

strict was given by Miss Dineen. Mrs. Henderson who proposed the vote of thanks said her grandfather, Rev. C. Baker, was one of the earliest Missionaries among the Maoris. Mesdames Cook, Taylor and Dowling were appointed Delegates to Convention. A new member was initiated.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Feb. 9th. First meeting of year. Good attendance, presided over by newly elected president, Mrs. Walker, who was chosen to represent us at the Convention. A Syllabus for 1926 was adopted a copy of same to be sent to each member. Decided to enter into the Membership Campaign between the Unions of this District. Reports of the Annual Temperance Essay Competition stated that the essays received had been very satisfactory. The retiring officers were thanked for their valuable services and the new ones welcomed. Afternoon tea served.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Mar. 2nd. Fair attendance. Decided to have a Street Stall on Tuesday, March 30th, for sale of produce, etc., in aid of contribution to Organising Fund. Committee to arrange this Mesdames Hutton (Convenor); Duff, Duncan, Downing, Blakely, Wright and Twose. A letter of remonstrance to be sent to Minister of Internal Affairs re continued granting of Art Union permits for large prizes. A remit to Dominion Convention on the same subject to be prepared as well. Mrs. Downing reported having called the attention of the Nurse in charge of the Public Health Departments Exhibit to the absence of any reference to alcohol as a factor in the spread of disease, and one of the main contributing causes in mental deficiency and sub-normality in childhood. It was decided that Mrs. Downing should write to the Health Department pointing out this omission and referring to the strong statements on the subject contained in Education Report, 13. The delegates to Convention are Mrs. Hiett (District President); Mesdames Duff and Matthewson and Miss Alice Webb. Mrs. Diddam, Evangelistic Superintendent, suggested that as it was not found possible to continue the evening prayer meetings held prior to the Election, the first quarterly meeting shall begin by a short prayer meeting to bring the work definitely before God. This was agreed to, and the first of the quarterly prayer meetings was held. The Creche reported that 1550 babies had been received in the fifteen weeks of work, and all is going well.

ASHBURTON.

Mar. 2nd. Mrs. W. H. Robinson presided over a fair attendance. A letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Miss Kennedy and relatives in the loss of a devoted mother. Also, to members in sickness. The notices of motion to be brought before Convention were considered, and the delegates instructed how to vote. Mrs. J. Moore reported on the presentation of a purse containing a sum of money, to Mrs. W. R. Mackesy, in recognition of the very effective work done by her during the recent Campaign. Mrs. Mackesy suitably replied. A report of the Street Stall, held on February 26th, was received, but was incomplete. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded members and friends who had so liberally responded to the appeal made, and also to the workers, for the success which crowned their efforts. Decided to donate the sum of £7 10s. to the New Zealand Organising Fund, and £2 to the Funds of the South Canterbury District Union. Mrs. W. G. Gallagher gave a graphic description of the Exhibition Creche, run by the members of the Dunedin Union, which is proving a great success. Mrs. Ensign Pratt was present, and delivered a very impressive and helpful address on "God's Eagles," basing her remarks on "As the eagle stirreth up her nest"—Deut. 32, 11 and 12. The President warmly congratulated the local Salvation Army Corps, on winning the prize given for the best kept quarters in the South Island Division, and the noble spirit displayed in purchasing a chair with the money for the free use of those in need.

RANGIORA.

Feb. 26th. Monthly meeting; Mrs. Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. Mrs. H. Benjes appointed delegate to Convention. A donation of £1 5s. was voted towards

Convention expenses, and it was decided that no meeting should be held in March, but that as many of the members as possible should attend the Convention.

SEFTON.

Feb. 26th. First meeting for 1926; Mrs. Thorne presided over a good attendance. Decided to send box of home-made cakes to Convention Garden Party, also to forward to Willard Home any suitable clothing from the Philanthropic Clothing Box. Collection at next monthly meeting to be sent to Willard Home Building Fund. On the lines of Scientific Temperance Instruction, an article was read on "Is Alcohol a Food." Mrs. Thorne was appointed delegate to Convention.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Mar. 4th. Good attendance. Apologies were made for members who are sick and absent through sickness. Letters of sympathy to be sent to members who have lost relatives. Correspondence was read from Miss Henderson, and a report was given of the Children's Creche in the Dunedin Exhibition. Mrs. Bathgate read a report of the No-License Council, held in Wanganui in February. Mrs. Davis was elected delegate to Convention. Mrs. Irwin read an interesting paper on the Life of Frances Willard; a collection of 14s. was taken up for Missionary Fund. A report was read on the proposed tour of Sir N. S. Lunn, in the interest of the League of Nations.

RAWENE.

Feb. 24th. First meeting of year; a fair number present. A most enjoyable time. Sorry to say that the Croquet Green proved too alluring for some of our members. Some others, however, real heroines, withstood the temptation, and came to the meeting for which they were amply repaid. The lecturette on the Life of Frances Willard promised by our Librarian, Mrs. Johnson, proved so interesting that a proposal was made to continue same at our next meeting. The retiring officers of our Union were unanimously elected for the New Year, with the addition of Mrs. Johnson as Librarian and White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Ashworth as Press Reporter. A collection was taken for the Frances Willard Fund. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Bowden, on March 17th.

