

dent spoke briefly on the need of knowledge regarding Alcohol and its effects in the human body. Five new members were initiated.

#### ASHBURTON.

April 13th. Small attendance, Mrs W. H. Robinson, Presiding. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to the following in their recent bereavement:—Mr and Mrs D. Swanson, Riccarton; Mr and Mrs J. Moore, Mr G. W. Andrews and family, and Mr J. Gamble and family, New Brighton. The President very feelingly referred to the passing away of Mrs Andrews and Mrs Gamble, who did valiant work for the Master in every good cause, while health permitted. Sympathy was also expressed with Mesdames Norrie, Lall, and Watson. A communication was received from the "Bible in State Schools" League. Decided to assist as requested. Owing to the absence of both Delegates from Ashburton, a splendid report of Convention was submitted by the President, who was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Letters of appreciation to be sent to the Station-Master at Rakaiia, and to the Chairman of the Laghmore School Committee, for good work done in beautifying their surroundings.

May 4th. Mrs W. H. Robinson presided over a fair attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs D. Jones in the loss of her father, also with several members in sickness. A warm welcome was extended to Mrs J. Murdoch, Secretary Mayfield Union, also to Mrs Bennett, Winchmore. Miss Wilkie wrote giving personal impressions of her first Convention, which was much enjoyed. President reported on a meeting of S.C. District Executive, held in Timaru, on April 12th. A brief and encouraging report on Annual Meeting of Ashburton branch of New Zealand Alliance was also submitted. Mrs F. Hocking and Mrs Corbett appointed to represent Union on No-license Council. Decided to hold a Drawing-room gathering on May 18th, to be addressed by Mrs Boag, Rakaiia, and social afternoon on White Ribbon Day, inviting Miss Cook, Missionary, from China as speaker. Vote of thanks passed to the three ladies who made wreaths for the Union on Anzac Day. An extract on "Ideas and Ideals" inculcating world peace and happier relations between nations, in the training of boys was read, and heartily approved of.

#### RAWENE.

April 29th. A very enjoyable gathering held at Mrs Johnson's house. We were pleased to welcome a visitor in the person of Mrs Goodall who brought to us greetings from the Whangarei Union, which we most heartily reciprocate. Mrs Goodall gave us an interesting report of the Convention. Another visitor, Mrs Bailey, who has since promised to join us in membership, gave us a very good solo.

#### HENDERSON.

April 21st. Presided over by Mrs Platt, Mrs McLeod, of Epsom, gave an interesting report of the Convention and the time spent there. Decided to attend the tea given to farewell Mrs Lee-Cowie and friends. Our meeting in May is to be held in Forester's Hall, when we hope to have Mrs Peryman with us. Every member urged to attend and make the meeting as widely known as possible. Afternoon tea was served.

#### DEVONPORT.

April 14th was our Annual meeting. Twenty members present. The various reports were read showing an improvement on the last year's figures and work. The following Officers were elected:—Mrs Florrie Finch, President; Mrs Burnett, Mrs Lamont, Vice-President; Mrs Trevurza, Rec. Sec; Mrs Fraser, Treasurer; Mrs Watson, White Ribbon Agent; Miss Bishop, Cradle Roll Superintendent. Arrangements were made for our share in the District Tea to be held at the end of the month. A social was arranged for May. Various ladies arranged to provide items and afternoon tea each month for the year. One new member initiated.

#### LEIGH.

March. Small attendance, President in the chair. Mrs Hamilton of Warkworth, wrote asking the Leigh Union to join in an attempt to get a Plunket Nurse to visit the district at regular intervals; interesting

discussion followed. Mrs Gozar read a paper entitled "A husband and happiness," which was fully enjoyed.

April 29th. Mrs Grigg presided over a fair attendance, one visitor present. Mrs Hamilton's letters re Plunket Nurse work were again read and further discussed. Proposed that Mrs Matheson call a public meeting to ascertain the opinions of the residents on the subject. Resolved to send a parcel of clothing to Major Annie Gordon for her poor families. Mrs Grigg read a paper entitled, "A pair of old shoes," which was much appreciated.

#### NORTH EAST VALLEY.

April 29th. A good attendance of members. The President, Mrs Peart, referred to Anzac Day, speaking sympathetically of those who had lost relatives in the war. Several ladies agreed to obtain signatures and distribute cards in connection with the Bible-in-Schools Movement. Mrs Blamires gave a very interesting address entitled, "The Wings of Life," and showed how people could be helped and uplifted by using the wings of "Faith, Hope, Love, and Imagination," and gave some very interesting experiences from her own life. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Lecturer.

#### RAI VALLEY.

April 7th. Meeting held in Cariuke Church, 9 members present. Mrs Woodward, Convention Delegate, gave an interesting account of her visit to the Convention. Miss F. Woodward, who has been Secretary of the branch since its inception tendered her resignation as she is leaving the district. Mrs Leov, President, spoke in appreciation of Miss Woodward's services as Secretary. Decided that all members who were able should journey to Canvastown during the month, and assist in forming a branch there.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

April 29th. Meeting at Mrs C. Dixon's residence with the object in view of forming a branch of the W.C.T.U. in North Brighton. Mrs H. Hall outlined the work of the Union, and Miss B. Harband also spoke and moved that: The time had arrived when a branch of the W.C.T.U. should be formed in North Brighton. Decided to hold meetings on the 2nd Thursday in the month, and the following are the Officers elected:—President, Miss B. M. Harband; Secretary, Mrs R. Parker; Treasurer, Mrs J. F. Eames.

