

SPECIALS.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY.

The N.E. Valley Union entertained the children of the Cradle Roll and their mothers on Thursday afternoon, 31st October. Miss Gray presided and in a few well chosen words welcomed the visitors. Afternoon tea and fruit was served; the children were afterwards left in charge of two members.

The Mothers Choir of the Presbyterian Church gave several items, a duet by Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Laing, solo by Mrs. Stanaway.

Mrs. Graham, of Mosgiel, then gave a very impressive address. She spoke at length of women's responsibility and power, and urged all to use that power, and influence others as far as possible to vote alcohol out of our country so that the children might grow up in purity and safe from its evil effects.

Miss Gray moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, and Miss Begg thanked the Choir, thus ending a very profitable meeting with prayer. Suitable literature distributed.

DANNEVIRKE.

On Thursday, October 17th, the ladies of the W.C.T.U. entertained Rev. Blanchard and Mr. Malton Murray, Secretary of the N.Z. Alliance, at a luncheon. Rev. Starnes presided; associated with him was Rev. Liddell and Captain Spillett of the Salvation Army. Between 25 and 30 persons present. This luncheon was arranged to see if the local Union could further the cause of temperance and to see what means would be the most efficient to use in the forthcoming election.

Mr. Murray spoke at the luncheon and said that the town should be planned out and at every house literature should be distributed.

After luncheon adjournment was made to the vacant section next the Town Hall where Rev. Blanchard addressed a fair number of people, showing decidedly that the liquor party's advertisements and placards were very misleading.

Y ORGANISER'S VISIT TO MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

September 20th-October 15th.

Attended District Convention, conducted devotions and gave a most inspiring address. Met the Girls' Friendly Society, to whom gave a wonderful talk on "Womanhood." Addressed meetings of P.W.M.U. at Blenheim and Seddon. Gave interesting lantern talks at Blenheim, Springlands and Rai Valley. Addressed Church of England Bible Classes at Blind River and Ward. Was present at the monthly meetings of the Springlands Union, Seddon Union, Tua Marina Union, Canvastown Union, at each of which gave an inspiring address. Gave an address at a Home Meeting in Ronga Valley. Assisted with Church service at Ward and conducted a service in Opouri Valley. Met and addressed the Y's at Tua Marina, Blenheim, Spring Creek. Addressed school children at Seddon and Canvastown, and at a good

gathering of L.T.L.'s at Havelock. Gave an address on world work of W.C.T.U. at Renwicktown.

It can safely be said that every where Miss McLay went she was received with enthusiasm and all felt it a pleasure and privilege to hear her. Her talks and addresses were most inspiring and helpful and those who were able to be present and heard her scriptural talk the morning of the District Convention will never forget it. We feel sure the whole District will look forward to her next visit.

NEW PLYMOUTH—MAORI DAY.

Maori Day observed. 25 members present. Election day on our next meeting day, decided to meet on November 20th. Seamen's Rest report 679 visits during the month. Papers have been received and two snooker balls from Auckland makers. A request from the Borough Inspector for the use of the S.R. for a by-election purpose was granted. He also solicited the assistance of the members to canvas the town for the sale of Health Stamps.

A very interesting and appealing address was given by the Taranaki Maori deaconess who had come from Hawera to speak. She was appalled at the amount of intoxicating drinking amongst the Maoris, even amongst the children, blaming the Pakeha for the conditions. She begged the members to do all in their power to influence others to vote out the liquor traffic which is doing so much harm to a people who are denied the right to vote for themselves.

The day was very wet, and the Maori children who were to entertain with singing were unable to attend. Miss Drew proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was carried by acclamation. A collection was taken up for the local Maori work. Afternoon tea was served by the Committee.

WAIROA 8th BIRTHDAY.

Oct. 8th. Miss McLay, who started branch, was present and conveyed greetings and congratulations from Napier Union, and the District President. Mrs. Wilson, gave a resume of the World's Convention at Stockholm. Sister Jessie voiced our thanks to her. Items by Mrs. Catley, our oldest member, Mrs. Macdonald and Miss Hawkins. Afternoon tea. Special feature being a beautifully decorated cake made and iced by Mrs. Single and cut by Miss McLay. Four new members initiated.

Lantern lecture by Miss McLay on Friday realised 12/-.

MISS C. McLAY AT CANVASTOWN.

On October 9th Miss C. McLay paid a visit to Canvastown. On October 10th there was a fine rally at the Debating Hall, Canvastown, when members of the local branches (which includes Pelorus, Havelock and the Wakamarina), the mothers of L.T.L. and L.W.R. children and members of the Canvastown W.D.F.U. met Miss McLay. Apologies

received from the Deep Creek members. "All Round the World" sung.

Mrs. Murray presided. Miss McLay touched on several interesting and vital points in connection with the World W.C.T.U. Conference. The speaker also dealt with the asset of the child to the State and the importance of the upbringing of the child and quoted instances of children who became great and noble men. The address was appreciated by all. Miss McLay was thanked.

Miss McLay, accompanied by Miss L. Brown, the local L.T.L. Superintendent and members of the local W.C.T.U. walked across to the school to address some 30 L.T.L. and L.W.R. members. Miss McLay was presented by the youngest schoolgirl with a beautiful bouquet, made by Miss Dalton, as she entered the room. The bouquet was used as a foundation for the subject of address. The children were most attentive and answered the questions readily and intelligently. Miss Brown thanked Miss McLay on behalf of the children for the treat she had given them and expressed the hope that Miss McLay would come again. Afternoon tea served to all in the Debating Hall after the singing of the grace.

Advantage was taken of the gathering for the distribution of the Union's leaflets. Miss McLay also addressed, in Havelock, the L.T.L. children and members of the Christian Endeavour, under the leadership of Mrs. A. T. Milgrew. Although the Havelock Branch of the W.C.T.U. disbanded as a branch of the W.C.T.U., the good work is still carried on among the young people of Havelock by Mrs. Milgrew, who is an energetic member of the Canvastown Branch, which owes her a debt of gratitude.

NELSON JUNIOR GALA DAY.

One of the annual events of the W.C.T.U. in Nelson is the presentation of the 8-year certificates to the children of the Cradle Roll who reach the age of 8 years. On account of the Golden Jubilee it was postponed till October and so coincided with the visit to the district of Miss C. M. McLay. This year there were 106 children entitled to receive a certificate, and nearly 80 with about 20 members and 20 mothers gathered in the Rechabite Hall on Wednesday, October 16th. After singing the hymn, "Jesus Bids Us Shine," and an opening prayer, a bountiful afternoon tea was provided for all. Miss McLay gave a charming little address on the word "Joy"—Jesus first, others next, yourself last, and then presented the certificates. Mrs. Moyes invited all to join the L.T.L. and before leaving 22 did so. Four new babies were enrolled.

CRADLE ROLL—RICCARTON.

Cradle Roll afternoon was held on Tuesday, October 29th, and although a wet day there was a good attendance of mothers and children. President (Mrs. C. W. Barrell) welcomed the mothers, and explained the objects of Cradle Roll