

was extended to Mrs W. T. Lill (Ex-Pres.) and pleasure expressed at her return to a measure of health and strength. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs A. Amos, for the splendid work done by her as Treasurer during the past year. The Area Organiser for the New Zealand Alliance was present, and spoke on what had been done during the past year in connection with the Band of Hope Movement, and outlined plans for future work. With a vote of thanks to the speaker, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

LEIGH.

Jan. A very enjoyable meeting at Mrs Grigg's residence; fair attendance. Mrs Grigg kindly dispensed afternoon tea. Officers elected are:—Mrs Grigg, President; Mrs Gozar, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs D. A. Matheson, Vice-President; Mrs J. C. Wyatt, "W.R." Agent; Miss Rowena Matheson, Cradle Roll Supt.; Mrs J. Torkington, Reporter. A branch of the L.T.L. has recently been organised in Leigh, with a membership of about twenty, and the members thereof spend many enjoyable evenings.

Jan. 13. A combined Picnic of the Cradle Roll and L.T.L. was held on Mr Gozar's Beach, where a most delightful day was spent. Over ninety people assembled, and the function was a wonderful success. There were prizes given for races and various sports. The promoters worked really hard, and deserve all praise for their efforts. Luncheon and tea were spread out on a grassy spot, and all did full justice to the sumptuous fare provided. After tea, the Rev Grigg gave a speech and distributed the prizes. Mr Milligan also spoke, praising the organisations that were training the boys and girls to be good citizens.

WELLINGTON.

Feb. 3. First meeting of the year, Mrs Mowlem presided. The election of Superintendents resulted as follows:—Vice-Presidents Mesdames Evans, M.A., Chisholm, and wives of ministers in the district; Evangelistic, Mrs Murray; Press, Mrs Evans; Cradle Roll, Mrs Logan; Flower Mission, Miss E. Boxall; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Evans; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Free; "White Ribbon," Mrs Brierly; Scattered Members, Mrs Chisholm; Railway Boxes, Mrs Brierly. A preliminary notice was received re the District Executive, to be held at Lower Hutt next week, so that this Union may be represented by delegates. A recitation was given by Mrs Keene, and songs were rendered by Mesdames Bott and Patience, Miss E. Webb (A.T.C.L.) acting as accompanist. As this Union was registered under the provisions of the Unclassified Societies' Registration Act 1895, by the name of the Wellington Christian Temperance Union of Wellington (registered), in future the word South will not be added, as it would alter the registration.

COLLINGWOOD.

A branch of the W.C.T.U. was formed by Miss Buris in October last, with a membership of 30, including 3 honorary members. Following are the Officers elected:—President, Mrs Jamieson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Ribbon Agent, Mrs Schurr. Meetings held Treasurer, Miss Elsie J. Walker; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Schutt. Meetings held for present in Presbyterian Church Hall, last Friday in month. November meeting, very stormy weather, attendance poor. January meeting attendance still poor; decided that owing to District being so wide, we would hold next month's meeting at Rockville, thus hoping to secure a greater attendance, and put our Union on a better footing.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 4. First meeting of the year; Mrs Young presided over a good attendance. Mrs Chittenden was elected delegate to District Executive at Lower Hutt. Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Doreen were chosen delegates for the Dominion Convention. The Temperance fact for the month was as follows:—London Punch has decided not to accept any more liquor advertisements when their present contracts have run out.

BLLENHEIM.

Feb. 1. Meeting held in Presbyterian Hall. Nine members present, and Mrs W. Grigg presided in the absence of the President. A

motion of sympathy passed to Mrs Smith in the serious illness of her daughter. Mrs J. C. Wilson appointed delegate to Convention. Garden Party arranged for 23rd February, at the residence of Mrs Girling, in aid of Union Funds. Letter received from Mrs Peryman re White Ribbon, urging members to make the paper known to others. Splendid paper on Anti-Gambling by Mrs Lill was read, and several points and questions discussed. Helpful meeting closed with Benediction.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Feb. 1. Good attendance. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a very interesting talk about the success of No-License in several towns in Scotland. Churches, Clubs, and Charity Institutions had money to improve their buildings which before was spent on drink. In Honolulu, where she spent 4 months (this Island of Hawaii belongs to the U.S.A., and has been dry for seven years) only one drunken man was seen, and he was a Maori who had fallen on hard times. Houses near the water-front which were dens of iniquity before Prohibition were turned into Mission Houses. Thirty-five thousand new W.C.T.U. members have been added to our ranks since America went dry. Congratulations are extended to Miss Runciman and Sister Nora, both members of our Union, who have been elected Justices of the Peace, also Mrs Leach, Secretary of the League of Nations. Regret expressed that Miss Nicol, White Ribbon Agent, has resigned. Mrs Blakely was elected with Miss K. Thompson, a Y. member, as assistant. Two visitors from Australia were welcomed, and two new members initiated. A letter was read from Miss Anna Gordon.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Feb. 9. The first general meeting, Miss Henderson presiding over a very good attendance. Mrs Wicks read several Medical Temperance facts. Miss Henderson extended words of congratulation to Mrs T. E. Taylor on being appointed Justice of the Peace, and stated that five women had been appointed in Christchurch, three being members of the W.C.T.U. Mrs McCombs and Mrs Herbert also received words of congratulation. Miss Gordon was welcomed back to the Union after her absence for some months in Wellington. The balance sheet was read by Mrs Richards, the Treasurer, and proved very satisfactory, showing a credit balance of £45 16s. Mrs Suckling was appointed delegate to Convention. Miss Blackwell was welcomed back to her old position as Superintendent of Good Citizenship, and was also appointed Bible-in-Schools Superintendent. Miss Blackwell reported that she had seen Miss Dawes, Secretary to the Fresh Air Schools League; some literature had been given and more is to be sent for distribution by the members to widen the interest in the Schools. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs Stewart, who is at present suffering from a serious illness in Christchurch Public Hospital. Mrs Richards was thanked for stenciling the new curtains, and other members for cleaning the rooms and furniture.

