

The letter was sympathetically received, and members noted the name and address, in the hope of hearing of something suitable. Any one so desiring, can obtain these on application to the Secretary of the Union. A preliminary notice was sent about a District Executive meeting proposed to be held at Marton in the first week of November, for which arrangements should be made, that the Union may be represented by one or more of its officers. Report of the recent District Convention was given by one of the delegates, Miss Anderson, who recounted the various doings of the Convention in an interesting and detailed paper. It had been a very useful and full Convention, as to the amount of work got through. Several good papers had been given, and most of the resolutions passed at the Annual Convention were endorsed, or in some way brought before the delegates. Several social functions that were interspersed among the more serious business were described, and reference made to the unusual experience of snow storm that had followed immediately on the close of the Convention. Miss Anderson's account was supplemented by Mrs Keene in several interesting particulars. Before the meeting closed, arrangements were made for celebrating "Maori Day," fixed by Annual Convention for the 16th October or thereabouts. After some little discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on the 21st inst., when a short paper on Maori Work should be read, followed by personal experiences told by the Organiser, Miss Bradshaw, or failing her, by Miss C. Kirk. It was also resolved that at a future meeting an account should be given to members of Children's Courts, as a subject that women should know something about. (Congratulations to Pleasant Point, Ashburton, Wellington South, Otahuhu, Dunedin, and Wanganui, for prompt reporting. Meetings held on October 5th, 6th, and 7th, had reports in Foxton P.O. on October 8th.—Ed. "White Ribbon.")

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

September 22. As the North Invercargill W.C.T.U. have lately lost a number of its members through removals to other towns, change of residence, etc., the President, Mrs Homes, suggested a plan to enlist the interest and co-operation of our near neighbours. Instead of our usual meeting on the afternoon of the third Tuesday in the month, an extended evening meeting was decided upon. Mrs Fairbairn read a very interesting paper on "How we got the Franchise." She also briefly spoke on the apathy that had fallen on so many prohibitionists. She compared the position of women in the past with their present position, and said, if the women of New Zealand rose to their full power prohibition would soon be an accomplished fact. Mrs Homes briefly explained what the Union stood for. She had the pleasure of enrolling two new members and receiving three transfers. During the evening sober speeches were interspersed with song. Miss Langskali sang "One Day" in her usual pleasing style, Miss Hardie acting as organist. Miss Jamieson sang "I am Longing for the Spring" very sweetly. Little Miss Miller gave a recitation, and Miss Strathearn a song. A nice supper brought a pleasant evening to a close.

TAKAPUNA.

September 10. Mrs Penning in the chair, good attendance. Mrs Fulljames gave a very fine address on the work of Mrs Beharell. This has been published in the August White Ribbon. The address was listened to with great attention and much pleasure, and at the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Fulljames. Afternoon tea was served.

PAPAROA.

September 10. The President, Miss J. Hanes, presided. The resolutions passed by W.C.T.U. Convention, 1926, were read by Secretary. Miss Hanes gave an interesting address about the proposed amendments to the Licensing Bill, now before Parliament. A very enjoyable paper was given by Miss Ross, on the Life of Frances Ridley Havergal. The President thanked Mrs Ross for her assistance, and expressed great regret at her leaving the district, to which Mrs Ross replied, and wished the Union every success with their work. A duet was rendered by

Miss D. Evans and Mrs E. Birtles. A reading on the Life of Lady Henry Somerset, was given by Miss J. Cliff, and was very much appreciated.

SEFTON.

August 25. Mrs Thorne presided over good attendance. Decided to try and arrange a special meeting at Balcairn. An article dealing with Cell Poison was read. A letter was received from Willard Home. At close of meeting, afternoon tea was handed round.

September 26. Small attendance, Mrs Thorne in chair. Report of Convention postponed until larger meeting. Article on Cell Poison continued. Decided to write for special paper on Maori Work for next meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

TIMARU.

September 28. Good attendance, Mrs Low, M.A., presided. Correspondence from Willard Home Secretary, thanking Union for donation, and from Mrs Peryman asking for photographs and particulars about Sailor's Rest. Treasurer's report showed profit of £55 from Daffodil Day. In this connection, votes of thanks were passed to the Press, to Mrs Woodward for providing lunch for workers, and to all who helped to make the day a success. Monthly Bulletin of S.C. Area (New Zealand Alliance) proved interesting reading. Regular visits have been paid to hospital and to sick members. Mr Woodward reported five overseas steamers have called during month, about 152 visitors paying about 200 visits. One Sunday service and social for S.S. Corinthic was given. Mrs Minife gave a detailed account of the business conducted at District Convention. Later, Mrs Low gave another of her interesting periodical talks on the League of Nations, stating that the present outlook in Central Europe is much brighter than it was a few months ago.

OAMARU.

