

CHRISTCHURCH.

May 11. Peace Day, Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance of members. Mrs Richards gave an interesting address on the origin and work of the League of Nations, and impressed upon members the importance of joining the League of Nations Union, and urged them to read the literature which the Union was entitled to, being affiliated to the local branch. Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, spoke on a deputation from the League of Nations Union, that had waited on the Canterbury Members of Parliament Committee on May 11th, which had pointed out the great importance of New Zealand being fully represented at the League meetings—its full quota was three delegates. A wider knowledge of the work of the League was needed, and that could be gained best through the ordinary educational channels of the schools. Mrs Taylor dealt with the subject from the humanitarian viewpoint. The League of Nations was supported by all the women's organisations throughout the world, and the fullest possible representation was favoured at the League Assembly, and also in the Labour Organisation. Miss B. Harband, President of the North Brighton Union, wrote asking that the Christchurch Union be represented at their first Anniversary on March 17th. Miss Thomas and Mrs Glen were appointed to attend the meeting.

May 25. Miss Henderson presided over good attendance. Reports from the Superintendents of Departments of work were read. The Fresh Air Home Committee had sent several parcels of children's clothing to the Home, and received grateful letters of acknowledgment from the Matron. Mrs Suckling, the Superintendent, asked for more members to attend the sewing meeting, and more material was required. Mrs Pedler reported regular visits to Jubilee Home, the Concert being given early in the year. Miss Blackwell's report on Good Citizenship and Bible-in-Schools, showed that good work had been done in the election of School Committees, on Fresh Air Schools League, and the sum of £3 15s. been collected for the Bible-in-Schools Campaign. Mrs Simcox, Superintendent of Cradle Roll, had gained twelve babies for the roll. Miss Henderson spoke for a short time on the Legal and Parliamentary Department, and impressed members with the necessity of getting signatures to the petitions before the end of the month. A vote of sympathy was passed with the friends of Miss Ruth Atkinson, for many years President of the Nelson W.C.T.U., and who had also filled the position of National Vice-President. In moving this vote, Miss Henderson spoke of the great loss sustained by the Union by the passing of our late comrade and friend. A vote of sympathy was also passed with Miss Bishop, on the passing of her brother at Pleasant Point. A "Bring and Buy" Sale was held during the afternoon, and proved very successful. Donations were received from Mrs R. Malcolm and Mrs Harris.

NORMANBY.

May 11. At the residence of Mrs Fletcher; attendance fair. President in the chair. Correspondence re Two-Issue Ballot Paper read, members taking petitions to get signed. A discussion took place re the upkeep of Willard Home; left over until members receive more information. Delegates for the Wanganui-Taranaki Convention to be appointed at June meeting. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Fletcher for her hospitality.

GREEN ISLAND (Otago District).

May 12. At a meeting held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Miss A. M. McLay, Organiser, formed a new Union. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, the reading of the Crusade Psalm and Prayer. Mrs Hiett, Otago District President, addressed the meeting, giving a brief account of the events which led to the formation of the W.C.T.U., of the growth of the work and its aims and objects, emphasising its world-wide importance and mission. A deep interest was shown in the work, and twelve members were initiated; one was also received by transfer from Grey-mouth. Afternoon tea was very kindly provided by Mrs Kilpatrick, wife of the Presbyterian Minister. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Syder, Miller Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bennett and Mrs Matheson; Sec., Mrs McAnan, Runciman Street, Abbotsford; Treas., Mrs Wilden, George Street, Green Island.

CHEVIOT.

May 5. Meeting small, but enthusiastic. A new member joined. Extracts from Convention were read and discussed. Cradle Roll showed satisfactory results, and a few subscribers gained for the White Ribbon. The meeting closed, and afternoon tea was handed round.

TAURANGA.

A small but enthusiastic meeting. Mrs Carlton Smith in the chair. Decided to distribute Temperance leaflets. Decided that the Secretary write to Major Moore, asking him to give an address on the work among the Maoris at our June meeting. It was also thought well to ask Miss McLay's help, to try and stir up interest in the work for the young people, among the new-comers to the town. Refreshments were handed round.

PETONE.

May 3. Mrs Murgatroyd presiding. 17 ladies present. Petition forms were handed out for members to get signatures for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, which is going very satisfactorily.

May 18. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the residence of Mrs Murgatroyd. It was rather unfortunate that the weather was bad. Those who did attend, were rewarded by a splendid lecture given by Rev. Lochore, on "Hospital Work," which was much appreciated and enjoyed. Apologies were received from Mrs Doneghue and Mrs Bradbury, who were both ill. Rev. Lochore approached the ladies about helping with supper at "Prohibition League Social" on Tuesday 31st, agreed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the hostess and speakers.

FENCOURT.

May 12. Mrs Simpson presided over an excellent attendance. Three new members were initiated. Resolved to donate 10s. annually from this Branch to the maintenance of the Willard Home. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs H. Jamieson for her kindness in holding a Tennis Afternoon at her residence on April 20th. It proved a great success, and a collection was taken up on that day for W.C.T.U. Headquarters Fund, amounting to £1. Decided to send greetings to Kumeu, a new Union, the Secretary there being a friend and connection of the Fencourt members. At the request of some of our members that were absent from the last meeting, the delegate again read her report of the Annual Convention. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and reflects great credit on the delegate. Closed an interesting meeting with afternoon tea.

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S.O.S. FROM CANVASTOWN.

"Mother in nursing home with seventh baby; father, a returned soldier, high pensions, demented with drink; gentleman White Ribboner up all night to protect the children from the drunken father." Such was the message received last week over the wire, with the request that the Union should do something in the matter. Could only tell the enquirer, the before-mentioned male member, to ring the police, which advice was taken, and a promise given to look into the matter and have a prohibition order made. Nothing could be done to the publican who sold the man the drink when he was already drunk.

(Only one remedy for cases such as this: Vote the traffic out and protect our returned men and their children.—Ed. "W.R.")

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ARAMOHO, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Miss N. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Cres., Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss M. Pyle, 7a. Hamilton Road, Herne Bay; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Appleby, Mr Polson; Rec. Sec., Miss I. Davison, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss F. Hullah, Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Mr A. I. Davison, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Supt., Miss L. Reed, "Whittaker Place," Symonds Street.