

number to distribute amongst those who do not subscribe to it. Two new members were added to our Union, and it was decided to visit absent members.

#### WAIPUKURAU.

Monthly meetings were resumed on Thursday, February 11th. Attendance fair. It was decided to inaugurate quarterly open meetings, when good programmes will be submitted, and the social interchange will be stimulated by the cup that cheers but does not inebriate. Financially the Treasurer is not overburdened with the care of riches, for such things as we did possess in silver and gold were spent in aiding the Maori work and the No-License League. Our spending barred our desire to send delegate to approaching Convention, but next year, God willing, our branch will be represented by one of our members.

#### AUCKLAND.

Feb. 17. First meeting of 1915, Mrs Thorpe presiding. Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr French, an honorary member of our Union. Appreciation of his faithful services in the Temperance cause expressed. Mrs Stainton and Mrs Ogilvie were appointed to represent the Union on the No-License electoral body. N.Z. officers nominated.

Feb. 24. Meeting presided over by Mrs J. Cook. Superintendents of departments were appointed as follows:—"White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Pudney; Maori Work, Miss Wilson; Evangelistic Work, Mrs Jamieson; Backblocks Literature, Mrs Thorpe; Purity Work, Miss Evans; Notable Days, Mrs Dick; Bible in Schools, Miss N. Dewar; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ogilvie; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Pudney; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Stainton; Home Meetings, Mrs Wright; Press Work, Mrs J. W. Taylor; Visiting Sister, Mrs W. Taylor; Mrs Cook, Miss Dewar, and Mrs Scanlan were appointed delegates to the W.C.T.U. Convention, to be held at Christchurch. Unanimously decided that we invite Convention to Auckland next year. Arrangements were made to commemorate Frances Willard Day at the next meeting. Meeting closed with prayer.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Constable Street, Mrs Cummins presiding. Attendance fair. Mrs Weston gave a very beautiful address on the parable of the ten talents. She also spoke of her temperance work among the telegraph boys in England, and pointed out that much was to be done among the young people.

#### PETONE.

Meeting held, Mrs Rowse presiding. Nominations, etc., for the coming Convention, were dealt with. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported several more babies for enrolment. Decided

to hold a combined social this month between the Cradle Roll Department and the Monthly Social Department. One new member was initiated.

Feb. 17. The monthly social was held in the Sydney Street Church, Mrs Rowse in the chair. Very enjoyable and encouraging addresses were given by Revs. Bruce, Todd, Lascelles, and Mr Grinstead, inter-spersed by songs by Misses Cody, Rowse and Boshier; Mrs Braddock, pianoforte solo. Afternoon tea was handed round.

#### GREYMOUTH.

March 2. Monthly meeting held; well attended, and full of interest. Mrs Sweetman appointed delegate to Convention. Our President also will attend.

Feb. 17. Willard Day: We had a most successful and interesting afternoon. The Sailors' Rest Hall was most daintily arranged and decorated by Mrs Leggæ, and was well filled by members and friends. The Rev. Ashcroft gave us a fine address on Women's Work and Influence. The Rev. Rogers also addressed the meeting. Recitation, song, and afternoon tea, and the Benediction closed a very pleasant time.

#### WARKWORTH.

The monthly meeting was held in the Methodist Church on Thursday, February 25th. Mrs Attwood presided. Attendance fair. Mrs E. Morrison was proposed and seconded as a delegate for the Annual Convention, but was unable to accept the honour. It was decided that the members should have an all-day meeting once a month for knitting for the soldiers and sewing for benevolent purposes.

#### MOSGIEL.

Annual meeting held in December. Mrs Elliott, of N.E. Valley, presided. Annual report read by the Secretary, Mrs Moor, which showed that the departments taken up by the Union had done good work. Regret was expressed that Mrs McDonald (President) had to resign owing to ill-health. The Union is extremely thankful to Mrs Elliott for acting President during Mrs McDonald's illness, also to our N.Z. President and other Dunedin members for their help during the year. The Union, which is a little over twelve months of age, shows a good increase in membership; the roll stands at 33. Special mention was made of the good work done in connection with the Band of Hope, under Mr J. W. Smellie, the membership being 81. The Treasurer's statement, which showed a credit balance, was adopted. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs H. D. Bedford; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McDonald, Kinmont, Blair and Aitken; Sec., Mrs Moir (re-elected); Treas., Mrs Wilson (re-elected).

Monthly meeting held March 9th, Mrs Bedford presiding. The meeting took the form of a social, afternoon tea being supplied by the members. Visitors from Dunedin were

present. Miss Powell, who gave an inspiring address on our work, and Mrs Don, our N.Z. President, gave a helpful address, which was greatly appreciated by all present. It was unanimously agreed that our President, Mrs Bedford, represent us at Convention. Mrs McDonald was elected Reporter and "White Ribbon" Superintendent. We were sorry to say good-bye to one of our faithful members, Mrs Chas. Blair, who is leaving for the North Island, and wish her and her husband God-speed in their new field of labour. We are looking forward to Mrs Pinfold coming amongst us, and feel that Kaikorai's loss will be our gain. It was decided to order one dozen copies of Convention number for distribution and to try and increase the subscribers to our "White Ribbon" paper.

#### HAMILTON.

Sixteenth anniversary meeting held March 4th in Wesley Hall, Collingwood Street. President Mrs J. M. Jones presided. There was a very good attendance, and after a very helpful address from the President, we listened to addresses from the Rev. Clover, Mr Milner, and Mr Tidd, which were very encouraging. Miss Stewart contributed two solos, and afternoon tea was served.

#### NELSON.

Monthly meeting March 9th, 16 present, Miss Atkinson presiding. Mrs W. Hockey was appointed delegate to Convention, in place of Mrs Field, who is unable to attend. Letters were read from Miss Harriett Newcombe, advocating the subscribing to the women's papers in other countries, and from the Ngaere Union, with regard to the wearing of the Union badge by members. Miss Atkinson spoke strongly on the latter point, and the importance of it. Two resolutions were passed, to be forwarded to Convention, one recommending that the law relating to prohibition orders should be annulled, so that they should not lapse at the end of the year unless the applicant applied for a release, and the other asking that women police should be appointed in New Zealand, and especially women patrols in the neighbourhood of the camps for the training of the Expeditionary Forces.

#### LYTTELTON.

Meeting held Wednesday, March 3rd, twelve members being present. The President, Mrs Whitby, occupied the chair. Mrs G. Wilson was appointed to attend the Annual Convention to be held in Christchurch this year.

#### WANGANUI.

Meeting held on Friday afternoon in the Wesleyan Church Parlour. 18 members present. Letters of apology for absence were read from Mesdames Bassett and Blyth. Mrs Blamires, President, presided over the meeting. Business in connection with the Con-