

year's work. Reply received to protest sent to American picture producers (see special report). Convention numbers taken for distribution. Collection for Alliance funds. Benediction.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Papanui**, March 20th: Mrs. Tillman presided over a fair attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Malcolm. Temperance fact given by Mrs. Tillman. Reports of Dominion Convention given by Mesdames Tillman and Hodder. "Bring and Buy" arranged for next meeting, and speaker for Maori Day.

**Riccarton**, March 14th: Mrs. Griffiths, President, in the chair. Twenty-one members present, and four apologies received. Mrs. Savage appointed Birthday League Superintendent, and Mrs. Evans' resignation of this office received with regret. President thanked members who had extended hospitality to Convention delegates, and requested all to study the "Constitution" before next meeting. A very interesting talk was given by Miss G. Musgrove on her world tour, and a vivid description of the "Queen Mary" was also enjoyed. Votes of thanks passed to speakers, and meeting closed with prayer.

March 20th: Special Home meeting held at the residence of the President to hear the report of Dominion Convention, which proved most interesting and instructive, and was well discussed. A vote of thanks to our delegate, Mrs. Harris, was passed. Fifteen present. Meeting opened and closed with hymns and prayer.

**Christchurch**, March 13th: Miss C. Henderson presided, and welcomed the newly elected Dominion President, Miss C. E. Kirk, who later spoke on the harm of Trust Control. Pleasure expressed on learning that the Union had again won "White Ribbon" Banner (for greatest number of new subscribers gained in one year), and also the silver vase (for the greatest number of subscribers in N.Z.).

March 27th: Miss Henderson presided. Members offered to assist in street collection for Tuberculosis Association. Resolution passed, "That we urge Government to take steps to secure large quantities of rabbits and other wild animals to send overseas to supplement food supplies." Mrs. B. James then gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention.

**Reefton**, March 12th: Mrs. Thompson presided. Frances Willard Day observed, Mrs. Leaning reading a paper on the life of Frances Willard. Collection for World Missionary Fund.

March 21st: Successful Cradle Roll party held in Wesley Sunday School grounds. Beautiful weather. Twenty-two children and twenty mothers attended. The children were kept happy with games, ice cream and soft drinks; the mothers partaking of afternoon tea.

**Linwood**, March 30th: Mrs. Mackie presided. Breezy, good report of Convention given by Mrs. Dunlop, who had been delegate for the first time. Reports on Band of Hope, which has made an encouraging beginning, and is passing on two members to the "Y" branch. Three new "W.R." subscribers. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

**New Brighton**, April 4th: Devotions led by Mrs. Edward. Pledge reaffirmed. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell and Mrs. W. Pepperell, a local member. A short prayer was offered by Mrs. Hall. A picnic was held in February, where a "Bring and Buy" stall realised £1/14/- for Headquarters Fund. Pleasing report read by our three delegates to the recent Convention. The ladies were thanked. Mr. Ancell was nominated as District Vice-President. Presentation made to Mrs. Edward for her service as our former Secretary.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote**, March 26th, at Heathcote: Mrs. Tredennick, President, in the chair. Good attendance. Captain Norman, of the Salvation Army, gave an interesting talk on the work done on the Island of Roto Roa, where her father, a Salvation Army officer, was one time in charge. In 39 years, 3,000 men have been treated there. An encouraging part of the work is that 77 per cent. have been cured, and some have become fine Christians. The Methodist minister, the Rev. Mr. Brown, joined us for afternoon tea.

**Sydenham**, April 14th: Our President, Mrs. Filer, presided over an attendance of fourteen. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies. Motion of sympathy passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell, our much loved North Canterbury President. The Secretary

stated that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Barrell. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Mesdames Davies and Drewitt presented reports on the recent Dominion Convention, these members sharing in the duties of delegate on behalf of the branch.

