

**RAKAIKA.**

Feb. 10. Mrs Boag presided over good attendance; roll-call, and correspondence dealt with. Decided to ask British Sailor's Society (Christchurch) to send out a speaker for our next meeting. It being "Frances Willard Day," Mrs Hopwood read a paper, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Miss Boag was appointed delegate to Convention. Decided to postpone our Garden Party till the Spring. A resolution, to be forwarded to Convention, was drawn up as follows: "That steps be taken to stop the sending of Art Union tickets through the Post." Three new members were welcomed into our Union. Decided to hold next meeting March 8th. Afternoon tea was served.

**POUTO.**

Feb. 28. Meeting held in the residence of Mrs Kemp. Good attendance, all members were present; Mrs Tautuhi, President, in chair. An interesting letter was read from Mrs Palmer, of Rakaika Branch, about their Union. A report of good work was announced. A way of helping the delegate, who is to be present at the Convention, was arranged. The following Officers were elected:—President and Treasurer, Mrs Ariari; Secretary and W.R. Agent, Miss Kathleen Kena; (Mrs M. Kena, Vice-President; Mrs W. Kena, Secretary) both resigned; Members, Mrs B. Kena, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Kemp, Miss Kapa, Miss Tautuhi, Miss Katie Kena, Miss L. Thompson, Miss M. Thompson, Mrs Tautuhi, Mrs Pook. A hearty speech was given to those who worked hard last year, and those who retired.

**MIMAMAR.**

Feb. 9. Mrs Evans presiding over fair attendance. Resolutions for Convention discussed. Mrs Genge appointed delegate, and instructed to support most of resolutions, particularly petition for two-issue ballot paper. Members enthusiastic re canvassing for names. Decided to postpone sale of gifts, till after Convention. One new member enrolled.

**ELTHAM.**

Mar. 4. Presided over by Mrs W. Morrison, was a very successful one. A large number of members and friends were present. Mrs M. Phillips, Provincial President of Taranaki, was present, and gave a most interesting address on Faith, and a little of the work of women as Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, Frances Willard, and Agnes Weston. Mrs Garden gave great pleasure with her two solos, "My Dear Soul," and "My Task." The Treasurer, Mrs L. Pinney, reported twenty-two paid up members for 1927, which is very encouraging, and if we all do our part, we should have a useful year. One new member was initiated. One of Eltham's first members, Mrs Bennett, passed away suddenly from heart trouble on February 28th, and all present stood in silence as a mark of respect. She had been away from Eltham for many years, but had lately come back, and had rejoined the Branch here. Afternoon tea was served at the close of the meeting.

**EDENDALE SOUTH.**

Mar. 3. First meeting of the year. Mrs Malcolm presided over an encouraging attendance. After usual devotions, several letters were read and discussed. Decided to do our best to get new subscribers to the White Ribbon. Mrs Niven to attend the Quarterly meeting of the District W.C.T.U. in Invercargill on Saturday, 12th March, on behalf of our Branch.

**RAETIHI.**

Mar. 6. Mrs Sandford in the chair; good attendance. Decided to send literature to the Back Block settlers. Mrs W. Scarrow, Superintendent. Decided that a member should go to the Annual Convention. Mrs W. Scarrow read parts of the Life of Frances Willard, and members discussed her work in its different aspects.

**SPREYDON.**

Mar. 8. Mrs Petrie presided over fair attendance. No delegate to Convention. Mrs Petrie gave many helpful suggestions for making meetings interesting, and keeping

in touch with members who do not regularly attend.

**WELLINGTON.**

A very pleasant gathering took place on Thursday evening in the Constable Street Hall, when the members of the Wellington W.C.T.U. met to bid good-bye to Mrs Keene, who is leaving for Auckland. Mrs Mowlem referred most appreciatively to the many services rendered by Mrs Keene during the years she had resided in Wellington, and presented the departing guest with an "Honour's Service Star," and Mrs Chisholm presented a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the Union. Mrs Keene suitably replied, thanking all for the kindly thoughts which had prompted the gifts. During the evening, songs were rendered by Mesdames Davis and Bott, the Misses Webb and Harris; recitation by Mrs Keene, monologue by Miss Pillar, and violin solo by Miss Harvey. Supper was afterwards served and many a good wish was expressed for the continued good health and happiness of the guest of honour.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH.**

Mar. Fair attendance; President, Mrs Pasley, took the chair, and Mrs McKinnon, Evangelical Superintendent, carried through devotions. Two or three musical items, sweetly rendered by Mrs Mair and Miss Sabine Pasley, and an able recitation from Mrs D. Strang, made a pleasing prelude to a striking address from the Rev. S. Bailey, of St. Peter's Church. The Rev. gentleman based his remarks on verse 4, of 2nd Corinthians, chapter 4, and connected many present-day vital points with this verse. When closing his remarks, Mr Bailey's exhortations to the Temperance workers were both stimulating and impressive. Mr Bailey received a hearty vote of thanks, as did also the performers. Two new members were initiated.

