

News of the Union.

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BELFAST.—Feb. Attendance good. Sympathy with sufferers in earthquake area. Editorial from "White Ribbon" was read, and a paper on Life and Work of Frances Willard. Collection for World's Missionary Fund. Reports of North Canterbury Executive given. Quarterly church rally on March 8th.

BAINHAM (NELSON).—Feb. 18. A meeting of ladies presided over and addressed by Miss A. M. McLay, who gave an interesting account of the "Crusade" and of the work now being done in New Zealand. The speaker urged every woman to take a definite stand against the Liquor Traffic, and emphasised the high ideals of the W.C.T.U., and that it is the only woman's organisation which stands four-square against the Liquor Traffic. A Branch was formed, and eight ladies initiated. The following officers were appointed:—Pres., Mrs K. L. James; Vice-Pres., Mrs H. Graham; Sec., Miss Elsie Tibble; Treas., Mrs Tibble; Temperance Facts Supt., Mrs A. Graham. Meetings to be held in the Public Hall on 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m.

DEVONPORT.—Feb. Mrs Williams presided. Good attendance, and a lot of business put through, special mention being made of Frances Willard Day. Deep sympathy expressed for those who had suffered through the recent earthquake.

DARGAVILLE.—Feb. 17. Mrs Reynolds presided. Good attendance, and much business dealt with. Suggested that members bring cast-off stockings to next meeting, to make garments for Indian children. Mrs Reynolds reported on North Auckland Executive meeting. Decided to start the Band of Hope in April.

EPSOM.—Feb. 26. Encouraging attendance, presided over by Mrs Benfell. Sympathy to all sufferers through the recent earthquake disaster. "Willard Day" observed by the reading of "Life of Frances Willard." Financial statement read and discussed, and suggestions made for increasing funds. Mrs Kasper delegate to Convention. A pleasing feature was the gift of a bouquet of flowers to Miss Lillian Edger, who returns to India next month. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Judson, who has been seriously ill, but is recovering satisfactorily.

GORE.—Feb. 24. Good attendance, Mrs Harper presiding. Sympathy sent to earthquake sufferers and to bereaved members. Decided to receive gifts for Sale and donations for Headquarters Fund at next meeting. Pastor Raymond Simpson spoke on "Why I am a Prohibitionist." Sacred solo by Mrs Sim.

GREYTOWN.—Feb. 24. Met at Featherston. Wet day, small attendance. Mrs D. McKenzie delegate to Convention. President gave talk on Frances Willard, much enjoyed. An appeal to all to get new subscribers for our paper.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.—Feb. Mrs McKinnon spoke on "Be Strong, Be of Good Courage." Annual balance-sheet read by Treasurer, and Mr C. N. Brown thanked for auditing same. Short address by Mrs Pasley.

INGLEWOOD.—Feb. 25. Mrs Mackinder presided, and read a report of the year's work. Mrs Benny and Mrs Clarke delegates to District Convention. Vote of sympathy to bereaved sister, Mrs Hobbs. Miss C. M. McLay gave a very interesting address on "Balking the wall around Jerusalem."

KAIAPOI.—Feb. Mrs Vickery in the chair. Remits for Conference were read and discussed. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Young for auditing the books. Reports of Officers and Superintendents were read, showing: Paid-up membership, 34; Little White Ribboners, 38 girls and 35 boys; Band of Hope, new pledges, 20; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 21.

LINWOOD.—Feb. Mrs Richards presided. Sympathy expressed with sufferers in earthquake area. Mrs Anderson reported on Cradle Roll picnic. Mrs Francis gave interesting address on missionary work, and collection taken for World's Missionary

Fund. Speaker heartily thanked. Mrs Brewins delegate to Dominion Convention. Mrs Gilbert nominated for North Linwood School Committee.