September. "Pay Up" Social. A good attendance, Mrs Clarke presided. Miss Smyth gave Bible address based on Ephesians 3:20, which was very helpful. A short time was spent in prayer, in which about 20 members took part. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Chase and family in their recent bereavement. Being Franchise Day, collection was given to New Zealand Fund. A delegate's report read, and a vote of thanks passed to Mrs Scott for her interesting report. Mrs Clarke read a helpful article on Women's Franchise. A letter of thanks to Miss Fairhall for parcel of clothing for Willard Home. The resolutions and recommendations confirmed at the recent Convention re Peace and Arbitration, were endorsed by Union. Resolutions re Gambling, Liquor, Licenses in King Country, and Licensing Bill and others were also endorsed by Union. Afternoon tea was served.

HASTINGS.

September 30. Mrs Banks presided over a crowded attendance, when we celebrated "Franchise Day," by entertaining the old folks at an "At Home." Community singing was led by Mrs Banks, and musical items were rendered by Mesdames Christie, McArthur and Rashleigh, and the Misses McArthur, Ford, and Campbell. Devotions were led by the Rev. L. Keith Ewen, and the Rev. D. J. Shaw addressed the old folks on "The Glory of Life," showing that there was a beauty in "Grandma New Zealand." He depicted in beautiful language the glory of life as evidenced in nature around us, in the coming of the tiny helpless babe, in the strong young men and beautiful maiden, in the working middle-age, and most of all in advancing age, and the even tide of life. Each guest received a button-hole, and Mrs T. J. Thompson, who had been a member for 24 years, a bouquet while the oldest lady (over 80) was presented with a small hand bag; and gentleman (over 70) with a necktie. Facts relative to the passing of the Franchise Bill were related during the afternoon, as also were some scientific facts culled from one of Mrs Martha Allen's leaflets. The pledge was also repeated. Tea and votes of thanks followed by prayer led by Rev. E. Copeland, closed a happy gathering.

BIRKENHEAD.

September 16. At the home of Mrs Hayman, Mrs Jory presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Two delegates were appointed for the District Convention on the 27th and 30th. Miss McLay gave a helpful address. Afternoon tea was served. One new member. Meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology and prayer.

PAPANUI.

We have celebrated several Notable Days at our recent meetings of W.C.T.U. The last one being Franchise Day, had a helpful address by Miss Henderson. Also had a Bring and Buy afternoon in aid of Frances Willard Home. Several new members have recently joined our Papanui branch of the Union.

AUCKLAND.

September 14. Mrs Cook presided over a good attendance; several visitors welcomed. Major Gordon gave an inspiring address at the Devotional meeting. Letters of appreciation sent to Hon. Mark Cohen and Hon. Rolleston, Member of the Legislative Council and Cabinet respectively, for their support in getting the Bill for the appointment of Women J.P.s passed. A letter of protest against the Licensing Bill was sent to the M.P. for Auckland Central. Arrangements were made to take charge of a stall for St. John's Ambulance collection. Sister Nichols, of Methodist Church, gave a most interesting account of her work among the Maoris. She thanked the Union for the clothes sent for the Maoris in the North, and said how much the Maori women appreciated the love and friendship of the white women; the Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention had been a great inspiration and help to those who attended as delegates. She had visited some of the Maori Unions, and stressed the need of an Organiser to visit them and help them in their work. The warmest greetings of the meeting were sent to the Maori women. Mrs Fulljames made an appeal for clothes to be sent to the Maoris.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

September 9. Mrs Macartney presiding. Mrs Shacklock read out the following arresting facts in favour of Prohibition. "It is stated by the Federal Census Bureau, U.S.A., that in 1910 the number of alcoholic patients admitted to the hospital for the insane, was practically double what it was in 1922, after two years of Prohibition. In 1924 the American people used 2,370,000,000 more gallons of milk, than they did in 1915. While the population increased 8 per cent, the consumption of milk increased 30 per cent." Mrs Ings, one of our delegates to our District Convention, then read a fine comprehensive report of the day's meetings.

NORMANBY.

September 8. Rev. Fletcher presided. Attendance fair; vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Scott in her illness. Extract read from Dominion, written by Secretary of the Moderate League, the tenor of which was that the Moderate League would do their best to retain the three issues on the Licensing ballot papers. The Rev. Fletcher then gave an address on Drink amongst the Maoris in the King Country. He told how the Maoris wasted their money at an alarming rate. He suggested it would be a wise procedure if it could be arranged, so that the natives, when they sold their land could not draw principal but only the interest, and the principal passed on to following generations. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Edwards and Harrison.

SPREYDON.

September 13. Mrs Nairn presided over an evening meeting; good attendance. Presentation of Temperance Essay Prizes to Edgar Hartley, John Moor, Maud Hatherly and Pear Pithie. Mrs Boag addressed the meeting. Musical items by Mrs McKenzie, Miss Dudney, and Edgar Hartley, also a recitation by Mrs Watson were much appreciated. Five new members.

FOXTON.

September. A fair attendance present, with Mrs Peryman occupying the chair. A