

# News of the Union.

## Reports MUST.—

- (1) Reach Editor by 8th of month.
- (2) Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
- (3) Be short and to the point.

**AUCKLAND.** March 6. Good attendance. Mrs Cook presided. Mrs Cook and Miss Paul delegates to Convention. Mrs Hutchinson, of Melbourne, received a hearty welcome to the meeting; she is paying a visit to Auckland after five years' absence in Australia. She gave a very interesting account of some of the departments of work taken up by her Union in Melbourne. She is Superintendent of the Sunshine, or relief work among the women and children in the slum parts of the city. Garments made from old stockings are supplied. Pledged groups of women are enrolled. Temperance and Bible Classes are taken up in connection with the City Mission. A free Kindergarten has been started by the W.C.T.U., to which the Government gives assistance. Three paid members are employed by the Union. Eighty children attend, and good work is done.

**ARATAFU-TE KOPURU.**—Feb. 8. Mrs Godfrey presided. Each member asked to bring one or more saleable articles for National Fair. Miss Dewbury asked to act as Supt. of L.T.L.'s. Extracts read from "Making the Most of Life."

**BALLANCE.**—Feb. 28. Seven members present. Mrs Hancock occupied the chair, and read an interesting paper on the life and work of Frances E. Willard. Ways and means of helping the National Fair were discussed. A dainty afternoon tea was served.

**BROOKLYN.**—Feb. 27. Mrs Brewer presided. Good attendance. Copper Trail cards are to be returned before Convention. Thanks for parcels sent to Timaru and New Plymouth Seamen's Rests. Mrs Brewer delegate to Convention. Report of District Executive. Mrs Lynn spoke on the National Fair. Tea served by Presbyterian ladies. Bring and Buy well patronised.

**BLenheim.**—March 6. Mrs Smith presided. Forty present. Scientific Fact by Mrs Stewart, "Alcohol dulls and deadens; water purifies and strengthens." Decided that the Central Band of Hope be affiliated with our Union, and a committee of eight members was set up, to be responsible for the first six meetings. Splendid lot of articles brought in for Grand National Fair. Mrs Woodside read an inspiring paper on the life and work of Frances Willard.

**BALCLUTHA.**—March 6. Mrs Clark in the chair. "Frances Willard Day." Mrs Clark read very interesting paper, telling of Frances Willard, when just a child, living with her parents. Mrs McLean read portion from "White Ribbon," also speaking of Frances Willard; how she led the fight for the home, for personal purity, for the rights of the children, for the uplift of women. Reported £12s 6d copper trail money sent away; also good collection of articles for the National Fair.

Feb. 13. Mrs Stone (Salvation Army) entertained at a farewell social. Splendid attendance, and a happy time spent with musical items and games. Mrs Stone had been a willing worker, and always ready to assist in any way. Mrs Stone's farewell message to friends was the text, "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

**CARTERTON.**—March 7. Good attendance. Mrs Tyler presided. Mrs Butler read comforting Scripture lesson, Mrs Shirler the Temperance Fact. Mrs Porter then gave interesting address on "British and Foreign Bible Society." Mrs Tyler delegate for Convention. A dainty afternoon tea served by the hostesses.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—Feb. 13. Miss Henderson presided. Miss Sargent appointed Cradle Roll Supt. President paid tribute to the work of Miss Goodchild, who resigned to go into training for mission work.

Feb. 28. Miss Henderson presided. Invitation to 9th birthday of Styx Union. Jubilee Home tea on March 29th arranged for. Reported £13 for copper trail. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave address on "Mental Defectives." Resolved: "That the Govern-

ment be urged to establish psychological clinics, as provided by the Mental Defectives Amendment Act of 1928." "That the Government be requested to establish homes for adult feeble-minded persons, as provided by Mental Defectives Amendment Act, 1928." Mrs Day and Miss Gordon delegates to Convention.