LOWER HUTT.—Feb. Mrs Lopdell appointed President. Delegates appointed to Convention. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Social at Mrs Lopdell's residence early next month. Cradle Roll afternoon was very enjoyable, the weather being perfect, and the children having a real good time on the lawn. Mrs Bayly and Miss Davis prepared a stall, which brought in 17/6, and with a collection, the sum of £2 6s 6d was handed over for Cradle Roll work. During the afternoon solos were sung by Mesdames Sharpe, Burgess and Johnston. Votes of thanks were passed to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success, especially Mrs Bayly, who placed her house and grounds at our disposal.

MAKOTUKU.—At residence of Mrs Christoffersen. Mrs Fothergill presided. Good attendance. Vote of sympathy to sufferers in earthquake area. Vote of condolence to Mrs Smith. Afternoon tea provided by hostess.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Feb. 18. At the Manse. Officers to remain as at present. Treasurer's report read and adopted. Cradle Roll Supt. reported several children reaching age of eight this year, suggested that Band of Hope be revived, which has been in abeyance for a year. President reported having attended North Auckland Executive meeting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

NELSON.—Feb. 17. President in the chair. Vote of sympathy to relations of one of our members, passed away. Congratulations extended to Mrs F. W. O. Smith on her appointment to Justice of Peace. Miss McLay gave an interesting and appealing address on increasing our membership. A very successful sale of produce by Richmond Union in aid of Convention funds.

OHAKUNE.—Feb. Annual meeting. Nine members and one visitor present. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Lynn; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Nightingale, Freeman and Parr; Sec., Miss Donald; Treas., Mrs Freeman; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Morgan. Afternoon tea concluded a pleasant meeting.

OAMARU.—Feb. 9. Good attendance. Mrs Keen, of Ponsonby, took devotional reading. Miss Cowan delegate to Dominion Convention. Miss Webb reported on arrangements for relief in earthquake area.

PUKEHUA.—Feb. 19. Six members present. Mrs McFarlane elected Secretary. Mrs Keane given the social part, and Mrs Samson "White Ribbon" Agent. We all decided to do what we could to fill up the gaps in our ranks. Decided to send for fuller information re Bible in Schools. The President gave an account of the North Auckland District Union meeting, held in Whangarei, when six Northern Presidents and other officers met to consider future work. Mrs Legarth then gave us facts about alcohol and its action on the heart. Short talk about Frances Willard.

PUKEKOHE.—Feb. 16. Mrs Escott presided. Good attendance. Miss McLay gave us a very interesting talk on the life and work of Frances Willard. Collection taken for W.M.F. Afternoon tea brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Feb. 17. Mrs Ferguson presided. Fair attendance. Mrs Ritchie sent apology and scientific fact. Port Albert W.C.T.U. sent £2 10s for relief of earthquake sufferers. Grateful thanks sent to Port Albert. Mrs Birdsall delegate to Convention. Miss Dorothy Ferguson read most interesting paper written by Mrs Hiett on Frances Willard. To have heard this paper was worth coming to the meeting.

RICCARTON.—Feb. Attendance fair. Mrs White delegate to Convention. Vocal solo by Mrs Scarse. Members asked to contribute monthly to Forward Movement Fund; to attend Model Meeting. Mrs Pirett read a paper on "Five Phases in Life of Frances Willard." Syllabus distributed, and members urged to attend meetings and bring friends with them.

RYAL BUSH.—Feb. 25. Balance-sheet showed credit £2 1s 6d. Mrs Wilson elected President, and Mrs Gaitt Secretary and Treasurer. Both returned thanks. Resolved that each member do what she could to help Southland District Rally for Headquarters Fund. President read paper on Convention, and was thanked. Letter of condolence to bereaved member.

RANGIORA.—Feb. Fair attendance presided over by Mrs C. Ayers. Several apologies were received. Temperance fact supplied by Mrs Taylor on "What was best to carry with one when mountain-climbing." It was a treat to listen to Mrs Lowry as she read extracts from and spoke on "The Life of Frances Willard."

