

accorded Mrs Chapman, for her able and interesting report. A pleasing feature of the afternoon meeting was the initiation of a new member. A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Timaru Union, enclosing a donation of £2 towards our Sailor's Rest Fund. The meeting closed with the benediction.

April 17th. A very successful Cradle Roll Tea Party was held in Whiteley schoolroom. Mrs X. Jones, President, occupied the chair and gave a short, interesting address upon some points in the training of children expressed by Mrs Willard, Mother of Frances Willard. A few musical items were given by the children, after which they and their mothers assembled on the green in Whiteley grounds for afternoon tea. This was dispensed by the Superintendent, Mrs Oliver and her helpers. Each child also received a small bag of sweets. There was a large attendance, mothers and children appearing to enjoy the outing greatly.

April 28th. President, Mrs X. Jones in the chair, an excellent attendance. A Committee was formed to confer with the Secretary of the Charitable Aid Board re combining in relief work. Mrs Brash was appointed to represent the Union in connection with the appointment of a District Nurse. Decided to have a special collection once a year for the District Nurse's Fund. It was decided that a collection be taken up at the 'Peace Day' meeting for Cradle Roll work, and special mention was made by the President, of the excellent work being done in this department by the Superintendent, Mrs Oliver. Delegates to the forthcoming District Convention were chosen. A hearty welcome was extended by the President to Mrs Reed, a former President of the Hawera branch.

#### TAURANGA.

April 23rd. Average attendance well sustained. President in chair. One new member welcomed and two visitors present. Our President, although suffering from a very heavy cold, was able to give us a most interesting account of her experiences in many places since our last meeting, our only regret being that she did not tell us more. The Band of Hope which recommences next month called forth a good deal of discussion. Mrs Bonthron promised a paper for our next meeting. Mrs Horn an address for June, and Mr Sheffield will give a paper in July. Refreshments were handed round.

#### PLEASANT POINT.

April 21st. Motion of Sympathy with Secretary on loss of her husband. Mrs R. Felton appointed acting Secretary; Mrs Boag's Itinerary proposed and discussed; L.T.L. is being carried on monthly; Mrs Felton reported on Executive Meeting in Timaru. Mrs Falconer's report of Annual Convention at Christchurch listened to with great interest and various points noted for own particular use.

#### DANNEVIRKE.

March 11th. Opening meeting; 8 members present. Miss Heaton presiding. Proposed to hold Garden Party to raise funds for the proposed new Frances Willard Home in Palmerston North.

April 7th. Meeting largely attended; we had the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by Mrs Wilson, our District President, who kindly came from Hastings to give us her impressions of the Convention held in Christchurch. We received splendid help and hope in the future to do more work for the Master, and make our meetings more helpful.

#### NELSON.

April 13th. Monthly meeting; Miss Atkinson presiding; Picton President welcomed as a visitor. Very interesting reports of Christchurch Convention given by Mrs Watson and Miss Cooke. Miss D. Smith appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Arrangements made for holding Home meetings in various parts of the town. Decided to have Jumble Sale on May 6th.

#### KAIAPOI.

April 28th. Fair attendance; President in the chair. In accordance with the request of Mrs Taylor, the members all repeated the Pledge. Mrs White, the Delegate for Convention gave a very interesting report of the business during the days that she was there,

and Mrs Vickery read the reports from the daily papers for the meetings that Mrs White could not attend.

#### CANVASTOWN.

April 20th. A meeting convened by members of the Rai Valley branch of the W.C.T.U., was held in the Anglican Church, Canvastown. Object: to inaugurate a branch of the W.C.T.U. in this district. Mrs Leov, President Rai Valley branch, presided. Explained object of meeting and of the W.C.T.U. generally. Decided to form branch to be known as Canvastown. Eight members initiated. Mrs Wm. Murray, President; Mesdames Lawson and Dinanti, Joint Vice-Presidents, and Mrs F. Flower, Secretary. Mrs Murray thanked the visitors for help and presence.

#### AUCKLAND.

April 13th. Mrs Cook presiding. Letter received from the People's Organisation of the Bible-in-Schools, Wellington asking the help of the members in their Campaign; all present were willing to assist. The Union is to take charge of a station on Poppy Day. Arrangements were made to supply a table at the W.C.T.U. Tea, when a farewell is to be tendered to Mesdames Lee-Cowie and Kaspar. Miss McCaul, a visitor from South Australia and a White Ribboner, was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Fulljames reported that she had just received an order for 500 badges to be sent to Nule Island; this was received with applause. Mesdames Cook and Dowling gave very interesting reports of the Christchurch Convention, and were heartily thanked. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a pleasant social time spent.

#### TE KUITI.

April 13th. Good attendance; Mrs Edgar presided. Mr J. Donnelly, Area Organiser, addressed the meeting urging the need of helpers for the Band of Hope. The President offered to secure the assistance asked for. Decided to procure twelve copies of Handbook. Report on Rest Room was given, and several accounts passed for payment. Decided to interest ourselves in the School Committee Election.

