

many eyed copula, bay windows, fluttering awnings, balcony and verandah, a brave sight in the daytime; and, with its beckoning lights, a welcome one at night.

Beyond the house is Harvey Cottage, on the first floor of which are situated the laundry and weave-room, the latter now sending out beautiful work under the superintendence of Miss Louise M. Cutler. The upper floor is divided into seven small rooms which are utilised in summer. The spacious barn is the home of our three horses, four cows, and, during the cold weather, five sheep. Next to it stands the farmer's cottage, and further down the dale, in the midst of the small fruit, the three-roomed cottage where the canning is done in a big, clean kitchen under the care of the neatest of housewives, Mrs Mary Dawes. In this neighbourhood are the grain house, the spring, the windmill, and the ample chicken-houses. At present there are about four hundred hens, and this branch of the work is in charge of Miss Annie J. Ross.

The whole estate covers about one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, partly wooded. There are orchards, grape vines, and a beautiful grove where hammocks and swings are hung in summer, and benches are placed for those who love to wander and ponder among the trees. There is also a cranberry bog that very soon will furnish work for our women, and a big hope is cherished that some day we shall be rich enough to own a hot-house and add flower culture to our industries. As it is, cold frames provide us with very early violets for sale, and our posy-loving matron keeps the place fragrant and beautiful from the time the tulips show their heads until autumn totally disappears. We had roses in bloom out of doors this year after the heavy frosts had come.

Llewsac is only in its beginning; yet much has been accomplished. Vegetables, eggs, chickens, canned fruit, and every sort of lovely thing that looms turn out are already for sale; the cranberry bog is on the way to usefulness; the bee industry is begun,

and soap-making also; with cold creams, extracts and cooky-making soon to follow. It is only a matter of time and money when the plant will be self-supporting and a means of support for many. It already extends a friendly hand to many varieties of women; not only to those seeking employment, but to those recovering from illness and needing a quiet spot in which to recruit; to teachers who must spend the vacation or week's end where nerves will get rested; to burdened mothers who must run away from their cares for a while.

To still others it means a living and a home. A number of women are now waiting until money for the building of a new dormitory make their residence there possible. There is abundance of space, of God's fresh air, of opportunity to introduce new activities, new industries, and as the way opens and means are provided these will be attempted.

Llewsac is not a charity. It offers self-respecting women entering middle life—or just beyond it—who have reached the end of their resources and are meeting the trying years of worn bodies and nerves—self-support and a home. We know of no other work with just this object in view. It is a home with a home atmosphere and a family altar around which all gather nightly in the parlours at seven o'clock to meet God in prayer, to listen to the reading of His word and to join in sacred song.

Llewsac Lodge is not a venture. It is a fact—a God-appointed task. And since it is such, the end is assured. He Who has begun the good work will perform it. His daughters confidently look to Him to do it.—*Union Signal*.

Re Badges.

Miss Powell writes:—"The supply of pearl badges is almost exhausted. With a view to sending more, I shall be glad to hear whether they are satisfactory in wear. I am daily expecting the 8d enamel ones—strong and pretty—6/- per doz. (prepaid) to Unions, postage extra (id.)."

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

WANGANUI.

May 31st, at St. Paul's Hall, Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Smith occupying the chair in turn. Reported that several members of the Union paid a visit to the Putiki Maori Union, and read the report of the Dunedin Conference. Later, Dr. Dunn, Dominion Purity Superintendent, took the chair, and Mr. Bligh, Purity Lecturer, gave an interesting address on "The Responsibility of Motherhood in the Training of Children in Purity." Literature bearing on this subject was distributed to all those present.

To Mrs. Wood the Union tender their sincerest sympathy in the very sudden bereavement which has come to her in the death by accident of her eldest son.

KAIAPOI.

May 8th, a social was held. Delegates to recent Convention gave their reports. Members of the Brass Band thanked for their generous assistance given in aid of British and Foreign Sailors' Society. A box of magazines and books to be sent to the back-blocks. Decided to present a few books to the new Library, amongst them to be Sir Victor Horsley's "Alcohol and the Human Body." Members were asked to send any spare clothing to members of Relief Committee for distribution amongst needy cases. Decided to provide luncheon for members of No-License League Convention.

May 29th. The Relief Committee reported splendid work done, and requests were made for more clothing, also for literature, for the back-blocks. Decided to celebrate White Ribbon Day on the 12th June, and to ask Sister Mabel, of Christchurch, to give an address. A letter from Mrs. Farr, Waikari, announcing the disbandment of their Union, was received with regret, and a resolution of appreciation was passed with Mrs. Farr for her long services and good work in connection with the work at Waikari. A resolution of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Forrest and family in their recent bereavement. Two new members were initiated. The President spoke very earnestly on the Social Purity question, and it was decided to take up more aggressive work in this direction. Mrs. Ward was appointed Superintendent. It was decided to arrange for addresses on Purity lines to be given to men and women respectively, influential speakers to be procured from Christchurch. The Purity Superintendent was requested to write to Dr. Eliz. Dunn, Wanganui, for advice re literature, etc. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"The members of the Kaiapoi W.C.T.U. strongly protest