

Boxall; Home Meetings, Mrs Spearman; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Evans, M.A.; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs Evans, M.A.; "White Ribbon," Mrs Moller; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Keene; Afternoon Tea, Mrs Bott. It was decided that a Garden Party be held on February 24th in the grounds of R. Keene, Esq., Island Bay, which had been kindly lent for the occasion. A letter of appreciation for kindness shown to them during their stay in Wellington was received from Mrs Carvosso, representing the Australian delegates returning from America.

#### MATAURA.

Jan. 25. £2 donated to Organising Fund. Our Society is lying dormant for lack of officers. President and Treasurer hold office still, but both Secretaries have resigned. Perhaps after the rest some may come to the rescue. We thank our Secretaries for their loving and untiring service, and hope in some future date to record progress. Our slogan need be, "Defeated, but not cast down."

#### INVERCARGILL.

Dec. 31. Combined meeting of the Central Union and of the North and South Branches to make arrangements for the forthcoming Convention. Mrs Lillierap presided, and various committees were appointed to carry out the preparations necessary for a successful Convention, notably, the Hospitality Committee, consisting of members from each of the three Unions. Mrs Paisley is convener of this Committee. Other committees were set up, and matters of importance in connection with the Convention discussed. Much interest was taken in carrying out the suggestion from Headquarters that a lecture be given during the Convention by some duly qualified lecturer on the "League of Nations." Misses Birss and Dewar were appointed to do the secretarial work. The Union, on the whole, is looking forward to a profitable time. The names of Mrs Don, Mrs Lee-Cowie, Mrs Peryman, and Mrs Driver have been mentioned in connection with church services.

#### INVERCARGILL NORTH.

Dec. 19. A very fair gathering of members. Mrs Hopkirk presided, and said that as the North Union had been so recently formed, it had not quite got into working order. Prohibition had occupied a good deal of its time and attention. A considerable amount of money had been raised by our members, chiefly by canvassing from door to door. This money had gone directly into the pocket of the Alliance to help on the work. Mrs Hopkirk said that so far there had not been much departmental work done. In 1923 it was to be hoped it would branch out in various directions, but this Branch could boast a membership of 32, and of these about 10 new members had been initiated. She

then vacated the chair, and Mrs Lillierap presided. Mrs Hopkirk elected President; Treas., Miss Hardie; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Collie, Inglis, Cruickshanks, Hanan; Sec., Miss Dewar; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Kent. Afternoon tea was dispensed after Mrs Day had sung a very pretty song, and a very successful meeting closed with community singing.

#### TEMUKA.

Feb. 6. First meeting. Nurse Cameron in chair. Vote of thanks passed to Mr E. G. Hancox for donation of £2 2s. A delegate was appointed to attend Annual Convention. Remainder of evening was occupied in drawing up a syllabus for the year's meetings.

## Y's Column.

#### AUCKLAND.

Feb. 6. Began year with a social, about 30 present. Musical items and recitations. Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed those present, emphasising need for knowledge, service and prayer. Five new members gained.

#### INVERCARGILL.

Feb. 5. A good attendance of members. Greetings from Mrs Don, Mrs Peryman, and Dr. Armor were read, also from the Oxford, Wellington, and Nelson Y's. Arrangements for the Y's evening to be given while Convention is here were made. Hospitality for the visiting members was asked for. Two more of our members have recently lost relations, and letters of sympathy are to be sent to these. A most interesting paper on Frances Willard was read by Miss Blaikie.

## L.T.L. Column.

There is often great difficulty in securing recitations and dialogues for the meetings of our young folk. We have much pleasure in printing the following, which was successfully given by the Riverton Band of Hope:—

#### NEW ZEALAND'S WASH-DAY PROGRAMME.

A clothes' line is stretched across the platform, and thirteen little girls come forward in turn and recite their verse and peg a white square of material, with the name of the electorate plainly printed on it, on the line. An old tablecloth, well starched, and cut into squares, the size of a serviette, does

nicely. Coloured pencils or chalk are needed for the printing.

1st—1894.

Clutha was first electorate to say it would go dry  
And it has kept it so all through, what-e'er the wets might try.

1902.

Mataura followed in its train, and has stuck to that  
In spite of every effort made by brewers waxing fat.

Ashburton in the self-same year, the year, one, nine, nought two  
Flung out the drink. And never has one moment had to rue.

1905.

And good old Invercargill went along that worthy track  
Just three years later. And has proved it never will go back.

So, too, did Oamaru, and all who know that thriving town

Know that it never will restore that which it has knocked down.

Grey Lynn made a good third that time in voting liquor out  
The first in the North Isle to show that it would liquor flout.

1908.

Bruce at the next chance did the trick in one, nine nought and eight  
And once more made the liquorites feel most disconsolate.

Wellington South at the same time flung out the drink. And all  
The liquor party wept that they had met with that downfall.

Wellington Suburbs, too, its smack had at the trade and went  
Among the Drys. And since that time has been with it content.

Masterton also fired the foe by voting straight and true  
And my! the wrathful publicans made a hullabaloo.

Ohinemuri, cause the pubs had raised the price of beer  
Fired it as well. And did there not go up loud cheer on cheer?