

B. Howard, 1st; K. Burns, 2nd; (Boys): D. Cook, 1st, and G. Deverson, 2nd; Standard 5 (Girls): H. Bright 1st; Roma Spedding, 2nd; (Boys): R. Cutler, 1st; R. Hewitt, 2nd. Supper was served, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem. (Good idea to entertain School children.—Ed. W.R.)

#### SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Dec. 10th. Annual meeting; Miss Powell presiding. Decided that we, as a Union, join the "League of Nations" and pay the yearly subscription. Our Treasurer read the balance sheet which was very satisfactory. It donated to officers of the Cargill Road Methodist Church for the use of the hall. Miss Powell's resignation from the office of President was received with much regret, as she had filled the office in a very able and efficient manner for some time. The following officers were elected:—President Mrs Macartney; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Peat, and Miss Powell; Secretary, Mrs Williamson; Treasurer, Mrs Williams; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Grocott; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Shacklock; Flower Mission Superintendent, Mrs Trenwith. It was decided to hold our next meeting on the first instead of the second Thursday of the month of February, to appoint a delegate to the Dominion Convention.

#### RAI VALLEY.

Dec. 9th. Meeting held at Mrs M. Neal's residence, Carlisle. Seventeen members were present, and several visitors. The President read a report of the Convention in Dunedin. Mrs Woodward, Vice-President, read a paper entitled, "Should Women Entered Public Life," and placed the subject before the meeting to be discussed. Decided to have meetings quarterly, and on the Special Days of the Union. Six new members were initiated. At the close of the meeting Mrs Neal served afternoon tea.

#### PAPANUI.

Dec. The annual meeting; Mrs Smith presided, and submitted the annual report, which showed a year of progress. She spoke a few words of farewell as it was her last appearance as President. Mrs Ryan replied on behalf of members, and presented Mrs Smith with a fountain pen, and Miss Edna Ryan and Master Lindsey Neilson presented a bouquet of roses. Mrs Ryan was then asked to take the chair during the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Simpson; Secretary, Mrs Merrin; Treasurer, Mrs Bond; Superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs Donald. Afternoon tea was served by the Social Committee. A Cradle Roll baby, Edna Ryan, was presented by the President with a beautiful doll. Nine new members were enrolled. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Social Committee, and fancy sunshades full of sweets were given to each child on leaving.

Dec. Cradle Roll annual meeting; good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs Smith presided. Mrs T. E. Taylor, gave the address, which was listened to with rapt attention, babies included. Mrs Donald, Superintendent, gave a resume of the year's work. She stated that there were 109 names on the roll. Misses Joy Donald and Melville Jones presented Mrs Taylor with a bouquet of lovely roses, and Gladys Collier presented one to the President. Solos and recitations were given by Misses Lawrence and Barker, who were also presented with bouquets of roses by Misses Jean Harding and Janie Barnes.

#### OAMARU.

Dec. 14th. Annual Social; Mrs Clarke in the chair. Fair attendance. Reports of different departments were read and adopted, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Clarke; Secretary, Mrs Scott; Treasurer, Mrs McKenzie; Assistant Treasurer, Miss M. Milligan, Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hutchinson and Reid, and Misses Wilson, Smyth, and M. Milligan. Band of Hope Superintendent, Miss Hilliker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Assistant Reporter, Miss Hilliker. Votes of thanks were passed to Misses Hesketh and Birchell the soloists of the evening, to the Editors of the Oamaru Mail and North Otago Times, for their kindness in publishing our reports, to the Baptist Church for use of Hall, and to Adjutant Lamond, as Auditor of balance sheet. One new member was initiated. Decided to send a protest to A. and P. Association re gambling on Show Grounds.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

Dec. Final meeting for 1925; Good attendance. Mrs Don was on the platform with the President, and took the chair while the officers for the ensuing year were elected. There are no changes in the office-bearers, Mrs Peart is President, Mrs Sanders, Treasurer, and Miss Begg, Secretary. The following were nominated for Dominion Officers:—President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, Christchurch; Treasurer, Mrs Bendeley, Auckland; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson, B.A., Sumner; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. A. Evans, Wellington. Mrs Don spoke briefly on the present state of affairs, and told some sad stories of drinking among the girls. The meeting closed with afternoon tea, and a social halfhour. Two new members were initiated.

#### GERALDINE.

Nov. 22nd. Mrs Don, M.A., Timaru, gave an interesting address on "League of Nations." Rev. Madill, Chairman, accorded the speaker a hearty vote of thanks, and Mrs Sharpe and Miss Edie Ginson sang during the evening.

