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grave injury to the men and women themselves, but almost certainly to their future children, and providing further, that these lectures shall explain clearly that the highest European medical authorities argue that no remedial measures or palliatives can ever effect a cure, and that while they may relieve the suffering of the patient they can never ensure safety for the wife and future children, and further point out the harm that these remedies do by creating a false sense of security." One of the members of the Union read an original paper, written by a returned member of a medical corps, dealing with the temptations that visit the Expeditionary Force on its arrival at Cairo.

April 14. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. Mrs McDonald gave an interesting account of the doings of the Convention, and explained fully Mrs Lee-Cowie's scheme, by which it is expected that the W.C.T.U. will raise a large sum of money for our soldiers at the Front. At the conclusion of her report, Mrs McDonald was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her excellent report.

WAIMATE.

The monthly meeting was held on May 12th, Mrs Stewart (President) in the chair. Miss McCarthy gave report of Convention. Afternoon tea was provided. Reports sent to both local newspapers, very fully reported in "Waimate Times."

NORMANBY.

Feb. 2. Material was purchased, and members are making sand bags for the Front. We held a picnic at Ngaere on 17th February (Willard Day), friends from Hawera, Okaiawa, Matapu, and Ngaere and Stratford joining us. A very enjoyable day was spent. 15s was voluntarily given to our Red Cross Fund. A paper was read by Mrs Patterson on Russia and her drink trade.

March 8. At home held at Mrs Barkla's, 22 present. President gave a short address, and Mrs Saunders read a report of Convention. Six new members joined, and seven for the Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea was handed round.

March 22. Special meeting to deal with the papers sent out for 6 o'clock closing, members taking up the work with good heart; also to get Mrs Cowie's cards handed to members, all agreeing that it was a great and good work for our W.C.T.U. to take up.

HENDERSON.

April 19. Meeting held in Presbyterian Church, and was well attended. One new member joined. Report received from members who had catered for the Soldiers' Club on the 7th of April. Mrs Little, from Devonport, gave us a delightful account of the Wanganui Convention. Mrs Little has a happy knack of giving a concise but vivid word picture of each speaker, so presenting the scene at the Convention to us, that every member caught the spirit of enthusiasm and earnest devotion to our aims. Mrs Lee-Cowie's patriotic proposition was at once acted on, and plans sketched out to raise at least our quota towards the scheme. Mrs Lee-Cowie has a special place in our regard, as she attended here with Miss Evans to start our Union.

KAIKORAI.

March 31st. Mrs Martin presided. Decided to collect for the W.C.T.U. Patriotic Fund. Decided to nominate a lady candidate for school committee.

April 29th. Mrs Martin presided. Mrs Don was present. Arranged to start work at once with Patriotic Fund Cards and 6 o'clock closing petitions.

ASHBURTON.

March 28th. Special meeting to say farewell to Mrs W. J. Elliott. A short, but excellent programme, which was much enjoyed. Mrs W. K. Watson referred to the good work done by Mrs Elliott during the past five years, and expressed regret at her departure, and on behalf of the Union presented her with a leather hand-bag. The recipient briefly responded. A cup of tea was handed round, and a pleasant half-hour spent.

April 11th. Attendance good. Mrs W. K. Watson in the chair. Resolved. "That the Union endorse the action of the President in sending a protest to the Ashburton A. and P. Association regarding the facilities for procuring liquor through a so-called side show, at the recent Patriotic Show." After discussion, it was decided that the balance of the money collected by Miss Butterick and others towards the cost of the Rest Tent be handed over to the Secretary of the A. and P. Association as a donation to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. Mrs Lill submitted her report of Convention, and was thanked by the Union for her excellent effort. Cards were distributed among the members to collect money for the

patriotic effort. Decided to take an active part in obtaining signatures to the petition forms for closing hotel bars at 6 o'clock.

LOWER HUTT.

May 2. Pleased to say Lower Hutt is progressing quietly but surely. Most of the members are taking the petition forms for the 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars, hoping to get them all filled with names, so that the Bill may be passed at the next session; also taking collecting cards for Mrs Lee-Cowie's scheme for patriotic effort for Y.M.C.A. work at the Front. Our attendances are still small, but those who do attend are very enthusiastic in the work. Names of officers are these:—Pres., Mrs Routly; V.P., Mrs Franklin; Treas., Mrs Frethy; Sec., Mrs T. Collins.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Feb. 24. Willard Day celebrated by a social afternoon, when Rev. F. Hales gave an address on the words "Now, Barabbas was a robber," showing how alcohol robbed church, school, and home too often of their best and most promising boys and girls and men and women. One new member was initiated, and one received from another Union. A good collection was taken up.

March 15. Four of our chief officers were present at the Wanganui Annual Convention, which instilled into them the necessary energy to carry out the work planned.

April 26. A combined meeting of the Union and the No-Liense League to enthusiastically launch the six o'clock petition. Miss Powell was present. Petition forms are being filled like magic, and no one need be afraid of a refusal. Planned for Provincial Convention on May 31st at New Plymouth.

May 1. Sent off £5 to Mrs Lee-Cowie for Patriotic Fund.

INVERCARGILL.

April 4. Mrs Macalister presided. The reported progress of collections for the W.C.T.U. Patriotic Fund for our soldiers at the Front is most satisfactory, our auxiliary Unions having responded generously, and the local members are in most cases sending in filled-up cards. Special efforts are to be made at once to endeavour to influence public opinion upon the desirability of having hotel bars closed when the soldiers are allowed leave from the training camps, also that 6 o'clock closing and the prohibition of