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INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Apr. A well-attended meeting presided over by Mrs Pasley. An effective solo sung by Miss Simon (accompanied by Mrs Parker) made a pleasant prelude to a very full and comprehensive report on Convention, recently held in Auckland, given by the delegate (Nurse Griffiths). Much interest was evinced by those present at the quantity and quality of work done at Convention, and the desire of Temperance workers to do all they can in the interests of the community. It was intimated that the 1928 Convention would meet in Napier. The delegate (Nurse Griffiths) received a hearty vote of thanks for her extensive report. Mrs Pasley paid a courteous tribute to the Borough Council for the help they had given Temperance Union workers in the work in connection with the new Rest Room, just recently opened in Invercargill.

TAURANGA.

This enjoyable meeting was held at "The Knoll," the home of our President, Mrs Carleton Smith, taking the form of a Question Box Afternoon, thereby bringing many points relating to everyday life under discussion, which would otherwise not have been touched upon. Mrs Christian sang to everyone's great enjoyment, and a vote of congratulation was passed to her on her election to the School Committee, and all got to know each other better over the pleasant cups of tea. A vote of sympathy was passed to our Member, Mr Macmillan, and his wife, on the very recent loss of his mother. Mrs Horn closing the meeting with prayer.

HASTINGS.

Apr. 28. Mrs Banks, Vice-President, occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Mrs Paul, with whom sympathy was expressed in the illness of Mr Paul. Twenty-one members present. Petitions given out, and signatures arranged for. "Peace Day" Celebration discussed. Mrs Mrs Wilson gave report of Convention. Afternoon tea dispensed.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Apr. 13. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association, asking for assistance to collect money on Poppy Day towards the unemployed Soldiers' Fund. A number of members promised to help. The Secretary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, London, wrote asking for help towards the Half-Crown Fund. The Union decided it was not possible towards that Fund this year, as work in our own Unions wanted assistance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Comyns, Oxford, in the recent sad accident sustained by her husband. Miss Blackwell was congratulated on her appointment of National Superintendent to Good Citizenship. In replying, Miss Blackwell explained that the election of School Committees had been moved to May 2, owing to Monday 26th, being Anzac Day. Mrs Suckling read a very concise, interesting report of the Dominion Convention. Plans of work for the year discussed and arranged, deciding that a petition for a Two-Issue Ballot Paper be issued to Unions to get women electors' signatures to be presented for their several districts. The Convention was attended by 127 delegates, proving an impetus and inspiration to many.

RICCARTON.

Mar. 16. Bring and Buy Afternoon very successful. Mrs Campion, Swanton and Fairbairn, in charge of Stall.

Apr. 22. Report of Convention. Attendance poor; two visitors. Sewing taken home to make up for poor of Christchurch. Petition forms for "Two-Issue Ballot Paper" distributed. Owing to small attendance, President and Secretary had to call on interested members and friends, and in this way, sixteen persons have taken up the canvas of the electorate. Mrs McLean, our White Ribbon Agent, who is ill in hospital, was greatly missed from the meeting.

RANGIORA.

Apr. 29. Mrs Thwaites presiding over a good attendance. The address was given by Miss Henderson, B.A., who gave an interesting report of the work done at the Annual Convention, held recently in

Auckland. She also recounted some of her experiences during her visit to America.

TEMPLETON.

Apr. 26. Mrs Clark presided over a fair attendance. A letter of appreciation was read from the Secretary of the Football Club, for the offer of afternoon tea for visiting teams. Suggested to invite a few of our Band of Hope performers to give an evening at Weedons, for the benefit of members there. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON.

May 5. President, Mrs Mowlem, presided over a fair attendance. An apology was offered for the absence of the Secretary, Mrs Webb, on account of the serious illness of her husband, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to her from the Union. Mention was made of the death of Mr Glover, the husband of Adjutant Glover, who is so well loved through the city, and the Union passed a silent vote of affectionate sympathy with her in her bereavement. Correspondence was read relating to the District Executive Meeting, to be held at Foxton towards the end of the present month. Mrs Hirst, Assistant Treasurer, was deputed to attend to represent the Union, and it was agreed to send in as remits for discussion, the resolutions on Women Police and Domestic Courts, passed at the recent Annual Convention. An invitation was given to join the Class just being formed for the Study of International Relations in connection with the W.E.A., and anyone desiring to join was asked to send in name and address to the Secretary of the L. of N. Union, 62 Nevay Road, Miramar. The President read an interesting extract from "Do Everything," describing the famous "Polyglot" Petition got up by the W.C.T.U. in America, under the inspiration of Miss Frances Willard. Certain arrangements were then made with reference to the petitions now being promoted by the Union, also for the next monthly meeting. The Union was invited to attend the meeting of the Miramar Union, to be held on Peace Day, the 16th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at the residence of Mrs Miller, 15 Rotherham Terrace Miramar.

