

NELSON.—Feb. 14. Willard Day. Splendid attendance. President spoke of the great need of Prayer and Praise in our daily lives. Temperance Fact by Mrs Walker taken from the booklet, "White-Robed Vestal." Hearty welcome extended to visiting members. Mrs Moyes, Waiker, and Cooke delegates to Convention. Mrs Ross read a paper on "The Life of Frances Willard." Mrs Field drew attention to A. J. Russell's book, entitled "For Sinners Only."

Feb. 22. A very successful Jumble Sale held.

OXFORD.—Feb. 15th. Good attendance Frances Willard Day. Dr. Beaby of Canterbury College gave an interesting address. Songs were given by Mesdames C. Johnson and W. Dalley. A vote of thanks to speaker and the vocalists. Afternoon tea served. A business meeting was then held. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs R. Judson in the death of her sister. Mrs Dew appointed delegate to Convention. Decided to cater for the Oxford Show.

PETONE.—March 7th. Thirteen present. Mrs. Playter presided and read report of District Executive meeting. Also read remits to be discussed at Dominion Convention. A small gift to be sent to Mrs. James who is leaving to reside at Caversham. Parcels for the Willard Home received.

OTAHUHU.—Feb. 16. Social afternoon. Mrs Eccersall presiding. Musical items by Miss Eccersall, Mrs Christian, Mrs Greenall, and Mrs Muir, and elocutionary items by Mrs Rosevear. Inspiring address by Rev. Eccersall on "Ye are the salt of the earth," speaking specially upon W.C.T.U. work.

ONEHUNGA.—Feb. 9. Good attendance, presided over by Dr. Jeannie Craig. Her message for the new year of work was, "Deny yourselves, take up the Cross, and follow Me," followed by a few short prayers, and the pledge repeated by all. Special donation of £1 to be given towards the travelling expenses of a District officer to Dominion Convention. Decided to have a box for donations towards our Orphanage. Copper trail discussed, and ideas to be brought to next meeting. A further donation of 30/- from the autograph afternoon tea cloth (reported elsewhere). The money has been used to pay for Bible in Te Papapa School referendum, and the remainder to be donated to the Organising Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Ashby. A paper was given by the President on "Frances Willard and Other Notable Women and Their Influence."

OTAUTAUA.—Feb. Annual meeting. Officers: Pres., Mrs E. Harrington; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Brown; Sec., Mrs J. Brooker; Treas., Mrs Gutchlag; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Maxwell.

March. Special meeting to receive Miss McLay, and splendid meeting with her. We are commencing Band of Hope meetings in April, and this year we are going to try and meet fortnightly, instead of monthly. We have had a good year, three new members having been added, making a total of 30.

OHAKUNE.—Feb. 16. Good attendance, President in the chair. Pledge repeated. Readings and extracts, given by several members. Mrs Beck sang a solo. Sympathy with Mrs Osmond in her recent sad bereavement. Mrs Farr appealed to all members for help in the year's work. Mrs Hill appointed C.R. Supt. One new member. Afternoon tea.

OWAKA BRANCH.—March 1. Opening meeting, attendance good. The speaker was the Rev. R. Blair who gave a most helpful talk. Mrs. Eva James to be delegate to Convention.

OAMARU.—Feb. 13. Mrs. Hall presiding. Miss Cowan read scientific facts on "Health and Alcohol." Miss Smythe appointed delegate to Annual Convention. Frances Willard day. Mrs Bridgman read a paper concerning the life of the founder and organiser of the W.C.T.U. Collection was taken for World's Missionary Fund.

PALMERSTON N.—Mrs. Hodder presided. A few matters of business, such as the appointment of delegate to Convention, arrangements for next meeting, etc., were then conducted, after which the meeting joined with the P.W.M.U. for their day of prayer, it having been fixed for the same day and in the same place. Other womens' organisations had also been in-

vised to attend, quite a large meeting being the result.

PAPANUI.—Feb. 9. Mrs. Graham presiding. Sympathy with Mrs. Buckley in her bereavement and Mrs. Geddis in her continued illness. A Temperance fact by Mrs. Hopper. Mrs. Lowrie gave a very interesting address on the work done by the W.C.T.U. in all parts of the world, also, the good work done by the members of the Y. branches, and was thanked.

PONSONBY.—Feb. 16. Good attendance. Miss Read presiding. Miss Pyle, of Honolulu, gave interesting talk on work there. Solo by Mrs Patterson. Mrs Hunt also spoke. Welcome given to Sister Jessie, of Opatiki.

PAHIATUA.—Feb. 2. Eight present, Mrs. J. D. Wilson in the chair. The Scientific Fact dealt with the assistance given by the British Medical Association to the Temperance cause in England. Decided that a letter be sent to the Pahiatua Borough Council protesting against Sunday play on the Municipal tennis courts. Collection taken up for the N.Z. Missionary Fund. Mrs Harland and Mrs A. Wilson were hostesses for the afternoon.

REMUERA.—Feb. 21st. Good attendance. Mrs. Kaspar presided. Frances Willard Day observed. Business re Dominion Convention discussed. A donation of £1 was voted for District Funds. Mrs. Robinson reported on National Council activities. A letter of thanks received from the Rev. Moriton for books donated to the prison library. Address by the President.

