

Hames asked to write and thank Miss Wright for all she has done for us while President of our Union.

CHEVIOT.

Mar. 6th. First meeting in the year; Mrs Ferguson presiding over a fair attendance. It was thought probable that meeting days would have to be altered owing to the alteration of the business half-holiday. Mrs Ferguson was appointed Delegate to attend Convention in Christchurch. One new member enrolled. President read extracts from White Ribbon. Afternoon tea was partaken of.

BIRKENHEAD.

Mar. 18th. A well-attended Drawing-room meeting was held at Miss Carter's residence; Mrs Jory presided. Good addresses were given by Miss Carter and Mrs McArthur. Miss Carter spoke about the band of women, who, heart-broken at the terrible results of drink, met together to pray, and were the means of starting the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She told us what Prohibition has done for America. Mrs McArthur inspired us with her talk on our past successes and future hope. Drink and its ravages are as bad as they can be, yet we have done some good; children are not to be served with drink. The Sunday closing and the six o'clock closing also show progress—the said Petitions are to be sent to Parliament for the closing of hotels on Saturday afternoons and public holidays. Mrs Jory said our great endeavour must be to win the young. Mrs H. Chapelle gave two good recitations. A pleasant afternoon was concluded by singing the Temperance Doxology.

PETONE.

Mar. 2nd. Mrs Cole, President in the chair. Decided to have a give and buy meeting in April. A vote of sympathy was passed for Mrs Chalmers, who recently lost her mother.

Mar. 17th. A very enjoyable social afternoon was given to the ladies of the W.C.T.U. by Mrs Plater, of Koro Koro. Two little girls sang sweetly, and the Rev. Mr Loan gave an interesting talk. Mrs Cole thanked Mr Loan for the work he did during the recent election, and a vote of thanks was carried by a hearty clap. A dainty afternoon tea was served and much appreciated by all present. Miss Avison, who will soon be on her way to Australia for a holiday, was wished "Bon Voyage." A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Plater.

HENDERSON.

Mar. 17th. Mrs Platt in the chair. Decided to help District Executive in some practical way with the tea and farewell to Mrs Lee-Cowie, on April 29th, in Auckland. Decided we offer four prizes for best temperance essay for boys and girls in Standard VI. at Henderson School. We then talked of doing something more than our 1s. 6d. per member towards the Organizing Fund, and to begin, we are to take collection at each meeting. 1d. is all we will ask for. Next month we hope to have a visit and report of Convention from the Secretary of Epsom Branch.

RICHMOND, NELSON.

Feb. 16th. Miss Tarrant presided. Garden Party reported, amount raised £6 18s. 7½d. Not sufficient funds to send Delegate to Convention. After discussion upon ways and means of raising funds, decided to try trading with 2/6 a member for six months.

Mar. 16th. Miss Tarrant, President, in chair; fair attendance. Mrs Price gave a very interesting and helpful paper on "Good Citizenship," the essence of which is unselfishness. Mrs Cropp led prayer for Convention members and work.

ONEHUNGA.

Feb. 18th. Mrs Stacy presided; fair attendance. The proposed syllabus for the coming year was adopted. Mrs Dodds and Mrs Smith were appointed convenors of social committee. Mrs Gillon and Mrs Flay along with Executive to be in charge of Bring and Buy sale in May. Mrs Gillon and Mrs Fordyce, Junior, appointed Collectors for tea, which District Executive are holding in April.

Mar. 21th. Mrs Stacey presided over large attendance. Greetings sent to Convention. Mrs Worsley and Mrs Musket, Delegates to New Zealand Alliance meeting on 20th March. Mrs Bickle, Cradle Roll Superintendent, then took charge of meeting. After very good short programme, afternoon tea was served, then the floor was cleared for races for some of the elder Cradle Roll members, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Each child was given a bag of sweets. Three new members joined.

RICCARTON.

Mar. 25th. Bring and Buy afternoon held, raised £3. Five-minute talk given on the effects of alcohol on the power of judgment. Pledge repeated after devotions. Letter from prisoner received. One or two members still write to scattered members. Report of Convention read. All new ideas and resolutions particularly stressed by the President. Further discussion on "Plans of Work" outlined in the report to be taken at our earliest opportunity. A donation of one guinea was given to buy prizes for the winners in the recent Band of Hope Essay Competition on "What I have learned from the Band of Hope."

OTAHUHU.

Apr. 1st. Mrs Handside gave a short report of a special Convention, held in Auckland, of the New Zealand Alliance; also Mrs W. Taylor gave a report of Convention, which was held in Christchurch, March 10th. Mrs Greenwood, our President, took the chair.

TE KUITI.

Mar. 11th. Mrs Edgar presided; good attendance for first meeting of New Year. Decided to purchase silver key for opening of new Rest Room by Mayor, on 13th March. The Union donated furniture, etc., to Borough Council, but decided to pay for cleaning the rooms. Greetings were sent to Conference. Prohibition Rally to be held on April 12th, and meeting of Band of Hope on April 9th.

