

Mrs J. W. Gibbon, both of whom spoke of the love and esteem in which Mrs Cummins is held by all who come in contact with her.

Mrs Sorensen then presented Mrs Cummins with a beautiful bouquet, the work of Mrs Nye, and a fountain pen, on behalf of members of the Union and friends.

Mrs Cummins feelingly thanked those present for their kindly good wishes, their gifts, and their loyal support during her association with them. It had at all times, said the speaker, been a great joy to her to work in this corner of the Master's vineyard, and she trusted that all would continue to labour on to victory.

Much appreciated solos were contributed by Miss Laurenson and Mrs Mew, both receiving a hearty encore. Afternoon tea was served by members of the Union, after which Mrs Pate pronounced the Benediction.

GARDEN PARTY.

A Garden Party, under the combined auspices of the Hastings W.C.T.U. and the Area Temperance Council, was held on March 16th at the residence of Mrs W. B. Nicol, York Street. The gardens and lawns were bright with flowers, and the many who gathered to enjoy the afternoon.

Mrs Hickmott (President of the W.C.T.U.) and Mr H. R. French (President of the A.T.C.) acted as host and hostess, and welcomed the guests as they arrived.

During the afternoon speeches were made by Mr French, Rev. H. Gould (Napier), and Mr W. Smart, the oldest gentleman guest present. Special invitations had been sent to the elderly friends by the W.C.T.U., and about 40 sat down to tea together. Mrs Barbour, the oldest lady guest, was presented with a nice dainty bouquet.

Stalls for the sale of produce, cakes, sweets, and afternoon tea were well patronised by the visitors.

Various games were played on the lawns, and proved very enjoyable. The musical programme was contributed to by Miss Chote, Miss Stevenson, and Miss Des Forges, while Mrs W. C. Baird gave a recitation, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr and Mrs W. B. Nicol and all who had assisted in making the function so successful.

SEND IT IN.

If you have a bit of news,  
Send it in;  
Or a joke that will amuse,  
Send it in.

A story that is true,  
An incident that's new,  
We want to hear from you—  
Send it in.

Never mind the frills or style,  
If the news is worth while,  
It may help, or cause a smile—  
Send it in.

News of the Union.

Reports MUST,—

- (1) Reach Editor by 8th of month.
- (2) Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
- (3) Be short and to the point.

SPECIAL TO REPORTERS.

Owing to Convention news our space is very crowded and reports have had to be cut down very drastically. Reporters! please forgive, it only happens once a year.

**ARAMOHO.**—March 30th. Ten members present. Case of distress helped. Members to help Ladies' Committee of Unemployed with sewing and knitting, etc., scone competition. Mrs. Nicholson judge; Mrs. H. Good first prize, Mrs. G. Richards second. One dozen copies of Convention W.R. to be given to sympathisers.

**AUCKLAND.**—March 7. Good attendance. Mrs Cook presided. Willard Day observed. Collection for the World Missionary Fund. Resignation of Mrs Taylor, Recording Secretary, was received with sincere regret. A tribute was paid to the efficient service she had rendered during her sixteen years' term of office. Helpful New Year message given by Mrs Stempson. Mrs Cook delegate to the N.C.W. Mrs Swan delegate to the Dominion Convention. Miss Paul gave an interesting talk on her recent visit to Palestine.

**ASHBURTON.**—March 7. Fair attendance. Sale of cakes and produce in aid of the funds held. Mrs Aitkenhead presided. Remits for Convention considered, and delegates instructed how to vote. Report of S.C. District Executive submitted. The resolution passed in Timaru, protesting "against the incongruity of levying an increased duty on sugar and motor spirit, when beer and other alcoholic liquors were exempt from any further rise in duty, thereby fostering a harmful luxury at the expense of a legitimate business," was endorsed by the Union. Decided to forward copy of same to Minister of Customs. An enjoyable little programme was contributed. Tea served, and brisk business done at the various stalls. Vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the afternoon.

**ASHBURTON.**—April 4. Good attendance. Mrs. Aitkenhead presiding. Votes of sympathy with Mrs. E. G. Church, Mrs. F. Weir, Mrs. T. Crooks, and Mrs. J. Lilly and family. Decided to write congratulating the Ashburton Silver Band on their success at the recent contests in Dunedin, and also on the appreciation expressed by the Band Committee in regard to their exemplary conduct. Tea was served and Mrs. Robinson presented Mrs. Hopkins Sen. with a long-service Badge and a handsome bouquet, which was gratefully received. Excellent reports of Convention submitted by Mrs Aitkenhead and Miss E. A. Watson. The Treasurer's report of the annual effort was very encouraging. Thanks to hostesses.

**ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.**—Eight present. Mrs Godfrey presided. Decided to send congratulations to Miss J. Martindale on her approaching marriage. Mrs Godfrey read a poem, and Mrs Taylor an article on the awful conditions which would prevail in any future war of the nations. Afternoon tea served.