RAKAI.—Feb. 9. Thirteen present, Mrs Boag in chair. Roll-call, and two bricks sold. Temperance Fact, "Alcohol often causes neuritis or inflammation of the nerves," was repeated in unison. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Boag; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Miss A. G. Oakley; Treas., Mrs Saunders; Supt. Departments: Birthday League, Miss C. C. Oakley; Cradle Roll, Mrs and Miss Rapley; Headquarters, Mrs Palmer; "White Ribbon," Miss A. G. Oakley; Literature, Mrs Cromie; Sick Visitors, Mrs Rapley and Mrs Kirk; Absentee Visitors, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Allan; Letter-Writer, Mrs Street; Y Supt., Miss A. G. Oakley. Address by Mrs Aitkenhead, of Ashburton, on "Mothers and Their Responsibility." Vote of thanks passed to speaker. Afternoon tea. Hostesses, Mrs Boag and Mrs Allan.

RICCARTON.—Feb. Seventeen present. Letter of sympathy in illness and hopes of speedy recovery to be sent to Miss E. M. Harband. Mrs W. Meharry, Supt. of Birthday League. Invitation to a Y Garden Party was gratefully accepted. Appeal for cakes and sweets for stalls. Need of new subscribers to the "White Ribbon" was stressed. Decided to study "Life of Miss Sophia Black." Mrs Grigg gave an address on Miss Maude Royden, her principles, views and opinions. Vote of thanks to speaker. Afternoon tea served by Mrs A. Doig.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.—Feb. 14th. Meeting held in new hall. Miss A. M. McLay the speaker. Frances Willard Day, and all urged to emulate our great W.C.T.U. leader. Miss Griffiths presented the balance-sheet. Notice given of Dominion Convention, to meet in Invercargill; also of a Bring and Buy on March 3rd. Two new members.

TIMARU.—Feb. 27. A number of "Y's" present by invitation. Motion of sympathy passed to Mr. A. Stead in the loss of his brother. Delegates were appointed to Convention, Mrs. H. H. Brown and Mrs. Miller, and instructed how to vote on Remits. Willard Day, Mrs. Minifie read extracts from Frances Willard's life, and Mrs. Norrie spoke also of the wonderful work she had done. Musical items, Competition, and Supper.

TAKAPUNA.—March. Good attendance. Mrs. Reynolds presided. Matters relating to Convention were discussed and suggestions made for a new syllabus.

THAMES.—March 1st. Presided over by Mrs. Liversedge and well attended. Resignation of our President, Mrs. Langford was accepted with regret. A very interesting address on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society was given by Mrs. Young, the representative for the Society. Afternoon tea served.

TEMUKA.—March 3rd. Pledge repeated. Special meeting arranged to meet Miss McLay on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bambridge

elected delegate to Convention. Cradle Roll Afternoon to be held in the Domain on Friday March 17th. Scientific Fact read by Mrs. Smith on "Alcohol and Health." Remits for Convention discussed. Report from District Executive. Prayers for sick member. Afternoon tea. Hostesses Mesdames Wright and Read.

TUA MARINA.—Feb. Held at Parsonage, 15 present. Mrs E. Smith in the chair. Syllabus for year presented for approval. Mrs Wilson to represent us at Convention. 22/6 collection for Willard Home, also 10/- to go from combined Bands of Hope. National Anthem and afternoon tea.

UPPER HUTT.—Feb. 25th. 7 members present. Mrs. Spencer led the devotions, and the pledge was repeated. Mrs. J. Roberts gave an excellent paper on "Watching" which was much appreciated. Frances Willard Day, an interesting and instructive reading from one of her books "Do Everything" was given by Mrs. J. Whiteman. Afternoon tea served. The formation of a Y. Branch in the district was approved. Wishes of goodwill by President and members, were extended to Mrs. J. Whiteman who is shortly leaving the district.

WELLINGTON.—March 2. An interesting meeting presided over by Mrs. H. Chisholm. Short devotional service by Mrs. Murray. Re. sending delegate to the Convention, owing to the expense and our lack of funds it was decided not to send one this year but to ask District Officer to read us her report. Mrs. Chisholm reported that she had collected £2 2s for Headquarters Fund from visitors to her begonia house. A very interesting paper on the life of Frances Willard was read by the President. Mesdames Murray and Rowe served tea.

WAIKAWA.—Feb. Mrs. H. Dyson presided. Good attendance. Votes of sympathy passed to two families in their recent sad bereavements. District Executive to meet in Waipawa. Arrangements discussed and date fixed. Decided to hold "Pay-up" Social later in the year. The Dominion President's letter was read from the "White Ribbon." The remits for Convention were also discussed. As it was Frances Willard Day, extracts from an account of her life were read and proved very interesting. Afternoon tea dispensed.

WAIMATE.—Feb. 8. Mrs Roy presided over a small gathering. Mrs Roy read some helpful texts for the year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Graham for her twenty-eight years' service as "White Ribbon" Agent. Mrs H. Buckingham was appointed Agent, also reporter for the "White Ribbon." A helpful address was given by Mrs Ensign Searle, and was much appreciated. Afternoon tea closed the meeting.

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