

tend Provincial Convention, Mrs Plummer and Fountain being elected. It was with sorrow that the Union recorded the death of an old member. At the close of the meeting, Madam Isherwood kindly sang a solo.

#### TINWALD.

Sept. 8. Mrs Mill (Vice-President) presided over a fair attendance of members. A paper written by Miss Powell was read by the Secretary. One new member was initiated. It was decided to ask one of the Ashburton members to report on the Convention. Mrs Smith presented a money box to the Union to receive donations. A visitor from the Winchmore Branch was welcomed.

#### CAMBRIDGE.

June. Secretary reported having sent box of new clothing to the London poor, per Victoria League. Decided we take up Red Cross work for the base hospitals in Egypt. Decided that we hold prayer meetings for peace and guidance during the war. One new member welcomed.

July. Sympathy expressed, and letter sent to Mrs Watson, re the illness of Mr Watson.

August. Resolved: That we make an emphatic protest against the increased number of race days, and assume an hostile attitude against all forms of gambling, and that the Secretary send a letter to our member to that effect. Mrs Hogan asked for old linen to send for the use of Red Cross work.

Sept. Decided that a letter be sent to member of district supporting the petition for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. Letter read from Belgium Relief Secretary in London expressing thanks for the case of clothing sent by our W.C.T.U. and friends. Secretary reported Red Cross parcel sent, containing: 8 flannel nightgales; 4 sets flannel pyjamas; 8 night shirts; 15 tie bandages; 20 rolled bandages; 6 many tailed bandages; 15 triangle bandages, etc.; also a large hamper sent to Sister Esther for the Auckland needy ones, containing boots, shoes, and over 60 garments. Mrs Roberts, Cradle Roll Supt., resigned, owing to her leaving Cambridge. Three new members proposed. Band of Hope sent collection of £1 8s in aid of Red Cross Work.

#### BLENHEIM.

July. Members decided to start Red Cross work. Resolutions from Miss Roberts were discussed. One re the gambling and racing permits was passed unanimously. Decided to send another box of clothing to England.

August 5. Decided to publish in local paper a letter received from Mrs Lee-Cowie, to the Moderate League. Mrs Jackson read a letter on behalf of Alice Parkinson. A resolution being passed protesting against the life term of detention.

Sept. 7. Decided to offer prizes for best essays written by school

children on the Temperance Wall Sheets.

October 5. Four new members joined the Union. Decided to hold an afternoon gathering on the 15th of the month at Mrs Sinclair's; Home members and friends to bring parcels suitable for hospital ship. Mrs Rose to speak on the Win-One Campaign.

#### WANGANUI.

There was a fair attendance presided over by Mrs Blamires (President). A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs Cummings in connection with the death of her son, Claude. Mrs Upton gave a splendid report of the work done at Convention just held in Wellington, showing splendid activity in the Unions throughout the Dominion. The Union decided to hold a "Tinned Afternoon" on October 15th to provide comforts for the brave boys at the front, each guest to bring a gift.

#### PAHIATUA.

October 7. Mrs Neal presided. Members expressed regret that Miss Powell has been obliged to postpone her visit indefinitely, also that Mrs Peryman cannot come for our Franchise Day meeting. The President conveyed greetings from the Woodville Union. She had, by invitation, attended their last meeting, and given a Cradle Roll address to mothers. The report of the Provincial Convention was read and discussed. The school being closed just now on account of measles and diphtheria, resolved, not to offer prizes for essays on the Temperance Wall Sheets this year.

#### WANGANUI EAST.

Usual monthly meeting held last Friday in month, in Baptist Church. The President occupied the chair. Correspondence received from Canterbury Women's Institute re "Militarism." It was resolved that in future all meetings be held in Baptist Chapel to save confusion. Mrs Mercer was thanked for donation of 6s 5d to our funds. Meeting closed with Benediction.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

Sept. 16. Attendance good. Correspondence was received from the Hon. G. W. Russell re six o'clock closing. Our delegates gave an interesting report from the Convention. As it was near Franchise Day, a paper was read on that subject, a collection being taken up for the Organising Fund. An invitation was sent to Mrs Lill, inviting the Provincial Convention of 1916 to be held in New Brighton. The invitation has been accepted. A quantity of linen has been collected by our members for the Red Cross.

Oct. 7. An enthusiastic meeting was held. Decided to hold a "Hospital Ship" afternoon, all members taking an active part. One new member for Win One campaign.

#### FEILDING.

Sept. 2. A large gathering of ladies assembled to say farewell to Mrs Budd, one of our active members, who has moved to Auckland. The President handed the guest of the afternoon a writing case and copper hot water jug, as a small token of appreciation from the Union. Mrs Budd thanked the friends, and spoke of the spiritual and temperance aspects of the W.C.T.U. Several new members joined.

Sept. 23. Mrs Barton kindly lent her beautiful grounds for a Garden Party to celebrate Franchise Day. The visitors from a distance were Mesdames Peryman ("White Ribbon" Editor), Crabb (Palmerston President) and Miss Sorley (a Feilding ex-President, now correspondent and cor. secretary). Mrs Peryman, in a very interesting and forceful address, held the close attention of her audience, speaking of the many aspects of W.C.T.U. work and its world-wide influence, and urged members to continue their interest in a practical way in the various departments of Christian and reform work. In Miss Sorley's address she mentioned that there were three ladies present who were daughters of some of our first workers and members of the W.C.T.U. when it was started in New Zealand. Mrs Crabb mentioned that they were having a food stall at the A. and P. Show at Palmerston in November, and wished our Branch to help in making it a success, a resolution being passed to do so. Miss Moore (President) welcomed and introduced the visitors, also proposed a vote of thanks. Six new members joined.

Oct. 7. Miss Austen, from Africa, addressed our meeting on the Purity question. She is a fluent speaker, and told her story in a beautiful and instructive way.

#### SAWYER'S BAY.

Oct. A social afternoon, to give members and friends an opportunity of bidding farewell to Mrs Falconer, who with her husband is removing to Naseby. Mrs Don voiced everyone's regret at losing such a good and useful member, and wished her God-speed and happiness in her new abode. Mrs Falconer briefly responded, and expressed much regret at leaving Sawyer's Bay. The Union is now in recess till March, 1916.

#### OXFORD.

Sept. 28. A social to celebrate the fourth "birthday" of the Oxford W.C.T.U. A well-filled hall, and the President gave a report of the year's work. Band of Hope, Cradle Roll, and other meetings had been held. The Union had raised over £60 for the Belgium Fund. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave an address on "Kindergarten Work," describing the methods used at the Sunbeam Kindergartens, Christchurch. Mrs Taylor was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.