

for petitions for signatures in favour of the Two-Issue Ballot. Delegates were appointed for the District Convention on May 21st. Mrs Usher spoke of the good work for Prohibition among the Girl Guides in Birkdale. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was kindly dispensed by the Birkdale ladies.

#### MASTERTON.

May 5. Mrs Cocker presided over fair attendance. Decided to send full amount of levy due to Organising Fund this year. £2 voted to L.C.L. Department to establish them as separate organisation as far as finance is concerned. Mrs Ross appointed to represent Union at District Executive Meeting, to be held at Foxton on 26th May. The work of organising the Masterton Electorate to carry out the petition for Two-Issue Ballot Paper was put in hand, members and friends entering willingly into the work of canvassing the district.

#### RIVERTON.

Apr. 29. A most successful Social for the Young People, fully 70 being present. Rev. Fordyce presiding, caded on the following friends for items:—Misses R. Ashley and G. Green, Violin and Piano Duet; Miss Jean Playfair, Recitation; Miss Annie Playfair, Piano Solo; Rev. Fordyce and Miss M. Prosser, solos. The various games and competitions were entered into most heartily, Miss Green winning the prize for an unpunctuated reading. Mr Prosser gave a most instructive and interesting address on the W.C.T.U. motto, "For God, and Home and Humanity." After supper, Mrs Gray, President, briefly addressed the young people, welcoming them, and urging the claims of Temperance.

#### PLEASANT POINT.

May 4. Miss Neilson presided over small attendance, owing to bereavement and sickness. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs and Miss Halstead, also Miss Munro, in their recent bereavements. Mrs Felton appointed delegate for Executive Meeting, May 8th. Resignation of Secretary, Mrs Smith received. Decided to hold over in meantime, Mrs Felton to act temporarily. Vote of sympathy, Miss Bishop, on account of her father's illness. Meeting then adjourned on account of funeral, Miss Munro's (Treasurer) late brother.

#### BELFAST.

May 5. Special invitations had been sent out to members and their friends, and thirty ladies were present. President introduced Mrs Taylor, who gave a lovely, appealing and stirring address. She made a special appeal to all the women present to sign the petition re a Two-Issue Ballot Paper, and to also get their friends to do likewise. Five new members were initiated. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Taylor. A solo was sung by Miss Black, and afternoon tea was handed round.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH.

May 6. The President, Mrs Young, presided over a good muster. We had much pleasure in welcoming several members of the Feilding Branch. The Feilding President, Mrs Pack, gave a short, but interesting talk. Mrs Tremain gave a reading, "Angels without wings." Miss Walton gave two musical items which were much enjoyed. Mr Kingston kindly attended, and gave advice as to the best way of canvassing the town for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. We thank him for his help. A hearty vote of thanks was given the visitors. Two members were admitted.

#### ASHBURTON.

May 3. A large attendance, Mrs W. H. Robinson presiding. An extract showing the effects of alcohol upon the mental powers of the race, was read by Mrs Gallagher. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs W. W. White and family, also with Mesdames Pethick, McLean, and Frampton, in sickness. Correspondence was received and dealt with. Miss Henderson wrote re "Women's Petition" to M.P.'s, urging them to support the "Two-Issue Ballot." A very courteous reply in connection therewith was received from Hon. W. Nosworthy, Postmaster General. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mesdames J. Thompson, D. F. Keir, and G. V. Porter, for wreaths made on Anzac Day; also, to Mrs Glassey for use of home on April 2nd,

when a "Welcome" was extended to Miss Bradshaw, Dominion Organiser. Miss Bradshaw was the recipient of a handsome bouquet of roses. Musical items were contributed, and an interesting address by Miss Bradshaw. A dainty afternoon tea was served by Mrs Glassey, and Misses Muirhead and Glassey. Greetings were received from Mrs Lill, Ex-Pres. The Pres. extended a very warm welcome to Miss Harrison, home from China on furlough, after 28 years residence there as Missionary. A much-appreciated solo was enjoyed, after which the President introduced Miss Bradshaw. A very interesting address on "The Origin and Progress of the W.C.T.U. Movement," was given by Miss Bradshaw. Two new members were enrolled, and monies passed for payment. With a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bradshaw, the meeting closed with the benediction.

