

the Willard Home. Decided to hold annual Garden Party on October 29th. Mrs Hopwood read a very full and interesting report of the Summer Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. She was also congratulated by those present upon being appointed Secretary for South Canterbury. President reported last Executive meeting in Timaru, also having visited the Fairlie Union. Afternoon tea was served.

CHEVIOT.

October 6. Fair attendance. President read a very interesting account of the Convention at New Brighton. Arrangements were made for a "Bring and Buy" Social Afternoon, to be held early in November. After some points of interest had been discussed, the meeting closed with the Benediction and afternoon tea.

OTAHUHU.

November 4. The President, Mrs Greenwood, occupied the chair. Mrs Redshaw gave a paper on the League of Nations and its work, which was most interesting. Several questions were asked afterwards; this brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

TE KUITI.

October 12. Annual meeting. Large attendance of members, and keen interest was evinced in the various matters. The meeting expressed its sorrow and sense of loss at the passing away of the late President, Mrs Edgar, all standing in reverent silence. Messages of sympathy from several Unions, and together with the local expression, to be forwarded to the friends of the late President. Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, said she regarded it a privilege to be present. She had heard from time to time of the work of the Te Kuiti Union, and of the wonderful energy of the late President. She regretted the loss to the Local Union, and to the Dominion, of such an efficient Officer. Annual report read by the Secretary, Mrs Elliott. Mesdames Hill and Hardy, and Miss Sutherland were appointed to Rest Room Committee. The election of Officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Strand; Vice-President, Mrs Owens; Secretary, Mrs Elliott (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs Cole; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Wilton; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Hill. Miss McLay gave an eloquent and impressive address, basing her remarks on Nehemiah's account of the repairing of the Wall of Jerusalem. She said that in the protective walls of society, there were similar breaches through which the worst enemies of national righteousness were urging their forces. The four breaches most potent for evil were: Drinking, Gambling, Sabbath, Desecration, and lack of Bible Teaching in schools. The Union stood solidly for the repairing of this damage. Vocal items were rendered as follows:—Mrs Owen, "Down the Vale;" Mrs Dobson, "When the Heart is Young;" Miss Rutledge, "The Little Coon's Prayer;" Mrs Elliott playing the accompaniments. Six new members were received by initiation, Miss McLay conducting the ceremony. Afternoon tea was served.

WANGANUI EAST.

October. Mrs Duxfield presided; three new members were added to the roll. Decided that the annual "Pay Up" Social be held on November 4th. A Sale of cakes, produce, etc., is to be held in St. Alban's Hall, on the afternoon of Saturday, November 20th. A collection was taken up for the Sailor's Rest, New Plymouth, and it was decided to devote part of the proceeds of the Sale to this work. Letter of sympathy to Mrs Caird. The President read a paper on "Let us be discouraged" which was much appreciated.

November. "Pay Up" Social; Mrs Duxfield occupied the chair. Cuttings sent by Mrs J. Walker, from San Francisco, reported the re-election of Mrs Ella A. Boole, of Brooklyn, as President of the National W.C.T.U., then holding its fifty-second Convention at Los Angeles, with a gathering of 3,000 delegates, representing 600,000 members. Mrs Boole said that a membership of a million was aimed at to meet the "most insidious propaganda movement in the history of the United States." She declared that this propaganda movement was organised and backed by the Association against the Prohibition Amendment, and

aimed to create dissatisfaction with the law. Final arrangements were made for the sale of goods in St. Alban's Hall, on Saturday, November 20th. After business, all enjoyed a social chat and a cup of tea. Mrs J. Wright with a solo, "Eventide," and Miss Elaine Gill with a recitation, "Bobolink," added greatly to the enjoyment of all. As the next meeting, December 9th, will be the Annual Meeting with Election of Officers, a full attendance is hoped for.

HAWERA.

October 14. A most successful Concert to celebrate "Maori Day." Songs, recitations. A bag-pipe selection and piano-forte duet were given by friends, also two anthems by Methodist Choir, all being much enjoyed. Rev. Curran then gave a short address, urging the advisability of abolishing the liquor traffic for the sake of the native people. The missionaries found a great difficulty in their work, owing to the smuggling of drink into the settlements. Absolute prohibition was the only solution. The speaker pointed out that there were colleges for training the Maori, in several parts of the North Island, but in Taranaki there was nothing. Mrs Exley who presided, thanked Mr Curran for his address, the performers who had responded so willingly, also Mrs Hayward and Mrs Ollerenshaw, who had organised the concert. Members of the Union provided light supper for the performers.

October 29. Mrs Exley presided; nineteen present. Decided to devote part of proceeds of Concert to Local Maori work, and also to assist "Seamen's Rest" Building Fund in New Plymouth. Our President urged that members do their utmost to obtain new subscribers for the White Ribbon. Decided to hold "Pay Up Social" on November 22nd. Mrs Shackelton gave a very interesting report on the progress made with the L.T.L., the children taking a great interest, all working hard for a "Cantata," to be given on November 11th.

MAORI UNIONS.

OTUREI.

