

Club for two weeks, and a number of ladies present offered their services for the work. Miss N. Dewar was appointed delegate to represent us at Convention.

#### NAPIER.

April 4th. President in chair; fair attendance. No members present were willing to be nominated for school committees. Mrs Mens was appointed "White Ribbon" agent. Mrs Ball Supt. for Home meetings.

April 19th. Special meeting, good attendance. Mrs Neal presided. Musical items were given. Mrs Venables gave her report of Convention, which was interesting and instructive, and for which she was heartily thanked. Collecting cards for the Patriotic Fund, and petitions for six o'clock closing were taken by a number of members. Supper and collection for the Organising Fund closed the meeting.

May 2nd. President in the chair; good attendance. Resolved that a meeting of business men of the town be called by circular for the purpose of furthering our efforts in connection with the 6 o'clock closing petition. Mrs Venables was appointed President of the District Convention. Mrs Ingram resigned as Corresponding Secretary, owing to sickness at home. Decided to send a letter to Mrs Ingram expressing sympathy and appreciation of her work, and deep regret at her resignation. Mrs Chetlew was then appointed Corresponding Secretary. Resolved that in view of the strong resolutions unanimously passed at Convention against the medical proposals, and also of the investigations made by the British Royal Commission, which show that "notification" is impracticable, with which decision the Minister of Public Health, Hon. G. W. Russell, fully agrees, "I propose that we, the Napier Branch of the W.C.T.U., desire to rescind the resolution passed on August 4th, 1915, in favour of the medical proposals, and now vote against them."

May 3. Meeting for business men was held; a fair attendance, and good work done. Petitions were given out and districts allotted. A combined committee of ladies and gentlemen was formed.

#### DEVONPORT.

eFeb. 17. Frances Willard Day celebrated by an addition of four members. Delegate to Convention was elected, and directions for voting decided on.

March 28. An "At Home" to farewell our President. Reply received from Hon. J. Allen re treating of soldiers. Report of Dominion Convention was read. Members took collecting cards for our patriotic effort. Mrs Mann was the recipient of a handbag and purse, given by members as a small token of our esteem and appreciation of her work for our

Union. Mrs Mann came to a weak Union, and has left a strong one. Miss Tillewall was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent.

April 27. Message read from Ashburton, introducing Mrs Elliot, our Methodist minister's wife, who has been an active member of Ashburton Union for five years. Mrs Elliot was heartily welcomed. Letter received from Mrs Budd, who could not be present, on account of illness; vote of sympathy passed. Message from our late President, Mrs Mann, encouraging us to go forward with our "Win One" campaign. Mrs Cranch was unanimously elected President for remainder of year. Six o'clock closing petitions taken by members to canvass for signatures.

#### PORT CHALMERS.

May 11th. Mrs Johnson presided, and gave a report of Wanganui Convention. In connection with No License League, very full arrangements made for giving every adult at the Port a chance to sign the six o'clock closing petition. Members took cards to collect for Patriotic effort.

#### WHERE ARE YOU SLEEPING TO-NIGHT, MY LAD?

Where are you sleeping to night, my lad?

Above ground—or below?

The last we heard you were at the Front,

Holding a trench, and bearing the brunt;

But—that was a week ago.

Ay!—that was a week ago, Dear Lad,

And a week is a long, long time,  
When a second's enough, in the thick  
of the strife,

To sever the thread of the bravest life,  
And end it in its prime.

Oh, a week is long when so little's  
enough

To send a man below;

It may be that while we named your  
name

The bullet sped and the quick end  
came—

And the rest we shall never know.

But this we know, Dear Lad, all's  
well

With the man who has done his best.  
And whether he live, or whether he  
die,

He is sacred, high in our memory;  
And to God we can leave the rest.

So, wherever you're sleeping to-night,  
Dear Lad,

This one thing we do know,  
When "Last Post" sounds, and He  
makes His rounds,  
Not one of you all will be out of  
bounds,

Above ground or below.

—John Oxenham.

#### LABOUR AND PROHIBITION.

The Reymann Brewing Company, of Wheeling, employed 87 men. Prohibition came along and shut the brewery. It was turned into a packing house, and employs 136 men. The owners employ 50 per cent. more men, pay more wages, and make more money than it ever did as a brewery.

In this issue Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie draws special attention to a patent wire frame invented by herself for use in hospitals and homes where sickness exists. It is simple and ingenious, and can be used in many ways, such as protecting patients from flies and mosquitoes, or draughts. In pneumonia or bronchitis cases it is an indispensable article, and will, on the word of well-qualified medical men, meet a long-felt want. It is light, has no complicated fittings, and can be easily sterilised. Mrs Cowie's sympathy has been with the sick, and the suffering, and the oppressed, and the invention, worked out from observation in all the leading hospitals throughout the world, will come as a welcome to many who, though suffering otherwise, will be free from the fly nuisance, or draughts from open windows, while the bronchitis patients can use the steamer with scarcely any trouble. The article is now on sale, as will be seen from an advertisement in this issue, at the low price of 2s 6d each. More than that, Mrs Cowie is not going to make a penny out of it—the profits will go to the W.C.T.U., an organisation which is so dear to her heart, and to whose welfare she is devoted.—Exchange.

**Ashburton.** 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurzon, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss Wise, Short St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil, Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

**Auckland District,** 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley St.; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St., Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Miss Pudney, 16, Wallace St., Ponsonby.