#### CHEVIOT.

Apr. 6. A small, but enthusiastic meeting, Mrs Walmsley presiding. A paper on League of Nations, Prohibition and other subjects, read by President, after which followed considerable discussion. A motion of sympathy with Mrs Anderson was passed. After the Benediction, afternoon tea was dispensed.

#### SPREYDON.

Apr. 12. Attendance good, Mrs Nairn presided. Decided that at each meeting there will be: The Roll Call; the Repetition of the Pledge, and ten minutes Temperance Instruction. Mrs Houston addressed the meeting, speaking on the extreme intoxication in the Homeland. Two new members.

#### AUCKLAND.

Apr. 12. Meeting in the Central Mission Hall, Mrs Cook presided. Mrs Evans and several visiting delegates from South were welcomed to the meeting. Sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr McDermott, the Veteran Temperance worker and Secretary of the N.Z. Alliance in Auckland for many years, also to Mrs Full-James, on the death of her Sister, Mrs Cargo. An appeal was made for volunteers to canvas for signatures for the petition. Mesdames Rosser and Sims were appointed delegates to the Prohibition Convention in May. Miss Paul gave a most interesting report of the Dominion Convention. Mrs Dowling, our Treasurer, who has been on the sick list for many months, was welcomed back to the meeting. The Union is to take charge of a station on Poppy Day.

#### PETONE.

Apr. 5. Twenty ladies present. The report by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Cole, who had attended the Annual Convention at Auckland, was read and received, after which the meeting closed with the Benediction and repeating of Pledge.

#### RAETIHI.

May 6. Mrs Sandford presided over good attendance. Mrs Stanley and Mrs Godly read extracts relating to our subject "The Bible." One new member received. Decided to take up collection on alternate meeting days for Dominion and District Funds. The Two-Issue Ballot Paper was discussed, and petition papers assigned.

#### ONEHUNGA.

Mar. 10. An enjoyable Cradle Roll Afternoon was spent at the home of our President. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a short address while the little ones played in another room. Tea and general conversation followed. Two new subscribers were secured for White Ribbon. Each child was given a basket of sweets when leaving. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Lee-Cowie for her address and to Mrs Stacey for the use of her home. On April 7th, arrangements were made for "Bring and Buy" Sale in May. Mesdames Stacey and Ashby sang a duet, the hymn which was sung at Convention during the noontide hour. Our President then gave a very full and interesting report of the work done at Convention.

#### PONSONBY.

Apr. 21. Good attendance, Mrs Lee-Cowie presiding. A special Committee consisting of the officers was asked to meet on Saturday, to plan out the working of the Two-Issue Petition Campaign. Two new members were initiated. A collection was taken up for Cradle Roll Afternoon. Afternoon tea was served.

May 5. Being Cradle Roll Afternoon, there was a large attendance of mothers and children. A few games were arranged for the children, after which they received a present. After a little talk by Mrs Cowie, the President, afternoon tea was served to all. Three new members were initiated; the meeting concluded by members joining hands and singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," as a farewell to Mrs Cowie, who is leaving for Honolulu for the winter.

#### DUNEDIN.

May 3. Good attendance of members. Miss McLay, Organiser, was welcomed to our Southern City; she starts work in Green Island right away. Mrs McLean, transferred from Balclutha, was also welcomed. Votes of sympathy were passed with two of our members who had suffered bereavement since we last met. Mrs Macartney gave a very interesting report of Convention. The Two-Issue Ballot Paper was discussed, each member present was prepared to work certain districts and do her part in getting names for the petition. Congratulations to two of our members, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Travener, and Miss Runciman, J.P., who has been appointed on the Hospital Board. Decided to help Headquarters Fund with American Tea, etc.

#### THAMES.

Apr. 12. Our new President, Mrs Heard, presided over an attendance of eleven ladies. Decided to do our utmost to help with the petition for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Our President, who was delegate to Convention in Auckland, read a very fine report. Two new members were received into the Union.

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**ARAMOHO, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Miss N. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street.**

**ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton; Sec., Miss Trevarza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.**

**AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Cres., Ellerslie.**

**AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss M. Pyle, 7a. Hamilton Road, Herne Bay; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Appleby, Mr Polson; Rec. Sec., Miss I. Davison, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss F. Hullah, Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Mr A. I. Davison, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Supt., Miss L. Reed, "Whittaker Place," Symonds Street.**