

the medical profession suggested in order to remedy the evil. We believe that the doctors of the Dominion have the interests of the people at heart, and as they have mothers and wives, sisters and daughters, of their own, they will do what they consider best for the community.

#### WINCHMORE.

July. A good attendance. Rev. W. C. Blair gave an inspiring address on "The Power of Intercessory Prayer." Two delegates were appointed to attend Provincial Convention. Resolved that in future the Union be known as the Winchmore-Green Street.

August. Resolutions were passed strongly protesting against the increased facilities for granting of racing permits during the war; also against gambling for patriotic purposes.

#### SAWYER'S BAY.

July. Large attendance of members and friends. The day was observed as Children's Day. Mrs Don gave a very interesting address to the mothers. Mrs Tiffany, C.R.S., initiated 68 children. Mrs Edmonds spoke a few encouraging words to the elder children. Afternoon tea was served.

Aug. 4. Five more children added to Cradle Roll, bringing the total up to 73, and making the splendid average of 12 children a month. Decided to offer prizes for the best essays by school children on temperance wall sheets. In support of the One-Win-One campaign, each member promised to try and bring a friend to the meetings.

#### ASHBURTON.

July. Mrs W. T. Lill presided over a large attendance of members. A cordial welcome was extended to the visiting members from the newly-formed branch at Tinwald, and greetings forwarded. Resolutions in connection with the Public Health Amendment Act were passed, the same to be brought forward at the Provincial Convention, and copies sent to Minister of Justice and Mr W. Nosworthy, M.P. Miss Gates and Miss Butterick were appointed delegates to Timaru Convention, and Mesdames W. J. Brown and J. D. McArthur substitutes. Members were asked to contribute papers for discussion at same. The Criminal Code Act was discussed at length, and the following resolution passed unanimously, except the following, which had two dissentients:—"That the Ashburton W.C.T.U. record their strong dissent from and disapproval of the totally inadequate sentences recently imposed upon transgressors against womanly chastity and honour, as made manifest in a local case of recent date, and respectfully urges the Government to so amend the law as to grant a larger instalment of justice to women in these important matters, and feel that as the crime is in-

creasing alarmingly, nothing short of 'flogging' will stop it, and thus secure safety to our women and girls." Copies of the above to be sent to Minister of Justice and Mr Nosworthy, M.P. The necessity of having a body of women appointed to watch over legislation affecting our sex was referred to by Mrs Lill. Resolved: "That letters of sympathy be sent Mr and Mrs W. K. Watson and Mr and Mrs C. Dixon in their protracted indisposition." Generous donations to the Union's funds were made by Mrs C. Baker and Mrs Campbell, senr. Resolved that they be sent letters of thanks. The Treasurer submitted her report, which was discussed and adopted. A cup of tea was handed round, and a pleasant time spent.

#### PONSONBY.

Meeting held Thursday, July 8th. In the absence of the President, Miss Caley presided over a good attendance. "White Ribbon" subscriptions were received, and two new members initiated. Dr. Keller gave a very interesting address last month to the mothers and members of the Union, several of the children taking part.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

July 6. A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting was held. Miss Powell was present, and organised several departments. Decided to canvas New Brighton with the K.K. pledge, and at the same time collect linen for the Red Cross on behalf of our Union.

July 15. Decided to hold two meetings a month, 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Mrs Lopdell and Mrs Smith were elected as delegates for the Provincial Convention. Mrs Hall, our President, read an educational paper, which was much appreciated by those present. One new member was initiated.

#### INVERCARGILL.

July 6. Reported that the South Branch wished to leave the temperance essay prize scheme in our hands entirely. "One-Win-One" campaign discussed and inaugurated. Mrs Cowie introduced Miss Roberts's letter re the Public Health Amendment Act, fully explaining the proposed alterations. After free discussion, it was resolved to support thoroughly the action of Convention. Offer was made to Southland Teachers' Institute to give prizes for wall sheet essays throughout the province (183 schools). Arrangements for White Ribbon Day and T. E. Taylor Day on the 20th.

July 20. A social meeting. Further explanation re public health question by Mrs Cowie. Special mention of the excellent organ the "White Ribbon" was made. (N.B.—The July issue was pronounced as specially good). Appeal for more subscribers. Collection for Maori work. Sister Moody Bell made reference to the grand work of Mr T. E. Taylor. Mr Taylor's portrait displayed, recalled his unique and striking personality. The Convention K.K. pledges receiv-

ed with much appreciation for use among the troopers. A good account of Westport W.C.T.U. work was given by Mrs Parkin. Discussion on the spirit of gambling, so prevalent in the present patriotic schemes, was followed by a strong protest (printed in the three local papers), with a recommendation to our members to work on as energetically as ever in all helpful service for the Empire. The petition for closing liquor bars at 6 o'clock throughout the Dominion has been very largely signed, being worked with enthusiasm.

#### LOWER HUTT.

At the July meeting in the Anglican Church, Mrs Routley was elected President, and two new members were initiated. Miss M. S. Powell, Dominion Organiser, was present and gave an address.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Decided that Provincial Convention be held in Wellington on September 1st and 2nd. Mesdames Webb and Richards were elected delegates from the District Union. Deep regret was expressed that our President, Mrs Evans, M.A., had been compelled, through circumstances, to resign, and several members said how they had appreciated the influence which Mrs Evans exercised over all, and her gentle and gracious manner had been a source of inspiration to each one. Decided that Mrs Boxall, Senior, Vice-President, preside at the next meeting.

#### DEVONPORT.

June. A stirring address by Mrs Armitage on the "Responsibilities of Those Wearing the White Ribbon." Paper re regulation of vice was read. Miss Evans reported arrangements well forward re formation of Union at Stanley Bay.

July. An enthusiastic praise meeting was held, as after eleven months of illness our President is restored to us. Members endeavour to "Win One." We appreciate Mrs Walker's prompt co-operation re leaflets for Maori Camp. Red Cross work was inaugurated at a home meeting on August 5th. While members worked a paper was read by our President, Mrs Mann, on the time when the Red Cross was adopted by all nations, as a sign of relief for the wounded. The work of Elizabeth Fry and Florence Nightingale was reviewed, and a portrait shown of Miss Alice Crisp who worked and won honours at the Zulu war.

#### EDENDALE.

July 1. Good attendance. Two initiations. W.C.T.U. Convention resolutions on the proposals from Medical Conference held over for further consideration. In re the Essay Competitions for school children, on the Temperance Wall Sheets, it was decided that two prizes be offered, one senior and one junior. Mrs Finlay gained