

June 22. Special business meeting. Mrs Venables presided. Decided to hold a jumble stall on July 26th, proceeds to go towards Patriotic Fund. Progress was reported in connection with the collecting cards. Napier sent in 3020 signatures to 6 o'clock closing petition. Resolutions were passed and forwarded to the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, and Mr V. Brown, protesting against any attempt to introduce the C.D. Acts in any form, on the ground that they have been proved to increase rather than check venereal diseases, by creating a false sense of security, and urging the Government to provide, without delay, free hospital treatment for patients voluntarily presenting themselves for treatment. Also that a campaign of educational teaching, by suitable lectures, be inaugurated by the Government, warning the people as to the lasting effects of transgression, and indicating that personal chastity provides the only safeguard against these diseases; and further, that these lectures shall explain that the highest medical authorities argue that no remedies whatever can ever effect a cure; 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 these remedies do by creating a false sense of security.

TIMARU.

June. Mrs Rule presided over a fair attendance. Resolution passed, similar to the one passed by the Wellington Central Branch, on Clause 3 in War Regulations Bill. Copies of this resolution have been sent to the Premier, Sir J. Ward, and Mr J. Craigie, member for the district. 2798 signatures have been sent for the petition for six o'clock closing of hotels. One new member was welcomed. Mrs Brown and Miss Askin were appointed Hospital Visitors for the month. Mr Good's report of work at the Sailors' Rest showed a quiet month, 45 seamen having paid 58 visits. A social was given to the men from the s.s. Waimate. Mrs Rule read a most interesting and helpful paper on "Making the Best of Life." Mrs Valentine, who is leaving Timaru, sent in her resignation as Cradle Roll Superintendent. Mrs Valentine has been for many years one of our most active and earnest workers, and she will be very much missed.

HENDERSON.

June. Meeting well attended, Mrs Gilberd in the chair. One new member initiated. A concert held in aid of our Patriotic Fund. Mrs Platt (Vice-President) suggested making an autograph quilt for the use of our sick and wounded soldiers in hospital; 40 signatures and shillings were given to help us by travellers on Auckland express. I hope to be able to tell you next month how our W.C.T.U. quilt looked when finished. Several members expressed a sense of obligation to Mrs Little, of Devonport, comment-

ing on the fact that had it not been for her visit and explanation of the patriotic proposal, we would not have had the privilege of assisting in the effort. Disappointment was blended with indignation at the treatment accorded our six o'clock closing petition.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

June 2. A meeting was held at Fitzroy to discuss the possibilities of forming a branch Union, as that part of the town has become so thickly populated. No decision was arrived at, but two new members were initiated.

June 28. Our collectors to date have brought in £46 10s, and this, with £4 realised by the concert, makes a total of £50 10s which has been sent to Y.M.C.A. Secretary at Invercargill. Correspondence was read from Superintendents of Show Tents and Rest Rooms, Mothers' Meetings, Notable Days, and Parliamentary. A resolution was passed, to be sent to Premier and our member, protesting against any attempt being made to introduce the C.D. Acts in any form. An invitation was given by the Fitzroy members to attend a social afternoon which they were holding in the Fitzroy Hall on July 5th, when Miss Powell would be present on her final visit. The warmest thanks of the members of New Plymouth are due to Miss Powell for her help, especially on the day of the Convention.

KAIKORAI.

June 30. The President (Mrs Martin) reported replies received from Ministers of Finance and Defence, also Prime Minister and acting-member for the district in reference to early closing. Mrs Peryman, from Port Chalmers, gave a most encouraging address on "Early Closing Petitions," telling us of her experiences in regard to same. The subject of a "white life for two" was also touched on. Afternoon tea was handed round.

NELSON.

June 13. Attendance large, Miss Atkinson presiding. Seven new members initiated. Resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Sydney, to Mr Hammond, on the success of the early closing poll. Decided to send a letter of sympathy to Lord Kitchener's sister. Mrs Hill reported over £9 collected for the Patriotic Fund during May. Miss Atkinson appealed to the members for help at the "Soldiers' Rest," which is open every day, and refreshments provided. A monthly meeting was arranged for at Miss Atkinson's house, to make baby clothes for soldiers' and sailors' wives at home. Miss Weymouth has been doing excellent work in Nelson in connection with the Patriotic Fund and the early closing petition, as well as gaining fresh members for the Union; 24 have joined during her stay, and nine in the Y Branch.

A meeting was held at Wakefield on June 21st, when a branch of the

Union was formed there. Miss Atkinson, President of the Nelson Union, was in the chair, and spoke of the work of the Union generally. She also dwelt on the need of organisation in order to obtain power and influence. Eleven members were initiated. The election of officers was then held, Mrs Telenius being appointed President, and Miss Bonnington Secretary. The monthly meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday.

NELSON.

Two Good Citizenship meetings have been held this month. The subject of the first was "What is Good Citizenship?" and an interesting discussion took place. It was defined as "All that pertains to and is for the betterment of communal life as distinguished from private, personal life." It was generally agreed that the training of the home should be the beginning of good citizenship, which should gradually widen out to take in the community, the nation, and eventually the whole world; that religion must be the basis of true citizenship, and that the principle underlying it is the subordination of the individual to the universal, whether in communal, national, or international life. The second meeting was devoted to the study of Lowes Dickenson's "After the War."

NGAERE.

Meeting at Mrs Morison's last Tuesday afternoon. Large parcels of bandages, etc., for Red Cross work, and clothing for the Belgian poor were handed in. It was reported that over 300 signatures in favour of 6 o'clock closing of hotels have been obtained by members. The resignation of Mrs Kennington as President was accepted with deep regret, and she was made a life member of the Ngaere Union. Mrs Tichbon was appointed Superintendent of the Cradle Roll. Decided to hold a Red Cross social at Bird Road.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

June 16. Meeting held in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Mrs A. R. Atkinson in the chair. The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—"That this meeting, in the interests of efficiency and economy, urges Parliament to give effect to the prayer of between 90,000 and 100,000 electors, that bars should be closed at 6 o'clock during the war and for six months after peace is declared." "That this Union views with apprehension the wide scope of the powers proposed to be given to the Governor-in-Council in the matter of venereal diseases, and trust that no attempts will be made to introduce any of the obnoxious features of the C.D. Acts." A committee, consisting of Mrs Nimmo, Mrs Huffam, and Mrs R. Denton, was set up to collect warm comforts, Balaclavas, socks, and mufflers for the mine-sweepers of the North Sea. Mrs J. Smith appointed Recording Secretary.