

**Y Column.**

**NELSON.**

April 27. Opening meeting. Good attendance. Convention report read. Election of officers took place, the following being elected:—Supt., Mrs F. Knapp; Pres., Miss K. Moyes; Vice-Pres., Misses M. Bannister and E. Branford; Sec., Miss M. Cook; Treasurers, Misses P. Eaves and A. Hunter and Mr G. White; W.R. Agent, Miss I. Hunter. The syllabus for the year was then distributed. The meeting was followed by a social. An enjoyable evening was concluded with supper.

**INVERCARGILL.**

April 27. Misses Blaikie and Williams gave lengthy and stirring reports of Convention, Miss Williams proudly handing over the Y banner (which the Union had won last year for the increase in members) to the President, Miss Dawson. Great interest was taken in Mrs Don's mementos of her recent trip. It was decided to keep them as Union property, Secretary to write and thank Mrs Don. Much regret was expressed at the loss the Branch has sustained through the removal of Miss Rita Finlayson to Christchurch, the President, with several of the older members, speaking of the good work done for the Branch by Miss Finlayson. A letter of appreciation, with a parting gift, were to be sent to Miss Finlayson. Miss Lopdell and others welcomed Mrs Young back to their midst again.

**TOTARA VALLEY.**

April. President occupied the chair. Decided that the next meeting be a "Peace" meeting. The President gave an interesting talk on the recent Convention and the work for the coming year.

**NEW BRIGHTON.**

April 22. At Mrs Gibb's residence. Attendance good. President in the chair. The delegate to Convention gave her report, which was most interesting, and much appreciated by all. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the hostess. Items were contributed during the evening by Mrs F. M. Mitchell, Misses T. Buxton, M. Lightbody, G. and A. Gibb, and B. Nelson.

**HASTINGS.**

April 21. Miss Beale (President) in the chair. Fair attendance. Mrs J. Wilson gave an excellent address on the past, present and future work of Temperance. Debate between Y.M.C.A. and Y's to be held next meeting. Fruit supper was served. Meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

**MRS LEE-COWIE'S GOSPEL TEMPERANCE HALL.**

Mrs Lee-Cowie has taken over the large hall known as East Street Methodist Mission, and will open it as a Gospel Temperance Hall, for all kinds of Christian and temperance work. There will be a Mothers' Rest Room, with a bright, capable person in charge. This will be a great boon to mothers, who can leave their little ones there while they do their shopping.

During the visit of the U.S.A. fleet to Auckland the Hall will be open to the men. They can go there to read and to write their letters. A cup of tea or coffee and a very warm welcome will be provided by a splendid band of our W.C.T.U. workers.

Mrs Cowie is most anxious that the Hall should be a blessing and a comfort to visitors to the city.

**PEACE RADIATIONS.**

The future of the nations turns upon their state of mind. It was their bad state of mind that pitched them into the hell-fire of the Great War. The only cause of war is the strong delusion that the interests of a nation or group of nations are opposed to those of another nation or group. This is but the international form of the delusion which divides people into classes, and creates the class-war and the exploitation of the helpless by the strong.

No international conference will be fully successful in peace-making and peace-establishing that is not commissioned to express a new thought and sentiment which is asserting itself in the mind and heart of the nations represented. In democracies it is the average mentality of the citizens that gets itself expressed and embodied and acted out. A new thought and sentiment, to be effective in collective action, must have entered into the consciousness, not only of a few progressive pioneers, but also, at length, of the average men and women of the nation.

Any little share any of us are privileged to have in the healing of the nations, must begin by our consenting that the divisive delusion shall be cast out of our minds, conscious or sub-conscious. The "Old man"—the separatist, the mischief-maker must be put off; in order that the "new man"—the peace-maker—the uniter—the Christ in us—the One Divine Humanity—may be our very Self and Life and Power.

There is something that every regenerate soul can do for the peace of the world—something that no Government in London, or Paris, or any other capital, can hinder. It is an activity in the spiritual realm of causation. It is to receive and radiate the peace of the Eternal Love-Centre.

"There shall be an end of war; there shall be human fellowship between nations and within them;"—such is the cosmic purpose and prophecy which everyone who believes in the omnipotence of good should be pressing, every day, upon his own soul and upon every other soul within the unity of the evolving human race.—From the Watch-Tower of "Brotherhood."

**N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.**

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:—

- General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.
- L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance: Mrs Neal, 3 Maunsell Road, Parnell, Auckland.
- Maori: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox Street, Gisborne.
- Purity: Mrs Wilson, Box 273, Hastings.

**MRS MOWLEM'S STOCK**

includes:

- Badges, white enamel Brooches, 6d each, 5/- per doz.; Badges, white enamel Pins 6d each, 5/- per doz.; Badges, white enamel, Star of Honour (presentation), 2/- each; Hymnals 3d each, 2/- doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, small, 1/- and large 1/9; Envelopes, 6d, pkt. of 25; Constitutions 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet 4d each; 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards, 6d doz.; Facts About W.C.T.U., 6d doz.; Treas. Slips and Transfer Slips, 1/- per 100; Pledge Books, 6d; "Do Everything (Frances Willard), 2/-; Special Song Books for Young Peoples or L.T.L. Work; Gilded Monogram W.C.T.U. Serviettes, 9d per doz; 5/- per 100; "Comfort Powders" (Bible Promises), 1/9 box; Drinking Cups (folding) 2 for 3d; Stickers "Time to Stop," 25 for 6d; W.C.T.U. Seals, 20 for 6d; "Y" Work Suggestions, etc.
- How We Won the Franchise, 1d each, 9d doz., 1/- 100, 35/- 1000.
- White Vestal, 1d each, 6d doz., 3/6 100, 30/- per 1000.
- Treasurers' Receipt Books, 1/6 each.

These Prices include Postage.

**L.T.L., CRADLE ROLL, AND MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.**

Mrs Neal has in stock:

FOR THE L.T.L.:

- Charts (with Manual of Lessons) showing effects of Alcohol and Tobacco on the human body, 7/6 per set; Questions Answered About the L.T.L., 1/6; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It is Written (Bible Stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/-; Recitation Books, 1/-; L.T.L. Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen.

**MRS WILSON**

has on sale:—

- Men, Women and God—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian Standpoint, paper cover 3/6, cloth 4/6; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Towards Racial Health, 4/6; Way Book for Youth, 2/-; How I was born, 9d; Confidential Talks with Husband and Wife 4/6. Also on order The Cradle Ship.

**CRADLE ROLL:**

- Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen.
- Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz.
- Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per dozen.

**MEDICAL TEMPERANCE:** Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to sixpence per doz.