

June. At Lyttelton. Mrs. Anderson presided; wet day; good attendance of Lyttelton and Heathcote members. Capt. Costar, of Salvation Army, gave a very interesting talk on Women of the Bible. Reported that a very successful youth meeting had been held and that Band of Hope had resumed. Presbyterian and Methodist ministers and their wives take an interest in our youth work.

Linwood.—June 30th. President occupied the chair; well attended. Mrs. Thurlow Thompson gave an interesting address on world reconstruction; collections taken to provide parcels for members' sons overseas; Band of Hope work discussed, and the importance of educating the young, on the evils of intemperance, was stressed. White Ribbon Day, Mrs. Fuller read the Dominion President's letter and made an appeal for new subscribers. All branches of our work are showing activity. Two new members. Afternoon tea; Benediction.

Oxford.—July 24th. Celebrated White Ribbon Day. The president occupied the chair, good attendance; sympathy with Mrs. Peryman in her accident, also with Miss Atkinson in the loss of her cousin in the tragic air crash. Mrs. Hawke, W.R. Supt., reported 25 subscribers and 7 free copies distributed. Mrs. L. Jones, Supt. Notable Days, read the W.R. editor's special article. Decided to organize a paper drive for the war effort.

Reefton.—June 9. Arrangements made for visit of Miss Andrews; paper for W.R. Day read by Mrs. Gilmore, and collection taken for W.R. Fund.

June 22. Special Meeting; members and friends listened attentively to a most interesting and helpful address by Miss Andrews on "The effects of Alcohol on Mind, Body and Morals." Vote of thanks by acclamation. Afternoon tea; prayer.

New Brighton.—June 4th; Mrs. Flower presided; good attendance; devotions, Mrs. Holloway; Temperance Fact, Mrs. Edmonds. Decided to hold afternoon meetings for the Band of Hope children. Talk by Mrs. C. W. Barrell on the League of Nations, most informative and interesting. Mrs. Barrell was heartily applauded.

June 23rd, Thirty-first Birthday Social celebrated; a good musical programme had been arranged by the following artists: vocal solos, Mrs. McIvor, Mrs. Greenaway, and Miss May Thorn; violin and pianoforte solos, Rev. Allan Carr and Mrs. McIvor; recitations and monologue, Mrs. Middleton; monologue, Miss May Thorn; pianoforte solo, Mrs. McIvor. Greetings and good wishes from Papanui, District Executive, Linwood, North Brighton, Bryndwr and Sydenham. A beautiful birthday cake, made by Mrs. Fraser, was cut and distributed after afternoon tea.

North Brighton.—June 16th. Presided over by the president; "White Ribbon" Day observed. Extracts from "White Ribbon" read; devotions by the president; mental hospital visiting reported on. Mrs. Compton reported that 15 articles had been handed in for June to the Local Residents' Club for soldiers' comforts.

Papanui.—June; Mrs. Thornton presided, good attendance; roll call; Temperance Fact; sympathy with Mrs. Simpson in illness. Discussion on educating children in temperance; 10/- donation to Mayoress Parcel Fund. Collection for "White Ribbon"; two new subscribers; next meeting, social afternoon and bring and buy.

Shirley-Richmond.—June. "White Ribbon" Day; Miss Schumacher presided. Extracts read from copies of "White Ribbons" dated May, 1902, and also copies dated 1910. A Biblical "Bring and Buy" was held, proceeds for W.R. funds.

Riccarton.—June 11th; good attendance; welcome to "White Ribbon" subscribers; 46 subscribers who are not members invited. Reports given on mental hospital visiting, Study Circle, Band of Hope and "White Ribbon" work. Decided to assist with Mayoress's Christmas parcels fund. Miss Smart gave talk on the Campaign for Christian Order. One new member and two new "White Ribbon" subscribers.

Sydenham.—July 2. Mrs. Puddle presided. Agreed to donate to Mayoress's Fund for soldiers' Christmas parcels. School temperance examinations discussed and Canterbury Executive report received. Memorial Day talk by Miss Lovell-Smith, in which she urged the carrying of the torch for social purity and child temperance education handed on by those who blazed the trail years ago.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Rakaia.—June 11. Mrs. S. Wilson presided; W.R. Day observed; 4/- donation to W.R. Fund; address by Rev. Wisdom, "Look back; look forward, and look up"; bring and buy, 5/6.

Ashburton.—July 7. Annual Pioneer Remembrance Day. Mrs. Robinson presided, led devotions and welcomed visitors and friends. Address by Rev. R. W. Brown. Special meeting to be held in August at which Miss Andrews will be speaker. Sympathy with sufferers through earthquake. Solos by Misses D. Rooke and H. Brown; and recitations by Miss Daphne Oliver. Benediction, afternoon tea.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT.

Lawrence.—June 4. Attendance fair; Mrs. McNeilly in the chair. Mrs. Cawthorn and Miss Labes welcomed as new members. Yetter from Hon. P. Fraser promising to consider protest re altered hours of hotel trading; 10/- sent to N.Z. Fund. "White Ribbon" Day paper read.

Lawrence.—July 2. Attendance fair; president in the chair. Letter from Mr. J. A. Roy, M.P., promising support to protest re altered hours for hotel trading; visit from Miss Elsie Andrews discussed; extracts from newspapers on liquor question read.

Oamaru.—June. Miss Cowan presided; devotions, Mrs. Burgess. Business from District Executive dealt with; extracts read; Log Cabin effort for patriotic appeal realised £27. Mrs. Nixon spoke on visit to Norway. Doxology, cup of tea, collection for "White Ribbon."

South Dunedin.—June 27. Good attendance; Mrs. Williamson presided; Mrs. Smith devotions. Correspondence on hymn selection discussed; meeting in favour of "White Ribbon Hymnal" as it stands. Mrs. J. W. Pelling read extracts from "White Ribbon," tracing its history and all it stands for. Mrs. Williamson followed with items re sly-grog selling. Profitable meeting, good discussion; collection taken for W.R.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill South.—June 9. Miss McCallum presided; good attendance; Mrs. Richards, devotions; pledge; Temperance Fact. Sympathy with Miss Dummigan in bereavement. Reported that Miss Elsie Andrews would attend a special meeting of the union on July 23rd. A protest against the appeal on behalf of two brewers against military service in Christchurch, a report of which appeared in Saturday's paper, was carried. One new member. Rev. H. Graham gave a stirring and uplifting address on the "V" sign, urging all to fight the good fight of faith and "carry on." Speaker thanked. Prayer; national anthem.

Invercargill Central.—July 3rd. Mrs. Ruthven presided over a large attendance of members and friends; Mrs. T. Pryde led devotions. Mrs. Major Brown gave a most interesting address on "My Life and Life's work," and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded for a fine address. A solo by Mrs. W. Aitchison much appreciated. Afternoon tea.

Winton.—June 16th. Devotions, Mrs. J. D. Campbell, president. Readings from "White Ribbon" by different members. Posters procured for use in Sunday and day schools. Decided to have bring and buy at July meeting. June 9th, farewell social to Mrs. Young, our W.R. agent, and family, our pres. on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Young with a crystal jelly dish, and wished her good fortune in her new sphere of life.

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