

at Miss Carter's, Pupuke Road. The Temperance Doxology concluded the meeting.

#### HASTINGS.

Feb. 25th. 18 members present; Mrs Banks, President, in the chair. It was proposed to hold a Garden Party on March 5th, and arrangements for same were made, a Committee to carry out details being set up. Mrs Darby, who was attending Convention, was appointed delegate. Mrs Paul presented "Y" report which showed that they were still busy. The Treasurer's statement for 1925 was received, and showed a small credit balance.

#### WAIMATE.

Feb. 10th. Mrs Roy presided over an enthusiastic meeting. Mrs Reid and Mrs O'Brien were thanked cordially for their attendance on visiting days at the hospitals for two months. Mrs Simpson and Mrs O'Brien to carry on this month. Mrs Johns to assist with Cradle Roll. Mrs O'Brien was appointed delegate for Convention. Decided that a Y. member should also be sent. Mrs Kippenberger nominated Mrs T. E. Taylor as successor to Mrs Don in the Presidency. Regret was expressed at her retirement. Being "Willard Day," the Secretary read a beautiful paper, written by Mrs Hiett, Dunedin, "America's Queen." It was agreed to have a printed syllabus for the year's work. Afternoon tea.

#### WELLINGTON SOUTH.

Mar. 4th. Frances Willard Day. A solo was rendered, and the report was then presented of the Immigration Conference, held on the 16th February. The chief points in the opening address by Sir Andrew Russell were outlined, and a full account given of the work of the Welfare Committee by which it was seen great opportunities were likely to be opened for service to the Immigrants from the members of the W.C.T.U. Several resolutions dealing with the subject were passed, and ordered to be sent as remits to the forthcoming Convention. Vocal item was given, and a collection taken up for the World's Missionary Fund. Mrs J. Wright was appointed as the third delegate to represent the Union at the Convention. Sister Green, of the Salvation Army, then addressed the meeting, and closed with a short extract from Miss Havergal's life, urging that we should all grasp the Divine hand always reached out to us, and go forth to do His work.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH.

Mar. 5th. Mrs Young (President) presiding over a good attendance. Mrs Wakeham (Masterton) was welcomed to the Union; also Mrs Kingston, who favoured us with a pianoforte solo. Delegates to Convention, Mesdames Ferguson and Watson. Mrs Birdsall gave a report of "Willard Home" which is in a very satisfactory way financially, and hopes are entertained for a new building very shortly; plans already in hand. Miss Bradshaw, Organiser, gave a very stirring and profitable address on Maori Work in the Back Blocks, after which a collection was taken up for Maori Work, collection was taken up for Maori Work, resulting in the sum of £1 17s. 6d. Mrs Kingston also spoke.

### Y Column.

#### DUNEDIN.

Feb. 8th. First meeting 1926; attendance small. President in chair, and Miss A. Webb acting as Superintendent for Mrs Macartney. Reported that miniature New Zealand Ensign had been forwarded to Headquarters, Evanston, U.S.A. to represent New Zealand on the Flag Stand. A number of members had rendered excellent service at the Exhibition Creche, which is under W.C.T.U. management. Two new members were initiated.

Feb. 22nd. Eight members present, and President, Miss Gwyn in chair. Decided to hold meetings monthly until Exhibition is over. The Syllabus was discussed. Miss D. Ritchie was appointed delegate to Convention.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 12th. The opening meeting of the year was a most successful social, when there was an excellent rally of members, and the President, Mrs F. Mitchell, was in

the chair. A short time was devoted to business, and the rest of the evening to games, etc. Supper brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

#### AUCKLAND.

Mar. 4th. Willard Day; Miss C. M. McLay, President, presided; attendance fair. The President read a paper on the Life and Work of Frances E. Willard. The Notable Days Committee provided the rest of the programme which included extracts from Miss Willard's memoirs by Miss Pyle, and an appreciation by Lady Henry Somerset was read by the Secretary; also a solo and two recitations. Miss Laxton was appointed a representative to the Bible Class Council. Miss Read appointed Superintendent. One new member joined.

### RACE SUICIDE.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby is an admirer and sincere lover of France. In an arresting article in the "O Outlook" he gives the French people some much needed advice. They are busily engaged in building submarines and aeroplanes, and in training their black savage conscripts to use the deadly weapons of civilisation. The narrow strip of silver sea which saved Britain from devastation in years gone by is no longer a defence. Dr. Saleeby's advice is to dig drains instead of building aeroplanes. He writes: "They would be better advised to dig drains and lay water pipes; to keep the racial poisons—by which term I indict alcohol and syphilis and gonorrhoea—out of their homes." The point is that the almost stationary population of France is due not only to the prevention of births, but to a more marked extent to an excess of deaths. Britain has reduced her birth rate almost to the French level, but at the same time she has lowered her death rate so that the increase of population goes on as before. Dr. Saleeby writes: "Venereal disease, chronic alcoholism—for the most part respectable and of no interest to the police, though of grave concern to the pathologist—and the very high rate of illegitimacy may here be conspicuously named as guilty agents of this destruction of the future of France."

### RECONCILIATION.

Professor Alexander and Elsa Boldt, in Finland, had a son and a daughter. The son was about 16 years of age when the Communist revolution broke out. He had been brought up by his father as a pacifist, and knew that his father would never take arms. During the revolution the Reds had driven some White students across the ice to some mountainous island. When the thaw came the students were left exposed and

starving. But the ice froze again and young Boldt determined to cross over to the island, to give the students notice of a certain food-ship that was coming along. He was killed by the Reds, though for a long time his parents hoped that he was perhaps still alive, hiding in Latvia or Esthonia. But at last word came from a farmer that he had found the body of their son and they went out and found the body which had been preserved in the ice. They buried him again, and they vowed at his grave not to seek for vengeance nor to think bitter thoughts, but to work for peace. It happened some time afterwards that the Germans came and freed Helsingfors from the Reds. Among the prisoners there was the man who had killed young Boldt. Professor Boldt went to visit the man, who asked him for his forgiveness. And Boldt forgave him, and he and his wife tended the man, who was ill in prison, tended him in a way in which they would have wanted their own son treated by strangers. When the case came up for trial, Boldt was called to testify against the man, but he spoke in his favour, saying that he meant to stand for reconciliation.

The heights by great men reached and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night.

—Longfellow.

**APITI**, meets first Thursday, in the Library, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs Gill; Vice-Pres., Mrs Haynes and Mrs Murray; Treas., Mrs S. Gould; Sec., Miss F. Malcolm.

**ARAMOHO**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 20 Cumbray Place.

**AUCKLAND**, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompaier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompaier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Mears, 90 Dominion Road.

**AUCKLAND Y's**, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss C. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Miss A. Pudney, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Avenue, Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Miss A. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A. Auckland; Supt., Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street, Auckland.

**BALCLUTHA**, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Cations, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. R. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Gergie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshiyale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street.