

## W.C.T.U. CRECHE BALANCE

## SHEET.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Donations .. ..	118	0	6
Proceeds from Concert	51	19	6
Payments for Infants	184	17	0
Donation Box ..	21	6	5
Sale of Furniture ..	31	15	0
Incidental Payments ..	2	10	6
Interest .. ..	4	10	10
	£414	19	9

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Furnishing .. ..	76	15	7
Miss Young's Salary ..	55	0	0
Cleaning .. ..	15	10	0
Triplicate Tickets ..	7	18	10
Tea, Milk, Sugar, Butter, and Biscuits	5	11	8
Safety Pins .. ..	18	0	0
Creche Sign .. ..	17	6	0
Photo and Block for White Ribbon ..	1	9	0
Advertising .. ..	4	16	0
Souvenirs .. ..	1	1	6
Stamps and Stationery	1	0	0
Incidental Expenses ..	5	0	11
Reimbursements ..	20	5	0
Balance .. ..	218	15	9
	£414	19	9

Elizabeth Macartney,  
Treasurer.

Examined and found Correct.

Donald Henderson, J.P.

## THE W.C.T.U. CRECHE AT THE DUNEDIN EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of the White Ribbon,  
Dear Madam,

The receipt by me this day of the sum of £218 15s. 9d. for the Organizing Fund, being the net proceeds of the Creche conducted by the Dunedin Unions at the Exhibition, deserves more than a formal acknowledgment to the Union principally concerned. It is a splendid object lesson and tangible evidence of the work that can be accomplished by our women for women and children. Apart from the advertisement that it has given to the work of our Union, it has been a boon to many weary mothers, and a source of many hours of restful happiness to the little ones who were so tenderly cared for. All

this was rendered possible through the unswerving loyalty and voluntary service of many of the members of the local Unions, whose devotion failed not, in sacrifice of time and effort to make the undertaking a success. Special mention may be well given to Mrs Macartney and Miss Webb, whose efforts were ably seconded by many others. I believe they will feel that the work itself was its own reward, but none the less our Union owes to all of them a deep debt of gratitude for the splendid work of which the amount hereby acknowledged is one result. The other will, we feel sure, be an abiding memory of happiness, and a deeper sympathy with our work, on the part of many who have been helped.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.  
9th June, 1926.

## A PEEP AT THE W.C.T.U. CRECHE.

(By a North Island Visitor.)

There is no doubt that the W.C.T.U. Creche at the Dunedin Exhibition was a great success. Not only did it fulfil its object of taking care of babies and little children while their mothers were busy seeing the sights of the Exhibition, but it provided an interesting and instructive "side show" for the public at large.

The creche building, with its roomy verandahs and cosy interior, was filled to overflowing with tiny tots, but the front verandah had always a crowd of sightseers gazing at the cheerful scene through the large French windows. I was one of the sightseers myself, and can testify that it was a sight worth seeing. There were cots and crawling pens, comfortable little chairs, comfortable big chairs, little tables, rocking horses and toy prams, and, above all, a warm, cheerful fire, and a cosily carpeted floor. On the floor and in the pens were dear crawling babies; in the cots were dear sleeping babies, and on the carpeted floor were dear toddling babies. On one side of the netted-in verandah toddlers were racing about with toys of every description; on the other side verandah, also netted in, were go-carts and perambulators galore, with their loads of bonnie babies. Leading from the north verandah was a sandy play-

ground, securely fenced in, where the larger toddlers were having a real good time.

But this was not all that met the gaze of the sightseer. The best sight of all was the faithful body of White Ribboners taking care of this army of babies and toddlers. They showed themselves born mothers and nurses, and they must have become real experts by the time the Exhibition closed. Most of them could keep two sets of babies quiet at one time. "You are quite expert with these two go-carts," I said to a charming White Ribbon sister through the wire-netting of the verandah. "Oh, this is nothing," she said. "I can wheel two go-carts and carry a baby in my arms too." "Are you often as busy as this?" I said to another. "Oh! we don't call this busy; we have had as many as 118 babies here in a day, and we've only had about seventy to-day." "Seventy babies!" Just think of it, ye mothers, who find two or three a handful! Yet when I looked into the main room I could see nothing but smiles on the faces of the helpers, and there must have been scores of babies in their charge that afternoon.

Generally the babies were good, and smiling too, but one day, about noon, it seemed as if a hundred were crying at once. Of course there wasn't a hundred babies there, but it seemed like it! Their shouts and wails almost drowned the noises of Amusement Park, but still the ladies in charge kept serene and smiling, and doubtless, when dinner arrived, the babies became serene and smiling too!

It was gratifying to listen to the remarks of the sightseers on the front verandah. "Well! that is a real useful Christian work," said one. "I never saw anything like it before; everything is done for mothers nowadays." "Do you mean to say these ladies come here day after day and mind these babies for nothing?" Yet another said, "When I was young I had to look after my babies myself, no one did it for me; mothers are lucky nowadays."

Yes, it was good and kind of the Dunedin White Ribboners to organise and carry the work through, especially do we think it wonderful when we remember that it was not a six days' or a six weeks' effort, but it had to be kept going for six whole months. Also, a tribute must be paid to the many helpers young and old, who are not yet