Dec. 11th. Annual meeting; Mrs Neutze presided. An excellent report made by Hon. Secretary. Satisfactory balance sheet by Mrs Wallach, Hon Treasurer, and good White Ribbon Agent report. Although only been started 9 months, we have now 54 members. Had excellent lectures from Mrs Don, T. E. Taylor, and Norrie, on Prohibition; Miss Henderson, B.A., and Mrs Don on "League of Nations." Decided to concentrate next year on Orphanage work for Willard Home, Palmerston North, and to make efforts to raise funds. Election of officers:—Mrs Neutze, President; Miss A. Patrick, Hon. Secretary; Mrs D. McDonald, Hon. Treasurer; (Mrs Wallach resignation accepted with regret); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Madill, J. Scott, Loach, Wallach, and Coombes; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Williamson; Committee, Mrs Gale, Mitchellmore, and W. Pyfe. Vote of thanks was passed to Managers, Presbyterian Hall, for free use of Hall for meetings, also Mrs Madill, for being Pianiste.

#### CARTERTON.

Dec. 2nd. Annual meeting; Mrs R. H. Every presided over a fair attendance. The annual reports for the year were moved and adopted. The Secretary's report showed that the membership was now 101. Of all reports, Evangelistic was most important, for our motto is for God, Home, and Humanity. The President, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed Rev. Keall, who expressed pleasure at being present and addressed the meeting. Speaking of the results of the Prohibition Poll, he said that in all New Zealand, there was not to be found a sense of disappointment as of failure—believing victory will surely come. In spite of personal slackness among Prohibition voters and the opposition of Liquor Party, and rumours from America, etc., we increased our vote by 20,000. Must thank God that position is so encouraging—and when we do win, may it be with large majority. Vote of thanks to Rev. Keall. The election of officers resulted in them being all unanimously re-elected. Owing to lateness of afternoon, the Superintendents' of Departments left over until next meeting. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

#### TINWALD.

We are pleased to report good meetings for Oct. Nov. and Dec.; the members worked hard for the Poll with refreshments for the workers, and also arranging cars to bring voters to and fro; votes increased about 60 for Prohibition. A Drawing Room afternoon was held for Sailors' Day. Mrs Boag, District President, gave a splendid report of Convention held in Timaru last September. A collection for Sailors' was taken up which amounted to 17s. It was held in the Manse, and a large attendance of members and friends. Afternoon tea was provided by the members.

Nov. A Cradle Roll afternoon was held at Mrs McNicol's residence; a good attendance of children. The Superintendent, Mrs Gill, has 22 on the roll; she presented each child with a present and lollies. A very fine address was given by Mrs Rosevere, of Willowby. Afternoon tea was provided by the members. Two new members were initiated.

## N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.

**General:** Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

Badges, Brooches, and Pins, 5/- per doz.; Star of Honour, 2/- each; Hymnals 2/- per doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, 1/- and 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt.; Constitutions, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Facts" about W.C.T.U., 6d per doz.; Treasurer and Transfer Slips 1/- 100; Pledge Books, 6d; Treasurer's Receipt Books, 1/6; W.C.T.U. Serviettes, 9d doz., 5/- 100; Promise Boxes, 1/6 each.

How We Won the Franchise, 9d doz., 4/- 100, 35/- 1000; White-robed Vestal, 6d doz., 3/6 100 30/- 1000; Y Constitution, 3d each; "Women Torchbearers," 8/6 each; Appeals to Mothers, 6d doz., etc., etc.

These prices include postage.

**L.T.L. and Band of Mercy:** Mrs Bathgate, 27 Pitt Street, Wanganui.

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), showing effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body 7/6 per set; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It Is Written (Bible stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/3; Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen; Programmes, from 3d each; L.T.L. Badges, 4d each; L.T.L. Buttons, 3d each; The Young Crusader 2/- per annum (in advance); L.T.L. Hand Books.

#### BAND OF MERCY.

Literature, 6d per packet; Pledges, 6d per dozen; "The Little Animal's Friend," 1/6 per year (on order).

#### BAND OF HOPE.

Dialogues, 3d each; Leaflets, 9d per packet; Pledges (artistic), 2/- per dozen; Reciters, from 3d. Also Pledges at 1/- per dozen.

**Cradle Roll:** Miss D. Patterson, Box 21, Manala.

Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per doz. Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz.

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

**Social and Moral Hygiene:** Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273, Hastings.

Men, Women and God, 4/6—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian standpoint; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Way Book of Youth 2/-; How I Was Born, 9d; The Story of Life, 1/6; In Her Teens, 2/-; The Changing Girl, 2/-; Answers to Tiny Tots, 2/-.

**Medical Temperance:** Mrs Clara Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell, Auckland.

Medical Temperance Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to sixpence per dozen.

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

Anti-Narcotic Leaflets: Sample Packets, 8d each.

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