

letters of condolence to Mrs Lill, Ashburton, in the death of her son, and to Miss Trevarza, Ashburton, in the death of her mother. A letter was received from the W.C.T.U. Executive, urging the branch to endeavour to increase its membership, and to extend the circulation of the "White Ribbon." In response to an appeal from the Willard Orphanage, Palmerston North, for clothing and material, it was resolved to hold a gift afternoon at the March meeting for this object. Mrs Boag read an interesting letter from Mrs Don, describing a visit paid by her and Miss Henderson to the home of Frances Willard. Mrs Hopwood was appointed Delegate to Convention. The following officers were appointed for 1925:—President, Mrs Boag; Vice-president, Mrs A. S. Morrison; Secretary, Mrs H. Hopwood; Treasurer, Mrs A. Lee; White Ribbon Agents, Mrs England and Miss Amy Oakley; Literature Superintendent, Mrs Hunt; Reporters to White Ribbon, Miss G. Boag and E. Lee; Cradle Roll Superintendents, Miss G. Boag and E. Lee. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

GORE.

Feb. 2nd. Nearly thirty ladies met at Milne's Tea Rooms, to farewell Mrs Eccersall, who has acted as Secretary for the Gere W.C.T.U. for sometime. After a pleasant reunion round the teacups, and some music by Miss K. Johnson, Mrs E. C. Smith spoke of the regret they all felt in parting with such a capable co-worker. Mrs Eccersall, had been most efficient and enthusiastic, she was interested, heart and soul in her work, in fact her labours for the Church, the Union, and the Band of Hope were her recreation. In token of appreciation, Mrs Eccersall was presented with a gold bangle and a dainty alarm clock. Several ladies spoke in appreciation of Mrs Eccersall who replied that she had enjoyed the work and would always be interested in what Gore might be doing, though away in Wanganui.

MAUNGATUROTO.

Feb. 19th. Poor attendance. After some discussion it was agreed to compile a syllabus for 6 months. Miss Butler rendered a solo which was much appreciated. Mrs Wallace read a most instructive paper written by Mrs Crabbe, entitled, "The W.C.T.U., its Aims and its Objects," which was kindly lent to us by the Henderson Union. Our one regret was, that there were so few present to appreciate it. Afternoon tea was served.

BATLEY. (Maori).

Feb., 1925. Meeting held in Mrs C. Paikaea's house—only a few attended. Mrs N. Paikaea read the last minutes and report. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Karena; Vice-President, Mrs C. Paikaea; Treasurer, Mrs Tikitiki Edwards; Secretary, Mrs K. Noda. Message to the Union.—Please send a worker amongst us.

DUNEDIN.

Feb. 3rd. The first meeting in 1925; Mrs Hiatt presided, and briefly welcomed Mrs Napier a former member of Dunedin who had just arrived from Edinburgh. She also welcomed Miss Alice Webb from Ormondville, H.B. Mrs Plaister was cordially welcomed to her new post as Recording Secretary. Mrs Twose reported that 8 new babies and 4 new members were gained at the December 11th Cradle Roll Rally. Miss M. S. Powell was made a Vice-President, her place as Press Superintendent and White Ribbon Correspondent to be filled by Miss A. Webb. The Executive's nominations of the following Superintendents of departments were confirmed:—Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Cradle Roll, Mrs Twose; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Downing; Home Meetings, Mrs Hutton; Maori, Mrs Romerill; Seaman's Rest, Mrs Anderson. Mesdames Pearson and Hutton were appointed delegates to the United Temperance Reform Council. The Treasurer, Mrs Macartney, presented her Annual Report and Balance Sheet showing a credit balance of £71 12s. 6d. A number of sub-committees in connection with the forthcoming Convention were appointed. Resolved to hold a special meeting on Saturday afternoon, to give members the opportunity of meeting Envoy Swartz of the Salvation Army in America.

Feb. 7th. The Union met at 3 p.m., when Mrs Hiatt introduced Envoy Swartz from New York, and Ensign Shierston, now in charge of work among young people in

Dunedin. After a few remarks upon the power that women have, in the homes of the people where the young are trained, with reference to the life of Frances Willard to prove how, by the grace of God, a very timid woman can take a great part in public life, Miss Swartz passed on to the necessity of putting God first in all our undertakings, and how easy it was to keep in close touch with Him by the radio and wireless connection always accessible to His children. The members listened with earnest attention to an inspiring and helpful talk.

Mar. 3rd. Meeting well attended, Mrs Hiatt presiding. Delegates for Convention:—Mrs Alexander, Mrs Mathewson, and Miss W. Powell. Miss M. S. Powell gave the gist of a number of recommendations re-maternal welfare by the National Council of women, which the Union was asked to adopt—It was decided to refer this business to the Dominion Convention as the matter is not local. Mrs Hiatt informed the Union that in response to a request from Roxburgh she was going there in March 10th, to form a New Union in the Dunedin district if possible (applause). It was resolved that this Union accord their hearty support to the trained Nurses' Association and the National Council to provide a rest room in the city for women and children—the room to be in the Octagon if possible. The attention of members was called to the fact that the Municipal Elections will be held next month, and it is now time to see that their names are on the Municipal, as well as Electoral Roll.

OXFORD.

Jan. 7th. First meeting in the New Year, an Evangelical meeting. Mrs Ryde in the chair. Miss Caverhill was appointed Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent. Miss Gainsford then took charge of the subjects, having chain prayer. Miss Gainsford gave a very instructive address on the importance of Prayer for the individual, and for the uplifting of mankind, and was warmly thanked for the address.

