned, calls for both tact and endurance. Mrs. Allen-Lodge, when in native villages, always calls on the Chief and in other communities, she works in with the churches, notably, the Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist, and where possible in Women's Clubs. In this way, she has established bases from which to work, and has in many cases, met with success. On the Gold

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Liquor in the King Country

During the early days of W.C.T.U. activities in New Zealand an interest was soon taken in our Maori people and this has been maintained throughout the years. Each year, during the month of October, in particular, Unions remember this department of our work.

Interest is shown in prayer for them, the sending of literature and Temperance leaflets and parcels to Deaconesses and workers amongst the Maori people. Collections are taken in our Unions and sent to our Dominion Treasurer for Maori work.

Personal contact, with kindness and sympathy, often helps to smooth out a difficult place. We are pleased to have our Maori Union at Te Kuiti and note the efficient running of their work. We are proud of the Hostels in Auckland and elsewhere where young people find a Christian Home and where some are trained to become workers to carry the message of our Saviour's love back to their own people.

Then, too, there is our own hostel in Auckland where 24 girls live under healthy, happy conditions and are sheltered from the evils of city life.

Never in our history have there been so many temptations to lead young people, especially Maori youth into evil ways. We are gravely concerned about the position, but let us never forget that we have a place of power. Nothing is impossible with our Heavenly Father, "Prayer changes things." While many can never go far away from home, we are never far from the place of prayer.

The Liquor Question

The Maori Race is facing a time of readjustment. They need our love and encouragement, our patient understanding, while they are striving to set out a new standard of life.

For many years past, Maori leaders and Chiefs have been greatly concerned with the position created by the Liquor Question. They realised the danger of alcoholic beverages being made available to their own people. From meetings of leading Maoris, they have sent petitions from time to time to our Government, asking for protection from the ravages of Strong Drink. The Government of earlier days realised the need for granting some help and so made it possible for certain enactments to be enforced to this end. The benefits were very quickly noticed as the Maoris regained their strength.

The King Country Pact

For years past, discussions have taken place regarding Liquor in the King Country and the existence of the Maori Pact. At the present time, this issue is again exercising the minds of Maori leaders and Temperance people.

Concerning this Pact, it is necessary to understand the historical position, and here we quote from the Statement written by Mr. H. W. Milner, General Superintendent of the N.Z. Alliance, Wellington:—

"Following on the Waikato war, the Maoris retreated undefeated into the King Country, where for ten years they retained complete isolation in the 6,270 square miles of territory, comprising 4½ million acres. Their possession was absolute and they had the Treaty of Waitangi, the second

article of which reads:—'Her Majesty, the Queen of England, confirms and guarantees to the Chiefs and tribes of New Zealand, and to the respective families and individuals thereof, the full, exclusive and undisturbed right of their lands, and estates, forests, fisheries and other properties, which they may collectively or individually possess, so long as it is their wish and desire to retain the same in their possession.'

"They would not sell, they would not deal with Land Courts; they would not let surveyors in, they would not let white people in and the Queen's writ did not run; they adopted complete isolation. They were sullen and determined, because of the grossly unjust treatment they had received from the Government.

"Several Commissions revealed that the Government had been in the wrong. This complex and tense situation with the threat of further outbreak of war at any time, coupled with the isolation of this large block of land in the heart of the North Island, holding up the Main Trunk Railway, roading and settlement, created a very difficult position. It could only be solved by conquest or negotiation, and many leading statesmen, including Sir George Grey, Sir Robert Stout, Sir Donald McLean, Dr. Pollen, and Julius Vogel, were most definitely against further attack upon the Maoris.

"The Government were forced by pressing circumstances to negotiate and the credit goes to Sir George Grey, Sir D. McLean, Mr. Bryce, John Ballance, and Sir Robert Stout for the ultimate success of the negotiations. . . . A change of Government took place and Sir Robert Stout, with Ballance as Native Minister, took office in September, 1884.

"Wahanui was sent to Wellington to secure the things they had agreed to and during December, a Bill was passed, giving complete amnesty to all Maoris; another secured mining rights and a Proclamation was gazetted (Dec. 1884) defining the 4½ million acres and prohibiting licenses therein, 'at the request of the Maori owners.'

"On April 14th, 1885, Sir Robert Stout proceeded to the King Country for the turning of the first sod to commence the Railway. Before the ceremony, there was a two hours' discussion, concerning which, Sir Robert Stout said in his speech in Wellington '... the natives wished to know if the Government would continue the prevention of alcohol being brought into the Rohe Potae District. I told them that I pledged the Government to that effect and that the Government had already carried out that promise, made to Wahanui, by the Gazette notice of December.'

