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Feb. 25. Mrs McCombs presiding, attendance good. In reply to a request from N.Z. Alliance to assist in securing signatures to a 6 o'clock closing petition, it was decided not to move in the matter till after the Annual Convention. Miss Henderson reported that £42 had been raised at the Red Cross Sale Depot under the charge of the W.C.T.U. Decided to nominate suitable women for the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Mrs Martin and Mrs Napier were elected delegates to Convention, and instructions given re notices of motion. Mrs Henderson and Mrs Patchett were received on transfer from other Unions. Red Cross meetings are held every week. The following articles have been sent to the Lady Liverpool rooms for our soldiers last month:—865 handkerchiefs, 65 shirts, 23 pairs socks, 7 pairs mittens, 2 scarves, 1 pair knee-caps, 2 Balaclavas.

Correction of last report: By a mistake, the name of Mrs Weston was inserted instead of Mrs Newton for selling so many tickets for lecture in aid of Red Cross Funds.—(Ed. W.R.).

DUNEDIN.

March 6. President in the chair. Splendid attendance. One new member received. Vote of sympathy passed with Mr Webb on the death of his wife, a member of our Union. Mrs Napier, a visitor to New Zealand, one time an active member of Dunedin, now a member of the Executive of the B.W.T.A., brought greetings from Vancouver, also gave a very interesting address on the work in Scotland.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

March. A most profitable and happy meeting at Amethyst Hall. Mrs Lee-Cowie introduced the resolution passed by the District Union and Reform Council re absolute prohibition during the war. It was carried unanimously, and has since been endorsed by the I.O.G.T., the I.O.R., and others. The measure has quite revived the temperance enthusiasm here, and the newspapers are helping with leading articles. Mrs Aitken and Mrs Pate were appointed delegates to Convention. Purity books were exchanged. New members enrolled, and a fine meeting closed with prayer.

NAPIER.

Feb. 7. President in the chair. Attendance good. Two new members welcomed.

Feb. 15. Frances Willard Day celebrated by a gathering of Napier members and visitors from Hastings, held in the Botanical Gardens. The President read a paper on the life and work of Frances Willard. Mrs Martindale (Hastings) gave a helpful address. One new member admitted.

March 7. Mrs Venables presided. Notices of motion discussed and delegates instructed how to vote. Votes of sympathy passed to bereaved members. One new member enrolled. Union keen on advancement.

NGAERE.

March. Members entertained by Mrs A. Walker. After the usual business, members present were asked to give their favourite quotations. Afternoon tea was then served, and the guests wandered through the beautiful gardens and admired the flowers. Votes of thanks to Mrs Walker carried by acclamation.

KAIAPOL.

Feb. 28. Resolutions re Convention were passed; also votes of sympathy to those in our midst in trouble. Decided to open the Band of Hope season in April. Attendance was good.

PETONE.

Feb. 21. "At Home" held at Mrs Corner's residence. A paper was read by Mrs Marshall.

March 6. Mrs Rouse presiding. Mrs Hope reported many new names on the Cradle Roll, and proposed holding a mothers' tea shortly. Decided to send a delegate to Convention. One new member was initiated. Mrs Hope promised afternoon tea on the 21st.

PORT CHALMERS.

March 8. Union resumed meetings after vacation. Notices of motion discussed, and proxy instructions prepared. A most interesting address given by Mrs Napier on our work in Scotland.

March. An evening meeting held, and nine young women initiated as members. Decided to hold an evening meeting for our younger members on the third Monday. The following officers of the Union were appointed to preside at the evening meetings:—Vice-President, Miss Grono; Assistant-Secretary, Miss Dodds; Assistant-Treasurer, Miss Isbister; "W.R." Reporter, Miss M. Olds; Social Committee, Misses Dodds, Peryman, War-kinshore, Isbister, and M. Olds.

GISBORNE.

Feb. 27. Seventeen present, Mrs Goffe, the new President, in the chair. Mrs Goffe (as one of a deputation to the Borough Council) reported that the Council had acknowledged their responsibility in regard to keeping the Sievwright drinking fountain in order, and promised the work should be done. Decided to celebrate Frances Willard Day at our March meeting. Balance-sheet showed a paid-up membership of 66, and £9 18s 8d in hand. Votes of sympathy passed to Mrs Church and Mrs Toneycliffe. A donation of £1 to be sent to the Voluntary Bible Teachers' Association. Resolutions to be brought up at Convention were read and discussed, and Mrs Goffe appointed our delegate to same. Mrs Goffe also to be nominated for the Hospital Board. Mrs Israel urged that washable coverings for the extra mattresses used on steamers during crowded voyages be asked for. Resolutions re same to be sent to Health Department and head Union office. Enquiries to be made as to the law in regard to picture advertising on Sundays. Mrs Wilkes agreed to carry on the Secretarial work till Mrs Malcolm's return. A few departments of work were taken up.

NELSON Y's.

March 2. A fair attendance. One new member initiated. A Programme Committee was appointed to assist in the L.T.L. meetings, also our own meetings. The delegate was instructed to secure some Convention numbers of "White Ribbon" for distribution. A helpful address was given by Miss Small on her ideals of womanhood. Preceding this meeting the L.T.L. was held, when there were about 40 children present. The officers were elected by L.T.L. for next three months.

PONSONBY.

Feb. 8. Mrs Fountain presided. Attendance good. Agreed with pleasure to Miss Dewar's request to assist with catering for afternoon tea during Convention. Letter from Rev. Dawson re 6 o'clock closing petition. Decided to leave the matter over till we hear from the League. Mr Mee's article, advocating prohibition of the liquor trade, was read, also a reading from the "Patriot" in regard to the prohibition policy of South Australia for 1917. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and two new members initiated.