

by Mrs Neal on "Franchise Movement in New Zealand," and one by Mrs Paterson on "The Disabilities which Women Still Labour Under," collection of 17s; Napier had an address by Matron of Bethany Home on "How to Help our Fallen Sisters," collection; Nelson and Hawera also celebrated this day.

T. E. Taylor Day.—Gisborne read an article on his life, and took up a collection for local funds; Timaru, the President read a sketch of his life; Oxford observed it by inaugurating the K.K. Pledge campaign; Christchurch had an address by Miss Henderson on "The Progress of Prohibition in Other Lands," also a collection; Pahiatua, an address by Miss Powell on "Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U.," Hawera, a special meeting, 60 present, collection; Napier, an address on Temperance work by Rev. Eric Evans; Nelson, Invercargill, and Greymouth also celebrated it.

White Ribbon Day.—Winchmore, a collection for Maori work; Gisborne, an address by Mrs Walker, and collection of 10s 6d for Maori work; Christchurch had an address by Miss Henderson on "Woman's Work in England During the War"; Pahiatua, an address by Mrs Crabb on "Maori Work and the 'White Ribbon' Paper," collection 15s; Napier, an address by Mrs Dearlove; Nelson, Invercargill, and Greymouth also celebrated this day.

Frances Willard Day.—Christchurch had an address by Miss Henderson; Pahiatua, drawing-room meeting, paper on the life of Frances Willard, collection 12s; Napier, Nelson, and Greymouth also celebrated.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Superintendent: Mrs Neal.

The following distributed literature:—Palmerston North sent to Trentham, also gave pamphlets to nurses and chemists; Pahiatua gives a copy of safe remedies to each new member, and also puts them in comfort bags to be sent to sailors, and posted them to men of the district who enlisted; Pahiatua and Devonport distributed literature at Home meetings.

The following Unions purchased leaflets:—Dunedin, Sawyer's Bay, Pahiatua, New Brighton, South Dunedin, Otahuhu, Auckland, and New Plymouth. 450 leaflets were distributed free.

Palmerston North gave addresses to L.T.L. upon "The Effects of Alcohol upon the Heart," and questions were set upon the lecture for the children to answer.

Medical Temperance Balance-Sheet.

Receipts.—Balance, 1914, 5s 9d; sales Christchurch Convention, 18s 6d; sales by post, £2 2s 5d. Total, £3 6s 8d.

Expenditure.—Purchase of stock, U.S.A., 7s 11d; postage on parcels, letters, etc., 4s 8d; balance in hand, £2 14s 1d. Total, £3 6s 8d.

In 1914, 25 Unions purchased leaflets; in 1915 only 15 Unions purchased leaflets.

EVANGELISTIC.

(Superintendent: Mrs Upton.

Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Wanganui, Wanganui East, Ngaio, Pahiatua, Devonport, Nelson, Oxford, and Bluff report special intercessory meetings for help and guidance in connection with the present war.

Christchurch, Wellington, Wanganui, Wanganui East, Devonport, Ashburton, Auckland and Invercargill report having held prayer meetings, at which helpful addresses were given, and Bible readings.

Wanganui, Wellington, and Ashburton have visited the sick and sad in hospitals and other institutions.

Devonport and Auckland have distributed evangelistic literature, and the latter Union has also given away many Testaments.

Ashburton and Wellington visited the relatives of those who had given their life in defence of their country.

Invercargill reports holding meetings at which Gospel temperance addresses were given.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Superintendent: Marian Judson.

Only eleven Unions have reported work done in this department, the greater part of which has been in connection with the municipal elections and those for the School Committees and Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards. Immediately after last Convention I called the attention of the Unions to these elections, with special reference to the representation of women, and suggesting the holding of home meetings to arouse the interest and secure the co-operation of women. Wellington District, Timaru, Dunedin, Christchurch, Napier, Invercargill, and Nelson helped in the successful candidature of women on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, Napier having also recommended the appointment of a District Nurse. Waimate, Ngaire, Wellington District, Timaru, Christchurch, and Nelson had a large share in placing women on the School Committees, Dunedin failing only through misunderstanding as to the date of the election. In Nelson an Election Committee was formed, and a series of home meetings held in support of the women candidates. In Dunedin a large meeting was held before election day, in which Mesdames Don and Driver took part; Mrs Don is also Chairwoman of the Women's Advisory Committee in connection with the Hospital Board, and by virtue of this has a seat upon the Board. An effort was made in Dunedin to place a woman on the Education Board, but was unsuccessful. The only possible way to obtain this very desirable end would be to get a larger proportion of women on School Committees, by whom the members of the Board are elected, and all our Unions would do well to bear this in mind. The greater part of the work of the Educational Department is done by the

Education Boards, and it is only through the School Committees that women can obtain a share in the administration. In Dunedin, also, two women have been placed upon the Committee of the newly-formed Town Planning Association. Christchurch, Pahiatua, Ashburton, Winchmore, and Tinwald Unions report having taken part in patriotic relief work, and the entertainment of men leaving for Trentham; the Ashburton President being Secretary to the Ladies' Patriotic Committee, and the President of Pahiatua Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Home Nursing Class, and of the Medical Corps of the Women's National Reserve. The Educational work of this department has not been largely taken up. Early in the winter I suggested that it would be well, under the present war conditions, for women to study and try to understand something of the causes of war and the principles underlying a true and permanent peace, not with the idea that much could be done towards altering present conditions, but that they might be prepared to take their part in the peace settlement which must some day come, and in the meantime use their influence in bringing about that will for peace without which peace can never be. There are many women's organisations throughout the world with this object, presided over by the foremost women of the day, and it would seem that a country like New Zealand, where every woman possesses a vote, should not be behindhand in this matter. In Nelson fortnightly meetings were held through the winter months on these lines. The only other work reported of an educational character is from Pahiatua, where one paper upon Good Citizenship was read, and from Invercargill, which reports a discussion in connection with the municipal elections. I do not take this as an indication of want of interest, but I would urge all our women to realise their responsibilities in this matter, and to try systematically to fit themselves for the carrying of them out. Christchurch, Nelson, Timaru, and Invercargill have canvassed for K. of K. pledges and for the 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. Christchurch and Invercargill obtained signatures for the "Alice Parkinson petition." Christchurch and Ashburton worked to obtain from the City Council increased and better conveniences for women and children, the Ashburton Union having been instrumental, after nine years' effort, in opening Women's Rest Rooms, which are proving highly successful. Invercargill reports a resolution and deputation to Councillor Ott re objectionable picture films. Christchurch also reports having enquired with good results into the enforcement of the by-law re boys under 12 selling newspapers; having forwarded a petition protesting against inadequate sentences passed on men for criminal assaults on young girls; waiting upon the Editors of daily papers with re-