October 27. Meeting of Oturei W.C.T.U. every last Wednesday of the month. Kahui te roopu Karaitiana ki roto kite whare karakia ite toru karaka. Tuatahi ka whaka paretia ete Heamana Mrs J. Walters. Himene No. 40, i muri iho ite himene kote inoi ate Ariki. Tuarua katu to Hekeretari a Mrs E. Tahana, kite panui ite meneti. Tuatoru ka korero Rev Griffin, ite 15 nga Upoko Hoani a mete haerenga mai ote Karaiti kite ao. Tua wha katu te heamana Mrs J. Walters, kite whakapal ite kauwhau ate minita amete hari ao ote roopu itana haere nga mai kite arihi inga tikanga ote roopu karaitiana kite hapal ao hoki ite ara tika monga tamariki kawhakamutua e Rev. Griffin, Himene No. 656, Sankey.

On Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, the meeting of Oturei W.C.T.U. was held in Mrs J. Walters', President's home, was opened by Mrs Fulljames, and gave out the hymns and pronounced the Benediction, and all joined in singing No. 66. This Convention opened by speeches, congratulations, etc., continued, and she also read the 1st Chapter of St. John among the Maori Sisters, and heartily thanking the warm reception bestowed by every member this afternoon. Compliment on behalf of foreign Union was given by Mrs Fulljames, which was gratefully received. Mrs J. Walters, President, welcomed the attendance of Mrs Fulljames and Mrs Hodges, Vice-President, on behalf of the Union. Another hymn was sung, and the meeting was closed by Mrs Fulljames with prayer.

POUTO.

Monday, October 11th at 7 p.m. The organising of the Pouto "Women's Christian Temperance Union" took place in the school room. Mrs Fulljames took the chair, and the meeting was opened by the Maori Choir. Mrs Fulljames delivered a very interesting address on the W.C.T.U. work. Quite a number of the members were present. White Ribbon Bows, brooches and W.C.T.U. cards were presented by Mrs Fulljames. Mrs Tautuhi, President, closed meeting by saying the Lord's Prayer.

October 30. President, Mrs Tautuhi, opened meeting with prayers, extracts from W.C.T.U. works. Fair attendance. All

members of W.C.T.U. were present with the exception of two. Vice-President, Mrs M. Kena, announced subscriptions towards Church windows, seconded by Treasurer and member, passed by President. Vice-President closed meeting with prayers.

TAKAPUNA.

October 12. Mrs Penning in the chair. Mrs Guy Thornton gave a very interesting account of some women of England she had met during her husband's and her Evangelistic work; notably, Miss Darling, of Darling's Hotel, Edinburgh. The most prominent W.C.T.U. worker in Scotland, Mrs Barclay, who, when she heard she came from New Zealand, sent her love to her New Zealand readers. Annie Swan was known and loved all over England. Mrs Thornton was listened to with very great interest, and at its conclusion a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to her. There was a very good attendance.

November 4. Mrs Penning in the chair. Mrs Penning announced that she was retiring and would not stand for President again. The annual reports were read by the retiring Officers. Mrs Morgan Richards was elected President; Mrs Lewis, Secretary; Mrs McLeod, Recording Secretary; Mrs Winstone, Cradle Roll; Mrs Morgan, White Ribbon Agent; Miss Piper, Treasurer. Some musical items were much enjoyed, and afternoon tea was served. A splendid attendance.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

November 5. Mrs Young, President, presided over a good attendance, it being a Pay-Up Social Afternoon. Report read by Mrs Doreen, delegate to Area Convention, New Zealand Alliance, on October 25th. Mrs Doreen was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Musical items, etc., were given by Misses Tyllie, Collins, Lorna Ferguson. Afternoon tea was handed round by Ladies' Committee. Collection taken up for New Zealand Funds. A very helpful and pleasant afternoon.

FEILDING.

October 7. Annual Cradle Roll Social; good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs Martin and Miss Watt appointed delegates to New Zealand Alliance Labour Day Rally at Palmerston North. Mrs Miller read some extracts from a very interesting book, on the Care and Upbringing of Children. Songs were given by Misses Spence and Walton; recitations by Joan Cade and Del Trass.

November 4. Annual meeting; small attendance; President in chair. An apology was received from Mrs Hooper, who is suffering from illness. We had with us a visitor from Scotland, Mrs Cheyne, who told us something of Temperance work in that country. All former officers re-elected.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

October 20. Meeting well-attended. Mr Griffen attended and promised the use of his verandah for the L.T.L. meetings at Trentham, during the summer months; also his assistance in carrying on the work so well begun. Members promised to send literature to help in the work. Letter received from the National Council of Women, re the re-affiliation of the Union with that body. It was resolved not to affiliate. The President gave an interesting account of the District Union held at Masterton, and also urged members to watch carefully the developments in connection with the "Amended Child Welfare Act," also the "Domestic Court." Decided to hold the Cradle Roll Party on the afternoon of November 18th, and the annual meeting on the evening of the same day.

FOXTON.

October. Social afternoon on behalf of the Willard Home. The attendance was good, and quite a number of parcels of clothing, bottles of jam, etc., were received; also donations of money. It was agreed that a delegate be appointed to attend District Executive. A very enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the Benediction.

RAI VALLEY.

October. 11 members present. Report of the Blenheim Convention by Miss Leav, and correspondence dealing with representations sent forward by the Union regarding Licen-