Feb. 18th 1925. The President presided. Decided that the subject for the meeting be decided month by month, and that we invite Mrs Williams of Sumner for our next meeting, and also arrange a cottage meeting if possible. The meeting then made arrangement for the afternoon tea, to be held on February 26th. Decided that a letter be sent to Mrs Johnson, and also to Miss Caverhill. Also that a letter be sent to Mr L. Watson, thanking him for the Balance Sheet and also for the recommendations.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 6th. Attendance small. Miss Astbury gave out the Secretarial duties in the unavoidable absence of our Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs Hodder and Mrs Collins. Mrs Crabb, in referring to the recent death of Mrs Clausen, who some years ago filled the position of Treasurer, spoke of the faithful and devoted services she had rendered to our Union, which will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Mar. 6th. An exceptionally large attendance. Mrs Pacey, one of our Vice-Presidents, acted as Recording Secretary in the absence of Mrs Hodder. Letter received from Alliance thanking W.C.T.U. members for providing refreshments at the Campaign Rally. We were honoured by having with us Madam Gasnovsky, who gave a most earnest and inspiring address on the "Power of Prayer," speaking of some of her own personal experiences of the manifestations of this great power in times of great trouble and difficulty in Russia, (her native land).

PONSONBY.

Mar. 5th. Mrs C. H. Taylor, presided. Fair attendance. The Bible in Schools question was again discussed, and several ladies intend approaching their ministers to ask their help in the matter. A letter from the Town Clerk, regarding the letters of protest concerning indecent bathing costumes, was read and stated that the letter was ordered to be received. An interesting account of missionary work among the Aborigines of Australia was read. A letter from Nurse Chappell from India, was read, saying how distressed she was to see so much whisky advertised in a country that is teetotal by religion. Afternoon tea was served.

EDEN.

Feb. 18. Miss Wilson presided over a good attendance. The early portion of meet-

ing devoted to prayer and praise. Decided to affiliate with National Council of Women. Miss Wilson appointed this Union's delegate on the Council. Members promised to work for Sale, to be held shortly, in aid of the Roskill Prohibition League. Several members volunteered to be responsible for an interesting talk at the regular meetings throughout the year, each one taking the month allotted to her. Mrs Auld was appointed delegate to Convention. Miss Wilson asked the three retiring officers Mesdames Scanlon, Hudson and Auld, each to accept, on behalf of members, a small memento as a token of loving appreciation of faithful service rendered by them to the Union.

OTARUHU.

Mar. 5th. First meeting of the year 1925. It took the form of a social afternoon; musical items were rendered, and Mrs Lee Cowie gave a very interesting address of her trip to England, she also had a very pleasant duty of initiating two new members. Afternoon tea was handed round.

HAWERA.

Temperance rally and social; large attendance. Mrs Reed, presided. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, after which Mrs Reed, on behalf of the local branch of the W.C.T.U., extended a cordial welcome to Mrs Duxfield, Mr Grinstead and other visitors. Apologies for absence were received from several of those interested in the movement, and expressing the hope that success would attend the proceedings. Mrs Duxfield gave an interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U. in the cause of prohibition, and urged those present to take an early opportunity of enrolling on the electoral roll. She stated that the W.C.T.U. was one of the most powerful organisations in the Temperance Movement in the world, and urged those present not to relax their efforts. Mr Grinstead paid a tribute to the efforts of the W.C.T.U. generally, and the Hawera branch in particular, and urged the necessity for a strong united effort in the cause of temperance. During the evening several vocal items were rendered. Solos were given by Miss Tate and Miss Mills, whilst a piece by the Methodist choir was also much appreciated. Miss Simpson submitted a recitation which was well received.

At the residence of Mrs Corry, Glover Road, Mrs Reed presiding. Friends from Home, also from Normanby, were welcomed by Mrs Reed. Letters of sympathy to Mesdames Foreman, Grindrod and Velvin in their family sickness. Mrs Greenwood, read a paper, "The White Bow and its message." Purity, peace, temperance and friendship, she said, are among its principles. Her concluding sentence was: "Nail your colours to the mast, for the sake of your boy and mine." A paper on the life of Frances Willard, read by Mrs Young, was much appreciated. Two new members were initiated, and a collection for the missionary fund was taken up.

WINTON.

During February, Miss Earnshaw spent 12 days in Winton, and formed a branch of W.C.T.U. with 30 members. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs T. A. McWilliam; Vice President, Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, J. P. McWilliams, H. Anderson, McKillop; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs F. Cole; Treasurer, Mrs J. A. Wilson; Secretary, Mrs McNeur.

FIELDING.

Feb. 5th. Small attendance; President in chair. Resolved that £1 be sent to Missions Fund, in commemoration of Frances Willard Day. Meeting closed with prayer.

Mar. 5th. Meeting presided over by Mrs Pack; eleven members present. A welcome was extended to Mrs Martin, late of Wanganui, who has recently come to live in Fielding. The work of nominating representatives of our Union to sit on the School committees of this town was left in the hands of Mesdames Darragh and McIntyre. A letter was read from Secretary, of Y.W.C.A., asking financial help towards the salary of a lady to take charge of women's work at Dunedin Exhibition.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Feb. Mrs Goodey presided; a splendid attendance. Decided to form a Y. Branch; Mrs Piper to be leader; to be opened with