"We therefore have this position, **THAT THERE WAS A BARGAIN MADE BETWEEN THE MAORIS AND THE GOVERNMENT** that this District was to be kept free from the sale of spirituous liquors. **That was our bargain** and I might say, that this bargain has often been referred to by the Maoris, since.

"The question under consideration is not a **political** one, but a **moral** one. . . . Are we to break our bargain made with them? We obtained their territory on this condition. No alcoholic liquor was to be sold in that district.

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BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT!

(By Victoria Grigg, M.A.) /

"Be sober, be vigilant!" So wrote the Apostle Peter, in one of his letters and he gives as the reason for his exhortation, "because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

There is the utmost need for this vigilance in our own country just now while the devil, through his powerful agent Strong Drink, is attacking our people from several directions. The attacks, while subtle, are all the more dangerous for often they come from official or semi-official sources.

Honey or Mead

At the recent conference of the National Beekeepers' Association, an officer of the Wallaceville Animal Research Station spoke of the possibilities of commercial production of honey mead from bush honey. He said that both sweet and dry meads, fortified meads, honey brandies and liqueurs could be prepared in New Zealand. Brandy samples treated with activated charcoal made an excellent potent spirit, considered ideal for gin production. One ton of manuka honey costing £72/6/8 would yield approximately 60 gallons of absolute alcohol and half a million bottles of gin could be obtained from 555 tons of bush honey. This officer states that the strong flavour and dark colour of bush honey made it difficult to sell on local and overseas' markets.

Surely this is one of the worst proposals to emanate from a Government official. In the first place, many people, like myself, prefer bush honey with its strong flavour, to the tasteless white honey which is often the only kind available in the shops locally. In the second place, we are a people who have to import all our sugar and the use of honey in cooking, as an alternative to sugar, has unlimited possibilities. In the third place, it is a truly wicked proposal to turn God's gift of pure, wholesome honey, into a harmful drink. Each day, our newspapers relate a crime or accident due to indulgence in liquor. There is an over-supply of alcoholic drinks in this country now, without adding more.

Grape Juice and Wine

The annual report of the Department of Agriculture states that production of wine is now in excess of demand and winemakers are having great difficulty in disposing of their stocks. Wine production in New Zealand has trebled in ten years. What is the solution from the growers' point of view? It is that they must foster the demand for locally produced wines; firstly by overcoming the prejudice which holds back merchants, hotels and the public from buying New Zealand wines and **secondly, by educating New Zealanders generally (admittedly not a wine conscious nation) to appreciate wine as a beverage.**

As a W.C.T.U. we have a much better solution to this problem—that of the growers producing fresh bottled grape juice and make New Zealanders appreciate this as a beverage instead of producing fermented wines. The growers would have the satisfaction of providing a healthful, wholesome beverage, far superior to wine as the following table shows.

Comparative composition of Grape Juice and Port Wine

	Grape Juice	Port Wine
Water	80.0	78.0
Meat food	.7	.3
Heat food (sugar)	13.0	3.5
Salt food	.4	.2
Acid, gum, etc.	5.9	.5
Alcohol	—	17.5
	100.0	100.0

Notice that most of the sugar in grape juice has disappeared in port wine, and in its place is alcohol. What brought about the change? Simply the introduction of the tiny but destructive yeast plant. It is this living ferment that has changed the sugar into alcohol. Therefore grape juice and port wine are very different things. "Thus saith the Lord, 'as the new wine is found in the cluster . . . destroy it not, for there is a blessing in it.'" Let us fight every proposal to turn what God has given us for a blessing, into that which He calls a curse.

Drunken Drivers

Legislation has recently been proposed to reduce the maximum penalty to the driver who has a drunken sleep in his car, instead of driving his car. This appears to be a step designed to belittle the offence of drinking drivers. The Transport Department has often advertised, urging **drivers not to drink** before driving and who is to say that the driver will be fit to drive and that his brain will be alert after "sleeping it off." It is not the practice of sober drivers to go to sleep in public places or inconvenient spots on public roads. I should say that a driver in a drunken sleep in a car is still a menace to public safety. The lowering of the penalty is in direct contradiction to the warnings of the Transport Department. **A driver in charge of a car has no right to drink at all.**

