

the Dominion Treasurer for the Headquarters Fund. An invitation was extended to members to have next meeting at Mrs. Linton's. A vote of thanks was passed to the hostess.

Island Bay.—April 21. Mrs. Milner presided. Welcome extended to Mrs. Proctor, an old member absent for a long time owing to ill-health; also to Mrs. Mercer, our late President. Comprehensive report of Convention given by Mrs. McBride. Cradle Roll party to be held on May 19th in Methodist Hall. Benediction. Salvation Army ladies hostesses.

Lower Hutt.—April. President in the chair. Arrangements made for re-union of old members next meeting. Mrs. McBride gave a splendid report of the recent Convention, and listening to it, you could almost imagine you were there. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Lopdell and Mrs. Baigent.

Upper Hutt.—April 23. Splendid attendance. Very encouraging. Short talk on "Possessing the Land." Incident from Lionel Fletcher's "Mighty Moments" was read and a solo followed that was mentioned in the story. Hearty welcome extended to Sister Edith, who replied, and she expressed great pleasure with the spirit of the meeting. Our guest of honour was Mrs. Roberts. She was presented with one of Mr. Morton's books, a little speech of thanks and many good wishes. Tea session; chat on the work. Benediction.

Wellington.—April 15. Presided over by Mrs. Barrow and later by Mrs. Peryman. Mesdames Empson, Cullen and Miss Dyson were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for forming an L.T.L. Mesdames Turner, Weldon and Miss Dyson offered to help in collecting White Ribbon subscribers. Soloist, Mrs. Turner. Speaker, Mrs. J. C. Webb—a very interesting report of Convention was given. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Hault and her helpers. Temperance fact from White Ribbon re Toast of Royal Welsh Agricultural Society having been drunk in milk. The speaker and soloist were warmly thanked.

Wellington.—May 7. Terribly wet day. Very small attendance. Miss Kirk presided. Correspondence read and discussed. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Rowe and Perry. Miss Kirk read out the most important resolutions passed by the recent Convention, and these were discussed. Arranged to have a Jumble Sale about July in aid of the funds of our Union, and later on a Bring and Buy stall. Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—April 14. President in the chair. Good attendance. Temperance fact by Mrs. Moyes from the International Record. Mrs. Houghton sang a solo. Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Kraghan, delegates to Convention gave very interesting reports. Arrangements made for Jumble Sale.

May 1.—Special Peace prayer meeting. A number of papers relating to Peace read by members.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim.—May 5. Mrs. J. Stewart presided. Splendid attendance. Half hour was spent in prayer for world peace and the extension of our W.C.T.U. work. Mrs. Girling gave an inspiring talk on the Oxford Group Movement. During a recent visit to England Mrs. Girling spent three weeks in Oxford, attending the house parties, and meeting the founder of the Movement, Dr. Buchman, and many members of the Group, and so was able to supply most interesting facts. The speaker was warmly thanked for her remarks.

Springlands.—April 21. Mrs. W. M. Smith presided. Several visitors welcomed. Decided to order two copies of White Ribbon to circulate among members. Mrs. Percy Stephens presented a very interesting and instructive report of Convention, enjoyed by all. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Stephens.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—April 15. Miss Henderson presided. Major Baker, of S.A., welcomed on a visit from Sydney. Comprehensive and interesting report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Adkins; Miss Henderson also spoke on Convention, and both ladies

were presented with bouquets. Enjoyable musical items by Mrs. Gallop and Miss Gibbs.

Greendale-Darfield.—April 30. 15 present. Miss B. Rudd presided. Mrs. W. Blackwell's report on a meeting of Christchurch Executive meeting was read. The report of the 51st Annual Convention was read. Letter of sympathy sent to our President, Mrs. Cullen, in the loss sustained by her in the sudden passing of her father. Collection amounted to 11/6. Meeting closed with prayer.

North Brighton.—April. Mrs. Florance presided and welcomed good attendance of members and three visitors. Mrs. Pepperell, Cradle Roll Superintendent, initiated two new babies. Mrs. Gabb, delegate to Convention, gave interesting report. Band of Hope meetings will commence in May.

Oxford.—April 15. Good attendance. Vocal duet by Misses T. and E. Rossiter, for which they were thanked. Welcome to Mrs. H. Rinaldi from Kaiapoi. Mrs. G. Jones gave a most interesting report of Convention. The Secretary and Mrs. C. Morris were appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. on the No-license Committee. Decided to send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Powell expressing best wishes for their future happiness. Rev. H. F. Ault asked to give an address on World Peace at next meeting. One new member. Mrs. H. Rinaldi thanked the Union, with greetings from the Kaiapoi Union.

Papanui.—April 22. Mrs. Graham presided. Mrs. Frampton read a temperance fact. Decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs. Mitchell on her appointment as Dominion Cor. Sec. Arrangements made for a Bring and Buy next meeting and an address to be given on Peace and Arbitration. Mrs. Elliott gave a comprehensive report of Convention. Afternoon tea served.

