

Meetings (Mrs N. Millar) were also read and adopted. Mrs Devonport, in a short speech, presented a banner to the Union, bearing our motto, "For God, for Home, and for Humanity." The Revs. Thomas, Brown, and Serpell gave short addresses, and also Mrs Whincop, of Greytown. Votes of thanks were passed to the managers of Knox Church for the use of the hall, the press, and all who had assisted during the year.

OPOTIKI.

October meeting was visited by the Rev. Harrison, from Auckland. He spoke beautifully on the touches of Jesus. Everyone present was helped. There were 12 present. Our President, Mrs Murray, was away, and Mrs Goodall took the chair. We are hoping to work up a special meeting in connection with the essay prizes.

HAWERA.

Oct. Annual meeting. Deep regret expressed that Mrs E. O. Blamires declined re-election as President. Mrs Bone elected President; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Best, Dixon, Kenrick, Maunder, Mills, Squire, Sellar, and Young; Cor. Sec., Mrs Brown; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs Best. Superintendents of Departments: Cradle Roll, Mrs Bischoff; Literature, Mrs Tonks; Press, Mrs Kenrick; Maori Work, Mrs Tait; Junior Membership Roll, Mrs R. Tait; Backblocks, Mrs White; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Best. Decided to have a rest tent at the A. and P. Show at the end of November, and take up a collection in aid of the Red Cross. Decided to have the monthly meeting on November 18th, so as not to clash with the Show.

PONSONBY.

Meeting held September 14th. In the absence of Dr. Keller, Mrs Harris presided. Reports were received from delegation on the Provincial Convention held in Auckland. Meeting closed with Benediction.

KAIKORAI.

Meeting on Friday, 20th October, President presiding. The Win One Campaign was put to members again, urging them to make a special attempt for next meeting, and begin New Year with a doubled membership. The following resolution was put:—"This Union enters its strong protest against the indiscriminate treating of liquor to our young soldiers on leave, thereby undermining and weakening them morally as defenders of our Empire at a time when highest purpose and courage is required of them, and trust that some means may be used to do away with this habit, as has been done elsewhere."

WHANGAREI.

October 5. Present, 8. Decided to invite Miss Evans, of Auckland, to visit our Union and address a meeting to be held at the end of the present month. A picnic in connection with the Cradle Roll was arranged for October 16th, 1915. A letter was read from Miss Griffen, one of our members, who is at present visiting Seattle, in the United States of America, and who hopes to attend the great Convention to be held there this month.

NORMANBY.

Oct. 13. Usual meeting held, 14 members present, 7 new members joining. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Mercer for their splendid donation of books to our young people's library. Decided to open a fund for Red Cross work, Mrs Saunders as treasurer, all donations to be voluntary; 27s 6d was handed in, and has since been paid to Red Cross Fund. The members of this Union have sent in several hundred slag bags, and a splendid lot of old linen.

ASHBURTON.

Oct. 12. Well-attended meeting, Mrs W. K. Watson in the chair. Sympathetic reference was made to the members suffering bereavement and sickness. Decided to invite Miss Bisson (Manchester) to address a public meeting when passing through Ashburton. The President made reference to the editorial published in the "Guardian" on October 4th, "A Protest that Failed," referring to the deputations that waited on the Minister of Justice re criminal acts against women and children. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Editor, thanking him for his timely article, also to Rev. W. C. Blair for judging High School Temperance essay competition.

Two new members were initiated. Mrs W. I. Brown, delegate to Timaru Convention, gave a very interesting report of proceedings. Vote of thanks was accorded her. Mrs Watson spoke briefly on the menace to national efficiency—drink and gambling—and the great need for more concentrated effort.

Oct. 18. Annual visit to the "Y" Branch. Miss Kershaw, President, presided over a fair attendance, representative of both Branches. A request from the Greymouth Union for contributions to the Sailors' Rest Sale of Work was received. The subject set down for discussion was "A Girls' Influence on Public Life" and "A Girl's Influence on the Opposite Sex," and was taken by Miss Trevurza and Miss Kennedy (for Mrs W. K. Watson) respectively. An interesting discussion followed the reading of the papers. The suggestion that the papers be type-written and circulated among the "Y"

Branches of the Dominion was readily endorsed. A vote of thanks to the writers.

TIMARU.

October. After the business, Mr and Mrs Good, the new caretakers of the Rest, were introduced, and good-byes said to Mr and Mrs Stead. Tea was handed round, and a pleasant hour spent. Mrs Rule and other members spoke of the faithful services of Mr and Mrs Stead for so many years, wishing them health and prosperity in their new home. Mr Stead gave a brief account of work among the sailors visiting the Rest. Mr Good, in a few well-chosen words, showed that the work would be taken up in the right spirit.

NELSON.

Oct. 12. Franchise Day observed. Mrs Watson in the chair. Three new members initiated. Mrs Claude Graham gave an interesting and instructive address, pointing out some of the reforms—political, economic, and social—which women possessing the Franchise should endeavour to bring about. Collection of £1 for the N.Z. Fund. Arrangements were made for the annual Sale of Work to be held on November 3rd.

RICHMOND.

Oct. 6. Mrs Gunn presided. One new member joined, and two others were welcomed to the Nelson Union. Miss Weymouth gave an interesting account of some of her experiences in social work. The meeting was very well attended, and a collection was taken, amounting to 15s 3d. Two very successful home meetings have been held in connection with Miss Weymouth's visit, which gained several new members.

GISBORNE.

Oct. Usual meeting held. Attendance small, as it was the Show week. Miss Powell, the Dominion Organiser, gave us many ideas for future work. Miss Powell has already obtained us six new members, and we hope for several more. Decided to have a social afternoon next Tuesday, November 2nd, to welcome new members and hear more from our Organiser, whom it is a great pleasure to have with us.

MOSGIEL.

Oct. 12. Mrs Bedford presided. Mrs Don and Mrs Lee-Cowie were present. Mrs Cowie gave a fine address on "Small Things," at the close of which, on the motion of Mrs Pinfold, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker. Mrs Don, as usual, gave the meeting a cheery tone with words of encouragement. A sincere vote of sympathy was passed with Mr and Mrs Findlay in their sorrow at the death of a second son on the battlefield. Meeting closed with the Benediction.