The Licensing Control Commission

We must keep a watchful eye on the words and actions of this body, which, in its annual report to Parliament recently said, "Non-observance of the existing laws may well indicate that many people disapprove of them. In fact, evidence given before the Commission from time to time by a variety of organisations, individuals, and some local bodies bears this out." And yet, **in 1949, nearly 80 per cent of the people in this country voted for six o'clock closing.** How the Commission would like not to be confronted with that fact! It has gone before out of its province, to suggest alterations of hours of sale and the N.Z. Alliance has pointed this out to both Government and the Commission. An editorial in a recent edition of a leading city newspaper states that in its short existence, the Commission has worked effectively in the right direction and refers to the re-distribution of licenses and the provision of facilities which make for more leisurely and more comfortable drinking. The redistribution of licenses has only opened up facilities where there will be many more customers than previously and if leisurely drinking means people spending hours and hours in hotels, when they would be better in their own homes, it is something we are much better without. It is conveniently forgotten that six o'clock closing was introduced to combat the

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“Within the Veil”

Mrs. Mary Long (Wellington Central Union)

It is with deep regret we have to report the passing of Mrs. Mary Long, who had been in very indifferent health for some time, but whose interest in our work had never failed.

For years, she was the Cradle Roli Superintendent and did outstanding work among the babies. The funeral from the Central Baptist Church was largely attended, and members of our Union were present.

In place of flowers, we sent a donation to the British Sailors' Society, as this had been a wish expressed by her. Her work in the Temperance Cause and among the Sailors and Seamen will always remain a fragrant memory. To her relatives, we extend our loving sympathy.

Mrs. Queen (Papatoetoe Union)

A dear and devoted sister of our Union has passed into the presence of her Lord, Mrs. Queen, the mother of our President.

Mrs. Queen was a life-long worker in the Temperance Cause, belonging to the Band of Hope early in life. She was an active member of our Union, having been the Prison Department Superintendent, and prepared many parcels, much of them, her own knitting, for the Discharged Prisoners' aid.

An active and staunch Methodist, Mrs. Queen worked tirelessly for her Church and with truly Christian spirit, always abounded in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. L. Upton (Wanganui Central Union)

Mrs. Louisa Upton, who died recently at the age of 95 years was a valued member of our Union, since 1907. She left England for Australia as one of the first pioneer Officers of the Salvation Army and in 1883, she married John Upton, another Officer. Together, they worked for Christ, not only in the towns, but in mining camps and through this experience, Mrs. Upton became the forceful character and preacher she was; wrestling not only for their souls, but for their bodies too, for intemperance was rife. In 1907, they settled in Wanganui, where she joined the Central Union and later took office, proving an ardent worker, keenly supporting all departments of the work.

Even in her late eighties, Mrs. Upton attended all meetings, keenly noting every passing event.

Due to an accident, she entered hospital a few weeks ago, but again her spirit rallied and her many visitors left her, fully assured of the Heavenly welcome awaiting her. So, today we glory with her and for her testimony and pray that we too may accept and be constrained "To serve," even to the end.—A. E. Goodey.

Mrs. Catherine Miller (Kaikorai Union)

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mrs. Miller, a faithful member of our Union for nearly 30 years. Of quiet and retiring nature, her voice was seldom heard, but her cheerful presence was an inspiration. She had the Temperance cause at heart and was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. She was a trustworthy friend and always willing to help wherever possible. Mrs. Miller passed through much sorrow, but her Christian fortitude and trust carried her through all.

The large number of friends who attended the funeral service, also the floral tributes, bore testimony to the esteem in which our late member was held by those who knew her.

NON-ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANTS BOOMING IN SWITZERLAND

Swiss non-alcoholic cafes and restaurants now total more than 1,600. Customers in these non-alcoholic restaurants are on the increase and this type of restaurant, which was once considered impossible, has become very popular.

One group of them reports more than 50,000 customers daily. There are some 300 such attractive dining places in Zurich, where the non-alcoholic movement started in 1894, when the Zurich Women's Society for Temperance Restaurants was founded.

The Swiss Office for Commercial Expansion has reported that the Swiss are buying 50 per cent. less alcohol than they were at the turn of the century. Many of these restaurants have a Reading Room, where people can read and where lectures are given on the use of alcohol, generally to Swiss youth and soldiers.

