

Mrs Mowlem's work as organiser was referred to by Mrs Watson, and the prospect of extending our influence was very encouraging. The delegate's report of the Provincial Convention, held in Christchurch, was read by Mrs J. H. Dent, and adopted. A vote of thanks was accorded the writer, and a discussion on campaign work followed.

KAIAPOI.

Meeting held on 14th October. The Cycling Club accepted with thanks the offer of the W.C.T.U. to provide all the attendants necessary at the refreshment booth on Labour Day. Unanimously resolved to urge the Park Committee to provide conveniences in the Park grounds for women and children. Decided that Mr Bligh's lecture be held on November 10th at Kaiapoi, and to ask all the Bible Classes to attend, and endeavour to make this meeting a success. Decided to forward four questions from the W.C.T.U. on the licensing and gambling issues to Mr Jones. These questions to be answered publicly. Mrs Brighting then read an extract from "Fifty Doctors on Alcohol."

NELSON.

Monthly meeting October 13th, attendance fair, Mrs Field presiding. Special reference was made in the opening prayers to three members whose sons had gone to the war. It was resolved: "That we express our deep and heartfelt sympathy with our President in the death of her mother, and we also express our high appreciation of the life and work of Mrs Atkinson, one of the oldest members of our Union, and one who has always had its interests at heart, never sparing herself in any way when she could help on the Temperance and other social movements." His 3d was collected for the Salvation Army Self-Denial Fund. In reply to Dr. Frengley's letter to the Unions in reference to the compulsory detention of persons suffering from venereal diseases, it was resolved: "That we see no reason for not adhering to our previous resolution of dissent from clause 19 of the Act, which provides for such detention." Letters were read and received from the N.Z. President, the World's Vice-President, and the N.Z. Superintendents of the Race Medical Temperance, and Home Service Departments. Mrs Field urged members to hear Mr and Mrs Snowden. Resolved: "That a Garden Party and Sale of Work be held on November 11th."

Two Good Citizenship meetings have been held on September 25th and October 9th, the subjects being respectively "The Need of Women in Government" and "The Need of Instruction to Boys and Girls in Sex Hygiene." The attendance was not large on either occasion, but the discussion was animated and interesting, resolutions being passed in support of both propositions.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Oct. 16. Attendance good at meeting. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. Mrs G. Wood led in prayer. A very interesting paper by Miss Powell was read. The following are the prize-winners for the temperance essay written by the children of the Maranui and Mount Cook Girls Schools:—Maranui School—Victor McDonald, 1; Fred. Gentry, 2; Annie McDonald, special. Mount Cook Girls' School—Roma Alexander, 1; May Kelly, 2. There was only six marks between the twelve girls who competed. Resolved: "That this Union protests against the failure of the Education Bill to provide equal pay for equal work, regardless of the sex of the workers, and points out to the Minister for Education that the payment of women on a lower scale on the ground that a man supports a wife and family is an injustice, and necessitates an inquiry into the number of teachers of each sex, and the payment of them on a sliding scale." Mrs Wright (Wellington District) and Mrs Griffiths (Wellington Central) were appointed visitors to the gaol.

WINCHMORE.

Much more interest created in the work. Ministers come out in turn from Ashburton, and give some splendid addresses. Three new members joined lately. In October Mrs Mowlem paid a visit to Winchmore. At the final meeting of Band of Hope the prizes won by the temperance wall sheet essayists are to be distributed. The prizes are given by the W.C.T.U. We are now working for the Sailors' Rest and Belgium Relief Fund.

OPOTIKI.

Oct. 8. Meeting held, 9 present, Mrs Murray presiding. The election was discussed, and members were urged to see all voters were enrolled. Mrs Goodall gave a report of another successful Band of Hope meeting.

Oct. 29. Special meeting held, 19 ladies present, Mrs Murray in the chair. Correspondence was read from Mrs Walker, Gisborne, also from Miss Dewar, Auckland, asking for a little help for a Sale of Work. A number of articles forwarded on to the Auckland Union. Resolved to send for 250 copies of the Gisborne pamphlet for distribution. Decided to provide refreshments for all No-License sympathisers on election day. Decided to hold a gift auction on November 25th in aid of the No-License campaign. One new member enrolled.

KAIKOURA.

Meeting held in St. Paul's Schoolroom October 6th, attendance good. Mrs McAra (President) in the chair. Miss R. Gibson elected sick and hospital visitor, owing to resignation of Mrs E. Gray through ill-health. Two new members were enrolled. Final arrangements were made for Mrs

Lee-Cowie's lecture, to be delivered on Wednesday, October 7th. Band of Hope Superintendent reported progress of her work. Meeting closed with the singing of the Temperance Doxology.

Mrs Lee-Cowie's lecture was delivered in the Drill Hall, and was well attended. The lecturer was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Meeting held in St. Paul's Schoolroom on November 3rd. Mrs McAra (President) presided. One new member enrolled. Miss Gibson reported visiting hospital, and distributed flowers and literature. Mrs C. Parris reported progress in the Band of Hope; rally took place on October 22nd, to be addressed by Mr Herps, organiser of Prohibition League, but owing to his unavoidable absence, the evening took the form of a social. Meeting of the Band of Hope took place in St. Paul's Schoolroom on October 27th. The Superintendent read a paper entitled, "Beware of the Snare."

NGAIO.

Monthly meeting held October 9th at Mrs Darvall's residence, Mrs Peryman presiding. The resolutions sent by United Women's Committee, Christchurch, were discussed, and passed, with the exception of one. Decided to purchase White Ribbon Hymnal for use at future meetings.

MASTERTON.

Annual social held in Knox Hall on November 3rd. Mrs Devonport (President) presided. Attendance good. Apologies for absence received from Rev. A. T. Thompson, Rev. S. Serpell, and Mr J. T. M. Hornsby. The President referred to the work of the Union during the year, also to the loss sustained through the death of Mrs C. E. Daniell, whose willing help on behalf of the Union will be greatly missed. The Secretary read her report, showing the work and progress of the various departments. The Treasurer (Mrs Sutherland) read her report, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the Union. Mrs G. Ross (Supt. of Home Meetings) and Mrs J. Walker (Supt. of Flower Missions) read their reports of work done in their respective departments. Interesting addresses were given by the Rev. B. L. Thomas, Rev. Thos. Halliday, Ensign Newson, and Pastor Swinerd, interspersed by songs and recitations. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the managers of Knox Church for the free use of Hall during the year, also to the Press for reports, and to those who contributed items on the programme. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies. One member was initiated.

MATAURA.

September meeting addressed by visitor from Dunedin. Her subject, "The Suffragettes in London." Our