OXFORD.

Jan. 19. First meeting of the year; President in the chair. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with Mesdames P. Tritt and D. Morris in their bereavements; also with Miss Solman whose house was recently destroyed by fire. Reference was made to the passing away of Lady Truby King, who so ably seconded Sir Truby in his efforts for the welfare of New Zealand babies. Election of Officers resulted in the present Officers retaining their positions, with the addition of Miss Waterman as Assistant Superintendent of Home Meetings. Miss Campbell was appointed Superintendent of Flower Missions in place of Mrs Jamieson, who is leaving the district. Regret was expressed at losing Mr and Mrs Jamieson, as both had always been ready to do what they could to help on the work. Decided to organise Home Meetings, from time to time, in the outlying parts of the district.

MASTERTON.

Feb. 3. First meeting of the year and very good attendance. Mesdames J. Cocker and S. Smith appointed to represent the Union at the District Executive Meeting. Miss Jackson appointed Union's delegate to Dominion Convention at Auckland. Look-Out Committee appointed to assist W.R. Agent in special effort to increase circulation

of "White Ribbon." Decided to hold a "Shop Day" first Wednesday in April. Afternoon tea served by Mrs McIver, and items given by Miss Jackson and Mrs S. Smith.

RAETIHI.

Feb. 9. Mrs Sandford presiding. Mrs Duxfield, the District President, gave a very helpful and interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U., stressing the various departments of work which the Union might take up; she also asked the support of this branch towards the forwarding of a Monster Petition to Parliament, urging the granting of a two-issue ballot paper. Mrs Duxfield also stated the need of National Headquarters, and the members promised support. After Miss Levy had sung a solo, Mrs Keuche read a poem of Flora Klickman's, which touched many hearts. Mrs Fred Pedersen proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for her very able address. A dainty afternoon tea was served, after which the meeting closed.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Feb. 8. After nine years of successive and valuable service, and an absence of 2 years, Mrs Pasley was re-elected and welcomed to the Presidential chair, and presided over a good attendance. The new Syllabus was submitted and approved. The Treasurer, Nurse Griffiths, presented the balance sheet and received a hearty vote of thanks, as also did those who worked at the Tea and Rest Rooms on Show Day, Mrs Fairbairn receiving special mention for carrying out the lion's share of the work. Announced that a public meeting is to be called in February, in Knox Hall, to consider the holding of a Carnival to augment the Building Fund of the new Temperance Hall. Nurse Griffiths as delegate to Convention. Leave of absence was granted Miss MacCallum, Rec. Secretary, and her sister for nine months, to enable them to take a trip to the Homeland. Mrs Dewe to act as Rec. Secretary, and Mrs McKinnon, Evangelical Superintendent. It was Frances Willard Day, and Mrs Pasley gave an effective sketch on the life and work of the great Temperance Founder, vividly showing that self-sacrifice was the dominant note in that noble woman's career.

WAIMATE.

Good attendance at opening meeting for year 1927. Mrs Roy in the chair. Correspondence received from Mrs Peryman, re White Ribbon. It is hoped that the methods suggested for using our organ to further the work, and extend the influence of the W.C.T.U. may be adopted by our branch as interest deepens. Mrs Klippenberger elected delegate to Convention. Mrs Harrison, Lower High Street, appointed Treasurer, Mrs Alty, Waituna, as Assistant Collector. Mrs Klippenberger's motion that a remit bearing on the question of supplying female shop-assistants with seats be forwarded to Convention was seconded by Mrs R. B. Hurst and carried. The League of Nations' literature was handed over to the Secretary for distribution, who pointed out that the W.C.T.U. in its preamble of Constitution, supported the ideal of total disarmament. Mrs Simpson, who acted also as Organist, then read an admirable paper written by Miss Powell, bearing on the aims and ideals of the W.C.T.U. Refreshments served.

*Why not adopt the methods, and thus deepen the interest.—(Ed. W.R.)

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