Be Sober, Be Vigilant (continued from page 6).

evils of late closing. We know that wherever drink is sold, undesirable conditions will arise, but as women, we do not want to be in our streets at night under conditions such as existed under late closing. We do not want to have the fear of our daughters being molested at night by drunken men. We do not like to have our fellow-women waiting all hours for husbands who spend night after night in hotel bars. We hope that the Commission will **not** be given further authority as the newspaper editorial suggests. We urge all Christians to be on their guard against what is an insidious attempt to take away what was obtained by such a large majority and to urge the Government to see to it that the law is enforced by adequate police action. There is no excuse for not doing this. "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

The King Country

This matter has been one of the deepest concern to us all in this year and we still find it difficult to believe that the Government proposes to brush aside lightly what the Maoris believe to have been a sacred pact, that in return for the right to put the Main Trunk Railway into the King Country, no liquor should be sold there. Constant efforts have been made for years to break this agreement. Nothing has affected me more deeply than the sight of the hundreds of Maoris, who, with King Koroki and Princess Te Puea, came down to Parliament in 1949, to beg the Government to keep its promises to them. What a terrible stain on us, as a people, to think our Maori people should beg us to keep the Curse away from them and that our Government should want to give it to them by making the King Country into an ordinary Licensing Electorate in which Maori and pakeha will vote on equal terms! Let us pray and protest to our utmost, in order to try and keep this evil of Strong Drink from our beloved Maori people.

"Gird thy Heavenly armour on,
Wear it ever night and day;
Ambushed lies the evil one.

Watch and pray."

UNION NEWS

Beach Haven. This new Union meets on the 4th Tuesday. Mrs. Sweeny, President, presided. Mrs. Bunker is the Sec. and Mrs. Mears, the Vice-Pres. A very pleasant afternoon held with three new members and three to take White Ribbon and babies on C.R. Prospects for the Union are good.

Kohi—St. Heliers. Opening devotions led by Mrs. Pearson. President warmly welcomed members. A talk on Franchise Day given by Mrs. Kasper. A strong protest against the reinstatement of barmaids was passed. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Phillips.

Levin, July. Devotions led by Mrs. Kennerley. Arrangements for Quiz. Re the probability of a further liquor licence in Levin, it was agreed to put weekly advertisements in local papers—expenses defrayed by special collection. Tributes paid to past great temperance Leaders. **August.** Pay-up social. Good attendance and visitors from Foxton. Mrs. Kaine gave most interesting talk on English Cathedrals, visited recently. Solos by Mrs. Miller much appreciated. Beautiful violets presented to these ladies. Cake and work competitions and Sales' Table successful.

Marlborough District Executive. Mrs. Underhill presided. Good attendance and two Picton members present. Reports of local N.Z. Alliance and N.C.W. Great regret felt at the license granted to the "City Private" the only private hotel in Blenheim. Arrangements made to celebrate Women's Franchise Diamond Jubilee, also to invite Dominion President for District Convention guest speaker. Three classes held for the Temperance Quiz.

Springlands, July. Mr. and Mrs. Kessel, Temperance stalwarts, welcomed. Fine quotations in response to the Roll Call. Mrs. Eyles reported on N.C.W. matters and on Health Dept. Film. Mrs. Eyles read two stories of notable women—Mrs. Carrie Nation and Mrs. Carrie Jacobs-Bond. **August.** Mrs. Underhill presiding and devotions given from Matthew 22 by Mrs. Leslie. Mrs. Brooks, Supt. Evangelistic and Christian Education, gave informative address under these headings with instances of the value of Bible instruction. Arrangements for District Convention and Franchise Jubilee meeting.

World Workers (continued from page 4).

Coast, she was welcomed and found the established work in centres in good heart.

This intrepid worker visits in native homes and has found much encouragement among the coloured W.C.T.U. women.

6. **Miss Elsie Gainham** (Germany) is not new to Germany, having served for six and a half years as a welfare worker and is now a W.C.T.U. organiser. Miss Gainham's previous experience is most valuable, for she knows their language, their home and community life. She is received as a speaker in their schools, and is a tower of strength to Frau Klara Fischer, the W.C.T.U. President of Germany. Her earnest plea is for licensing of the Liquor Traffic. In some zones in Germany, at the present time, every grocer, baker, chemist, in fact everyone who likes can sell liquor without a license. This leads to drunkenness among young and old, with its trail of crime, and broken homes and broken lives.

Both the President, Frau Fischer, and Miss Gainham pleaded that the World Convention do their utmost and pray without ceasing that this terrible state of affairs be stopped.

