

dent spoke on the disrespect of children to their parents and elders. Decided to procure literature to distribute to try and help mothers.

#### WAIPUKURAU.

Feb. 25. Fair attendance. Decided to celebrate Frances Willard Day by a social afternoon, with collection for World's Missionary Funds. Pamphlet on evils of cigarette smoking sent to leaders of Bible Classes. Decided not to send delegate to Convention, but send instructions to proxy how we wish to vote. Day of meeting altered to second Friday in month.

#### HAWERA.

Feb. 28. Frances Willard Day celebrated at the residence of Mrs Pease, Mrs Bone presiding. Mrs Curtis reappointed Superintendent of L.T.L., with Mesdames Gilling and Tonks and Miss Maunder as assistants. Decided to ask for a proxy to represent us at Convention. Decided to send copies of a letter on evils of cigarette smoking to Bible Class leaders. Afternoon tea, a collection of 16s, and vote of thanks to our hostess terminated the meeting.

#### SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Feb. Mrs Paisley presided, 50 present. Mrs Fairbairn elected delegate to Convention. Mrs Dawson was appointed Coupon Superintendent, Mrs Newman Sick Visitor, and Mrs Parkin Press Correspondent. Miss Powell gave a spirited address. Sister Moody-Bell bade us farewell. Five new members.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 21. A well-attended meeting was held. Mrs Hall appointed delegate to Convention. Decided that the present N.Z. officers should be re-elected, and that Mrs Crabb's and Miss Powell's notices of motion should be adopted. Arrangements were made for a W.C.T.U. picnic. Mrs Williams (Sumner) gave a very encouraging and helpful address. Afternoon tea was handed round.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Feb. 21. Willard Day. Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Ballantyne, a returned missionary, gave an interesting talk on the work amongst the natives of Papua. Mrs Keene gave a recitation, and Miss Knight sang two solos. Mrs Houlder referred to the great loss the Dominion and every good cause had sustained by the tragic death of Dr. Bedford, and a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Bedford and family.

March 7. Mrs Houlder presided. The five resolutions to be brought forward at the Convention were discussed, and the delegates were given a free hand to vote. Mrs Evans, M.A., gave an inspiring address on how trouble and misfortune takes on a new light when we keep bright, true, and loving. An interesting letter was read from Mrs Metcalf,

President of the Western Australian W.C.T.U., in which she told of the work done there toward the reduction of the sale of liquor during the war period. Mesdames Evans, M.A., Knowles-Smith, and Wright were elected Vice-Presidents, and Mrs Webb Press Reporter.

#### PAKIRI.

Feb. 7. Social afternoon. Good attendance. Mrs F. Witten, President of the Matakana Union, gave an instructive address on the Strength of the Nation movement. Solos were sung by Mesdames Turtley and Woodcock. Two new members and a new subscriber to the "White Ribbon." Afternoon tea provided by the members.

#### NGAERE.

Feb. 5. Union met at Mrs R. Wickham's. Mrs Jamieson elected delegate to Convention. Miss Johnson read an interesting paper, "Our Influence." Miss Phillips sang two solos, and afternoon tea was handed round.

#### SAWYER'S BAY.

Feb. 28. Most successful home meeting at the residence of Mrs Horn. Mrs Allen presided, and a very helpful address was given by Mrs Lee-Cowie. Afternoon tea provided by our hostess.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Feb. 15. Mrs McDonald presided. Remits for the Annual Convention were discussed and voted upon. Mrs McDonald was chosen delegate to Convention.

#### RAKAIA.

Feb. 14. Mrs Boag in the chair. Articles in "White Ribbon" read and discussed. Decided to start the Band of Hope for the season in April. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs Palmer, who lost her son lately at the Front. Letter of farewell and transfer to Mrs Lord, who left Rakaia for Ashburton since our last meeting.

#### PAHIATUA.

Feb. 7. Monthly meeting. Mrs Neal presided. Mrs Dew appointed Hospital Visitor. Convention business arranged. One new member initiated.

Feb. 21. Frances Willard Day; drawing-room meeting. The Rev. H. Cotton gave an address, in the course of which he gave the opinions of leading men in Great Britain and elsewhere, and both for and against the purchase by the State of the liquor traffic. Collection for World's W.C.T.U. Missionary Fund.

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Feb. 13. A good attendance of members. Mrs Thorpe, V.P., took the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr and Mrs Wesley Spragg in the loss of their son at the Front.

Arrangements were made to send a consignment of cakes to the Y.M.C.A. at Featherston Camp for first Sunday in March. Mrs Pirret was appointed second delegate to the Convention at Timaru. Mrs Weston, wife of the Baptist minister at Milford, gave a most inspiring address on "Filled Bowls or a Good Exchange." A solo was well rendered by Mrs W. J. Thompson.

#### SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Feb. 14.—Two new members initiated. Convention business considered. Mrs Harvey appointed Recording Secretary. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an inspiring address. Resolved unanimously: "That this Branch of the W.C.T.U. strongly protests against the cruel treatment meted out to conscientious objectors to military service, especially to their secret deportation, and further calls upon the Government to supply to their relatives information as to their whereabouts."

#### TIMARU.

Feb. 26. Mrs Rule presided. Reports from Seamen's Rest and Hospital Visitors given, and appointments made for March. Decided to join the Workers' Educational Association as a Union. Two members received. Business for the Convention was done. Members are very enthusiastic, and all are working hard to make Convention a huge success.

#### PAHI.

Feb. 9. Iu te mitingi ate roopu karaitiana i whakapuaretia tehi mene 30 ite mutu nga o te Kara kia katu te Perehitini a Heretina H. Kawha ka mihi kite roopu tena koutou tooku hoa iroto ite ariki nana nei tatou iti ake inga ra maha kua huri nei ki muri ia tatou nana nei tatou ahi hae hoa mai. Kite nei ra kia whaka pai ano tatou. Kia ia inga ra katou e ora ai tatou tena koutou katoa, e hara ite mea hengo kore nooku i pene i ai te roa rawa. Katu ta tatou mitingi hemate. No toku tinana oti ra e pai ana. Kia kaha kia mahara inga wa katoa e ora ai tatou tenei matou ko aku. Moho puna kua tae mai nei rawa kite nohoanga o to rawa whaea kua wehea atu nei ete mae i waenganui, ia tatou kati ra kia ora ano tatou. Mehe mea hehia hia tonga muna Kite korero metu mai katu ko Mrs George Manakau. Kia ora ano to matou Perehitini. Menga mema katoa i roto ite nei tau hou toku take itu ake ai kei te whaka honore ahau kite nei nohoanga e noho nei tatou i runga ito ku rongo nga kinga pepa kuahinga kemea e whaia nei e tatou ara nga hotel. Ku kite hoki ahau. Kete noho pai a tatou tamariki tane wahine kua iru hou mai nei ano etahi. Kite whakanui ito tatou nohoanga kati ra. Kia ora te ata wha i ate ariki. Katu ko Heretina M. H. Kia ora te Perehitini toku tu ake he wha ka pai kinga korero ate nei te pera oku whakaaro. Kati ra mate ariki