

visiting report taken. Mrs. Goodland spoke on the many instances of "Tares among Wheat." Thanks expressed. Benediction.

Woolston, June 20th: Mrs. Ramsay, President, in the chair, nine members present. Devotions led by Mrs. Tomlinson. Literature handed out for distribution.

July 18th: Meeting held at the home of the President, Mrs. Ramsay, the drawing room being decorated with spring flowers; 13 present. Devotions, led by Mrs. Tomlinson. Address by Mrs. Black on "No-license." Mrs. Carrington reported on Band of Hope. Tea and National Anthem.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Temuka, July 31st: Memorial Day observed. A paper was read on the life of the late Mrs. T. E. Taylor by the President. Devotions were led by Mrs. Prattley, of Timaru. Roll call, the word "Receive." Benediction.

Timaru, July 30th: Miss Fyfe presided. Being Memorial Day, members stood as a token of remembrance to those W.C.T.U. members of all nations who had passed on to Higher Service. Special mention was made of Agnes Slack-Saunders, for nearly forty years World Secretary. Mrs. Wilkes offered a short prayer. It was decided to hire some of the Temperance films and show them to the young people. Miss Fyfe mentioned the aroused interest in Temperance in the North Island, and a resolution was passed endorsing a remit sent from Manawatu to the N.C.W. re the observance of the forty-hour week by hotel keepers.

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin: There was a large attendance of members and friends. Mrs. Rippin presided, and after a brief service the Annual Sale was conducted, and a swift clearance made. Social afternoon followed. Excellent programme of musical and elocutionary items followed given by Mesdames Chetwyn, Lythgoe, Clark, McKay, Dickinson, Isles and Bissland. The Rev. J. Chambers gave a fine address, following the history of our organisation since the seventies of last century—how the franchise gave women further opportunities for extending a beneficent work, and also how gifted women like Frances Willard had laboured to make the work world-wide. Speaker and entertainers warmly thanked. Business discussion left till next meeting.

North East Valley, July 25th: Address by Mrs. Hiatt, who also presided. The meeting passed a resolution to be sent to the Prime Minister protesting against the waste of grain and sugar in the manufacture of beer, and urging that all available food be conserved for the starving peoples of Europe.

Kaikorai, July 30th: Mrs. Flett presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Orr, who gave a little talk on the "Gift of the Holy Spirit." Roll call answered by Scripture verses beginning with "E." Decided to hold a period of prayer at each meeting in view of the coming Poll. The Rev. J. B. Chambers gave a short address on "Encouragement." The President thanked the speaker. Mr. Chambers pronounced the Benediction.

Dunedin Central, July 30th. Good attendance. Sister Elinor presided. Mrs. Hiatt reported on posters chosen for distribution. Mrs. John Henderson gave an address on "Prayer," ending with "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Port Chalmers, July 17: Meeting held at home of Mrs. Watson. Very good attendance of members. Mrs. Watson, Vice-President, in the chair. Mrs. Taylor, President, led in Devotions, after which discussion took place on samples of literature received from Headquarters. A very encouraging and much appreciated gesture was made by several members present, who volunteered donations towards a fund to purchase literature. We aim to send out at least one pamphlet per month to each household in our district up till Poll month. Mrs. Watson gave a brief report on an after-Church Rally held on July 14th at which Mr. G. Gapper was the speaker. Favourable report given re Temperance teaching in Schools—Headmaster willing to co-operate. Meeting closed with Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Oamaru, August 10th: Small attendance presided over by Miss Cowan, in the absence of Mrs. Winn. Devotions, Miss Toser. Roll call revealed about 100 members in the branch. Remits for District Convention considered. Appreciative reference made to the Rev. Mr.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY—WINTON

A very fine gathering of approximately seventy ladies from Winton and surrounding districts assembled in the Winton Sunday School Hall on the afternoon of June 18th to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the Winton W.C.T.U. in the form of a party. The hall was arranged most comfortably and appropriately for the occasion, with beautiful floral decorations and the White Ribbon represented in an artistic manner, all making a very attractive appearance.

The President, Mrs. T. A. Thomson, opened with a warm welcome to all, the reading of the Pledge, and the singing of Hymn 70, "Fight the good fight."

Mrs. Edgerton then favoured with two much appreciated solos, these being followed with a most interesting and educative address by Mrs. Kenyon, of Winton, entitled "A great experiment in Temperance work among the natives in South Africa."

For the roll call, each Union answered with good wishes and a verse of Scripture, some very well chosen pieces being given. The minutes of the foundation meeting were read and discussed, a great tribute being paid to the foundation members, four of whom stood in representation of them. The President then unveiled the very fine birthday cake. Instead of candles, this was decorated with a miniature Globe encircled with a band and bow of White Ribbon, representing the ideal of Peace and Purity throughout the world. In the absence of Mrs. T. A. McWilliam, first President, the cake was cut by Mrs. J. P. McWilliam, a very true and loyal member who had been President, Vice-President and Secretary in turn since the Union was formed. This ceremony was closed by the singing of "All Round the World." Names were taken of numerous members who had always been most loyal to the Union, but who had left the district, also several District and Dominion Officers; each to receive a piece of birthday cake.

A bracket of songs by Mrs. and Miss Stephens completed a splendid entertainment.

Afternoon tea brought a display of choice sandwiches and cakes, and

Gilbert's meeting. Magazine articles on spring flowers and Bishop Bergraar read.

Lawrence, August 1st: Small attendance owing to sickness. President in the chair. Mrs. Toomer's letter read and discussed, also one from Mr. Gapper, Alliance organiser. Letter to sick member and one from member removed. Miss Ferguson read a paper on "Ye are not your own," and Mrs. McNeilly one on "The light withdrawn and replaced by darkness." Benediction.

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finally, carried on trays tied with white bows, were plates of birthday cake, all present receiving a piece. As it was also the birthday of some of those present, "Happy Birthday" was sung. Mrs. Thomson expressed many thanks to all who had helped to make the function so successful, especially thanking Mrs. Kenyon for her splendid address which gave an incentive to true and noble work. The appreciation was shown by acclamation. After the singing of the Temperance Doxology, Mrs. Wilson paid a tribute to the memory of the pioneers of the Union; led in prayer, and closed with the Benediction.

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