Of the other four organisers, two are working in India and their report is of great progress in Temperance work. One of them is in Greece and though a newly formed Union exists, a delegate came to the Convention and brought an excellent display of literature and work. The last of the ten organisers has been appointed to Argentine—this is a new appointment. Argentine is not a new field but it is a difficult one and needs assistance. There is much more to tell and work, also to be done, here in our own New Zealand. I will close with one stanza from "The Psalm of Life," "Let us all be up and doing," in the service of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

King Country Question (continued from page 5).

"And what will be thought of us if the future historian of New Zealand has to record that we made a solemn pact with the Natives, and that we afterwards repudiated it? I feel sure we will not agree to that repudiation," said Sir Robert.

"Sir Robert Stout's historic speech was in 1923 and in 1924, he submitted himself, as a witness, in the capacity of a private citizen, before the second Hockley Parliamentary Committee. He said:—'Mr. Ballance met the Natives and said there would be no liquor. They said, "Very well, the line is to be opened, there is no liquor to be sold in this district."'

"**Question:** 'Did you give, at that time, any assurance on behalf of the Government, that the arrangement would hold good for all time—that is the point?'

"**Answer:** 'I understood that it was to hold good for all time.'

"It is difficult to understand how and why Sir Davis Smith should try to sweep the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., aside and treat him as an unreliable witness. Even if he were the sole witness, it is unthinkable, but his statements are fully corroborated by others.

"... The Maoris, themselves firmly believe that there was a Pact, which they deemed sacred. Princess Te Pua in her lifetime and the descendants of such well-known chiefs as Rewi Maniapoto and Wahanui have fought to keep liquor out of the area.

"The Hon. T. C. Webb said in the House:—'But in any event, even if it were conceded that there was a pact, and that the understanding was to remain for all time, there is nothing ever to debar two parties to a bargain from agreeing to cancel it.' (Hansard p. 4,218.)

"But that is entirely different to one of the parties being in the box seat (for the time being), imposing a combined vote in which the said party in the box seat has 19,500 voters and the other party which desires to maintain the Pact, has only 3,500 voters. There is something repugnant to the British mind in such coercion.

"I suggest that, in the face of the vast amount of historical evidence (of which this is but a very small part) that the Government either:—

"(1) Drop their unjust proposal and strengthen the hands of the Maori leaders or

"(2) Immediately appoint an Arbitrator—the King Country Maoris to appoint another, and the two to appoint a third (as convener) to investigate the whole question thoroughly and publicly, and make a pronouncement.

"Facing these things being done, I suggest that we ascertain from the Maoris, whether they are going on with the proposal to petition the Queen on the occasion of her Royal visit to this country. And, this being the case, we give them our full support."

As W.C.T.U. members, the King Country question concerns us. By prayer and protest, let us be whole hearted in our efforts to prevent this iniquitous treatment against our Maori people.

M. LONG (Auckland),

(Formerly Matron, W.C.T.U. Maori Girls' Hostel.)

THE SOLDIERS' SAILORS' AND AIRMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

Having just recently returned from the World Convention, my appeal to W.C.T.U. Districts and their individual Unions is later than usual. I am sure you have not forgotten our Sailors' Rests at New Plymouth and Timaru. Donations of cash, socks, scarves, toilet requisites, stationery, good magazines and suitable temperance literature are always acceptable and can be sent direct to the Rests, cash donations should go through your District Treasurer and also, please report to me.

If you have a Military Camp or Air Training Centre in your district, enquire if you can place suitable temperance literature in their Camp Library and where possible, invite the lads to your homes. They are some mothers' sons and may need the influence of a good home. October and November will soon be here; shall we see what service we can render to this Department?

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ARAMOHO, St. David's Church, 2.15 p.m., last Thursday. Pres., Mrs. E. Chesswas, 7 Field St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour; Treas., Mrs. H. Good.

ASHBURTON, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist School Hall. Pres., Sister Mildred, 133 Aitken St.; Cor. 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, 34 Beresford St., Bayswater; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Doull; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Swan.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Tuesday, Methodist S.S. Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. T. Richards, 18 Marama Terrace; Sec., Mrs. Utting, 28 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, #5 Todman St.; Sec., Mrs. Jordan, 235 Happy Valley Rd.; Cor. Sec.-Treasurer, Miss O'Connor, Heaton Terrace.

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 Barrstow; Sec., Mrs. J. L. Hunt; Treas., Mrs. S. Peters.

