

NOTABLE DAYS REPORT.

I regret that only fourteen of our Unions have forwarded me reports of Notable Days observed. Last year twenty-one reported. I feel I am somewhat to blame for the falling off, for, owing to a year of very strenuous work, I have not given this Department of work the time and attention its importance demands. I sincerely hope my successor may have more time to devote to it.

Christchurch reports that Frances Willard Day was celebrated by Miss Roberts reading an excellent paper on "The Life of Frances Willard up to 31 years of age," and giving a graphic account of Miss Willard's early years. This was followed by a paper read by Mrs Wicks who pointed out how her own life had been influenced by the life and work of Frances Willard. A collection in aid of "World's Missionary Fund." Taylor Memorial Day observed on July 22nd. Rev Williams gave a splendid address on the life and work of Mr Taylor, which was followed by a comprehensive and inspiring address on the same theme by Miss Roberts. Speeches were also made by Mrs McKee, Mrs Newton and Mrs Lovell-Smith on the influence of our great leader's life and work. Franchise Day celebrated at a Public meeting in connection with Provincial Convention. Mrs K. W. Sheppard gave a short sketch of the Franchise Movement, and paid a great tribute to Sir John Hall and Mr Alfred Saunders who undertook to pilot the "Women's Franchise Bill" through the House. Mrs Don, N.Z. President, also addressed the gathering and testified to the broadening effect the movement had had on the lives of women.

Invercargill celebrated "White Ribbon Day" in connection with "Welcome Home and Social" to Mrs Lee-Cowie, by holding an afternoon meeting at which a special address was given by Rev Henderson on "Women's Franchise."

Warkworth reports celebrating "Franchise Day" by holding a Social Afternoon at "Red Bluff," when a collection was taken up for N.Z. Fund.

Ngaere celebrated "Frances Willard Day" by holding picnic, when a paper was read by District Secretary and other addresses given. Collection for World's Missionary Fund. "Franchise Day" also commemorated by a special meeting, to which non-members were invited.

Pahiatua observed "Frances Willard Day" on February 10th. The President read a paper on the life and work of our great leader, Frances Willard. Collection for World's Missionary Fund, 12s. "White Ribbon Day," June 18th. Home Meeting held, when the President spoke on our "W.R." paper, and also explained our Maori work. Collection for Maori Organising Fund, 5s. "T. E. Taylor Day" was commemorated by holding a Home Meeting at which Rev Richards gave an address on "The Life and Work of T. E. Taylor." Collection for N.Z.

Organising Fund, 10s. "Franchise Day," September 7th. At an afternoon home meeting, Mrs Peryman gave a splendid address on "Women's Responsibilities as Citizens." One new member initiated. Collection for N.Z. Fund, £1 3s 3d. A Public Meeting was held in evening, when Mrs Peryman spoke on "A White Ribboner's Ideal of Patriotism." The Mayor, Mr J. D. C. Crewe, presided. "Pahiatua Herald" printed report as sent. N. Z. Alliance literature distributed at close of meeting.

Bluff reports having celebrated two Notable Days, viz., "Franchise Day" and "T. E. Taylor Day." At both meetings suitable papers were read and much enjoyed.

Palmerston North celebrated "Franchise Day," when Mrs Crabbe gave a very interesting paper on "Women's Franchise." "T. E. Taylor Day" was commemorated by an afternoon meeting.

Nelson held a Public Meeting to celebrate "Franchise Day," when addresses were given in reference to the Franchise Movement in N.Z. Collection for Maori Fund.

Timaru.—This Union reports commemorating "T. E. Taylor Day," when the President gave an account of Mr Taylor's work. "Franchise Day" was also reported—the president read an account of "How We Won the Franchise."

Rangiora held a combined meeting in Institute Hall on "T. E. Taylor Memorial Day," when Mr J. McCombs, M.P. and Mr J. H. Blackwell gave inspiring addresses.

New Plymouth observed three of the Notable Days. On "Willard Day" a picnic was held at the members' grounds. Addresses by Rev Roseveare and Mr Cocker. Two new members secured and one baby enrolled. "White Ribbon Day" was celebrated, when a large gathering was present; very interesting address by Miss Gustud. One new member enrolled. Collection taken up. "Franchise Day"—an interesting address by Rev Chappell on "Women's Franchise." Collection taken up, and one new member enrolled. "T. E. Taylor Day." No special meeting held, but reference made to our great leader at ordinary meeting.

Waimate reports commemorating "T. E. Taylor Day" by a special Memorial Service. Mr Taylor's favourite hymns were sung and after Scripture reading and prayer the president gave a most helpful address, drawing many lessons from Mr Taylor's noble life and triumphant death. A large framed photograph of the late Mr Taylor was decorated with a laurel wreath. "Frances Willard Day" was also remembered, when the president spoke on the life work of our founder, after which Mrs Rule, of Timaru, gave a paper. Music and afternoon tea. Collection, 14s, for World's Fund.

Winchmore was unfortunate in having wet weather which prevented any special celebration of Notable Days.

They were referred to at ordinary meetings. On "Temperance Sunday," however, a special Temperance Sermon was preached by Rev Woolloxall, and pledges were taken in the Sunday School.

Ashburton commemorated "T. E. Taylor Day" by an after Church rally in Theatre Royal, which was attended by quite 600 people. Mrs Don, our N.Z. President, gave a most helpful and inspiring address on "Influence," and in the course of her remarks spoke of the great influence for good the life of Mr Taylor had been. Singing led by combined choirs. Ministers of all denominations on platform. Splendid meeting. No special meeting to celebrate Franchise Day, as we had Dr Sheldon that month, but at the banquet tendered to the Rev gentleman, Mrs Lill, in responding to a toast, spoke at some length of the benefits we had received through having the Franchise. "White Ribbon Day." A special appeal for new subscribers, which bore fruit. Many spoke of excellence of our paper and its helpful articles. "Frances Willard Day." Miss Kershaw, M.A., President of the "Y" branch gave a very fine address to the young women at their meeting. This meeting was attended by many members of the mother branch. On "Temperance Sunday" special Temperance sermons were preached in most of the Churches in our town, and the congregation appealed to, to "do the right" on polling day.

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MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Auckland.—Copies of "Safe Remedies" have been given out and personal work done by our Organiser in her house to house visitation. Addresses given at two meetings on the evil effects of alcohol on the human body.

Christchurch.—A medical temperance paper was read and discussed at one meeting, and literature distributed.

Invercargill.—Effective literature has been given out at the A. and P. Show, and in various ways. At one meeting an address was delivered by Rev. J. K. Archer on "Sir Benjamin Richardson and His Teaching."

Oxford.—The local doctor gave a lecture to mothers on the evil effects of drugs, narcotics, and alcohol on the human system, especially in childhood.

Palmerston North.—The local Superintendent read a paper entitled "Alcohol as a Medicine: Tried and Found Wanting." She also wrote to the Palmerston North Parliamentary and Debating Society, suggesting that as this is poll year, and in view of so many of "our boys" going to the war, and Lord Kitchener's advice to the home regiments to abstain from liquor, they might have a debate on such a subject as "Does Alcohol Stimulate or Strengthen?" No reply