

gave us her impressions of the Convention, which were very much appreciated. Songs and musical items were rendered. Afternoon tea was handed round, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the Benediction. Miss Henderson's letter dealing with the petition was read, and on retiring, the members signed the petition, some taking petitions with them.

MANAIA.

Apr. 12. Mrs Robinson presided, and reported nine new members having joined during the first quarter of the year, and the name of an old member rejoining was given in. Arrangements made for a Mothers' Social Afternoon, to be held in the Odd-fellows' Hall on Tuesday, the 26th, commencing 2 p.m. Will all members try not only to be present, but to bring a friend, or more than one, as the Union is hoping by social gatherings to increase the number of those interested. The President reported having welcomed the new Anglican Clergyman, who had accepted the Union's invitation to attend and to speak. Mrs Williams (Sister Nellie) will also speak, and various musical items have been arranged. A Stall of baby garments, etc., is to be held, the proceeds divided between the rapidly-increasing Cradle Roll, and the Union's working funds. Gifts in aid of the forthcoming Plunket Sale are to be taken to Mrs Young, those for the 26th to Mrs Hansen's (both on Reimenschider Street). It is asked that, when convenient, those for the latter object should be taken a few days earlier, for marking.

WAIMATE.

April 13. Mrs Clarke presided. Correspondence re two issue ballot paper, and resistance of extension of time between polls was read, and arrangements for Miss Bradshaw's (Organiser) visit were made. Mrs Kippenberger, our Delegate to Convention, then read her report, all present following same with the closest attention. After a few questions thereon, afternoon tea was served. Meeting closed with Benediction. We are happy to record that "the room behind the Schoolroom" where our meetings are usually held, is always crowded.

ARAMOHO.

Mar. 22. Good attendance, with Mrs Beggs presiding. Mrs Sleight's resignation was accepted with great regret, and Mrs Coddington was appointed Treasurer. The question of the Band of Hope was discussed, and Mrs C. Good kindly consented to take charge, with Mrs Tizard as musical assistant. The meetings will be held in the Upper Aramoho Church, the first of which will be on Monday, May 2nd. All are invited to attend, and it is hoped that a good number will turn up. An afternoon was lately given to the old people, by Miss Ellis, assisted by the ladies of the Branch, which was much appreciated. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Apr. 20. Miss Kirk presented a most interesting account of the proceedings of the Auckland Conference. Many questions of public interest had been discussed there, and remits arising therefrom were put to the meeting for consideration and adoption. The question of the financial sources of the "Willard Home" for destitute children, formed the subject of a remit to be brought before the District Executive, which meets next month in Foxton.

TE KUITI.

Mar. 8. Mrs Strand presided; greetings from Ponsonby. Return greetings sent. Decided to buy 100 leaflets for Band of Hope. Two new subscribers for White Ribbon. Decided to support District President in nominating her Vice-President. In favour of Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Miss Sutherland appointed delegate to Convention. Matter of Mothers Day held over till next meeting. Decided to invite Mrs Jones to preside at our next meeting, April 12th. Balance in hand, £1 7s. 9d. Collection, 2s. 6d. Mrs Cole intimated that 6 o'clock closing minimised drinking in the Taihape District considerably. The question of appointing a new President, was left over to a future meeting. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Elliott.

Apr. 12. Largely attended meeting presided over by Mrs J. M. Jones, District President. Mrs Cole extended a hearty welcome to Mrs Jones, who afterwards gave a most interesting and instructive address bearing on the recent Convention in Auckland. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea served. Decided to get twelve petition forms and to order handbooks; also to support suitable householders to School Committee.

HENDERSON.

Apr. Mrs Platt in the chair, small attendance; one new member initiated. Syllabus for the year read. Next month to be devoted to an address on Peace, speaker to be asked from a town Union. Decided to have one scientific statement with regard to the evil effect of alcohol given every month after minutes are read, and before anything else is proceeded with. Letters of sympathy and congratulation and welcome sent to members and friends. It was with much regret we heard Mrs Bendely is obliged to resign her position as Dominion Treasurer. Our Treasurer spoke very lovingly of her friendly notes, which always accompanied receipts. Afternoon was then spent with our delegate at Convention; we all enjoyed it very much and felt almost as if we had been there, so good was the report, and so much our delegate had been impressed with the solemn and friendly tone of the meetings, that we all had something of the feeling too, and wished we had been able to attend in greater numbers.

OPOTIKI.

Apr. 14. Mrs Thompson presided; good number of members and friends present. Mrs Thompson gave a fine, interesting, and inspiring address, all hearts being warmed and enthused with the Convention message. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Skuse and Hughes. On the motion of Mrs Hird, the speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her able address.

TIMARU.