**GORE.**

Feb. 22. Mrs E. C. Smith, President, presiding over fairly good attendance. After discussion the following decisions were agreed to: That member's subscriptions be paid by April each year; That each Sunday School provides the monthly Band of Hope programmes beginning in April; also that at Union's meeting in March, "Frances Willard Day" be observed, and gifts for Willard Home be brought. Mrs E. C. Smith was appointed delegate to Dominion Convention.

**RAI VALLEY.**

Feb. 17. Willard Day was celebrated by a Mothers' Afternoon Tea, in conjunction with a Baby Show and Carnival, etc., in aid of the District Nurses' Cottage. In response to the invitation of the Local W.C.T.U., about 23 mothers and babies assembled at the Hall, where a dainty afternoon tea, contributed by the members, was set out. A number of pioneer ladies of the District were also present by invitation, also the Chairman of the Wairau Hospital Board, and the Rev. Mr and Mrs Milgrew. After the judging of the babies, which was ably carried out by Sister Dundon, Matron of the Havelock Cottage Hospital, a Cradle Roll was started with 9 babies. Afternoon tea was then partaken of, and a very pleasant afternoon was concluded by the announcement of the winners in the different baby classes. Each child present received a souvenir from the Union, and hopes were expressed that the affair would be carried out again next year. Mrs Leov, President, W.C.T.U., received and welcomed the guests.

**MASTERTON.**

Mar. Mrs Coker presided; 21 members answered roll call. President and Secretary reported having attended District Executive meeting at the Hutt, and the Union decided to give its loyal support to recommendations to be forwarded from that meeting to the Dominion Convention, with regard to division of the District and Domestic Courts. A full discussion on need for Headquarters, and Secretary instructed to convey confidence of the Union to Dominion Officers, and its desire to help in the project. Unanimous approval of action for two-issue ballot. Levy of 1s. per member made towards N.Z. Organising Fund. £1 raised in meeting. Report given by Mrs N. Miller, Representa-

tive to Alliance, on Sub-Council meeting, held in Masterton, and vote of thanks passed. Arrangements for Shop Day to be held 6th April, completed. Decided to hold a Gift Afternoon at the residence of Mrs S. J. Smith, on March 24th. Tea was served by Mesdames Willoughby and Ross.

**TAUMARUNUI.**

Mar. 8. The President's resignation was accepted with regret, and Mrs Wainwright, Vice-President, was appointed to act as President till the end of the financial year. 100 copies of the Young People's Supplement were ordered for the next three months. Sister Alison was appointed delegate to the Convention. Mrs Reed reporting on the L.T.L., was promised fuller co-operation by Union members. The past year's work was most commendable. The L.T.L. will resume in April.

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Feb. 24. Business; the appointment of Mrs Phillips as delegate to the Convention. The alteration of four monthly meeting from the last Thursday to the first Thursday of the month. Mrs Green read the Treasurer's report. The meeting concluded with a short entertainment. Miss Elsie Bann recited. Mrs Bann sang, and Mrs Herbert gave us an organ selection.

**LOWER HUTT.**

Feb. 28. 2 members present. A hearty welcome was extended to Mrs Lopdell and Mrs Quin. Our President read the Pledge, all repeating it. An apology was read from Mrs Spencer. A letter was read from the Church of Christ Officials, thanking us for our small donation to them for the use of the Church, and wishing us every success, in our work this year. Decided to hold the Cradle Roll Afternoon on Wednesday, March 2nd, and all members were requested to come along and make the effort a successful one. Our delegate to Convention is Mrs Anderson. The remits, re Headquarters, and the two-issue ballot paper, were passed by our Union, to be recommended to Conference by our delegate. The sum of £1 was voted for the General Fund, and a collection was taken up during afternoon tea for the Missionary Fund. Decided to get a number of handbooks for our members. A very interesting paper on the life of Frances Willard was read by Mrs Anderson, written by her daughter, who was accorded a vote of thanks. There was a good deal of discussion, about the resolution against Military training.

Mar. 2. Cradle Roll Afternoon. It was a beautiful day, and a large number of mothers and children were present. Mrs Lowe gave a recitation, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Bird a pianoforte duet, and there were several records of nursery rhymes given on the gramophone, kindly lent by one of the members. Mrs Anderson spoke a few words to the mothers, telling them some of the work the W.C.T.U. does, and asked if any could join up with us. Mrs Heyes, our Cradle Roll Superintendent, was congratulated on her good work, and heartily applauded. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close.

**SPREYDON.**

Feb. 8. Mrs Burley presided; fair attendance. Decided to order one hundred copies of the Y.P. Supplement for six months. Mrs Watson to represent the Union at North Canterbury Executive. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs E. Feshenfeld and Mrs Sykes in their bereavement, and with Mrs Hall in her illness. Mrs Walker reported thirty babies on the Cradle Roll. Collection for Frances Willard Day.

**NORTH BRIGHTON.**

Feb. A New Year's Rally where the "Y" Branch were the guests of the Adult Union. Representatives of the Brighton and newly-formed South Brighton Unions were also present. Miss B. M. Harband, President, welcomed the Dominion President, and extended to her the congratulations of the Unions present, in her appointment to His Majesty's Commission of Justice. Mrs Taylor then delivered an address on the life and work of Frances Willard. On behalf of the North Brighton Branch, Mrs McGilivray, Cradle Roll Superintendent,