

were served on the shady verandah and the terrace fronting the house. Before the gathering dispersed, hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Mayoress, to the orchestra who had given their services free, to Mr and Mrs Keen for the generous way in which they had thrown their house and grounds open for the function, and to all who had helped to make the afternoon so successful. The attendance was very satisfactory, and the small stalls for produce and cakes and for needlework, were all cleared during the afternoon. The proceedings were terminated by the National Anthem.

RAKAIA.

Feb. 11th. The President, Mrs Boag, presided; good attendance. Letters were received from the Secretary of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., and from Mrs Don, urging the necessity of obtaining new members and increasing the circulation of the "White Ribbon." Reports of recent meetings of the South Canterbury Executive were read by Mrs Hopwood. Decided to hold no meeting in March, as the W.C.T.U. Convention would then be sitting in Christchurch. Agreed to hold a "Bring and Buy" afternoon in April, and Timaru Executive Fund. Mrs Hopwood was appointed delegate to the Convention. It was donated to the New Zealand Treasury Fund.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Feb. 17th. First meeting of the year. Large attendance. "Willard Home" Gift Afternoon, and numerous parcels and donations handed in. An old member and one on transfer welcomed. Report from the delegates, Mrs J. C. Anderson and Mrs McGowan on the Rest Rooms of the City. Various suggestions had been made to the City Engineer, and had been received with great courtesy. A table for the Manners Street Rest Room; also waste paper baskets, cork linoleum for the floor, a container for liquid soap over the hand basin, and a uniform for the attendant. The Courtenay Place rest room, also one for the North end of the City are to be considered by the City Engineer. The report from the Dominion Settlement Conference stated that there was work for the Union in the meeting and after care of Immigrant Girls and Women. A letter is to be sent to the Hon. Edward Newman, M.L.C., C.M.G., asking if the Union can in any way assist the Flock House settlement. Miss Kirk and Mrs Anderson were appointed delegates to the Convention. A report of a meeting called by the Mayoress re a presentation to Lady Stout was given, the members enthusiastically contributing their share to the Fund to honour Lady Stout, the Pioneer of many of the Women's Movements.

NORMANBY.

Feb. 10th. Home meeting, held at the residence of Mrs Ballantine. Mrs Scott presided; good attendance of members. Two new members enrolled. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Harrison in the loss of her little son, was passed. Mrs Bevan elected delegate to the Convention. Decided our Union support the following nominations:—Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. A. Evans; Treasurer, Mrs Bendely. Great appreciation was shown of the good work done in the past by these officers. For the pleasant afternoon and dainty tea supplied by our hostess, Mrs Ballantine, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

STRATFORD.

Feb. 19th. Nine persons present; the President, Mrs Phillips, was in the chair. Reported that gifts had been sent to Public Hospital at Xmas. All persons present promised to spend a portion of each day to plead with God that the hearts of those interested in the Drink Traffic might be so changed by the power of God's Holy Spirit, that they might be brought to see the evil of it and give it up.

GREYTOWN.

Feb. Miss Oates presiding; eight members present. Resolved to hold Cake Stall on 26th in aid of our fund. A letter of sympathy to be written to Mrs Gray, one of our members who is ill in hospital. Mrs W. M. Allen promised to provide Educational papers for next meeting. Mrs Allan and Miss York seek visitors for March and April.

LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

Feb. 16th. Annual meeting was presided over by Mrs J. W. Kime. All the office bearers were re-elected. The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Treasurer reported that finances were in satisfactory condition. Seventeen members present, one new one joined. Members renewed their pledges. Announced that New Zealand Convention would be held in Christchurch in March, and delegates arranged for. This being the 3rd Anniversary of our Branch of the W.C.T.U., our President brought a beautiful Birthday cake with three candles. The meeting took the form of a social afternoon, with tea, chat, and a competition for the young folk. New Year greetings were read from our District President.

TIMARU.

Feb. 23rd. Mrs Trott presided. Arrangements made for Cradle Roll picnic on March 20th, and Annual Pay Up social on March 30th. Interesting hospital report received. Sailors Entertainment Committee formed for the month. Mr Woodward reported five overseas boats for month; 108 visitors paying about 324 visits. Two Sunday services were held, and one Sunday tea and two social evenings were given. A new member was initiated.

WAIPIKURAU.

Feb. 17th. First meeting of the year held on Frances Willard Day, a special invitation had been extended to young people. A good attendance. Our President was unanimously elected as delegate to Convention. Decided to hold a "Shop" at an early date to provide the necessary funds. After the business had been finished, there followed a social evening, and a pleasant time was spent with competitions and musical items. Supper was served, and meeting closed by singing the Temperance Doxology.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Feb. 17th. Frances Willard Day observed; a very interesting and instructive address was given by Miss Drew, M.A. Much appreciated musical items were rendered. Afternoon tea dispensed. The speaker was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Feb. 24th. Mrs X. Jones presided. The Legal and Parliamentary report presented by Mrs Brash was considered very satisfactory, and showed that some progress had been made in W.C.T.U. measures proffered to Parliament. A very acceptable offer was made by the Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, to form a Band of Hope for the benefit of the young people. A resolution was passed, to be forwarded to the Borough Council, requesting that the "Slot Chocolate Machines" be closed on Sunday afternoons, as so many Sunday School scholars were using the money in this direction, which was given them for the Sunday School collections. Donation of £2 for Sailor's Rest Fund.

RAI VALLEY.

Feb. 17th. At Mrs Woodward's residence, to commemorate Frances Willard's Day. An enjoyable and beneficial meeting was held. 3 new members were initiated. Mrs Woodward appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Woodward spoke of the increasing menace of Art Unions and other forms of gambling, and there followed an animated discussion on the evils which surround us, and the ways in which we might combat them in our own district. A resolution was passed—"That the Secretary be instructed to write to Salvation Army Headquarters, asking them to appoint an officer to visit this district periodically, in the hope that much may be done for the saving of souls." The reading of the Closing Service, arranged by Frances E. Willard, ended the meeting. Afternoon tea served.

BIRKENHEAD.

Feb. 9th. Cradle Roll Picnic at Zion Hill; children had games on the Church grounds. Mothers and friends spent a pleasant afternoon in the Schoolroom. Mrs Jory gave them a little talk, and four babies were added to the roll. The children came in for refreshments, and there were books for four of the girls, who will pass into the Band of Hope.

Feb. 18th. Mrs Jory presided; Miss Carter was elected Secretary. Decided to ask for a Proxy at Convention. Decided to hold Drawing-room meeting every other month, and that the Hostess should invite her neighbours. The March meeting to be held

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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.

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

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

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