

## SPECIALS.

### W.C.T.U. SUNDAY SCHOOL. KAIMIRO.

It is with pleasure I report our Sunday School work again.

May 11th marks the second year of our work completed. We have much to thank God for. He has blessed us abundantly.

During the year we have had our regular Sunday School and the several extra regular services that we have undertaken, and each of the churches of Inglewood have taken their turn of giving service and help. We thank them all for their help.

Our Christmas service was made our prize-giving day, and the prizes given were of a very high class of book. This was made possible by the help of the people of the district.

Sunday, April 18th, was a "Special" day, it being our Harvest Festival. Our preacher was the Rev. Boyd, of the Presbyterian Church, Inglewood. We were able to forward to the New Plymouth Public Hospital over three sacks of vegetables, apples, and a small box of eggs.

As we enter upon the new year of our work, we do so with confidence in our Heavenly Father that His word shall go into the homes of the children, and bring forth fruit in the Great Harvest Home.

L.V.B.

### FAREWELL SOCIAL, NORTH INVERCARGILL.

An afternoon social was held at North Invercargill for the purpose of farewelling Mrs and Miss Hopkirk who are leaving for Wanganui. Four years ago Mrs Hopkirk, at the urgent request of the Central Union, became President of the newly-formed North Union, over which she has presided ever since.

The large number of ladies who attended the social gave some proof of the esteem in which these ladies have been held during their sojourn in the South. Apologies were also received, expressing regret for unavoidable absence. Mesdames Pryde, Burch, Hopkirk, Holmes, and Miss Langskail contributed a very pleasant musical programme.

When afternoon tea had been dispensed, Mrs Laytham presented Mrs Hopkirk with a beautifully fitted attache case, and Miss Hopkirk with an under-arm bag. Mrs Hopkirk, in re-

sponding, said the work had been a great pleasure to her. It was a great satisfaction to look back on four years' work with co-workers with whom there had not been a single hitch.

Mrs Fairbairn, President of the District Union, spoke with regret at losing Mrs Hopkirk's services. She particularly admired Mrs and Miss Hopkirk's willingness to help forward any cause for the public good.

Mrs Garrett (South Union) congratulated Mrs Hopkirk on the success of the North Union, especially on the number of members she had gained.

Mesdames Lillycrap, Walker and Pasley spoke in the same vein.

Mrs Wilcox briefly expressed the regret of the North Union at losing Mrs Hopkirk's services.

The singing of "God Be With You" and prayer by Mrs McKinnon closed a pleasant function.

### MOSGIEL.

March 18. "Garden Party" held in the Public Park, when the members of the W.C.T.U. entertained the children on the Cradle Roll and their mothers. The weather was on its best behaviour, and so it brought the mothers and babies out in large numbers. Afternoon tea was provided for all. The children ran races, played skipping rope, played ball, and the greatest amusement of all was the lollie and nut scatter, when children of all ages, from 16 years down, engaged in the struggle to see who would get most. Every boy and girl present, from eight years and under, received a gift. Our President (Mrs Bedford) spoke a few words to the mothers, bringing to a close a most enjoyable afternoon, leaving many happy recollections.

### VALEDICTORY.

A farewell tea was held in the Unity Hall, Queen Street, Auckland, on April 29th, to bid farewell to Mrs Lee-Cowie and her party, who are leaving for a six months' well-earned holiday in Honolulu; also to Mrs Kasper (District Recording Secretary), who with her husband, left by the Maunganui for eight months' tour of England. During the evening, solos and recitations were rendered by various friends.

On her arrival at the hall, Mrs Lee-Cowie was met by the District President (Mrs Benfell), and presented with a glorious bouquet of golden dahlias, zinnias and asparagus fern, all of which

were grown in the garden of Mrs Benfell, our beloved Dominion Treasurer.

The following toasts were received with musical honours:—"The King," "Our Guests," "New Zealand Alliance," "The Y Branches," and "The Band of Hope Union."

Mrs Lee-Cowie, the Misses Pyle, and Mrs Kasper were presented with boxes of chocolates covered with violets and tied with white ribbon. Mrs Lee-Cowie and the Misses Pyle, who have been such ardent workers for the Alliance, were presented with handsome travelling rugs.

The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You," and Mrs Cowie pronounced the Benediction.

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

April 12th. Besides the President and Secretary, six Adult Unions and two Y Unions were represented. Five visitors were also present.

Arrangements were made for the President to visit Fairlie, Pleasant Point, Totara Valley and Temuka.

In reply to a letter from N.Z. Alliance re delegate to Alliance Convention, it was decided to ask Miss Kirk to act as proxy, or to arrange for one.

Decided that a request be made for one of the Organisers to work among the Y Branches.

Mrs Roy, the Waimate delegate, promised to arrange for a paper on work among young people.

Afternoon tea dispensed by Timaru ladies.

### TARANAKI AND WANGANUI DISTRICTS.

The Annual Convention of the Taranaki and Wanganui Districts will be held in Inglewood next month. Public reception to delegates at 8 p.m., Tuesday, 8th June. Business sessions morning and afternoon of Wednesday, 9th June, to be followed by a public meeting in the evening, with musical items. Will delegates requiring hospitality kindly write to Mrs Burgess, Te Tawa, Inglewood, or telephone 66D., before June 2nd?

Do you know: That the world's annual expenditure on armament would support the League of Nations for 630 years?