#### HAMILTON.

April 15th. Good attendance; Mrs Jones presided. We had the pleasure of listening to the report of the recent Convention. Mrs Jones first introduced Mrs Whatu, Delegate of the Maori Union lately formed at Frankton. Mrs Whatu described, in a pleasing manner, the very happy experiences of her first Convention; she was greatly helped and inspired by the devotional part of Convention, and earnestly hopes with God's help to impress and enlighten her Maori sisters with W.C.T.U. work. Then Sister Nicholls, who represented the Hamilton Union, gave a full and detailed account of the work done at Convention. Miss Ambury (Cradle Roll Superintendent) announced having enrolled the 101st baby. Mesdames Baillie and Moore served afternoon tea. A very hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to the speakers.

#### RAKAIA.

April 9th. Mrs Boag presided over good attendance. A "Bring and Buy" afternoon in aid of the funds of the South Canterbury Executive. Arrangements were made for the openings of the Rakaia and Rokeby Bands of Hope. The Secretary was asked to forward letters of sympathy to Mrs A. Oliver, Mrs A. Lee, and Mr and Mrs Field. Decided to ask Mrs Richards, of Christchurch, to address our next meeting on "Peace and Arbitration." An invitation was received from the Mothers' Union to attend an address by Sister Clark, of the Red Cross, on April 16th. Mrs Petrie, a visitor from the Spreydon Union was present, and spoke a few words to the meeting. Mrs Hopwood read a very comprehensive report of the recent Convention held in Christchurch, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

#### NORMANBY.

April 14th. Mrs Scott, President, in the chair; 14 members present, one new member initiated. Correspondence from Secretary; Bible in School Organisation dealt with. Seven ladies promising to sign membership cards and each to obtain signatures for seven more. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Bevan for her splendid report of the

Dominion Convention. Mrs Pohipi appointed Maori Superintendent. Afternoon tea served by Mrs Meull.

#### TIMARU.

April 27th. Large attendance. Motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs McIntyre was passed. Correspondence read from Mrs Norrie, President, with the encouraging news that she is feeling much better though she still has to keep quiet; from Mrs Birdsall, thanking Union for donation; from Mrs T. E. Taylor, containing thanks for good wishes, etc., and from the Secretary, Bible-in-Schools, Peoples' Organisation. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported enjoyable social afternoon at Rest. Twenty-four children and their mothers and entertainers present—Games, Music, Competitions, Afternoon Tea, and a short talk by the Reports—Two. Superintendent, filled the afternoon. Mrs Trott appealed to the meeting for a leader for the Y's, and Mrs Gordon kindly consented to take the position. Decided to have a rally on Monday, May 3rd, and get started again. Mrs Low, Peace and Arbitration Superintendent, gave an outline of the work of the League of Nations for the last half-year and explained the present unsatisfactory position. Hospital report given, and Sailors' Entertainment Committee formed. Two new members were initiated.

#### JOHNSONVILLE.

April 15th. An average attendance; report of Christchurch Convention was given by Mrs Hailiday. An unexpected visit was paid by Mrs Peryman, who was in the district. She spoke on the White Ribbon; the need of more subscribers, also words of encouragement and hope for the future. Her remarks were greatly appreciated, and gave us renewed hope. Afternoon tea was served, and an enjoyable meeting brought to a close.

#### SEDDON.

March 31st. A branch of the W.C.T.U. was formed. Mesdames McCallum, Smith, and Grigg, of the Blenheim Union were present to initiate officers and members. The afternoon was very wet, so the attendance was not large. Mrs Grigg read the rules and duties of officers. She also gave a helpful talk on the work of the Union. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Kimberly, The Vicarage; Vice-President, Mrs Gainsford; Secretary, Mrs R. Cameron; Treasurer, Mrs F. C. Hammond; White Ribbon Agent, Miss F. Cameron.

#### CHEVIOT.

April 10th. Mrs Ferguson presided, and gave some interesting facts about the recent Convention. A full account will be given at the next meeting. Resolved to start a Cradle Roll, of which Mrs Williams agreed to be Superintendent. The syllabus for the year was discussed, and it was resolved to hold some home meetings during the winter months.

#### BELFAST.

April 14th. President, Mrs Roxburgh, presided, and gave a very helpful talk on "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets." Report of Convention was given by the Delegate, Mrs W. Rogers. Decided to keep all notable Days. Peace Day, to be observed, May 17th; attendance only fair.

#### INVERCARGILL, SOUTH.

April 13th. Despite a drizzly rain the attendance was good. Mrs Garrett, President, in the chair, and Mrs Fairbairn, District President, led devotions. A letter was received from Bible-in-Schools League, asking for help to expedite and propagate their Organisation. The Bluff Union's 25th Birthday was attended by some of our members, who told of the success and enjoyment of that function. Much time was taken up by the Delegate's report on Convention, for which Mrs Reidy received a hearty vote of thanks. One new member was enrolled. Mrs Fairbairn spoke on the registration of Unions.

#### PETONE.

April. Mrs Cole, President, in the chair. Mr Slyfield gave a report of the "British Sailors' Society," and requested the help of the ladies present, in the selling of flags on