

Sympathy was expressed for Mrs Hawke, junr., in her illness. Congratulatory wishes were passed to Mrs Cumming. Decided to purchase a marquee. Decided to keep a case in the hall for garments that are new or in good repair, the case, when full, to be sent to England for distribution by British D.W.S. Union. Hon. J. Allen acknowledged resolution thanking him for the stand he had taken and the appeal he made to the public re the "shouting" for soldiers. Decided to purchase two dozen Cradle Roll cards. Mrs Lee-Cowie's idea about the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand joining and sending either an ambulance outfit or endowing a hospital bed was heartily approved. Mrs Bain gave a splendid paper on "Slumdom and Slums," being her own personal experience of slum work in Edinburgh, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Decided to keep our next meeting as Frances Willard Day.

NELSON Y's.

A special meeting was held to say farewell to two of our members. Misses Weymouth and Sutherland spoke, and as the result of their talks and personal work, there were 14 new members. A pleasant evening was spent, and refreshments were handed round at the close. Miss M. Phillips is our delegate to Convention.

BLUFF.

Monthly meeting held on Friday afternoon. Arrangements were made for the reopening of the Band of Hope with a picnic on Argyle Beach. Decided to hold a Harvest Festival on February 18th, the proceeds to be devoted to the Building Fund. A resolution was passed and sent to the Minister for Defence, calling upon him to use his power to prohibit "shouting" for intoxicants for men wearing the King's uniform.

MATAURA.

Jan. Meeting held. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Reid; Vice-Pres., Mrs Loudon; Sec., Mrs Brown; Treas., Mrs Abernethy (all re-elected). Mrs Reid gave an encouraging address. Miss Stenning read from "My Magazine" entitled "The Vision Splendid," which conveyed a hopeful outlook on the future. Proposed at meeting to send for one dozen extra "White Ribbon" Convention numbers, to be distributed among the public.

NEW BRIGHTON.

First meeting of the year held Thursday, February 3rd, attendance good. Decided to send a delegate to the Annual Convention. Decided to make an effort among our members and friends, by means of a monthly 6d campaign, to assist the Lady Liverpool Fund, as our members thought that as a Union we were not doing enough for those at the Front.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Cox for her gift of the White Ribbon hymn books. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr Goodwin for auditing our books. Afternoon tea was handed round.

MOSGIEL.

Resolution sent to Hon. James Allen and the local papers by Mrs Pinfold on behalf of the Mosgiel W.C.T.U.: "This Women's Christian Temperance Union views with grave alarm the growing practice of 'shouting' for our soldiers. Having seen its sad results, this Union not only protests against the custom, but earnestly and urgently asks that legislation be proceeded with at the earliest moment with a view to making the practice illegal."

ASHBURTON.

Attendance good at February meeting. Mrs W. T. Lill opened the meeting. Decided to again take charge of the rest tent at the A. and P. Patriotic Show in March. Proceeds of the Show will be devoted to the Wounded Soldiers Fund. Resolved that the Union bear all expenses, provided the Association grant tent space free. Miss Butterick and Miss Wise will collect subscriptions in aid of same. Mrs W. T. Lill elected delegate to Convention. Following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting of the Ashburton W.C.T.U. heartily supports any measure brought forward at Convention to safeguard the young, and to prevent boys and girls from being on the streets after a certain hour without suitable escort." One new member joined. In commemoration of Frances Willard Day, Rev. W. J. Elliott addressed the meeting by request. Valuable lessons were drawn from the prominent traits in the character of our beloved founder, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the speaker. In closing the President referred to the near departure of Mr Elliott from Ashburton, and acknowledged gratefully his help and sympathy in the past. A collection, amounting to 11s 6d, was taken up in aid of the World's Missionary Fund, and the meeting terminated.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Feb. 3. The Union resumed meetings after the Christmas vacation. The following superintendents of departments were elected:—Good Citizenship, Mrs Evans; Literature, Mrs Briarley; Hygiene and Moral Education, Mrs Wright; Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance, Mesdames Boxall and Nield; Backblocks and Flower Mission, Mrs Boxall; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Briarley and Logan; Home Meetings, Mesdames Wright and Bott; Refreshments, Mesdames Briarley and Bates. Two new members were enrolled. Mrs Breckenridge was appointed Treasurer, and Mrs Bates assistant-Treasurer. Mrs Johnson Wright and Mrs Briarley were appointed delegates to Conven-

tion, and Mrs Bott substitute. Decided for this year to pay the expenses of one district officer and two delegates to Convention.

OTAMATEA.

Hanuere—I tuane he mitini mate Roopu Karaitiana Wahine Otamatea ite 2 o nga ra o Hanuere. Nate Pirihiiti te karakia mete inoi. Ka mutu kawhaka puaretia eia te whare monga take. (1) Koohi Marama. (2) He whiriwhiri take whakaora i nga moni e pauana i nga raruraru ate Roopu. Kaati pahitiana tana take me whakaora tana moni. (3) Nui atu te aroha nga tuakana kitetahi mema kia makereta. Nu irunga i tone ngarongaatu tenei owamatou mitini irunga ite mate e tona hoa tane. Kaati mate matua ano ite rangi ewhatu tetahi marama tanga. Kia ia ite wa ote ngoikoretanga.

Pepuere 3rd. I tuano he mitini mate Roopu. Karaitiana wahine Otamatea ite 1 onga ra Opepuere. Karakakia te Pirihiiti Ka whaka puaretia te whare monga take (1) take tuatahi. Koohi marama, (2) take tuarua.

Kote take nui Ite mitini, he whiriwhiri nate Roopu kia kimihia tetahi. Kamura hei mahi ara hei whaka ara. Ite whare Karakia Iga wahi kua mate heoi pahitiana taua ete katoa. Kaati etahi mai onga take he whiriwhiri ano nate Roopu wahine ara he whaka takoto tikanga naratou monga raruraru ano otoratou marae, heoi kei te nui atu te aroha otenei Roopu kitoratou hoa Kia Te Maari Woodhead etakoto mai nei Itona mate. Ite Hospital O Akarana heoi mate matua ano. Ite rangi ewhaatu tetahi marama tanga kiaia a manano hoki emea tona ngakau. Kai Inoi kia ia kite matua itewa ote pouritanga kei te Inoi tonu mona.

ORGANISING FUND.

The following amounts have been received for the Organising Fund during the month of January, 1916:—4th, Napier Union, £2; 5th, Hawera Union, £2; 8th, Nelson Union, £5; 20th, N.E. Valley, Dunedin Union, £2.

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WASTE OF FOOD.

The Bishop of London said at a great meeting in Guildhall, London: "I saw the other day an account of the hundreds and thousands of bags of grain and the thousands of tons of sugar that are used in the production of alcohol. We cannot afford that grain and sugar to-day."