

vention was dealt with. In connection with the No-License League, a Social Committee of ladies from the W.C.T.U. was formed to manage the supper arrangements. After business, our President addressed those present on working in unity of spirit, which was most encouraging and helpful.

#### BLENHEIM.

The usual monthly meeting was held in Wesley Hall on February 2nd, Mrs Jackson (President) in the chair. Attendance fair. Mrs Jackson, in well-chosen words, thanked the members for electing her as President. Letter was received from the Superintendent of Sunday Observance. Resolved to write to the different ministers to hold open-air meetings on this subject. Mrs D. Sinclair was appointed delegate to the Convention. A vote of deep sympathy was passed to Mrs Rose and family in their recent sad bereavement.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH.

Meeting held on the first Friday in February. Mrs H. Mowlem addressed the meeting on the state of Prohibition at the present time. The members were pleased to see their one time President amongst them. Mesdames Young and Allman were elected delegates to the forthcoming Convention. Our membership now stands at 107.

Meeting held on Friday, February 19, fifty present. Reports were read, viz., Mrs Ritchie (re-elected), Scientific Temperance Instruction, Temperance Sunday, and Temperance Essays by school children, prizes given for same. Mrs A. E. White, head Cradle Roll Superintendent, 50 on the roll; Miss Sturmeley elected, Miss Astbury Secretary for Relief Work. Two cases of clothing, containing 140, had been sent for the relief of the Belgians; 15 families had been clothed, the same receiving 112 garments. As the result of a street collection, £25 was got for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Mrs Allman was elected President for the coming year, Vice Nurse Carter, former President. Nurse Carter (re-elected pro tem) Loyal Temperance Legion. There are about 40 young members in this branch of our work. Reports were discussed. A new member initiated, and afternoon tea handed round.

The March meeting was held on Friday, 5th. Mrs Crabbe occupied the chair. Mrs Ritchie brought forth a resolution re holding a mass demonstration of Sunday School children and all societies of young people. Several superintendents of departments were elected, and the Misses Dewar and Henderson's resolutions voted upon and agreed to.

#### OXFORD.

Feb. 25. Monthly meeting held in the Coronation Hall, Mrs Ryde (President) in the chair. Attendance good. A letter was received from

the A. and P. Association asking the Union to cater for the Annual Show. Decided to undertake the work, and hand all profits to the Belgian Fund. A branch of the Women's Service Corps was formed, with Mrs R. H. Gainsford as leader, and Mrs Kippenberger as Secretary. One woman kindly offered to knit caps and socks for the soldiers if the Union found the wool. The offer was accepted with thanks. Mrs Kippenberger read a paper on "The Life Work of Francis Willard," which was most interesting. A collection was taken up to help on work Francis Willard loved so well. Mesdames Hawke and Ryde were elected delegates to the N.Z. Convention, to be held in Christchurch. Afternoon tea was handed round.

#### OPOTIKI.

Feb. 11. Usual meeting held, nine present, Mrs Murray presiding. Correspondence was read from Miss Henderson re delegate for Convention, also from Mrs Neal re forming a Band of Mercy. Mrs Neals' letter in January "White Ribbon" was referred to, and it was left to the Superintendents of L.T.L. to introduce a Band of Mercy amongst the young people. Decided to send a delegate to Convention. Mrs Evans kindly donated a guinea towards expenses. Decided that Mrs J. Thompson should act as delegate.

#### NGARUAWAHIA.

March 2. Meeting held in the Library, Mrs French (President) in the chair; 24 members present. Business was carried on for first half-hour, after which we were delighted with an address given by the Rev. W. A. Porter on "A tour through the No-License areas of the South Island." It inspired all present, and made us feel we must work hard to achieve the success we want. Afternoon tea was provided. Mrs Hult, one of our members, received congratulations, it being her birthday. The meeting closed with hymn and Benediction.

#### WANGANUI EAST.

Meeting held February 26th. Mrs Andrew (President) occupied the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed to our Treasurer, Mrs McLeod, who is laid aside through illness. Nominations for election of N.Z. officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Don; Vice-Pres., Miss Powell; Rec. Sec., Mrs Mitchell; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson; Treas., Mrs Bendely. The Union is unable to send a delegate to Convention this year. The Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of our Union with Elder and Mrs Wilhide in being so unjustly persecuted whilst working in the interests of humanity. It was announced that a Bazaar in connection with the Raetihi (Waimarino electorate) No-License League was to be held on Easter Monday. Members were asked to forward a parcel. All promised to help.

#### PAHIATUA.

Feb. 17. Frances Willard Day commemorated by a meeting at the home of Mrs H. Godfrey. Recitations, songs, and pianoforte solos were given. A paper on the life of Frances Willard read by Mrs J. D. Wilson. Mrs Cheekley, of Hinemoa, 14 miles distant, joined our Union. She was initiated in Christchurch when Mrs Leavitt visited New Zealand in 1885. Collection for World's Missionary Fund, 12s.

March 4. Usual monthly meeting, Mrs Neal (President) in the chair. Mrs H. Godfrey appointed a delegate to Convention. Letters read from Mrs Don (Dominion President) and the District Union. Announced that our President occupied the chair at Mr Bligh's meeting for women and girls, and spoke on our Purity work. At the close of the meeting the distributed Medical Temperance and White Slave leaflets, and gained three new subscribers for the "Purity Advocate." Resolved that we purchase more Purity books. Mrs W. W. McCordle and Mrs J. D. Wilson were elected Vice-Presidents, and Miss Thurlow Cradle Roll and Purity Superintendent. Resolved that we place on record our appreciation of the good work done by Miss Wilton as Cradle Roll and Purity Superintendent, our regret at losing her services, and that we wish her success in her chosen sphere of work. Mrs J. D. Wilson read a paper on "The Responsibilities of Women as Citizens."

#### GISBORNE.

February 25th was our first meeting of the year. Attendance good. Mrs Walker's resignation as Secretary was accepted with regret. Mrs Wilkes was appointed Cor. Sec., and Mrs Malcolm Rec. Sec. Mrs Walker was then elected to fill the vacancy among the Vice-Presidents. It had been previously arranged that each member should bring to this meeting something in the way of linen to go towards the local Salvation Army Home. The result was a large bundle of sheets, pillow-slips, and towels, which will no doubt be very acceptable to the "Haven." The Treasurer's report showed we had 64 paid-up members, and that £94 had passed through her book for the year. (That included Convention expenses for us.) Eight departments of work were taken up for the coming year. Our delegate (Mrs Goffe) then read the resolutions which are to come before Convention, so as to get the mind of the meeting thereon.

#### KAIKORAI.

Monthly meeting held in Presbyterian Hall. Miss Powell occupied the chair. A brief report of temperance demonstration held on December 1st in Wakari Hall was given. Mrs Pinfold (President) is leaving the district. We much regret parting with her, and shall miss her kindly presence in our midst. Mrs Martin was elected President. Business in con-