HAMILTON.

Mar. 3rd. First meeting for 1926; Mrs. Jones presided over an attendance of 15 ladies. A fair amount of business was dealt with, and each department of work promises well for this year. Mrs. Bryon, late of the Ponsonby Union, was received by transfer, and one new member was initiated at the close of the meeting.

WAVERLEY.

Mar. Mrs. Barrow presiding; twelve members were present. Prayer. Attendants Rest Room for month, Mrs. Master, Miss Grantham, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. T. Davis. Girls' Club re-opened Thursday, 4th. After routine business a social afternoon was spent in honour of Miss Hunter, who is shortly to be married. In presenting Miss Hunter with a Douilton cake-dish in silver stand, Mrs. Barrow said that Miss Hunter had been a member ever since the Union started in Waverley, and had always taken a keen interest in all the branches of the work. Miss Hunter would carry with her the most heartfelt wishes of all the members for her happiness in her new life. Miss Hunter, in a neat little speech, thanked all for their token of goodwill. The singing of "For she's a Jolly Good Fellow," and afternoon tea ended a pleasant little function.

SUMNER.

Mar. 3rd. "Willard Day" was observed by our Union, and a collection taken for the World Fund. Syllabus for this year's meetings was revised, and was considered a very attractive one. Four ladies offered hospitality to Convention delegates, and three others gave generous donations to that fund. Mrs. Fyfe Slater was elected Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fitz-Henry having resigned. Mrs. McCormbs read a very fine paper on the life and work of Frances Willard. Afternoon tea dispensed. Arrangements were made to hold a "Mother's and Babies' Day" in a garden, for our meeting

on April 7th, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the lady who is so kindly making this possible. It was agreed to nominate three ladies for the School Committee, and to work for their election.

N.E. VALLEY.

Feb. 25th. There was a fair attendance presided over by Mrs. Peart. Apologies were received from Mesdames Miller and Sanders. Mrs. Sanders was appointed delegate to the Convention. Miss Buris gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Scientific aspect of Social Reform." The Treasurer reported the handsome balance of £45 16s. 8d.

PLEASANT POINT.

Meeting resolved to send greetings to Y. Union, Totara Valley. Re-election of officers with an additional Vice-President, also agreed to have an afternoon for collecting clothing for Willard Home in June. Agreed to hold L.T.L. on Friday evenings, 6.45 p.m., for month or two. Misses Hasteed and Neilson responsible for leadership. Decided to write to Head Teacher, Ophir, with reference to temperance teaching on the same lines as L.T.L. Members were reminded that books and used magazines were required for "the Sailor's Rest," Timaru. Decided to send delegate to Convention, also letter of sympathy to Mrs. Norrie, in her prolonged indisposition.

MASTERTON.

Mar. 4th. Mrs. Cocker presided. Mrs. Malcolm McGregor appointed to take charge of "Scattered Members" Department. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs. Miller. The Secretary asked to write to Mrs. Don, expressing appreciation of her work. A beautiful paper entitled "Personal Service in the Home" was read by Mrs. Weymouth. Decided that next meeting be held in the Y.M.C.A., and take the form of an At Home. The subject of the advisability of allowing dancing in connection with young People's Department thoroughly discussed; decided as a Union to oppose the introduction of dancing.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

Feb. 18th. Adjourned meeting; not a good attendance, but some important business was done. It was arranged to observe Willard Day on March 4th. Superintendents were appointed:—Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Keene and Evans; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Murray; Press, Mrs. Evans; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Logan; Flower Mission, Miss Boxall; Home Meetings, Mrs. Henderson; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Evans; Railway Boxes, Mrs. Bralley; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Keene; Scattered Members, Mrs. Chisholm; Tea Committee, Mrs. Bott; Notable Days, Mrs. Rowe; White Ribbon Agent, appointment held over till next meeting. Mesdames Hirst and Keene appointed delegates to Convention. Decided to ask for the services of the W.C.T.U. Organiser (Miss Bradshaw) for the Wellington City and Suburbs for directly after the Annual Convention. The appointment of a Superintendent for the Y's was postponed till next meeting to act in the meantime.

Feb. 22nd. A most enjoyable function at the home of Mr and Mrs. Keene, Derwent Street. A Garden Party for the purpose of augmenting funds of the Union. The Mayoress, Mrs. Norwood, opened the function by a happy little speech in which she spoke of the good work done by the W.C.T.U., and expressed the hope that a large sum would be raised that afternoon. She complimented the Union on the happy position they were in through having so small an amount owing on their building in Constable Street. Mrs. Johnston Wright, who acted as hostess along with Mrs. Keene, heartily thanked the Mayoress for her kindness in coming to open the Garden Party, and presented her with a dainty posy on behalf of the Union. A capable little orchestra contributed greatly to the entertainment of the guests, while considerable amusement was caused by a "butterfly" hunt, organised by two of the members of the "Y." Union, in which the object was to find the paper "butterflies" secreted among the shrubs and flowers around the lawn. The prize for the largest number found, fifty, was won by Miss Rebecca Pearson, and the "Consolation" prize by the President of the Petone Union. Afternoon tea, ice cream, and fruit salad