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL.**—March 6. Fair attendance. Mrs Hiatt in chair. Mrs Didham, who is leaving for Hamilton, gave a brief message. Gifts brought for Otago Court at Jubilee Convention. Delegates to Convention: Mesdames Bain, Angus, and Botting. Remits carried: (1) Restoration of the 2/6 to old age pensions; (2) taxation of women of small fixed incomes; (3) urge Government to grant no further permits for Art Unions; (4) alcohol and motor drivers; (5) prohibition of newspaper reports of criminal sex cases; (6) misleading statements in advertisements of alcoholic liquor; (7) abolition of Sunday excursion trains. Illuminating address by Mrs Hilliker on "Liquor Question in the United States."

**EDEN.** meets 3rd Wednesday, in Dominion Road Methodist Hall, 2 p.m. Pres. Mrs Auld, Tenterden Avenue, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clark, Fenton, and Hudson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Chappell, Grange Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs Evans, 56 King Edward Street, Mt. Eden; "W.R." Agent, Mrs O'Donnel, Grange Road, Mt. Eden.

**DARGAVILLE.**—Feb. 13. Sympathy sent to our loved President, Mrs N. O. White, absent through illness. Interesting paper on "Temperance" read by Mrs Simons. Interest taken in Jubilee Convention and Sale to be held at Wellington. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

**DALEFIELD.**—Feb. 22. Home meeting at Mrs Linton's. Regret expressed at unavoidable absence of our President (Mrs Ordish). Members asked to attend meeting in Carterton on March 7th to meet Miss McLay and decide on a delegate to Jubilee Convention. Cheese and other gifts to be sent to the National Fair.

**DEVONPORT.**—Feb. Mrs Williams presided. Work for the year was drawn up. President read a paper for Frances Willard Day. Afternoon tea provided.

**FIELDING.**—Feb. 1. Small attendance. President in chair. Mrs Spence appointed delegate to Convention.

March 1. Very interesting address by Rev. E. O. Blamires on Bible in Schools Movement. Mrs Spence reported last Executive meeting held in Palmerston North. Letter from Mrs Lynn in connection with National Fair. Resolved to donate £1 to N.Z. Fund.

**FENCOURT.**—Feb. 8 and an extra meeting on Feb. 22. Mrs Bartlett presided at both meetings. The extra meeting took the form of a social afternoon, and items were rendered by Miss Taylor and Miss F.ist. There was also a sale of vegetables, fruit, etc. The money received to be sent to Wellington for the forthcoming Convention.

**GREYLYNN.**—Feb. 9. Mrs Siggaton presided. Small attendance. The President was appointed delegate to the Jubilee Convention. Arrangements made to help with the Fair. Mrs Kasper gave a stirring address, fittingly commemorating Frances Willard Day. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Lewis and Dickinson.

**GREYTOWN.**—Feb. At Mrs Morrison's, five present. Remits carefully gone through. Miss Oates and Mrs Morrison to canvass for gifts for National Fair. Mrs H. Morrison elected delegate to Convention. Invitation to White Ribbon Day at Masterton accepted.

**GORE.**—Feb. 27. Fair attendance. Miss Robertson presided. Mrs Sired, delegate to Jubilee Convention, was instructed to vote in favour of the issue of £1 debentures toward liquidating the debt on Headquarters. Letters of thanks received from Willard Home and Sister Eleanor. Pound Day to be held in March for Victoria Home.

Feb. 23. Mothers and children of the Cradle Roll entertained. Pleasant time spent in games and amusements. Rev. H. C. Orchard gave a talk to the mothers. Afternoon tea served.

**GERALDINE.**—Feb. Mrs Wallach presided. Mrs Botherway welcomed back after her recent illness. Mrs Captain Moore welcomed to the Union. Mrs Borrell delegate to Jubilee Convention, and will take any gifts for South Canterbury stall at the

Fair. Discussion was held on the remits to come before Convention. Afternoon tea.