CHRISTCHURCH, Cambridge Terrace Methodist Sunday School, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. A. Hunt, 89 St. Andrew's Hill Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Farquharson, 168 Fendalton Rd.; Assist. Sec., Miss M. M. Thomas; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, 305 Riccarton Road; 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; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Holm, 41 Swinburn St.; Cor. Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Mrs. P. Turner.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Hanover St. Baptist S.S. Pres., Mrs. J. Hiatt, 11 Duke St.; Sec., Mrs. Jackson, 34 Connington Rd., Maori Hill; Treas., Miss Farquhar; W.R., Mrs. Graham, 11 Northfield Ave., Opho, Dunedin.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Sth. Dunedin S.A. Hall, King Edward St. Pres., Mrs. Jones, 134 Bay View Rd., St. Kilda; Sec., Mrs. Iles, Neichpsth Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Fleury, 95 Bay View Rd.; W.R. Supt., Mrs. Lenz.

ELTHAM, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. at Mrs. Towers' home, 41 London St. Pres., Mrs. A. Towers, Mabey St.; Sec., Mrs. F. E. Holley, 9 Bath St.; Treas., Mrs. F. E. Holley, 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.

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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, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Market Street St. Andrew's Hall. Pres., Miss Mildenhall, Duchess Cres.; Sec., Mrs. A. M. Pitt, 102 Townshend St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hervison, 306 King St. N.; Treas., Mrs. A. M. Smith, 102 Townshend St.

HAWERA, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m. in Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs. R. Goldsmith; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gane; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hayward; Treas., Mrs. Barron; W.R., Mrs. S. Barkla; C.R., Mrs. E. Barkla.

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. Botting; Treas., Miss V. A. Jamieson; W.R., Mrs. F. W. Jelcoate.
- 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, 30 Cambridge Street; Sec., Mrs. W. Hudson; Treas., Mrs. F. Burnham.
- LINWOOD**, last Tuesday, Baptist Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Teague, 383 Armagh St.; Sec., Mrs. Stokes; Treas., Mrs. McMillan; W.R., Mrs. A. Fuller.
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- 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.
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- ONEHUNGA**, 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m., Methodist Hall, Grey St. Pres., Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, 78 Quadrant Rd.; Sec. and Press Reporter, Miss H. Grigg, 2 Malvern Rd., Te Papapa; Treas., Mrs. A. Fordyce.
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- 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.
- SYDENHAM**, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom; Pres. Mrs. J. Filer, 30 Leitch St., Chch., S.W.1; Sec., —; Treas. Mrs. Willes; W.R., Mrs. Lea, 16 Walton St., Chch.
- TAURANGA**, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m. Methodist Hall. Pres. Mrs. Christian, 5th Ave.; V.P., Mrs. Williamson; Cor. Sec. Mrs. York; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clarkson; Treas., Mrs. Maunder.
- 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; Pres. Mrs. S. Dewe, C/o Mr. I. Morgan, Cambridge Rd.; Sec. Mrs. S. Bryant, 31 College St.; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Purdie Wynyard St.; W.R., Mrs. W. Thompson, Ohaupo Rd.
- TE KOPURU**, 3rd Thursday, Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. H. Bickers; Sec., Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth; Treas., Mrs. Soole.
- TE KUITI**, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church Vestry. Pres., Mrs. Stratford, Hinerangi St.; Sec.-Treas. Mrs. G. Ellicott; 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, Duke St.; Sec., Mrs. R. P. Emery, Esplanade; 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. Mellroy, 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.
- WANGANUI CENTRAL**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Miss V. Kendall, 133 Harrison St.; Cor. Sec., Miss G. Scarrow; Rec. Sec., Treasurer, Mrs. R. Wilson, 3 Marshall Ave.
- 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; Treat. and W.R., Mrs. Rowe; Sec. Mrs. Torkington.
- WELLINGTON**, 2nd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., at Cambridge Terrace Congregational Schoolroom, pro tem. Pres., Miss Kirk, J.P., 57 Pitt St., Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hall, 402 Muritai Rd., Eastbourne.
- WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.15 p.m. Boardroom, Y.M.C.A., Will's St. Pres., Mrs. J. C. Webb, 26 Talavera Tce.; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Andrew, 30 Fairview Cres.; Treas., Mrs. Parrant, 40 Nottingham St., Karori; W.R. Mrs. Barbour.
- WELLSFORD**, 4th Tuesday, 1.45 p.m. alternate Churches. Pres., Mrs. E. Singleton; Sec., Mrs. C. Blackburn; Treas. Miss E. Ward.
- WHANGAREI**, 4th Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. T. P. Lane, Box 387; Sec., Mrs. N. Glover, 31 Cairnfield Rd.; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Hills; C.R., Mrs. Green.
- WINTON**, 3rd Tuesday, every 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.