

Unions, supply ample voluntary help, the Dunedin Y's being specially good in the enthusiasm with which they attend whenever their occupations allow, and the success of their handling of the little ones allotted to them.

The comments written by visitors in the visitors' book are testimony to the appreciation by the public of this effort, the motive which actuates all the workers being summed up by one, who wrote the single word, "Inasmuch."

At about 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon, January 27, the thousandth attendance of infants at the W.C.T.U. creche was reached. The infant which secured the winning label was little Joyce Koi Casey, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Casey, of J. Casey and Co., Gore. Joyce, who is only three months old, was paying her second visit to the Exhibition, and at her first enrolling in the creche register on December 4th her number was 84. As a souvenir, she received a silver spoon, with the Exhibition crest in enamel on the handle, and the bowl engraved with the title of the particular building in which she received it. A photo was taken of the lucky little one, who appeared pleased with her present, and satisfied with her surroundings.

On Friday, January 29th, the first twins to be left in the creche were given a similar gift each. These were daughters of Mrs Taylor, of North-East Valley.

The latest donations to Creche Fund: Apiti 10/-. Inglewood £1, Ormondville 10/6, Totara Valley Y's 5/-. Kaiapoi £1.

E. MACARTNEY,

Chairwoman Creche Committee.

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THE WHITE RIBBON IN NEW ZEALAND.

Chapter III.

The First Convention of the newly organised Union met, as was fitting it should, in the Empire City.

It assembled on February 23rd, 1886, at the Congregational Church, Woodward Street, Wellington.

At this first session, 13 delegates took their seats. On the third day of Convention Mrs Johnson Wright took her seat as a delegate for Wellington. The following were elected as Dominion Officers:—President, Mrs Dudley Ward; Cor. Sec., Miss Susan Brett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Fanny Troy; Treas., Mrs C. A. Baker. Mrs Johnson Wright was appointed to represent the Union at the New Zealand Temperance Alliance meetings. At this first Convention, the Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and the policy of the Union was defined. From the first it has owed much to the self-sacrifice and devotion of its officers. The President, in part of that first year, had travelled 1900 miles and formed seven new Unions.

To show the independent and progressive spirit of these early members, it is to be noted that this Convention resolved (1) to strenuously oppose the operation of the Contagious Diseases Act, thus early setting up its standard of a "white life for two;" and 2nd, that this Union endeavour to obtain Woman's Suffrage.

Both these resolutions were unfalteringly pursued, and successfully carried out. After a very strenuous fight extending over seven years, the vote was granted to women, but many years of educative work followed before women were eligible for election to Parliament. Still there is work left for us to do, and still disabilities on women are there for us to remove.

The Contagious Diseases Act has ceased to disgrace our Statute book. But, "Eternal Vigilance is the price of safety," and we have still to keep ready to fight any attempt to bring back a "C.D. Act" brought "up-to-date."

A public meeting was held at this Convention in St. John's Schoolroom. Mr Ebenezer Baker presided, and Sir

William Fox occupied the seat on the platform.

The President gave a very eloquent address, explaining the work of the Union, and urging all to help it in its work for God, Home and Humanity.

(To be Continued).

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of capitation fees, have been received since date of last report:—

New Zealand Fund.

Gore, Hastings, Lower Hutt, Oamaru, Opawa-Woolston, Otautau, Ponsonby, Port Chalmers, Sumner, and Wakefield, £1 each; Geraldine, 10s.

Organising Fund.

Gore, £12 1s 6d; Invercargill Central £10 7s; Oamaru, £6 15s; Invercargill "Y," £6; Wanganui Central, £5 11s; Hastings, £3 12s; Lower Hutt, £3 7s; Blenheim and Pleasant Point, £3 4s 6d each; Opawa-Woolston, £3 1s 6d; Pahiatua, £2 17s; Epsom, Fairlie, and Foxton, £2 14s each; Henderson and Sumner, £3 3s 6d each; Tauranga and Templeton, £2 2s each; Te Kuiti, £1 19s; Kaikorai-Roslyn, £1 14s 6d; Wakefield, £1 10s; Birkenhead, £1 8s 6d; Otautau and Woodville, £1 7s each; Bluff, Maungaturoto, and Waipukurau, £1 5s 6d each; Eketahuna, £1 4s 6d; Waverley, £1 4s; Helensville and Rama Rama, £1 2s 6d each; Warkworth, £1 1s; Ngaere, £1 0s 5d; Geraldine, £1; Balclutha, 17s; Ormondville and Russell, 15s each; Levin, 13s 6d; Rorburgh, 10s 6d; Matakana, 10s; Wanganui East L.T.L., 6s 6d.

World's Missionary Fund.

Ashburton, 10s 3d; Epsom, 10s; Feilding, 7s.

Maori Fund.

Epsom 10s.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 11th February, 1926.

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"Half of the Salvation Army's social institutions are empty, thanks to Prohibition, and there has been a general reduction in crime."—General Booth.