

as besides the number of Maoris living in and around the town, there is a "pah" on the other side of the river within easy walking distance. Two new members joined.

May. Delegate gave her report of Convention. Mrs Upton was elected Superintendent of Maori Work, and Mrs W. Grant for Notable Days. Decided to accept Mrs McKenzie's (Queenstown) offer to come to Wanganui for a sale of her Indian work. Part of the proceeds to go to our Y.M.C.A. funds. Okaiawa Union sent their proxy (Miss Tucker) a velvet-bound copy of Mrs Heiman's work. Blocking out the town to work for the petition is well in hand. A vote of sympathy was passed to our Secretary on the death of her father. Two new members joined.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

March 8. The Red Cross tea organised by the W.C.T.U. was most successful. Several stalls, arranged for flowers, cakes, sweets, etc. Mrs Houlder (District President) received the guests, and during the afternoon Mrs J. P. Luke gave a short address, emphasising the necessity of New Zealand women continuing their good work. Songs were contributed by Mrs Richardson, Misses Bouttall and Peryman; Mrs Castles recited, and Miss D. Richardson gave a pretty fancy dance. Collection of £6.

April 7. Sixty members and friends met in the Constable Street Rooms to say good-bye to Mrs Peryman, who was leaving for Port Chalmers. Mrs Houlder referred to the work done by Mrs Peryman and her knowledge of the W.C.T.U. movement throughout New Zealand. Mesdames Evans, M.A., McDonald, Wright, Atkinson, Boxall, and Lill cordially endorsed all that had been said. Mrs Houlder presented the guest of honour with a leather bag on behalf of the members. Mrs Peryman feelingly replied, and said she would miss the friends left behind. Mrs Wright spoke of the united effort to be made for the Patriotic Fund for providing comforts for the men in the trenches. The Y.M.C.A. officers would be asked to administer the money.

April 13. Mesdames Brierley and Wright presented reports on the work done at the Wanganui Convention.

May 14. Mrs Houlder (President) presided. Mrs Boxall (Evangelistic Superintendent) opened the meeting. The members of the central union were present, and the afternoon was spent in making arrangements for the 6 o'clock petition. Two members, Mesdames Wright and Webb, were again elected on the school committee. Mesdames Brown and Boxall were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the Patriotic Fund.

BLUFF.

May. There was a large attendance of members. Arrangements were made for canvassing the town in fav-

our of early closing of liquor bars. A resolution of sympathy was passed and sent to Mrs Maclaren, on the death of her husband, Rev Maclaren, of Partick, Glasgow, at one time minister of Bluff Presbyterian Church. Mrs Maclaren was the first President of the Bluff branch of the Union.

EDENDALE.

Usual monthly meetings, except last month, have been held here. This branch of the Union has actively protested against shouting for soldiers locally, and also forwarded a resolution to the Defence Minister. The Temperance Patriotic effort realised £11 2s, fourteen members having cards. An interesting report of the Convention recently held was sent by Sister Moody Bell, for which we are indebted to her.

GREYTOWN.

May 3rd. Mrs Whincop was in the chair, and as delegate to the annual Convention, gave a very interesting address. The Cor. Secretary's report showed an increase of 128 in membership over last year. Twenty-seven delegates were attending their first Convention. The banner was won by Patea Union with an increase in membership of 166 per cent., next Winchmore, Green Street, 143 per cent; Normanby and Dannevirke, each 125 per cent.; Lower Hutt, 120 per cent. The Organising Treasurer's balance-sheet showed credit balance of £99 3s 3d.

May 4th. Half-hour devotional meeting. Miss Henderson wrote re 6 o'clock closing petitions, the work of getting them signed being taken up eagerly by our members. Our President urged all members to work hard with the "Dominion Fund" collecting cards. Our members collected £1 10s for the Lady Liverpool Fund; decided to spend it on chocolate. Decided to hold our annual pay-up social on June 1st. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by those present.

KAIAPOI.

April 26. Mrs Laishley (Vice-President) presided. Collecting cards for Patriotic Fund were distributed amongst members. Arrangements were made for procuring signatures to the petitions for six o'clock closing of liquor bars. Secretary reported that the entire control of the Band of Hope for a year was given to the W.C.T.U. Mrs Laishley was elected Superintendent, and three members were appointed to arrange the programme for the first meeting of the Band of Hope. One new member of the W.C.T.U. was initiated.

April 28. In response to an invitation, several members of the Kaiapoi District Union visited Rangiora. Mrs Jameson read her report of Convention, and a reading was given by Miss Blackwell. A discussion took place on the best methods of working in connection with the Red Cross

Society. Musical items were given by Mesdames Withers and Ayers, after which refreshments were partaken of.

N.E. VALLEY.

March 23. A good attendance of members, Mrs H. B. Gray presiding. The Treasurer and Secretary read their reports for last year, which were very satisfactory. A letter was sent to the Hon. J. Allen asking if he would do his best to prohibit the practice of shouting for soldiers. The following officers were elected for present year:—Pres., Mrs Hislop; Vice-Pres., Mrs Begg; Treas., Mrs Sanders; Sec., Miss Begg; Cor. Sec., Mrs Peart. Mrs Hislop, who was very warmly welcomed home from her long holiday in Australia, gave a very inspiring talk on the Australasian Convention, also the six o'clock closing in South Australia, which was won by the magnificent majority of 20,000 votes.

April 27. Mrs Hislop spoke very feelingly on "Let not your hearts be troubled," and urged those present in the rush of life to look well after their souls. We were delighted to have Mrs Don and Mrs Peryman with us, who both gave us interesting talks, also Miss Macarthy, who gave an account of the recent Convention. During the afternoon Miss Monagan sang a solo. One new member was received. Mrs Gray moved a resolution of sympathy with Mrs Ogg (a member) in the death of her husband.

SAWYER'S BAY.

May 3. Union met in the Presbyterian Church. A fair attendance of members, who were pleased to welcome a new member to the Union. Mrs Allen presided, and after a few opening remarks, introduced Mrs Peryman, who gave a stirring address on the work of the W.C.T.U. at the Front, and also the effort of the Union to have passed the Six O'Clock Closing Bill.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

March 17. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. The following resolution was passed:—"That this Branch of the W.C.T.U. protests against any attempts to introduce the C.D. Acts in any form, on the ground that they have been proved to increase, rather than to check, venereal diseases, by creating a false sense of security. The Union urges the Government to provide, without delay, free hospital dispensary treatment for all patients voluntarily presenting themselves for treatment, this being the course advised by Sir Jonathan Hutchison and other eminent authorities. The Union further urges that a vigorous campaign of educational teaching by suitable lectures, be inaugurated by the Government, giving plain warning as to the lasting effects of transgression, and indicating the truth that personal chastity provides the only safeguard against these diseases, and the serious task, not only of