WARKWORTH.

Apr. 7. Fair attendance. Secretary read letter asking that W.C.T.U. ladies undertake refreshment section of N.Z. Alliance Convention, to be held in Warkworth Methodist Church, on May 14th. Request granted. Letter read from Leigh Union, asking for opportunity to meet Warkworth Union. Decided to invite them to meet us at May Convention. Comprehensive report of Convention then given by Mrs Phillips, delegate to same. Discussion followed on Headquarters ("Bring and Buy Afternoon" next meeting—proceeds towards Fund); Willard Home; and Petition to Members of Parliament. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Phillips for report. Decided to send parcels of clothing to Sister Esther.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

Apr. 19. Good attendance. The President, Mrs Gilmour, gave a lucid and comprehensive report of the work done at Convention, which was listened to with much interest. The members are indebted to Mrs Gilmour for the valuable information imparted, and feel enthused with the encouraging account of work done throughout the Dominion. The recently appointed "Y." Organiser, Miss McLay, is in Invercargill at present, and we pray much good will result from her visit.

NORMANBY.

Apr. 20. Home meeting held at the residence of Mrs Beaton; ten members, five visitors, which included members from Manai Union. President in the chair. The report by Mrs Beaton, our delegate, was topic for the afternoon. Those present had pleasure of listening to a very interesting report of work done in the Dominion. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Beaton. Mrs Phillips, Provincial President, then addressed the meeting, making an urgent appeal for more subscribers to the White Ribbon, and suggesting ways by which Unions could help to ease the strenuous work of the Editor of White Ribbon. Also the Two-Issue Ballot Paper was discussed, urging members to assist in securing signatures to a petition regarding same. The

President moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Phillips, also to the Hostess for her kind hospitality.

OTAHUHU.

May 5. Our President, Mrs Greenwood, in the chair. Mrs Kasper, our District Recording Secretary, kindly came out to speak to us of her Travels to England and back, and she spoke of the splendid work the W.C.T.U. was doing all over the World. She said at times it made her feel proud that she was a White Ribboner anyway. After she had finished, our President thanked her for her most interesting talk, all members present thoroughly enjoying the afternoon.

NAPIER.

Apr. 6. The meeting poorly attended, owing to very heavy rain and sickness of many of the members. Mrs Brocklehurst presided. Letters of sympathy sent to two members.

May 4. Mrs Venables presided. Decided to commence Band of Hope on the 27th, and to hold fortnightly meetings. Mrs Brocklehurst and Mrs Wilkinson in charge. Two members from other districts were welcomed. Report of Convention was given at least in part, time not allowing for a complete report. Many items of real interest to our Union being held over till next month. A vote of thanks for report, and Benediction brought a well-attended meeting to a close.

GORE.

Apr. Members' "Pay Up" Social. The extreme wintry conditions unfortunately affected the attendance. Mrs Rhodes occupied the chair, and Miss Birss, of Invercargill, gave a most comprehensive report of Convention, which was listened to with deepest interest. Rev. Mr. Burgess addressed the meeting on the subject of the Bible-in-Schools, and members agreed to canvas for signatures in support of some. Musical items were rendered by the Misses Ferguson (2); Taylor and Hinchey (2). Both a pleasant and instructive evening, closed with an enjoyable supper.

TAKAPUNA.

April. Mrs Richards in the chair; fair attendance. Arrangements made for canvassing with petition. Rev. Monckton gave a very interesting address on Problems of Peace and War, and was listened to with great attention, and accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

BRIGHTON.

April 21. Well-attended meeting, the President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair. It was arranged that a special meeting be held on Peace Day, May 16th. A Jumble Sale will be held on May 28th, in aid of our funds. The report of the Visiting Committee was very satisfactory; Mesdames Fraser and Longely will act in that capacity for the next month. A comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention was given by Mrs M. Moses, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The work of canvassing the electorate with the Women's Petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper was readily taken up by the members who showed their willingness to help on this important piece of work. Afternoon tea was served.

WAITARA.

Apr. 22. Mrs Clayton presiding, 12 members present. Mrs Phillips, District President, who was making her official visit, led the devotions, speaking on Faith. Heb. 11th Chapter. Mrs Jensen's resignation as Secretary, owing to ill-health was received with much sympathy and regret. Five members took petition forms to procure Women Electors' signatures. Miss A. B'cheno appointed Secretary. Mrs Phillips gave an address on her impressions at the New Zealand Convention in Auckland.

STRATFORD.

Apr. 22. Social afternoon; petition put before members. Good attendance. President in the chair. Resolved that two ladies be nominated, and we give them our support for the School Committee Election to be held shortly. Arrangements were made for the usual visit, with cakes for afternoon tea, at the Public Hospital. Mrs McCallum, our Delegate to the Convention,