Riccarton.—April 9. Attendance 18. Hon. Parry replied to letter sent re gambling. Decided to hold a prayer meeting to precede Peace meeting in May. Mesdames Ryan, Hayes, White and Gainsford appointed Band of Hope helpers for May. Appeal made for old clothing, boots, etc., for needy cases in the district. Mrs. White gave an interesting report of Convention. Bring and Buy stall in charge of Mesdames Campion and Ferguson. One new member. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Gainsford and Ryan.

Reefton.—April 14. At Mrs. Thompson's. Mrs. Thompson, President, in the chair. Members then talked over the aims of the W.C.T.U. Hostesses, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Willis. Benediction.

Styx.—April. Mrs. Donald presided. Good attendance. Sympathy passed with the relatives of late Mr. McJarow. Demonstration in cane work given by Mrs. Richards, who received hearty vote of thanks.

Sumner.—May 5. Miss Killner presided. Tea hostesses, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Hay. Rev. Martin gave an inspiring address on "Who is my Neighbour?" The address was much enjoyed by the members.

Spreydon.—April 21. Mrs. Pirrett gave a very comprehensive report of Convention. Our imaginations are stirred afresh when we realise to what a splendid organisation we do belong. Temperance fact, pledge, devotions, minutes and correspondence were all given their respective places. Benediction.

Westport.—April 14. Mrs. Parfitt in the chair. Small attendance. Speeches read from the White Ribbon, also some real facts discussed on drink. Solo by Mrs. White; cornet solo by Ron Worthington, both beautifully rendered. Papers distributed for the signing of world peace. Very profitable afternoon.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Ashburton.—May 5. Sister Mildred presided. Fair attendance. Sympathy with the relatives of the following in bereavement—Mrs. A. Bramley, Mrs. A. A. Long, Mrs. W. J. Taylor and Mr. J. Watson, Hon. Member, and Mrs. T. Crooks. Letters of cheer and sympathy sent to sick members. Mrs. F. Silcock was admitted into membership on transfer from Y branch and cordially welcomed. A warm welcome extended to Mrs. A. McBean, late of Auckland Union, now resident in Ashburton, and to Mrs. W. Grigg, Christchurch. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. J. A. Tinker for wreaths (5) made during the month. Tea served,

and a splendid report of the recent Convention was read. Hearty appreciation expressed of the kindly hospitality extended the visiting delegates by the entertaining Unions. Secretary to write gratefully acknowledging report received. Decided to meet for prayer and supplication on Tuesday, May 19th, in connection with the Peace movement. Successful Bring and Buy and Pay-up Social. Benediction.

Temuka.—April 29. Mrs. Hewson presided. Good attendance. Mrs. Douglas gave a helpful talk on the "Peace of God." Sympathy with Mrs. Butler in the loss of her father. Two Invercargill members welcomed and greetings exchanged. Band of Hope on 15th May, W.C.T.U. to give the first programme. Mrs. Brown of Timaru gave a very interesting report of Convention and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Afternoon tea.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Kaikorai.—April 29. Very good attendance. Mrs. Bedford's report on the work of Convention was listened to with interest and will doubtless have the desired effect. A bouquet was handed to Mrs. Bedford. Two new members initiated. Afternoon tea.

North-East Valley.—An evening meeting in order to allow younger members to attend. Miss Gray presided. Attendance good. Two members appointed to attend next meeting of L.T.L. All others urged to attend meetings when possible. Convention reports received. Salient features noted for future discussion. Solos rendered by Mrs. Batchelor and Miss Macdonald.

Oamaru.—April. Mrs. Bridgman presided. Miss Cunningham, of Auckland, welcomed back to Oamaru. Mrs. Hiatt reported she would be unable to visit us and give a talk on Convention. Mrs. McIlwraith reported on Peace Petition. Mrs. Martyn rendered a pleasing solo and Mrs. Duggan a much appreciated monologue entitled "Comfort," with Mrs. Tonkin accompanying.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill.—Mrs. R. R. McGregor presided. Good attendance. Temperance fact read by Mrs. Watson. Conference reports were discussed. Miss Gray's rendering of two solos much enjoyed. Four members helped on Poppy Day, street collection amount £4/15/-. One new member. A cup of tea enjoyed.

LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS.

At a meeting of the Waiuku Union, held on May 1st, with Mrs Speer presiding, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs Buttimore, who is in hospital.

Mrs Speer said that she had written to Mrs Phillips, the President of the Auckland District Women's Institute, protesting against the three liquor advertisements which were in the Journal of the Women's Institute before Christmas. It was brought up at the Federation meeting, but there is still one liquor advertisement in the Journal for April. We feel that advertisements of this nature are an infringement of the principles of the Women's Institute. It is intolerable to W.C.T.U. members who are also members of the Women's Institute.

It was decided that Mrs Speer should bring up the matter at the Waiuku Institute meeting, to try and get a remit sent into the Federation Executive meeting in June, to remove liquor advertisements from the pages of our journal. Three more members promised to do the same at their Institute meetings at Aka Aka, Otana, and Kohe Kohe.