

ed their arrival with an impromptu band playing some weird instruments. They received a very spontaneous welcome from the hostess. Games, competitions, and community singing were indulged in. The following contributed items:—Mesdames Lawson, Mitchell, Parker, Mahan, Taylor, Scott, Eames, Edwards, and Goldman. On behalf of the Union, Mrs Gadd presented Mrs Eames with a beautiful clock. A card, inscribed with these words, accompanied it: "With love and appreciation from the officers and members of the North Brighton W.C.T.U." A dainty supper was served. With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

NEW PLYMOUTH CRADLE ROLL PICNIC.

This was held in Kawarua Park on Saturday, February 25th. Several young people took charge of the children, and gave them a jolly time with the swings and see-saws, etc. Between 40 and 50 happy children sat down to tea in the beautiful park, after which Miss Petersen, Plunket Nurse, took their photographs, with Mrs Ellis, C.R. Supt., in the midst. Each child was presented with a paper cap and a bag of lollies.

Over 50 adults were entertained at tea in the pavilion, after which Nurse Petersen gave a talk to the mothers on teaching their children self-control from the very start of life.

Miss Drew thanked Miss Petersen, and fully endorsed her remarks from a teacher's point of view.

Miss Petersen then took a photograph of some of the mothers and friends.

Generally agreed that the afternoon had been very enjoyable, and a great success.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY.

From Onehunga comes the following: "This is to tell you how I raised £5 for our Union in three months. I started an autograph supper cloth. I got a yard of good unbleached calico (1/1 yard), and ruled it off in 5in. squares, and then from corner to corner, thus making each square into triangles. I charged 3d a name. Each one wrote it in pencil, and I worked it in in royal blue stranded cotton. I also worked in the lines, then got a band of royal blue britway hemstitched all round (stitched in white). I have only had about a dozen refusals, and I have now the 400 names on it (except eight), and I'll get them in a day or two. I set out to get the 400 names on—that would bring in £5. I paid our Union £3 10s before we closed in December, and yesterday paid them in the other £1 10s (as I have only the eight names to get). It has taken a lot of talking to tell folks just what I wanted it for, etc., and a lot of stitching. One lady worked one letter for me. I have done all the rest, and I am a very busy woman with other things to do, but I thought I'd pass this

on, as it may help you to keep on keeping on. It's just wonderful what the nimble 3d will do if we can only get enough of them together. Now the cloth is mine, as I have bought all the material and done all the work. Many have been the questions as to what I intend to do with it, several asking if it were to be raffled, to which I gave a loud "NO," we do not believe in raffles, etc. I tell them I will sell it outright for £5, but unless I get that I will keep it and use it myself. I know about eight or nine others have taken on the autograph cloth since they have seen mine. I started it on September 26, so it has averaged £1 per month, but I'm glad it's done, as I have other things to do now.

TARANAKI DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Taranaki District Convention met at Waitara on Thursday, February 16th. A Reception was held on Wednesday evening. Rev. Dixon occupied the chair. Apologies from the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor, who were both absent from Waitara. Meeting opened with the singing of "All Round the World," followed by prayer by the Chairman, who also accorded a hearty welcome to all visiting delegates. Mrs Lawrence spoke words of welcome on behalf of the entertaining Union, and the Rev. Fussell also expressed pleasure at meeting so many earnest workers. Mrs Phillips, District President, replied to the welcome, and thanked one and all for their kind words and hearty greetings. Miss Howe sang "Vesper Hymn," Mrs Cummings recited "A Lady for Sale," and the Captain and Lieutenant of the local Salvation Army Corps rendered a very beautiful duet.

Mrs Peryman gave a short address, speaking on the world-wide work of the W.C.T.U., of the magnificent pioneer work it had done in the cause of Peace, Purity, and Prohibition. She urged all to fight for the abolition of the Liquor Trade, stressing its racial menace, and its ever present interference in political and civic life. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

On Thursday, at 9.15 a.m., Convention was called to order by the President, who also conducted a beautiful devotional service, speaking from the words, "They left all and followed Him." Letters of sympathy to be sent to Dominion President and Vice-President, and of greetings to Mesdames Lees and Clough, and of congratulation to Mrs Chatterton, senr., on attaining her 91st birthday. Thirty-four delegates answered the roll-call. Reports were read by delegates from Waitara (membership 27), New Plymouth (120), Inglewood (26), Stratford (30), Eltham (21), Ngaere (14), Hawera (45), and Inglewood Y's (38). All Unions reported work in many departments, and all had helped in every effort made for the relief of the unemployed. The noontide hour was observed. Then followed discussion on plans of work, which was interrupted by the luncheon adjournment.

On resuming at 2 p.m., a fine devo-

tional address was given by Miss Graham, who has lately returned on furlough from the mission fields of China and Manchuria. She stressed the need of putting God at the centre of our lives, and to show His Spirit first in our own home, and then in the wider field of World Service. Plans of work were outlined by Mrs Peryman: (1) Vigorous campaign for new members, (2) intensive educational campaign, especially increasing the circulation of our own official organ and the leaflets from our own literature department. We must advance, and be ever prepared for any service required of us. The following resolution was carried with acclamation:—"That we each return to our Unions and set in motion the plans outlined by Mrs Peryman." A pleasing function was the presentation of Long Service Badges to Mrs Phillips, Miss Taunt, and Mrs Jamison. In pinning on the badge, Mrs Peryman congratulated each on long and faithful service, Local and District, and in two instances Dominion service, and reminded all delegates that they had pledged themselves to fight "till death or victory."

The following officers were elected: District President, Mrs Phillips, Stratford; Cor. Sec., Miss Drew, New Plymouth; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hayward, Hawera; Treas., Mrs K. Tarrant, Ngaere; Vice-Pres., Mrs Exley, Hawera. Superintendents elected: Maori, Mrs Tuffery, New Plymouth; "White Ribbon," Mrs Lawrence, Waitara; Notable Days, Mrs Mackinder, Inglewood; Anti-Gambling, Mrs Read, New Plymouth; Evangelistic, Mrs Arthur, Inglewood; Back-blocks, Mrs McCallum, Stratford; Home Meetings, Mrs Hobbs, Inglewood.

Votes of thanks to Church Trustees, hostesses, and the entertaining Union were passed.

The Doxology and Benediction brought a most inspiring Convention to a close.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

March 6. Nineteen members present, several for the first time. A welcome was given to Mesdames Brocklehurst, Hulbert, Gawne, and Graham. A minute of appreciation was passed to the memory of the late Mrs E. Farrand. Decided to invite Miss C. M. McLay, Dominion Organiser, to work in the Auckland district in the interest of the Y Department; also that our Union be represented on the National Council of Women, as in former years. Careful instructions were given re noting for remits, to Mrs Kasper, delegate for the District in the forthcoming Dominion Convention.

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