

## SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Oct. 14. Mrs Don presided, and gave an instructive Bible reading from Ruth. Literature re training children in the habit of kindness to animals was distributed amongst members. Arrangements made for closing meeting in November. Member from Greymouth Union was heartily welcomed. President urged upon members need of constant effort, so many wait for the spur of an election campaign. Members cannot but note our acting-President's faithfulness. Notwithstanding continuous rains, which deter many living quite close, Mrs Don comes from a distance to help on a small Union.

## KAIAPOI.

Oct. 27. The Secretary reported that £6 17s had been cleared at the Red Cross social. Decided to send a resolution to the N.Z. Executive urging them to consider the advisability of postponing Convention till March, 1917, in view of the continuous efforts needed, financially and otherwise, for Patriotic and Red Cross work. The President read an extract entitled, "Parliament and Public Morals," after which the following resolution was carried unanimously: "The members of the Kaiapoi W.C.T.U. protest against the attitude of the present Parliament in regard to liquor and gambling laws." It believes that from the moral standpoint the N.Z. Parliament has ingloriously distinguished itself as being the one legislative body in the whole of Australasia that has left the liquor traffic severely alone. With four millions a year invested in gambling through the totalisator alone, to say nothing of the large sums gambled with in other directions, it can only be regarded as a sign of appalling decadence that legalised facilities for gambling should be multiplied as they have been by the recent action of Parliament. All this is an evidence of the materialistic, as opposed to the moral ideals that have influenced the Government in so much of its action this session."

## PAHIATUA.

Oct. 14. Franchise meeting, fair attendance. Mrs Neal (President) gave a short sketch of the Women's Franchise movement in New Zealand. Mrs Paterson followed with a paper showing the various disabilities under which women are at present labouring.

Nov. 4. Monthly meeting, Mrs Neal (President) in the chair. Letters read from the Premier, the Minister for Public Health, and J. H. Escott, M.P., in reply to resolutions with regard to the Public Health Amendment Bill.

## EDENDALE.

Oct. 7. Annual report for 1914 was read, also the report for 1915 was read and adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then

proceeded with, and the following were re-elected:—Pres., Mrs J. Pringle; Sec., Mrs H. Niven; Treas., Mrs Wm. McDonald; "W.R." Agent and Corres., Mrs F. L. Frost; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs J. Findlay. The Secretary reported having written to the local press re Mrs Lee-Cowie's letter to the Moderate League, also to the schoolmaster (Mr Hiddlestone) concerning prizes to be given for essays on the Temperance wall sheets.

## LYTTELTON.

Nov. 3. We met with sad hearts, as news had just come to hand that Nurse Hildyard was amongst the missing from the Marquette, which had been torpedoed. Mrs Hildyard is one of our oldest members, and her dearly loved daughter has grown up amongst us. It came home to us, as many of our members have their dear ones at the front, or in hospital, or training. A vote of loving sympathy was passed in silence, members standing, and we pray that our dear sister may be supported through this heavy bereavement. We had the privilege of listening to a very faithful and stirring address from Miss Bissell, who did not spare us, and made us all feel we ought to be doing more for the cause we have so much at heart. Four members have promised to assist at the Christchurch Agricultural Show.

## NEW BRIGHTON.

Oct. 4. Our Union held a handkerchief and sock afternoon for the Hospital Ship. Over 100 invitations were issued, and the attendance was very good. Our President, Mrs Hall, received the guests. The hall was tastefully decorated by Mrs and Miss Hooker. There was a very enjoyable musical programme, and afternoon tea was provided by our members. 33 dozen handkerchiefs, 28 pairs of socks, and £1 18s 6d in cash received.

Nov. 4. Attendance good. Miss Henderson spoke on the great need and importance of keeping on and enlarging the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The meeting closed with the Doxology and prayer.

## WANGANUI.

Nov. Mrs Blamires (President) in the chair. Convention business was gone into and freely discussed by those present. We had with us Mrs Whincop, of Greytown, who gave us a very good address on "Women Workers for Women," showing how she started the W.C.T.U. in Greytown, and of the success attending her efforts. Truly her efforts ought to stir us all up for greater and personal efforts in the future. On the 15th October our Union held a tinned afternoon for the "Boys at the Front." We had a good attendance, and secured over 100 tins of fruit, jam, coffee, cocoa, biscuits, etc., etc. A local firm very kindly offered to pack and

forward all goods to the Front. We had a nice musical programme, and afternoon tea was served.

## ARA PAOA.

Tutu te mitini a te roopu wahine Karaitiana ana Karakanui takiwa o Aropaoa itenei ra ite 4 ongara Hepe-tema. Katu te Perehitini kite whakamihia atuku na atu ana toona tunga kia wen te Tuhi Mana ewhakapuare te mitini Himene 66 kinga weteriana. Ka mutu Katu Aeru kapaia kite ahua tanga penei he raruraru kawhakautu kei tatari tonu matou kia koe kia tae mai rana koe irunga ito hiahia kia uru koe kia matou mitini eru ae he raruraru ano noku te tae mai ai ahua take tuatahi mote kohi atua kongā nema ikohi itana mitini kon a mema enei 14 mema ikohi motena tau hou koetahi keite tae ano.

Painapora P. Hemana he ripoata taku mota tatou moni me waiho mai tene tenei hei whakaaro moetahi raruraru o tatou mata hollond kanui taku matakū ite raruraru kote take tena imana ai tatatou moni kite peeke takoto ai kua oti tena.

Mote kohikohi Marama Napainapora P. Hemana te ripoata Miraka whemana hore kau ahue ewhakaae rarangi heta tau toko mote hore ekohi Marama Rev. Te Tuhi he taki pai ano tena mokoutou hei awhina ia koutou tatana Hemana tau toko he toko maha nga mema hore kau i whakaae mote hoiho oremana whakahaera ana tena take oti ana me makete ara mehoko ki hoki mai ai te moni ate roopu. Hoi ano ngatake i whakahaerea itana imuri ote koata mitini kongā kaikara kia itar mai kitana mitini toko whiti menga wahine na eru whakakahi te mitini menga tamariki hoki hoi nei kia ora mai ano tatou enga mema honore. Katoa enoho nei tatou iraro ite tau marumaru tanga ototatou matua ite rangi. Take na hono Paikea monga pene mote roopu tau tokona ana tahi. Carry.

Konga moni katoa enei itakoto kiwaenga nui ite hoopu, £2 2s.

## TEMPERANCE WOMEN.

Temp'rance Women firmly stand  
For the honour of your land,  
For your brothers and your sons  
Face the foemen worse than Huns;  
Foemen in our laws entrenched,  
Armed with "rights" by lucre  
wrenched,  
Using poison to destroy  
Man and woman, girl and boy.

Slay the drink trade of our land,  
Women of the Temp'rance band;  
Let not pleasure quench your zeal,  
Fight for God and Commonweal,  
Fight for ages yet to be,  
When from drunkenness set free,  
Men shall live in happy state,  
Master of himself and fate.

—Thomas Tiplady (Rev.).