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PONSONBY.

Feb. 19th. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a very fine gathering. A large quantity of new books presented to our library by our President, who urged our members to take advantage of them, and make wise use of the books among their friends. Mrs Andrews, Cradle Roll Superintendent, reported 133 babies. Visits among the mothers who are encouraged to join our Union. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an account of a meeting in India, where she addressed a large number of Brahmins who pleaded with her to do all she could to prevent the British Government importing wines and beer into India. Our President was asked to write to Lady Astor and Secretary of State on behalf of our branch and protest against the state of affairs as they exist under British rule, in India. Mrs Lee-Cowie promised to do so. At this meeting, we observed "Frances Willard" day. Our President, gave a most interesting account of her life and work, and her experiences in her home, "Rest Cottage" while in America last year. A collection was taken up for World's W.C.T.U., amounting to £1 6s. 1½d. The Rev Henry Braddock, then spoke very earnestly on behalf of the Bible in Schools, urging our co-operations and prayers on behalf of his often difficult work, urging the members to interview our own ministers, on the subject.

WANGANUI EAST.

Feb. Annual meeting; Mrs Duxfield presided. Half an hour devotional exercises were led by Mrs Dowsett, who gave a very helpful and inspiring talk. The Balance Sheet showing a credit balance of £4 11s 8d. was read and adopted. The Dominion Officers and Superintendents of departments were elected:—President, Mrs A. Duxfield; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs W. J. Andrews; Treasurer, Mrs F. Brown; Recording Secretary, Mrs E. Frethy; W.R. Secretary, Mrs C. Melvin; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; Notable Days, Mrs F. Brown; Press, Mrs Andrew; L.T.L., Miss Siddels; Narcotics, Mrs Duxfield; White Ribbon Reporter, Mrs A. Williams; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Andrews; Evangelical, Mrs Dowsett. "Frances Willard Day," will be celebrated at the March meeting, when a collection will be taken up for the "World's Mission."

LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

Mar. 2nd, 1925. Our meetings are held regularly every month, at Lincoln and Springston alternately. The interest is keen and sustained throughout. Mrs T. E. Taylor came out to Lincoln on the 17th February, and spoke to us on the necessity of making every possible effort, during this Campaign Year. We have also had addresses by the Rev. Robertson of Lincoln, which we find both helpful and encouraging. Our numbers keep up well.

WAIMATE.

Feb. 11th. Mrs Kippenberger presided. Fair attendance. Letters from Mesdames Taylor and Norrie re Miss Earnshaw's visit. Decided to ask Miss Earnshaw to postpone her visit until after Convention. The meeting supported the nomination of Mrs Don, Miss Henderson, Mrs Evans, and Mrs Bendeley. Mrs Kippenberger, was appointed Delegate to Convention. Mrs Roy read a paper on the life and work of Miss Willard, and a collection for World's Mission was taken up. The President urged members to endeavour to gain new members and look up absentees.

GREYMOUTH.

Feb. 4th. First meeting of 1925. Poor attendance. Mrs Martin presided. Mr Osborn, Organizer gave an outline of Executive's plans for Campaign work. He also spoke a few words of encouragement and paid a high tribute to the Leaders of the W.C.T.U. Mr Osborn was cordially thanked for his address. Arrangements were made for meeting Envoy P. Swartz, and the meeting closed.

Mar. 2nd. An "afternoon" was given by the Union, S.A. ladies co-operating, in honour of our much esteemed visitor, Envoy Pauline Swartz, an invitation having been extended to all ladies interested, to attend. The large number present listened to a feast of information regarding the Prohibition movement in U.S.A., the loyalty of several leading wealthy citizens of that country. Incidents in the lives of early reformers were recalled, notably that of Frances Willard.

Miss Swartz related experiences in Japan, concluding with a short talk on the Spiritual aspect, reciting several beautiful passages of Scripture. A few words of appreciation from Mrs Martin on behalf of all present. The ladies of the Army Corp. took up a collection for our funds, and served afternoon tea. At a special meeting, Mesdames Martin and Mason were appointed Delegates to Convention.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Jan. 25th. Good attendance; Mrs Jones presiding. Social afternoon arranged to celebrate Frances Willard Day. Mrs Oliver appointed Delegate to Convention. A paper on "Woman's Influence," by Mrs Craig.

Feb. 18th. Frances Willard Day; good attendance. Mrs Jones spoke of the beautiful life and noble work of our departed leader. Extracts from White Ribbon read. Songs by Mrs Ambury, Misses Loveridge and Cartwright. One new member; Collection £1 10s.

Feb. 25th. 29 members present; Mrs Jones presiding. Work for Sailor's Rest well in hand. Rest Room reported to be doing good work. Fine paper on "Character" by Mrs Hughes.

FOXTON.

Feb. 18th. Mrs Peryman, presiding. Decided to purchase White Ribbon Hymnals; also literature for distribution. Plans of work discussed, and social evening arranged for.

RANGIORA.

Feb. 27th. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. Decided to send letters of sympathy to several members in cases of bereavement or illness. Mrs Thwaites was appointed Delegate to Convention. A paper making suggestions with regard to increasing our membership, from the District centre, was read by the President and discussed. As the February meeting is held in commemoration of Frances Willard, an interesting paper on the life and work of this great founder of the Union, was read by Mrs Logan, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

HASTINGS.

Feb. 26th. Good start, 1925. President Mrs Harper in chair; 18 members present, one new member. Mrs Boshier elected Delegate to attend Convention. Decided hold function to provide travelling expenses. Committee elected to carry out same. Frances Willard Day, was brought to mind by the Secretary in a few words telling of the life of devotion our noble founder had lived. Congratulation and birthday greetings extended to Mrs Wilson. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

MOTUEKA.

Feb. 25th. The first meeting in the year; a small attendance, due to the busy fruit season. Resolved to ask for a proxy at Convention. Resolved to send a letter to Mr Hudson, member for Motueka presenting the Union's views on the Licensing Amendment clauses. The secretary read an interesting paper on the "Life of Frances Willard."

TAURANGA.

Feb. 20th. First meeting of the New Year. Mrs Carlton Smith in the chair, and a good attendance of members. Discussion held, relating to a piece of property over which a knotty problem has risen. Decided that we devote our meeting in March to Frances Willard Day, and that a collection be taken up. Decided that one dozen badges be procured. After partaking of refreshments, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

CHEVIOT.

Feb. 7th. A fair attendance. Mrs Ferguson presided. Officers regret being unable to attend District Executive. A vote of sympathy extended to Mrs Wainmley, who was absent owing to illness. The sum of £2; was voted to Organising Fund. The meeting closed with the Benediction, after which afternoon tea was served.

RAKAI.

Feb. 12th. Mrs Boag presiding; attendances not so large as usual. The Treasurer reported, that there was a small debit balance. Mrs Boag reported having sent