**HAWERA.**—Jan. 30. Sixteen present. Mrs Exley in the chair. Miss Douglas gave a most inspiring address for the New Year. Letter of thanks from Secretary of the Willard Home for donation and parcel of goods for Christmas. Mrs Spavin and Mrs Sharpe delegates to District Convention. £1 sent to Seamen's Rest in New Plymouth. Discussed sending a delegate to Wellington Jubilee Convention. Afternoon tea.

**HENDERSON.**—Feb. 21. Mrs Platt in the chair. Mrs Hannon read Temperance Scientific Fact, and was appointed Supt. of that Department. Letters of sympathy were sent to four members. The Life of Frances Willard was our subject for afternoon reading and discussion. Arrangements were made to help with Jubilee celebrations next month. Money donation to be sent, also parcel of books and fruit were promised. Afternoon tea served.

**HURURANGI.**—Feb. 22. Very encouraging attendance, presided over by Mrs Brierly. All present stood in silent sympathy in memory of the late Mrs Drake. Items by Captain Gower, Miss Tuck, Mrs Foote, Mrs Keatinge, and Mrs Fenney. Regret at losing Captain Gower expressed. Speeches by the Rev. Thomas, Mrs Brierly, and Mrs Hawkins were suitably replied to by Captain Gower, who expressed her regret at leaving loyal friends in North Auckland.

**HASTINGS.**—Feb. 22. A very happy meeting, opened by Mrs Cook with "Thoughts on Prayer." Frances Willard Day was observed, and collection forwarded for World Missionary Fund. Willard Home jam jars are to be returned full at March meeting. Mesdames Hickmott and Hudson elected as delegates for Convention. Remits read, and delegates left free to vote. Two Home meetings reported, and nine sick folk visited. Garden Party report received, and £6 voted to Jubilee Fair, and £4 towards Organising Fund. After general discussion regarding Garden Parties and Bazaars as moneys-raising ventures, it was unanimously decided to try Direct Giving for 1934, a special Freewill Offering Day to be arranged towards end of year. Treasurer congratulated on healthy 1933 balance-sheet; over £29 collected, and over £28 spent! (Congratulatory! Not economy, but wise spending, is our slogan.—Ed. "W.R.")

**HAMILTON.**—March 1. The 35th anniversary was held in St. Pau's Church ParLOUR, Mrs J. M. Jones presiding. She asked the members to take as their watchword for this year God's message to Moses at the Red Sea, "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward." Pianoforte solos were rendered by Miss Jones and vocal solos by Mrs Atkinson. Cradle Roll picnic to be held on the 10th. Remits for Convention read and discussed, and the delegate instructed how to vote. Members were urged to send in their donations for the National Fair. A dainty afternoon tea served.

**HAWERA.**—Feb. 27. Sixteen present. Mrs Exley presided. Two apologies. Mrs Hartman delegate to Jubilee Convention, and members reminded of National Fair. Remits to Convention discussed. Delegate's report on District Convention read, and enjoyed by all. Afternoon tea served by Mrs Sharpe.

Feb. 21. Frances Willard Day. About 50 present at Mrs W. G. Simpson's. Mrs Hayward spoke on "Frances Willard." Afternoon tea was provided by the hostess. Songs by Mrs Buchanan; violin solos by Miss Betty Pinson; songs, Miss Betty Metson; elocutionary items, Mrs C. R. Walker. Accompaniments by Mrs Buchanan and Miss G. Purser. Croquet competitions were held on the lawn. A produce stall did brisk business, £3 11s being the result. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Simpson for her generosity, and a bouquet presented to her, also to Mrs. R. J. Squire, one of our oldest active members.

**ISLAND BAY.**—Feb. 21. Mrs Mowlem presided. Very good attendance. Members enthusiastic over forthcoming Jubilee Convention. Mrs Brown delegate to Convention. Gifts for stalls for National Fair to be sent in as soon as possible. Solo by Miss Paulsen much appreciated. Speaker, Mrs Lynn, organiser National Fair, accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Presbyterian ladies were hostesses.

**INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.**—March 6. Mrs R. R. McGregor, our new President,