

MOSGIEL.

August. Mrs Bedford in the chair. Mrs Don was also present. Attendance good. Three new ones initiated. The Secretary reported good work done re early closing of hotels. Mrs Moir was deputed to interview headmaster re temperance essays. A systematic effort to obtain clean old linen and sterilise same for wounded soldiers was decided upon; also to offer our united services to make sandbags for the front. Mrs Don spoke upon "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God."

PAHIATUA.

Aug. 5. T. E. Taylor Day. A drawing-room meeting. Miss Powell gave an address on the origin of the W.C.T.U., its aims and objects, and what it has accomplished in New Zealand. Mrs Fenn gave a recitation. Afternoon tea was served. Two members were initiated.

For Wounded Soldiers' Fund.—One member is trimming and shampooing ladies' hair, there being no ladies' hairdresser in the town. During July £1 5s 6d was sent in to the above fund.

Aug. 12. Special meeting held. Resolutions forwarded by Miss Roberts with regard to the totalisator and racing permits, art unions, and raffles, and the four additional ones with reference to venereal disease, were all fully discussed and passed unanimously, the President to forward them to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

Sept. 2. Greeting sent to Provincial Convention; regret that we were unable to send delegates this year. Letters read from Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Affairs, and J. H. Escott, Esq., M.P., in reply to resolutions passed at last meeting. Decided to protest against the sentence passed upon Alice Parkinson, and to urge the Government to give effect to the recommendation of the jury.

PONSONBY.

Aug. Dr. Keller presided. Resolutions from Miss Roberts were discussed. One and two were passed unanimously. It was suggested that 3 be amended as follows:—"That the marriage law should be amended by making venereal disease a cause of legal separation (if self-acquired through immoral contact)." Re resolution 4, Dr. Keller suggests this clause be deleted, as in her opinion it may cause a breach between husband and wife, and mar their future happiness. One new member initiated.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Mrs Don presided at Tuesday's special meeting re petition for early closing. Signatures readily gained; public sympathy with movement. Miss Reid reported progress of Cradle Roll; new members enrolled. Regret expressed at her resignation, owing to removal from Dunedin. Mrs Reid carries on the work, Mrs

Driver reported success in gathering signatures for early closing petition. Access gained to workshops. Members resolved to put their "feelings" in their pockets, and go out with tables, petitions, and ink-pencils into main thoroughfares. Mrs Don called for old linen and for members to sew at sandbags, which prove an excellent cover for men under fire.

GREYMOUTH.

Aug. Our President, in a touching speech, voiced our sympathy with Mesdames Cottle and Mills, who have lost their sons at the Front. We sent to the Minister of Justice praying for leniency towards Alice Parkinson. Decided to hold a Sale of Work and useful articles for our Sailors' Rest, to be held 16th or 18th of October. Will some readers of this, perhaps old members, remember our needs, and send us some small gifts? We should be thankful indeed, and will acknowledge the kindness through this paper. We welcomed the new caretaker to the Sailors' Rest, and both husband and wife became members of our Union.

WANGANUI.

Sept. The Union passed a resolution to the effect that it was prepared to support the medical profession re C.D. Act. Mrs Upton (Vice-President) attended Wellington Convention as the delegate from our Union. Dr. Dunn addressed the Union, and read a paper entitled "War Babies," which caused a good deal of discussion among the members present. The meeting then closed in the usual way.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Aug. 11. Correspondence re Provincial Convention dealt with. Mrs Howell drew attention to false cables published on the proceedings of International Women's Congress at the Hague. Mrs J. McCombs reported re protests sent to Sir Francis Bell on open defiance of Gaming and Lotteries Act, that the Minister said it was quite open to the police to prosecute whenever the law had been broken or violated.

Aug. 25. Correspondence was read from Miss Newcomb re the Women's International Congress meeting at the Hague in April. A large committee was appointed to work with the local superintendent to arrange for competitions on Temperance in the city and suburban schools as soon as possible. Several members spoke protesting against the short and inadequate sentences passed on men for criminal assaults on children of tender years, and suggestions dealing with this subject were forwarded for consideration at the Provincial Convention. Miss Roberts was asked to write a paper on "Venereal Diseases," and Miss Henderson on "Women in the Administration of the Law," for the Timaru Convention on September 8th. Comfort bags were promised by several members for our sailors on the warships.

OXFORD.

July 9. Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser, was present. A resolution of sympathy was carried with Mrs C. W. Anderson on the death of her brother. Bishop Julius wrote regretting his inability to speak at the K.K. meeting, owing to absence from Christchurch. Decided to secure two speakers from Christchurch. Decided to ask Miss Waterman to act as assistant-secretary. Mrs Gainsford, senr., was appointed delegate to the District Convention. Miss Powell gave an address on the Win One Campaign, and urged the need of self-sacrifice and the necessity of members getting into touch with the many women opposed to our work, so as to win their sympathy and interest. Two new members were enrolled.

July 26. T. E. Taylor Day. The Revs. Paterson and Lawry addressed a public meeting held to start the K.K. pledge campaign. Mr Hawke, chairman of County Council, presided, and told the meeting that the members of the County Council had taken the pledge. Miss Powell gave an address to the "Y" Branch on "Girls and Their Lovers." Collection on behalf of the Maori work.

July 17. Junior Band of Hope. Mrs Ryde gave the children a lesson from one of the charts, "Everything needs water."

July 29. Senior Band of Hope. Rev. Cumming gave an address, and a good programme was given. Two new members enrolled.

Aug. 31. A letter from Mrs Lill re Provincial Convention. Decided not to send a delegate this year. Decided to hold a public social in the evening next month, as it is the W.C.T.U. birthday. Mrs Kippenberger read an interesting and instructive paper on "Christian Citizenship During the War," and was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks.

BLUFF.

July 2. Decided to offer prizes for the best essays by school children on the Temperance Wall Sheets. Decided to ask Mrs Cowie, of Invercargill, if she would address a meeting on Public Health Amendment Act.

July 14. Mrs Cowie addressed the meeting on the Public Health Amendment Act, and fully explained the proposed alterations. A resolution was passed strongly protesting against compulsory treatment, but supporting voluntary treatment. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Cowie.

Aug. Signatures obtained to the petitions re closing hotel bars at 6 p.m.

Sept. 3. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Moody for her handsome gift of an iron fence and gate in front of our building. A petition dealing with the case of Alice Parkinson was signed by the members present. Deep regret was expressed at the loss of our President, Mrs Moody, after 8 years' service, through removal from the district. Mrs W. Johnston, on behalf of the