STRATFORD.

Mar. 19th. The chair was taken by Vice-President, Mrs McAllum. The usual monthly report was read by the Secretary. It being a wet day the attendance was small. Meeting closed with Benediction.

MANAIA.

Mr. 9th. Mrs Bennett took the chair in the President's absence at Convention. Attendance was fair under somewhat difficult circumstances, and a collection for the Frances Willard Mission Work was taken up; money voted for the use of the Secretary and correspondence discussed.

CARTERTON.

Apr. 7th. Attendance small, owing to the holidays, but all were enthusiastic. Re-hand-books of Convention; it was decided to order some for members. Letters were read thanking the Union for letters expressing sympathy to different ones. Mrs Wilton, our Delegate, said that there were 42 new Delegates, who had been to Convention for the first time, which was a big increase. The Public reception which was given was very interesting and was a warm welcome by many citizens including the Mayor of Christchurch. The W.C.T.U. Creche at the Dunedin Exhibition is a great success, the mothers and babies getting much benefit from it. It is pleasing to note that the Union has increased greatly in membership everywhere which should be very encouraging. Mrs Wilton kept us interested in her report of Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Hostesses, Mrs Tankersley and Mrs Cotter.

PICTON.

Mar. 9th. Mothers' afternoon; Mrs Brewer in the chair; fair attendance. Canon Quintrell gave a very fine and comprehensive address on the training of the child mind from earliest infancy. Afternoon tea was served, and Mrs Bateup rendered an appropriate solo which was much appreciated.

N.E. VALLEY.

Apr. A most interesting report of the Convention was given by the Delegate, Mrs Sanders. Mrs Benfell Delegate for Auckland was present, and spoke of the work of the Convention, and also of the praise

the Union's worthy Treasurer received from members of the Convention. Mesdames Peart and Elliott were nominated for the School Committee. Superintendents of departments were all re-elected.

PONSONBY.

Apr. 1st. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a good attendance of members, and a fine gathering of Mothers and children, the occasion being a Cradle Roll afternoon. Mrs Turley and Mrs Paterson, sang solos. The President, having indignantly remarked at having a letter sent to her asking her to participate in an Art Union in aid of a Jockey Club, it was moved and seconded that a protest be made by a letter from Mrs Lee-Cowie to the Art Union authorities. A game was got up to amuse the children, afternoon tea was served, and each child received a present. One new member was received.

RAETIHL.

Apr. 8th. The President, Mrs Samford, in the chair; good attendance. Rev. O. Gibson delivered an interesting address on the subject of Temperance in all things which was listened to with great interest. Afternoon tea was dispensed. At the L.T.L., held a social evening, 50 children present. A presentation was made to Mrs Ayrton, late Secretary of W.C.T.U., and warm thanks given for her untiring work and regret at her departure.

ONEHUNGA.

Apr. 8th. Mrs Stacey occupied the chair. Nomination for School Committees were as follows:—Two for Royal Oak, one for Onehunga, and possibly one for Te Papapa. Final arrangements were made for Bring and Buy sale. Agreed to send letter of appreciation to Onehunga Borough Council, commending them for refusing to allow Sunday games in the Park. Mrs Fulljames gave a most interesting account of the work among the Maoris, and of the Natives at Nule. Afternoon tea was served at the close of the meeting.

WAITARA.

Feb. 19th. First meeting of the year. Mrs Clayton presided; fair attendance. Moved that letter of thanks be sent to Managers Knox Church, for use of Church for our meetings. There transferred members were welcomed into our Branch. Sympathy was sent to Mrs Loveridge in her illness. One new member for White Ribbon.

Mar 19th. 12 members present; Mrs Clayton in the chair. After the business was transacted, the President, in her remarks, stressed the importance of every member to try and gain at least one member each during the year.

GREYTOWN.

Mar. 30th. Vice-President, Mrs D. McKenzie in chair. A Cake Stall, held 26th February, in aid of funds realised £5 4s. A letter of thanks was read from Willard Home for parcel of clothing and money. Resolved to open an account in P.O. Savings Bank for Union Funds. Mrs J. Allan gave an address on the value of prayer, which was much appreciated.

HAMILTON.

Apr. 1st. A farewell to Mrs Ready, who is leaving the district to settle in Auckland. Mrs Jones presided over the devotional part of the meeting, there was a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Craig in a happy little speech presented to Mrs Ready a bouquet of Autumn tinted flowers, tied with streamers to match, after which a dainty afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Jones and Davy. Mrs Craig sang a solo "Fairly Caught." A very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the Temperance Doxology.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Apr. 8th. Mrs Goodie presided, attendance small. Mrs Irwin gave a very helpful talk on Easter Thoughts. The Delegate, Mrs Davies, gave her report of the doings at Convention. There were a good many things that will be brought up again, arising out of the report. Mrs Upton also told us many interesting things; next month we are to have Mrs Bathgate's report. We seem to be in clover just now.