April 15th. The President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair, and the attendance poor. Miss Harband's talk on Scientific Temperance Instruction again proving interesting and helpful. Members repeated the Temperance Pledge. Motions of sympathy were passed to Mr J. Gamble and Mrs Patchett. Decided to assist the Bible-in-Schools Peoples' Organisation. Reports of the Annual Convention were very good, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Delegates. One new member was initiated.

#### GORE.

April. The President, Mrs E. C. Smith, presided over a good attendance. The evening was most interesting in consequence of Mrs Fairburn's comprehensive report of the late Dominion Conference. The particular interest to the Gore branch was the presentation of the banner for gaining the largest proportion of new members during the year. This is the second time the honour has been conferred upon us, and we trust it will act as a stimulus to greater effort. Several very acceptable vocal solos were rendered by Mrs Hazlett, the evening closing with supper.

#### WAIMATE.

April. Mrs Roy presiding over twenty-two members. The Union has lost three members since last meeting, two by death, viz., Mrs Hayes and Mrs Archer; the members showed their sympathy by standing in silence. Mrs Nind has left the district. Nine ladies responded to an appeal from the B.I.S.P.O. to each canvass for seven others. The same ladies are willing to carry on with Hospital Visiting for another month. Mrs O'Brien, our Delegate to Convention, brought back a splendid report which was much appreciated by everyone present. Our President suggested that we might see our way to help with the Band of Hope which is really the starting point of the W.C.T.U. A few members who have been absent for some time through sickness were welcomed

back. Miss McCartney gave a solo, "My Task."

#### WARKWORTH.

April 29th. Correspondence was read from Mrs Taylor concerning girls' cigarette smoking. She said that although no legislation had so far been passed to prevent girls' smoking it could be done, quite consistently. A number of letters and telegrams were read concerning the Plunket Nurse work. Mrs Phillips gave some interesting information concerning Sir Henry Lunn.

#### HASTINGS.

March 24th. Mrs Banks in chair; Cadet Hoare, of the Salvation Army, conducted devotions. Mrs Wilson reported doings of Convention, and gave a brief summary of the resolutions passed. Mrs Paul reported Cradle Roll afternoon held, thirty mothers' present. Eight new members on the Cradle Roll. The Secretary reported that the Garden Party held at Mrs Nicol's had been very successful when £7 10s. had been raised by sale of sweets, cakes, afternoon tea, etc.

April 22nd. Good attendance, President, Mrs Banks, in the chair. Devotional address given by Mrs Sutherland, "In touch with Jesus." Every member brought a magazine for Backblock distribution, and an old pair of stockings to make singlets for Mrs Don's contribution for sick Indian children. Pledge was repeated. Paper read on "Alcohol in Patent Medicines."

#### INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

April 13th. The President gave an interesting and comprehensive report of Convention. Re-Membership Campaign. Decided to give a trophy in form of a gold bow on the "Life of Frances Willard" to the member securing the most new members in the time specified. The branch also decided to take part in the Poppy Day Collections. The sum of one quinea was donated as an Easter Gift to the Women and children in the Southland Hospital. Arrangements were made for a Jumble Sale on 5th May. Letters of condolence were sent to three of our members on the death of their Mother.

#### MAUNGATUROTO.

April 22nd. Seven members present; decided to hold our meetings third Wednesday in month instead of fourth Thursday, as that day suits most members best. Our next meeting will be a "Pay Up" social afternoon on 19th May, as that is the month our branch was opened. All members asked to collect articles of clothing to be forwarded to Sister Eleanor at an early date.

#### TEMPLETON.

April 27th. President presided over a fair attendance. Decided to give help to those who are in trouble in the district. Afternoon tea was handed round by the ladies. A very pleasant afternoon was then brought to a close with the benediction. Members of the Templeton W.C.T.U. have arranged to provide afternoon tea for the Templeton football players. Have already provided for two matches. We received a letter from the Secretary of the Football Club, thanking us for our kind offer. We held our first Band of Hope on April 1st, it being a great success although it was a wet night.

#### RANGIORA.

March 30th. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. An address on "The effects of alcohol on the human body" given by Dr. O'Brien at the Convention was read. The President announced that the Southbrook branch of the Loyal Temperance Legion had held its first meeting for the year. Decided to hold Peace Day on the day of the usual monthly meeting in May. Mrs Thwaites read the report of the Annual Convention, closing with a brief extract from the presidential address.

#### NEW PLYMOUTH.

April 14th. Special meeting. Delegate's report from Convention. The President, Mrs X. Jones, occupied the chair. Mrs Chapman, after thanking the Union for electing her as Delegate, gave a most comprehensive and faithful account of the work carried on from day to day at Convention. At the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was