



SAILORS' REST, TIMARU, OPENED BY LORD JELlicOE.

The following short account of its beginning and history was furnished by the Secretary:—

Timaru Union had for years had visions of building a new Sailors' Rest, and started a fund in a small way, till, by annual accumulations, it reached £550. Then it was felt that the psychological moment had arrived. Looking back, it seems as if the onward movement were divinely inspired, for a public meeting was held in March, 1923, actual collecting began in July, and in August, 1924, a thanksgiving service was held in the new building, opened free of debt, and every penny promised paid up. From the start everything simply forged ahead. One member of the Committee was able to give a full fortnight of his time, and he took lady members of the Committee all over the country in his car. Another attended to finance and advertising. Another put everything on a solid legal basis. Two members interviewed a leading architect to advantage, and so on, till enthusiasm grew with the growing fund. The whole ended in a grand finale, when the departing Governor, Lord Jellicoe, declared the building open in the presence of practically the whole town and surrounding country.

The Committee work ceaselessly in conjunction with the caretakers, Mr and Mrs Woodward. Crews of oversea ships are entertained, Sunday teas provided, short services held, musical and vocal entertainments given. From all parts of the world sailors write to Mrs Norrie knowing her motherly heart is ever interested in their welfare, and they speak feelingly of the welcome and the loving care given them at The Rest.

Once a year an appeal is made to the

public for funds. It takes the form of a Daffodil Day Street Appeal. The following extracts from the Timaru papers, directing attention to the appeal, bear eloquent tribute to the work of the Rest:—

"Once a year the organisation responsible for the control and management of the Timaru Sailors' Rest—a haven for the homeless seafarer, which has earned for Timaru a place in the hearts of all seamen—makes an appeal



OVERSEAS CREW ENTERTAINED AT PICNIC IN TIMARU DOMAIN LAST EASTER.