

INVERCARGILL.

March 5th, social held in Victoria Hall. Inspiring addresses given by Mrs Lee Cowie and others.

April 2nd, Mesdames McKenzie and Hunter gave a *resume* of the work done, and the public functions held at the Dominion Convention. Decided to form a "Y" branch. Reference was made to the recent death of Mrs Leavitt, and some of the older members paid feeling tribute to her work for Temperance and for the enfranchisement of women at a time when the championship of these causes required great courage and steadfastness. It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the friends of Mrs Leavitt. Two new members were received,

WAIUKU.

March 13th, in the Temperance Hall, the Vice-President presided. Members are busy collecting for Dr Barnardo's Home.

April 8th. Decided to hold a children's instruction meeting monthly, to be called "The Children's Happy Hour." The Cradle Roll to be carried on.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

March 28th, Mrs Elliot presided. Mrs Cole, New Zealand President, gave a very interesting address on "Scientific Temperance Teaching," pointing out that we should begin with the children in the home, also carry our influence as women into whatever sphere our daily life takes us. Mrs Cole suggested that our Union should take for study the book by Sir Victor Horsley. Three new members were initiated.

April 25th, in the Young Men's Institute, Mrs Elliot presided. The President referred to the loss of the Titanic. All present stood while one of the members prayed for those who had been bereaved by the great disaster. Two of the members were congratulated on being elected to the School Committee. Mrs Begg, Delegate to Convention, read a short report of the proceedings. Discussion followed on the Defence Act and on the Domestic Science Course. Decided that Sir Victor Horsley's book on "Alcohol as it Affects the Human Body," should be studied during the coming winter, and several members volunteered to write papers on the subject.

WARKWORTH.

April 25th, in the ante-room, Town Hall, much useful business was transacted. Papers were read by Mrs French, on "Fashion," and Mrs Hamilton, on "Our Meetings," showing the many ways useful work could be done by all members. The papers were much appreciated.

NELSON.

March 12th, Mrs Field presided and read a paper on "What is Eugenics?" reminding us that many other social reforms besides that of Temperance have a place in the work of the Union. The paper aroused great interest, and the question may be again discussed later on. Mrs Frank Isitt spoke a few words of encouragement. We were unable to get more than one of the Temperance candidates on the Licensing Committee, in spite of the canvassing that was done. We hope the temporary defeat will be an incentive to greater activity in the future.

April 9th, in the Methodist Hall, Miss Atkinson presided, and gave a most interesting account of the Dunedin Convention; she also made an appeal to the members for help in the

work amongst the Maoris, and for increased support to the WHITE RIBBON. At the close of the meeting the banner presented at the Dunedin Convention was displayed. The acceptance of the invitation of the Nelson Union to the Convention of 1913 has given universal satisfaction,

ASHBURTON.

April 23rd, a large attendance, Mrs W. T. Lill presided. The Delegate to Convention presented her report. By request, Mrs Lill explained the working of the equalization scheme passed at Convention by 34 votes to 11, to come into operation next year. The Delegate donated her expenses to the Union funds. A strong representation from the Winchmore Union was present, and the question of Ashburton Branch becoming a District Union was discussed at length, several members and visitors speaking strongly in favour of it. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—

"That we respectfully ask leave to be separated from Christchurch, and to be made a District Union, with Winchmore as an Auxiliary. We believe we could then organize other Unions within a few miles of Ashburton."

It was resolved that the Executive draw up a syllabus for consideration at next meeting.

NORSEWOOD.

April 24th, a number of ladies met in the Library to consider the advisability of inaugurating a Branch of the W.C.T.U. Miss McNeish presided, and explained the objects of the Union, the result being that all the local ladies present donned the White Ribbon. Officers elected:—President, Miss Campbell; Secretary, Mrs Bridgman; Treasurer, Mrs Fredericksen; Agent for WHITE RIBBON, Miss M. Alison. It was decided to hold meetings on the third Friday of each month.

