

Park, Show Day, was also submitted. Collection cards for the no-license campaign were received, of a very novel nature. Three new members joined the union. The following officers were elected: Mrs C. G. Harris, president; Mrs S. A. Plummer, secretary; Mrs A. Hindman, treasurer; Mrs Vickers, superintendent C. R. work.

LOWER HUTT.

At our usual monthly meeting Mrs McCaw presided. After the opening exercises were gone through a good deal of correspondence was read and discussed. Mrs Jansen was appointed delegate to the Convention. It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Spilman, who has recently suffered a severe trial in the death of her son. Mrs. Johnson, our trustee, has also died. A card of condolence was sent her daughter. Mrs Jenness was appointed trustee in her stead. New officers have been elected, and we hope soon to be able to report that several more have joined our ranks.

KAIAPOI.

The twentieth anniversary of this union was held on Wednesday, 26th January. The annual reports of the Kaiapoi, Rangiora, and Waikari Unions were read. It was decided that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Waikari Union for the splendid report they showed for so small a union. The treasurer's report showed a small balance in hand. The manager of the coffee rooms report disclosed a small credit balance. The nominations for the N.Z. officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Cole, corresponding secretary, Mrs Perryman; recording secretary, Mrs Mitchell; treasurer, Mrs McCoombs. The meeting voted unanimously against Mrs Lill's proposals re delegates' expenses. Mrs Harrison was elected delegate to convention. The president urged the members to take an active interest in the forthcoming school committee election. Mrs Soulby proposed that a resolution of sympathy be forwarded to Mrs R. Evans and Mrs T. G. Blackwell on the trying times that they have been passing through owing to the illness of their respective sons. Gratification was expressed at the splendid recovery that both had made. Miss Powell gave an instructive address entitled "The origin and aims of the W. C. T. U." Musical items were given by Mrs Wyllie and Mrs A'Court and Ellen, after which refreshments were handed round to a large gathering.

OUR BADGE.

If the members of our Unions could realise how many chances they may miss in life of helping others by their neglecting to wear our Badge, perhaps we would more often see the little emblem displayed in the train, in the street, or on the tram-car. A correspondent sends us an account of an interesting incident which recently occurred that illustrates our point. A few days ago a lady was travelling to Auckland by the Main Trunk Line, and at one of the stations en route a number of Maori girls entered the carriage. Very soon they perceived the lady had on the W.R. brooch, and drawing her attention to those they were wearing, they were soon engaged in friendly conversation, which greatly re-

lieved the monotony of the trip, and proved mutually beneficial. These girls were pupils of the Hukarere School, Napier, and were amongst those who recently signed the pledge and who resolved thus to show some outward sign of their principles.

Official Correspondence.

Cashmere,

Jan. 26th, 1910.

Dear Sisters,

I am writing to give you a better idea of what the Souvenir Booklet of our Twenty-fifth Annual Convention is to be. The cover is to be a pretty shade of grey, with white bow, and a tiny map of New Zealand in the corner. In the centre is a glove entwined with white ribbon, and on the ribbon our motto, "For God and Home and Humanity." I am sure, when you see this booklet, you will agree with me, that the cover itself is most artistic. Inside the booklet are nine photographs, beautifully reproduced on fine paper. These alone are worth the money for which the booklet can be sold. They include Frances Willard, Mary Clement Leavitt (who organised the New Zealand W.C.T.U.), the New Zealand officers, and Mrs Sheppard (for so many years Franchise Superintendent.) There is a short sketch of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., the names of the first N.Z. officers, the names of the Presidents and WHITE RIBBON editors since 1885, and a list of the present officers. Also the date of the granting of Woman's Franchise is given, a declaration of our principles, our pledge, and our badge. Besides all this, there are the mottoes and sentiments of some of our World's workers, our New Zealand workers, prominent No-License workers, and others; and at the end of the booklet the no-license figures for each year from 1896, and a list of the no-license electorates.

Now you will see that this booklet will be something worth buying, not only as a souvenir of our twenty-fifth year, but to send to friends both in and out of New Zealand. The booklet will be of interest to Temperance people outside of our own organisation.

Then the beautiful quotations from well known people, such as Lady Henry Somerset, the President of the United States W. C. T. U., Anna Gordon, our Australian sisters, New Zealand officers and superintendents, and many other White Ribboners, should be much prized by our members.

Mottoes by well known Temperance workers, such as Mr A. S. Adams, Mr T. E. Taylor, M.P., Revs. F. W. Isitt and L. M. Isitt. Rev. J. Dawson and others are included.

If you wish to know for yourselves the contents of this beautiful souvenir you should send at once for a copy or the union should order copies for sale to the members or other Temperance people. The delegates who attend Convention will, of course, take samples back with them, but those unions not represented will have a sample booklet posted to them. If a union takes a number of copies equal to its membership, the union may obtain them at a low rate so as to be able to sell them at 1/- each, and so make a profit for the funds of the union. We are having a much larger number printed than we thought of at first, and so are able to sell to the unions at a lower rate. Hoping there will be a brisk demand for this artistic souvenir,

I am,

Yours in the work,

F. COLE.

Who Cares?

In one of his masterful addresses in the notable Chicago evangelistic campaign, Gipsy Smith hurled this impassioned question at his audience:

"In your city I hear there are over 7,100 saloons where men and women, boys and girls, are to-night drinking death and destruction. But who cares? *Who cares?*" "Yes, I know you care in a lackadaisical sort of way" he went on to say, "but who cares to the point of risking his reputation, to the point of giving his money and time, of sacrificing his social standing, in putting an end to this abominable traffic? *Who cares?*" **WHO CARES?"**

Question!

Liquor papers continue to proclaim that if women would only stay at home and make home pleasant, and not go out to clubs and W.C.T.U. meetings, men would spend their evenings at home and would not be drunkards. Suppose that it were true and that everyone should follow the advice. What would become of the drink sellers?

The richest dividends in this world are the dividends made possible by co-operation with Jesus Christ in the redemption of the world.