

ranged by Mrs. Middleton and friends) was given. Items by Mesdames Griffiths, Boyce, Middleton, McKenna, Greaves and Miss Gimlett. Greetings were received from the Christchurch, North Brighton, Opawa, Papanui, Woolsdon, Linwood and Riccarton Unions. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the artists; Mrs. Mitchell thanked them on behalf of the members for their very bright and attractive entertainment. Afternoon tea brought a successful birthday party to a close.

**North Brighton.**—June. Mrs. Goldman presided. Mrs. McIlraith led Devotions. Letters of sympathy sent to two members who were sick. Departmental reports given by superintendents: Cradle Roll, Band of Hope, Mental Hospital Visiting, and Monthly Prayer Meeting. The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £3/9/9. Mrs. Hiatt's letter in "White Ribbon" was read. "White Ribbon" Day was commemorated by the President reading several articles from our paper.

**Riccarton.**—June 8. Twenty-second birthday party. Large attendance from sister unions, guilds, etc. Much appreciated. Musical items rendered by Mesdames Olds, Harris, and Crowley. Elocutionary items by Mrs. Gee. President and secretary presented with sprays. On behalf of members, Mrs. James presented Mrs. C. W. Barrell with the gift of a handbag on her retirement from the office of President. A very interesting one-act play was staged by the Berwick Street Presbyterian Ladies. President thanked all who had assisted and so closed another year of our activities.

**Reefton.**—June 13. Mrs. Thompson, Vice-President in the chair. A message of sympathy to Mrs. Bray on the death of her uncle. "White Ribbon" Day observed. Mrs. Waddell gave a very interesting reading, "Broken Shells." Collection "W.R." Day Fund. Prayer.

**Spreydon.**—June 13. Apologies received. Members regret the illness of Mrs. Walker, our Secretary. Letter of thanks to Mr. Garlick for money received from the showing of a Temperance film at the Spreydon Baptist Church. Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith gave a suitable address to celebrate "White Ribbon" Day. Afternoon tea was served.

**Sydenham.**—June 1. Thirteen present, our President in the Chair. Devotions, Mrs. Davies and routine business transacted. Mrs. Woodward reported a visit to North Brighton birthday social. Home meeting held at the residence of Mrs. C. W. Barrell, and the Welcome Club Tea. Secretary reported a meeting of the N.Z. Alliance. A most inspiring address was given by Mrs. T. N. Gibbs on the need for taking God's promises literally, thereby obtaining Divine help for the difficulties and trials of our day in a very real sense.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Timaru.**—June. Miss Fyfe presided. Report of meeting of Dominion Officers in Christchurch read. £2 granted to Headquarters Fund, 10/- to "White Ribbon." Parcel posted to an overseas sailor. Thanks to members of Timaru Spinning Circle for outfitting a sailor with woollen goods. Mrs. Newlands reported holding a Home meeting and gaining two new members. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Newlands appointed hospital visitors. Miss Stevenson delegate to N.C.W. Remits from N.C.W. discussed. Mr. Woodward reported that several seamen had expressed their thanks for hospitality and kindness received while in port. "White Ribbon" Day observed by suitable articles read by Miss Fyfe.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT.

**Kaikorai.**—June 27. Mrs. Flett presided. Praise and prayer led by Mrs. Orr. Rev. Reid Harper spoke on the Temperance Cause. He said that the real cause of failure was lack of the spiritual view of life, and habits which degrade body and soul. There was a large attendance of members. One new member. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

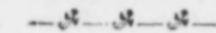
**Invercargill South.**—June 13. Miss McCallum presided. Fair attendance. Mrs. Richards, Devotions. Pledge. Temperance Fact given. Sympathy with Mesdames Reidy, Robertson, Brodie and Miss Carmichael in their illness. It was intimated that the 60th anniversary of the starting of the W.C.T.U. would be on August 6th next. The Invercargill Branch has the honour of being the first formed in New Zealand. Fitting celebrations will be held. The Temperance films are expected to be shown in Invercargill shortly. Pastor Grundy gave a most encouraging message,

stressing the need for us all to wait upon God, and emphasising the Queen's message to the women of the Empire.

**Winton.**—June 28. Under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. a very successful public meeting was held in the S.S. Hall on the evening of June 28. Rev. Hugh Graham, of Invercargill, was the speaker, his topic being "Religion in Russia." Much interest in his address was displayed by the mixed audience. The Devotions were taken by Rev. Haigh, and Mrs. Wildey thanked the speaker. Supper was provided by the ladies present. A solo by Mrs. Smart, and a duet by Mesdames Fowler and Smart much enjoyed. Bundles of literature, a hussif, and our first homespun knitted jersey have been forwarded to Mrs. Hutton, Bluff Seamen's Rest. More spinning and knitting are in progress.

### IN MEMORIAM.

On May 28th Mrs. Frank Wordsworth, a valued member of the Dargaville Union, entered the Great Beyond. A member of that union since its inception in 1922, proving herself to be a staunch and loyal supporter, always giving of her best. For many years she held the office of Vice-President, and had been Cradle Roll Superintendent for 16 unbroken years. She gave this section of the work very devoted attention. Her cradle roll at times had a membership of 170, and every birthday card went out faithfully, often delivered in person. Our sister was a valued member and zealous worker for her Church. Took part in patriotic work, and also supported other social organisations. She was loved by all who were privileged to know her. At the graveside the local President, Mrs. Jolly, read the W.C.T.U. service. At the monthly meeting, several members spoke feelingly of our departed sister, and those present stood for one minute in silence as a mark of respect. Our sympathy is extended to the sorrowing members of her family.



### STOP PRESS.

We have just received the news that the appeals lodged against licenses on three sites in Invercargill have been dismissed. The appeals were lodged because these sites were near a church or schools. Particularly though, the site was only 300 yards from the proposed Southland Girls' High School.

There is much talk about the moral laxity of the youth of to-day, and yet the law allows a hotel where the pupils of a girls' high school and an intermediate school will have to pass these hotels and see the sights so often observed at such places.

Women of New Zealand! Is it not time that we rose in revolt against laws which permit such things and demanded that our youth shall be protected from the greed of the liquor seller.

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