**North Brighton**, March 19th: Mrs. McIlwraith led Devotions. Seven members and one visitor present. Agreed to celebrate 20th birthday. A beautiful paua shell brooch was presented to Mrs. D. Goldman for loyal and devoted service as President for eight years. Departmental Superintendents were appointed.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Timaru**, March 26th. Mrs. Densem presided. The resignation of the President, Miss Fyfe, was received with regret, this being due to ill-health. The caretaker reported a busy month at the "Sailors' Rest." Mrs. Densem reported on the Dominion Convention, and a full discussion followed. It was suggested that Guides and Brigades be urged to study Temperance.

**Temuka**, April 4th. Mrs. H. Grocott presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Prattley. A detailed report on Dominion Convention given by Mrs. J. Holliday. Arrangements in hand for a Cradle Roll party. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Hiatt on the death of a brother. Doxology.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Oamaru**, April 7th: Mrs. Winn, in the chair, led in prayer. Devotions led by Mrs. Burgess. Mrs. Winn thanked members who had helped with Cradle Roll and Band of Hope picnic. Members asked to assist with funds for literature for election year. Arrangement for mothers' evening next month. Miss Thompson gave a report on Convention, for which she was heartily thanked. Mention was made of the passing of the late Mrs. Bridgman, who was a valiant worker for the temperance cause for many years. A duet was contributed. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

March 11th: Mrs. Winn presided and led in prayer. Devotions were taken by Miss Cowan. A Memorial Minute was included regarding the late Miss Mary Milligan. Mrs. Winn expressed thanks to all the members who had assisted with the Plunket street collection. Invitation from the Baptist Church to attend a special service was accepted. A letter of welcome to be sent to returning sons of members. Letters of thanks for congratulations on honours received from the King received from Miss B. Wilson and Mr. Harkness. A letter of thanks for sympathy received from Mrs. Weston. One new member enrolled. Solo, and afternoon tea.

**Dunedin South**: Fourth Thursday. Mrs. Rippin presided. Mrs. Smith led Devotions. Apologies from four members. President announced that in future secretaries would be expected to prepare quarterly reports for District Conference. Mrs. Rippin delivered a full and comprehensive report of the Annual Convention, for which she was thanked by Mrs. Williamson.

**North East Valley**, March 28th: Comprehensive reports on Convention business given by Miss Gibbs. Decided to hold an afternoon tea concert on April 30th to raise funds for the work of the Union.

**Lawrence**, April 4th: Attendance fair. President gave a talk on "Ye are the salt of the earth." Extracts from "White Ribbon" read. Mrs. McNeilly gave a paper on "The Road to Emmaus." Reference was made to the death of a member. Recitation by Mrs. Duguid. Decided to ask District Secretary for a report of Convention.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

**Winton**, March 9th: First meeting for the year. Mrs. T. A. Thomas presided. Pledge repeated. Devotions led by President. Apologies received and sympathy letter sent to Mrs. Bryce. Mrs. Edgerton gave suitable and helpful temperance readings. The President also read some interesting records of the past work done by the W.C.T.U. Benediction.

**Invercargill**, April 3rd: Mrs. Watson, Vice-President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Brown, who also gave a report of the Dominion Convention. Letters of sympathy sent to the Dobie family in the death of their mother, who was one of the original members of our Union; and to Mrs. Cameron on the death of her brother.

#### FOR ME

The Lenten days move slowly by;  
The Holy Week again is nigh.  
An aching holds the heart in thrall;  
Suspense hangs heavy over all.

The solemn Cross will tower again  
Over the hills across the plain;  
Gethsemane once more will come;  
And anguish make the soul its home.

Oh, darkened days and hours of Lent!  
Oh, sorrows deep! Oh, dark portent!  
How can it be that Love must lie  
All bleeding 'neath the shuddering sky?

How can it be? Poor human fool!  
Make of your tears a healing pool.  
For You the wounds again have bled;  
For You the life again has sped.

Oh, Easter Day that dawns at last!  
Oh, rapture of the broken fast!  
Oh, Heaven, that opens in the morn  
Of resurrection light new born!

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