TUAKAU.

April 3rd, the President, Mrs Hunter, presided. It was agreed to form Tuakau into a District Union. The President read the address given by Mrs Cole at the Convention. Decided to appoint Mrs Roberts Superintendent of Crusade Work, subject to her consent.

OKAIAWA.

February 15th, held at the residence of Mrs Christiansen. Mrs Lees elected Delegate to the Dunedin Convention. Mrs Walsdorf and Miss Hicks were appointed to take charge and make the arrangements for a Band of Hope. Sister Julia, a member of the Matapu Union who is at present in New Guinea as a Missionary, was transferred to the Okaiawa Union, as Matapu is resting for a time there not being sufficient members to carry on the work.

March 21st, at the residence of Mrs Wright. A very interesting and helpful essay was read by the President, Miss Christiansen. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Wright.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

April 4th, Mrs Boxall in the chair. Visitors were present from Masterton, Nelson, and Napier. Mrs Houlder, Delegate, gave a report of the work done at the Convention. Mrs Johnston Wright attended to say "Good-bye" to the members, as she was leaving the same evening for England. Mrs Cummins, another of our workers, and Mrs Wright's sister also left by the same boat. We are

looking forward to a good year's work. The No License fight is over for the present but we hope to do some practical W.C.T.U. work.

PUKEKOHE.

In the Salvation Army Hall. After the reports from different Departments, Mrs Nixon read a paper on "Medical Temperance." Decided to purchase Mrs Allen's booklets for distribution by the Cradle Roll Superintendent to mothers of Cradle Roll babies.

STRATFORD.

April 4th, in the Primitive Methodist School-room, the question of Bible reading in schools was discussed. Our President, Mrs S. White, spoke very earnestly on matters relating to children during their school period, and urged the members present to do all in their power towards electing a School Committee who would study the highest interests of the children.

"Willard Day" held in Wesley Church. Our President gave a short account of the life of one of the noblest women the world has seen. Other ladies spoke of the grand work done by her.

TIMARU.

March 26th The annual social of this Branch combined with the "Y" Union, and was held in Trinity Hall. Tea was served at half-past six, after which a meeting was held to hear the report of the Delegates from the Dunedin Convention. Mesdames Hunt and Wallace gave a very interesting report of the work done. The "Y" Delegates also gave their report, especially mentioning the Maori work. It was decided to invite the Maori Organiser to spend a few days in this district on her way North.

April 30th, in the Arcade Room. During the month the Maori Organiser has been in Timaru, but owing to not sufficient notice of her visit being given no meeting was able to be held. It is hoped that Mrs Poramati will be here again in June or July, and will then be able to give an address on her work among the Maoris. A busy month was reported at the Sailors Rest. Mr R. Holdgate read a *resume* of a lecture entitled "Women in Civic and Political Life," given by Hon J. T. Paul at Convention. This was a most interesting subject handled in a masterly manner.

PONSONBY.

April 11th, Mrs Vickers, President, in the chair. The principal item of interest was the report of our Delegate to Convention, who richly enjoyed her association with such able and devoted women. The many questions discussed day after day showed what a very comprehensive outlook White Ribboners have of the needs of the present time, and of their responsibility while doing their part in life to uplift humanity. The kind and gracious hospitality of the entertaining Union was very much appreciated. The unity of "we all belong" was very apparent. Old friends were missed but not forgotten. Levathan Hotel cards distributed and recommended.

BLUFF.

March 29th, our anniversary, a social afternoon was arranged, Mrs Moody presiding. We were honoured by a visit from Mrs and Miss Dewar, Auckland, Mrs Poramati, Mrs Mason, Greymouth, and Mrs Lee Cowie, Invercargill, who had been invited to address the meeting. We are greatly indebted to Mrs Cowie, who has helped us in various ways on many occasions. Mrs Dewar spoke a few words of cheer and en-