

NGARUAWAHIA.

June 8. Rev J. Mackie gave an address on Temperance. He also brought along a number of K.K. pledges, all of which were distributed among those present, each promising to obtain a certain number of pledges. Afternoon tea was provided.

A "Y" meeting. Three new members initiated. Paper on Sincerity by Mrs Bell was read by Mrs French.

July 6. Decided to adopt the "Win One" campaign. Decided to ask the Churches to co-operate with us and have an After Church Rally on Sunday, July 25th, in connection with the K.K. pledges, ladies wearing the Union badge to take charge of the tables. Mrs Pulleine gave a paper on "Sabbath Observance." Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Vincent on the death of her husband. "Y" meeting. Poems from Tennyson and Ella Wheeler Wilcox the subject for the evening, a ballot being taken for the best poem, the name of the winner to be disclosed at the Annual Meeting. The "Win One" campaign was adopted, and promise of help for the coming rally.

WHANGAREI.

Decided to ask our sister union at Hikurangi to co-operate with us in hospitality to Miss Bisson, who has so kindly offered to visit our Unions. One new member initiated. The prayer meeting was then held, and blessings asked for all our boys at the front. Mr Whalley gave an interesting address on Prayer, giving several instances of how prayer has been answered in grave national crises.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

June. A committee, consisting of four members, set up to act with similar committee from Central Union to make arrangements for Miss Powell's visit. Decided that Provincial Convention should be held in September, all arrangements left with Executive. Convention resolutions re Public Health Amendment Act were thoroughly discussed and carried unanimously. Eight new members gained during the month.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 26. Prayer meeting for peace. Pamphlet read on the evils of war. A home meeting was held on June 1st at the President's house. Miss Bisson gave an address on the position of the Temperance work in England.

June 4th. Band of Hope held in the Good Templar Hall. Miss Bisson gave the address, and the juniors of the Salvation Army gave two items. Miss Bisson has since given an open-air address in conjunction with the Salvation Army on the K.K. pledge.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Mrs Don to act as President till one can be secured. The following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That this meeting of women views with extreme despair the action of the

Government in providing the Hospital Ship with such large quantities of alcoholic liquor, and deem such an action as not conducive to success in coping with German efficiency and preparedness." Lady Stout's statement as to the supply exceeding that of the London Hospital with its 700,000 patients annually, was commented on. We deplore the gambling spirit which is being evinced in the numerous Queen competitions held throughout the land in aid of the Belgians.

NELSON.

May 24th. A well-attended Prayer meeting.

June 8th. Monthly meeting. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs Bowsen who lost her only son at the front. Resolved to publish letter to Moderate League. Resolved to hold a devotional meeting every month. Members arrange to correspond with soldiers at the front. Mrs Hockey spoke about Convention. Resolved to hold monthly meetings at Richmond.

At a good citizenship meeting the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—"The members of this meeting of women, which in itself is evidence of the serious desire of women to bring together mankind in the work of building up our common civilisation, pledge themselves to promote mutual understanding and good-will between the nations, and to resist any tendency to hatred and revenge"; "This meeting of women urges the necessity of so directing the education of children that their thoughts and desires may be turned towards the maintenance of peace."

NAPIER.

May 20. Paper read by Mrs Fossey on "The Tragedy of Ignorance." This splendid paper can be had for any Union on application to Mrs Young.

June 2. Mr Foston gave a talk on Temperance work, and said that we should not be cast down, but feel quite happy that we have now 60 members pledged to reduce the 60 per cent. handicap. Letter was sent to the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board asking that a district nurse be established in Napier. Letter sent to Medical and Clinical Conference, which is to meet in Napier to discuss ways and means to fight venereal diseases, etc., asking that Sex Health Lectures be given to men and women, and offering the use of the Willard Institute to hold them.

June 17. Reported L.T.L. has 50 members. Deaconess Brand gave a very interesting address on "Character Building." She classified it under three heads: (1) Truthfulness and sincerity; (2) Self-control and (3) Unselfishness. If these three things are installed into the children, nothing much will be wrong. A short report was given by Mrs Fossey of the Provincial Convention. Mrs Fossey elected Provincial President.

OTAUTAU.

June 10. The headmaster wrote saying he was willing to give essayists on the Temperance Wall Sheets any help he could. Decided that prizes for above be: 1st, 7s 6d; 2nd, 5s, and if sufficient entries a 3rd of 2s 6d. Nurse Liddle was appointed Cradle Roll Supt., with Mrs Arthur Harrington to assist.

FEILDING.

July 1. Our members meet once a week to pray for all those at the front. The following resolutions were passed, that members join in the "One Win One" pledge, and endeavour to get one new member before our August meeting. Decided to get the scholars of the various schools to compete in writing essays on the Temperance Wall Sheets. Decided to agree with the proposals of treatment sent by the Parliamentary Superintendent re syphilis.

NGAERE.

June 25. A Social Evening was given to the Honorary Members at the residence of Mr and Mrs W. Morrison. Meeting opened with Bible Reading, Prayer, and Hymn. Report given by Mrs M. Phillips on the W.C.T.U. work in the Dominion, and one on the Local Work by the President, Mrs Kennington. Work done for the Belgians, for the needy of our own district, flowers and magazines taken to the Stratford Public Hospital regularly by Miss Mackie, and a Cradle Roll number of 105 were pleasing features of the latter report. Songs, recitations, and a Reading were given and much appreciated. One new honorary member gained. Supper was handed round, and the National Anthem sung.

HAMILTON.

June. A drawing room meeting was held at the residence of Mrs Henderson. Miss Bisson, of Manchester, gave a very interesting address on the White Ribbon work in Manchester and Salford, England. Afternoon tea was served, and five new members were received. Miss Bisson also addressed a public meeting in the evening in the Wesley Schoolroom, London Street.

OPOTIKI.

June. Mrs Sinclair resigned as Secretary, and Mrs Thompson was appointed. Reported £21 as the result of the recent auction sale. Arrangements made for Miss Bisson's visit next month.

NAPIER.

May. Discussion on Proposals of Medical Congress re venereal disease. It was considered serious for members to go against medical opinion, this disease is gaining ground, and nothing being done; that if treated as all other infectious diseases, and both sexes treated alike, something might be done. Matter to be more fully discussed later.