**BLENHEIM.**—March 7. Mrs Smith presided. Good attendance. Mrs. Braddock gave a splendid paper on "Women Hymn Writers." Songs rendered by Misses C. Landon-Lane and J. Eckford were greatly enjoyed. Mrs Stockwell farewelled, and made the recipient of a dainty cake plate and many good wishes. Mrs Stockwell, in replying, spoke of the happy hours she had spent at our meetings, and how she had been inspired by them, and her interest in the work reawakened. She regretted having to say good-bye to such friendly and helpful meetings.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—April 6. Mrs. Brocklehurst presided and spoke of Womens' work the world over. Next meeting at Mrs. Hayman's. Mrs. Kasper to give report of Convention.

**BLENHEIM.**—April 4th. Mrs. W. M. Smith presided. Good Attendance. Letters of sympathy to two members. A full and splendid report of Convention was read

by our delegate Mrs. P. Stephens who was recorded a hearty vote of thanks. One new member.

**BALCLUTHA.**—April 4th. Mrs. Clark presided. Fair attendance. Tea was given to Band of Hope children on March 10th, about 120 children present. Songs and recitations given by the children after tea. Decided to hold a rally and "Bring and buy Sale" on May 12th. Miss Tosh (our delegate to Convention) read an interesting and helpful report.

**BROOKLYN.**—March. Splendid attendance. President welcomed several visitors. Committee of four formed to look out for new members and visit sick members. Mrs Stinson sang, and Mrs Hennessy recited. Mrs Erewer read report of District Executive. Mrs. Pickering spoke of Unions she had visited in her recent trip to Australia, and brought a greeting, "Hold Fast," from East Maitland W.C.T.U. Mrs Temple White was heartily thanked for her talk on "Travellers." Afternoon tea by Baptist ladies.

**BAINHAM.**—March. Four present. Paper on "Eugenics" read by President. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs G. Tibble; Sec., Mrs F. Roads.

**COLLINGWOOD.**—16th March. Nine present. Sent a petition to Council to do their best for a dry road to the West Coast instead of mud-flat. Wool was given out for knitting winter garments for Willard Home. Afternoon tea. Afternoon changed from Friday to Thursday to get country members.

**DEVONPORT.**—March 16. A successful pay-up social. Mrs J. Williams presided. Remits to be discussed at the Dominion Conference were considered. Mrs Evans was the soloist. Condolence to Miss Read in the loss of her brother. Afternoon tea.

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL.**—March 7. Fair attendance. Mrs Hiett presided. Two new members added to roll. Remits for Dominion Convention discussed. Treasurer reported result of Jumble Sale, £7 4s 2d. £2 10s sent to Organising Fund during the year.

**DUNEDIN CENTRAL.**—April 4th Good attendance. Mrs. Hiett presided. Decided that Mrs. Downing place wreath from Union on Cenotaph on Anzac Day. Mrs. Alexander gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of Dominion Convention, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Cradle Roll afternoon on April 27th.

**DUNEDIN SOUTH.**—March. Good attendance. President read report from N.C.W. Mrs Aburn to be delegate to Convention. Mrs Keen farewelled, and greetings sent by her to Ponsonby Union. Afternoon tea.

**EPSOM.**—29th March. Mrs. Neal presided. Finances reported to be in a satisfactory condition. Excellent report of the recent Convention given by Mrs. Rewa Bennett, our delegate who gave great praise to the officers who had conducted the proceedings. Mrs. Bennett also spoke of the fine fellowship feeling that prevailed through all the sessions and said how much she had learned through being present.

**GREY LYNN.**—March. Mrs Singleton presided. Small attendance. Report of District Executive given by President. Paper on "League of Nations" read and discussed. Members decided to sew for the poor of the district. Afternoon tea served.

**GREEN ISLAND.**—April 6. Good Attendance. Mrs. Dickinson presided. Every member gave Bible verse beginning with the word "Behold." Next meeting the word is to be "Come." Mrs. Brown gave interesting report of Convention. Afternoon tea.

**GERALDINE.**—March. Between 20 and 30 ladies present. Mrs Wallach presided. Miss Bell played two pianoforte selections. Miss McLay gave a very interesting address, stressing the need of more earnest work among women. "Woman is God's reserve force, and has a wonderful opportunity." Miss McLay also read over the remits to be brought before the Convention. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mesdames Brunton, Bell, and Coursey.

**GERALDINE.**—April. Good attendance. Mrs. Wallach in the chair. Mrs. Borrell sang; Mrs. Wallach read a paper from the "W.R." Members were asked to bring knitted garments, or wool to be knitted for the needy. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mesdames Grierson, Deas, and W. Fyfe.

**HAMILTON.**—April 6. Mrs. E. G. Johnson presided, heartily welcomed Miss Wright