RAKAI.—Feb. Mrs Boag presided. Miss A. G. Oakley Supt. of Y Branch. Mrs Saunders presented balance-sheet; £16 14s had been sent to Headquarters Brick Fund. Miss Oakley reported on District Executive meeting. Mrs Robinson to represent Union at Dominion Convention.

SPREYDON.—Feb. 10. Twenty members present, and spirit of fellowship prevailed. Reports read and adopted. Mr Voss thanked for acting as Auditor. Motion of sympathy with earthquake sufferers. Mrs Pirett read stirring extracts from life of Frances Willard. Hostesses, Mesdames Sim and Fehsenfeld.

STYX.—Feb. 18. Mrs Donald presided. 11 present. Sympathy expressed for sufferers in Hawke's Bay earthquake. Mrs Lowry gave interesting address on Life of Frances Willard, and was heartily thanked. Collection for World's Missionary Fund.

STRATHFORD.—Feb. Prayer meeting at 2.45 p.m. Prohibition League waited upon meeting, offering fullest co-operation during polling year, particularly transport to country places. Mrs Phillips thanked deputations, promised hearty co-operation, and with Mrs McCallum, appointed to represent W.C.T.U. on League's Committee.

TEMUKA.—Feb. 6. Mrs Hewson presided. Attendance, 24. A vote of sympathy was passed with residents in earthquake area. Mrs Douglas to attend District Executive meeting. Mrs Hewson delegate to Dominion Convention. Arrangements were made for the coming Garden Party at Mrs Blackmore's on 19th February. Decided to have a speaker present; stalls, afternoon tea, and a programme. Members were asked to put forth a special effort this year, owing to it being election year. Solo by Mrs Ensign Smith.

WANGANUI EAST.—Feb. Mrs Duxfield presided. Sympathy with Mrs Brown in her illness. Balance-sheet read, showing credit £6 14s 9d. Mrs Andrew delegate to Convention; Miss Sanson substitute. Miss Sanson read an excellent paper written by a Y member on Life and Work of Frances Willard. Attention called to Day of Prayer to be held in St. Paul's Hall.

LATE REPORTS.

ASHBURTON.—March 3. Good attendance; Mrs Grigg presiding. Temperance Fact supplied by Mrs Robinson. Vote of sympathy passed with bereaved in Napier and Hastings; also with Mrs Grigg and Mrs Nielsen in bereavement. A warm welcome extended to Mrs G. Miller, of N.E. Valley Union (and a former President), also to Mrs Tinker, who was admitted into membership. Mrs Robinson submitted an interesting report of South Canterbury District Executive, and stated that Temuka would entertain September Convention. "Why my 17 papers are dry," by Mr F. E. Gaunt, U.S.A., was read by Mrs Robinson, and much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Saunders for valuable services as Treasurer during the past three years. Mrs Tulloch elected Treasurer. Requested that the Unions should meet for prayer during Convention. The Commissioner of Police, Wellington, wrote acknowledging with thanks receipt of copy of resolution passed at last meeting.

ARAMOHO.—Feb. 26. A successful sale of cakes. Mrs Duxfield and Mrs Andrews, of Wanganui East, paid us a visit. I.T.L. Leader, Mrs Gilmour. Members of Union made garments for earthquake refugees. Helped one day at Drill Hall, and collected fruit, vegetables, and jam for Palmerston North refugees. Several members helped individually.

BLENHAIM.—March 3. Splendid attendance. Mrs W. M. Smith presided. Remits for Convention were discussed, and delegate instructed how to vote. Decided to ascertain from Convention the best method of forwarding assistance to members in Hawke's Bay. £1 to be sent to Headquarters, as usual. A syllabus for 1931 was handed to each member. A number of Temperance blotters were received for distribution in schools. Next month meeting on April 14th, when the report of Convention will be submitted.