

in the chair, concluded with a brief forcible speech on the same lines.

WAIPIKURAU.

Aug. 12. The subject of venereal disease was discussed, and the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"The members of the Waipukurau Union are strongly in favour of the Medical Conference's proposals on venereal diseases, feeling sure they are for the benefit of the public health of the people of the Dominion." Resolutions were also passed and sent to the Government asking them to rigidly enforce the law as regards raffling and art unions; also to reconsider their decision not to restrict racing permits, as it was felt there was need for economy and thrift in this time of stress. Decided to accept an offer of roll of jute Hessian for sandbags from Mrs Harding (one of our members). This has been made into bags, and is now ready to send away to the front. Two new members joined our numbers. Collection was taken up for Taylor Memorial Fund.

NORMANBY.

July. 16 members present, 3 new members joined, each member pledging themselves to try and win one new member. For "Our Boys at the Front" members willingly subscribed £1 10s towards a bed, which has since been made up and sent to Trentham. Hawera friends invited Normanby members to celebrate T. E. Taylor Memorial, 17 members being present.

Aug. 5. A very successful Home meeting was held at Mrs Scott's residence. A large number of members and friends were present. Mrs Blamires addressed the meeting on her work as "sister" in the South. Five new members joined.

Sept. 15 members present, 2 new members joining. Members are busy washing and fixing up sandbags for the boys at the front, also donating old linen for the same purpose.

WHANGAREI.

Sept. 7. Seven members present, Mrs Williams in chair. A letter was read from Miss Dewar re sending delegates to Provincial Conference. Decided to send two delegates. The meeting closed with Benediction.

GREYMOUTH.

Sept. 18. Drawing-room meeting held at the residence of Mrs and Miss Parkinson (new members); a good attendance. Mrs Whitcombe, of South, gave a most able and interesting address on the work and possibilities of the Union, and women's work generally. A sacred solo by Miss Parkinson, and afternoon tea closed a very pleasant time.

Sept. 20. Franchise Day meeting. A most interesting afternoon. Mrs Gaskin presided. Addresses were given by Revs. Trotter and Patchett; song, Mrs Patchett; reading and recitation by Misses Parkinson and

Hayes. Miss Staffen, of Auckland, was present. Four new members joined our Union. Our Sailors' Rest Sale of Work is postponed until November 18, which will give our dear readers and sisters a little longer time in which to send us some small gifts, for which we shall be so thankful.

MATAURA.

Aug. Usual meeting held. The petition re Alice Parkinson was signed by all the members.

Sept. 24. Reported that a box of clothing for Dr. Barnardo's Home, containing 307 garments, was sent away last week. Members have been working at the meetings for the soldiers or poor.

MASTERTON.

October 5. Mrs Ross (President) occupied the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Morris on the death of her father. Arrangements were made for the visit of Miss Bisson, of Manchester W.C.T.U., who is expected to be with us this month. Mrs N. Millar gave her report of Convention, and was accorded a vote of thanks. Resolved to hold the annual social on November 2nd, and that an invitation be sent to the Greytown Union.

DUNEDIN.

The President, Mrs Driver, reported having received numerous letters from troopers who have left for Trentham, stating that they had signed the K.K. Pledge sent out by the Union, also that the petition in favour of the remission of the sentence for manslaughter on Alice Parkinson was largely signed in Dunedin, kindred societies willingly co-operating with us in our effort to get signatures. A silent vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late A. R. Falconer in his sudden home going, he having died in Church during the singing of a hymn. The deceased was for thirty years in charge of our Sailors' Rest, and during that period his work became not only well known throughout the Dominion, but all over the world. The meeting expressed its indignation at the treatment of the petition for early closing of bars, and the carrying of the Gaming Bill. Mrs Lindo Ferguson, President of the Otago Women's Club, gave an address on Venereal Diseases from the view point of a doctor's wife. In the course of an instructive address, she expressed herself as sympathetic with the Union in their efforts to get women police appointed, and hoped all women's societies would be able to prevail upon the Government to provide a detention home for abnormal girls; spoke of the need of more home life for young girls, of the need of parental control, of a Curfew law that will clear the streets of girls unattended, at an early hour, and concluded a practical talk by suggesting the making of a law that will necessi-

tate the production of a clean bill of health before the marriage license is granted.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Sept. 22. Mrs McCombs presided. Mrs Patterson reported that several schools had already written promising to do all in their power in regard to the essay competitions on the Temperance Wall Sheets. It was resolved to write to the City Council to take action in regard to boys selling newspapers in the streets and frequenting hotels, also asking if the bye-law is still in operation prohibiting boys from selling newspapers without a license.

Sept. 29. Mrs J. McCombs presided. This meeting was called to discuss ways and means of raising funds for Red Cross work. Decided to hold a Jumble and Produce Sale on Saturday, October 23rd. Decided to have boxes on the tables at the A. and P. Show in November. Resolved to make a donation of articles to the hospital ship. Miss Henderson promising to get an estimate of sheets and pillowslips by next meeting. The Secretary was asked to notify members re Refreshment Booth at A. and P. Show, and River Bank Carnival Meeting to be held on October 6. Miss Roberts drew the attention of members to the amendments to the Gaming and Lottery Act proposed, and introduced by Hon. G. W. Russell, and the following resolution was passed:—"This Union strongly protests against the proposal to amend the Gaming Act in the direction of giving greater facilities for raffles and art unions in connection with war funds. The Union holds that gambling tends to weaken the moral fibre of the nation, and consequently, the resort to it is opposed to the spirit of true patriotism. In view of the nature of the great sacrifices made by the gallant men, for whose benefit these funds are intended, the Union believes that the appeal should be made to the highest patriotic sentiments, and not to the lowest form of personal greed. It was also resolved to send a letter congratulating Mr Harris on the passing of his amendments to the Maintenance Bill.

Lady Liverpool Fund. Red Cross Report:—6 foment cloths; 2 doz. operation cloths; 11 tray cloths; 3 pairs socks; 2 scarves; 5 bottle covers; 2 vests; 1 pair pants; 2 night shirts; 4 doz new flannelette bandages; 1 doz. manytails bandages.

Ashburton. 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., in Baring Street Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Dent, 112, Wills St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Buchanan, Wills St. W.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil. Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Executive meets 2.30; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley St.; Treas., Miss Dewar, 4, Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent, Miss Pudney, 16, Wallace St., Ponsonby.