Apr. 9. A pleasant afternoon at the Sailors' Rest. Mothers and children of the Cradle Roll entertained by members of the W.C.T.U. A good number of mothers and their little ones were present. Solos were sung by Mrs Butcher and Miss Crombie, who also sang a duet together. Afternoon tea was dispensed, after which the Plunket Nurse gave a short, helpful address to the mothers. Mrs Seward presented the older children with coloured balloons on sticks, and the babies with pretty rattles. A desire was expressed that we might have these afternoon oftener.

TIMARU.

Apr. 26. Hospital visited regularly. Invitation received from Timaru Women Citizens' Association to members to attend a lecture by Miss Cudale, on Protection of Women and Children. Peace Day Prayer Meeting fixed for Monday, May 16th, and full arrangements made for Bring and Buy Social Afternoon and Evening on Tuesday, May 31st, when Banner won by Y's, will be presented. Mr Woodward reported four overseas' boats in port during month. 148 men paying about 275 visits. A Social, which was very largely attended, was given to men of the S.S. Tainui and the S.S. Port Hacking. The men of the Coastal boats made good use of the Rest over the holidays. A comprehensive report of Convention, compiled by Mrs Cave and Mrs Minifie, was read, and the delegates were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

FEILDING.

Apr. 7. Chair taken by Mrs Hughes, who also gave an address on "The Power of Prayer," emphasising the great need for prayer in our work. A recitation by Miss Ramage, and a song by Mrs Carian were much enjoyed. An invitation from Palmerston North Union to attend their next meeting was accepted.

May 5. Well-attended meeting, presided over by Mrs Pack. Mrs Gibson, Vice-President, was appointed to attend an Executive Meeting at Foxton, on May 26th. The petition sheets for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper were enthusiastically received by most of those present, and we are hoping for a

really good petition. Mrs Pack gave a short account of the Auckland Convention.

COLLINGWOOD.

Apr. 29. Six members present. The President gave an interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U. Movement from the founding to the present day. The meeting was closed with prayer, after which afternoon tea was served.

BLenheim.

May 3. Meeting at Mrs A. M. Mill's residence; twenty-one members and others present, Mrs Smith presiding. Resignation from Mrs Stewart as Evangelical Superintendent, received with much regret. A letter of thanks and appreciation for her services to be sent. The petition forms re Two-Issue Ballot Paper were distributed, and canvassing has already commenced. A paper from the "Vanguard" on Mr Todd's visit to America, was read by Mrs Grigg, and much enjoyed. Afternoon tea was handed round, and musical items were rendered by Misses Jackson (2); Grigg and McCallum. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Apr. 29. The Cradle Roll Afternoon was held, but owing to very cold weather, only three children attended, and one new baby enrolled. They were each presented with a toy. Afternoon tea was partaken of, but the usual games, etc., were not held. The function closed early. We hope to arrange to have this day held in the summer time in future.

FENCOURT.

Apr. 14. Mrs Simpson presided over a good attendance. Delegate gave a full and splendid report of the Convention. Mention was made of the "Willard Home" and its Headquarters Fund. After discussion, it was decided to hold a Tennis Afternoon, and take up a collection for Headquarters Fund. Two new members were initiated. Closed a bright and interesting meeting with afternoon tea.

WANGANUI EAST.

Apr. Mrs Duxfield presided over a good attendance of members. Miss Marshall gave a most inspiring and helpful address. Miss Sanson, Mrs Duxfield, and Mrs Hopkirk, delegates to the Convention at Auckland, gave excellent reports of the work done. They reported that the Convention had decided to support the Bible-in-Schools Movement; to urge the establishment of Domestic Courts where separation, affiliation, and kindred cases may be heard; to advocate a six-day week for Nurses in Hospitals, and to approach Parliament to legislate for the employment of Women Police, and for the inclusion of women on juries. They reported further that the Convention had recommended that the Education Department be requested to have printed in the School Journal, articles on the Constitution of the League of Nations. The delegates were heartily thanked for their interesting reports of Convention. It was decided to unite with the Wanganui Central Branch to celebrate Peace Day.

EPSOM.

Apr. 28. Monthly meeting well-attended; good spirit prevailed. Balance sheet read by our Treasurer; encouraging small balance in hand. A full report of Convention was read by Mrs Pirrett, our delegate, and our best thanks extended to her for her very complete and able account. Discussion re petition followed, and instruction given to workers. All are doing their utmost to make our Parnell Petition a very large one indeed.

BIRKENHEAD.

Mar. 17. Mrs Jory presided. Mrs Mackay, our delegate to Convention, was instructed to vote for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. The President said there were many hopeful signs. Mrs Mackay kindly dispensed afternoon tea.

Apr. 21. A large and cheerful gathering. Mrs Jory presided. Mrs Mackay gave a most interesting report of the Convention. She said we had a busy but interesting year in front of us. She enthused us with her impressions—That we get more to subscribe and read the White Ribbon; Work for getting the Bible in Schools; also for a Dominion Headquarters. Secretary to write