

return they were entertained to tea by the Peninsula Y's. This was followed by a Y Conference and prayer meeting. The Annual Bible Service was held on Sunday afternoon in the Dutch Lutheran Church, many of the local Sunday Schools having been previously addressed by the visiting delegates.

Beautiful bouquets were constantly being presented to the officers, making the platform a veritable beauty spot. Banners decorated the walls. A well-supplied literature table catered for all departments of W.C.T.U. work, £27 worth being sold during the meetings. A Question Box was placed in a prominent part of the hall, and answers given daily. Timekeepers were appointed, who rang a bell when speakers had occupied the time allotted, speakers to resolutions and reports being allowed five minutes, other speakers three. When necessary, this time was extended by consent of the Convention.

The election of officers resulted in no change.

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FACTS ABOUT PROHIBITION.

1. Two years of National Prohibition has reduced the number of drinkers of alcoholic beverages from 20,000,000 to 2,500,000, a decrease of 17,500,000.

2. Only 15 per cent. of former drinkers are drinking now, and these are drinking but 5 per cent. the quantity of liquor that was formerly consumed.

3. The entire drink bill has decreased £416,666,600 a year. This money formerly spent for drink has gone into Savings Banks, or spent in necessary commodities.—Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

WHAT THEY SAY WHO KNOW.

Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in reply to a deputation of brewers: "Gentlemen, I cannot permit a question of mere revenue to be considered along of morals; but give me a sober population, not wasting their earnings in strong drink, and I will know where to get my revenue."

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P.: "If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England, we should see our taxation reduced by millions sterling a year."

SPECIALS.

FAREWELL EVENING.

A very pleasing and yet regretful function took place in the Presbyterian Hall on Monday, January 4th, in connection with the W.C.T.U., the occasion being the departure of Mrs August Anderson, who has been the Treasurer for the Carterton branch for five years, Mrs Anderson having resigned the position on account of leaving the district.

A programme had been arranged, and was very kindly contributed to by the following:—Pianoforte solo, Mr Haste; songs (2), Miss B. Keall; violin solos (2), Misses McLeod; song Mrs Hird; recitation, Miss T. Tyler; songs (2), Mr Haste; recitation, Miss K. Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to those who contributed to the entertainment.

Before the presentation was made, Mrs R. H. Every voiced for the Union the appreciation for all the active part Mrs Anderson has taken, and briefly outlined all that lies behind the position which she has just relinquished, and all the good work she has done so accurately and so well.

The members' grateful thanks for all her services.

A few words of appreciation on behalf of the Union was also spoken by Mrs R. A. Pepperell.

Miss Kiori Tyler spoke for the Misses Anderson on behalf of the Y Branch, and gave acknowledgment of their help in different ways, and the positions they had filled.

Mrs Every then handed to Mrs Anderson a leather suit case and attache case, and asked her to accept them as a tangible token of esteem from the Union.

Mrs Anderson suitably replied.

The hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung by all. Social intercourse then followed, and supper was served by the members, which brought the pleasant gathering to a close.

5 Minto Road, Remuera

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Dear Mrs Peryman,—

Once again I have been privileged to go out and do a little more work among our dark sisters, and felt I had better

let you know about it. At the urgent request of Sister Nicholls, one of the Methodist Maori missionaries, I went to Frankton on Tuesday, December 1st. She was very keen on having the work begun before the close of the year, and I can assure you we had a very interesting meeting. Only 14 Maoris were present, but 13 of them signed the pledge and paid their fees. I had previously written to the Secretary of Hamilton Union asking her to try and interest some of their members to go along to encourage the Maoris. However, only the President, besides herself, were there, but they both said they would not have missed it for anything. Mrs Jones had never been to a Maori meeting before, and was charmed with the enthusiasm of our dark sisters. The meeting commenced with the hymn "Come to the Saviour" and after singing three verses, the first was repeated in Maori, and didn't those women sing. After reading and prayer, I was introduced to the gathering. When I explained, as plainly as possible, what our aims were, and why we wanted to help them, told them what our Union stood for, and the advantage to themselves if they became sisters with us, then the meeting was thrown open, and their opinions asked for. I wish I could give you a resume of all that was said. One old woman waxed very enthusiastic, and quoted Scripture quite fluently. Then she proposed that a branch be formed, and said if it was done there would no longer be two peoples—Pakeha and Maori—for we would be sisters, and the Book said all who loved the Lord Jesus were one in Him. I thought it was a beautiful expression of hers. One other spoke at length, and then afternoon tea was served. Then more talk, and a Branch was formed, fees paid, and badges bought. Then a photograph was taken, with your humble servant in the centre, partly enshrouded in a Maori mat. It really was the most enthusiastic Maori meeting I have attended, though a small one, but I pray the small one may become a thousand. After the Benediction had been pronounced, one crippled old soul got up and asked if she might speak. Given permission, she said she would like to send greetings to the Union who had sent me to start such good work amongst the Maoris. She felt they could do much by wearing the white bow, just to show they belonged. One woman said it was no good for