

## GISBORNE.

Usual monthly meeting held, with which was incorporated White Ribbon Day. After the usual business, afternoon tea was handed round, during which Mrs Walker made a few remarks on the Maori work. Mr Chatterton then addressed us on No-License and Purity Work. Rev. Wills and Aicken were also present, with a good attendance of our own members. A collection of £1 17s was taken up for the Maori work, and a few collecting cards for the same distributed.

## FEILDING.

June 6. Mrs P. W. Jones presided. Decided to call in all collecting cards and cash and send on to Mrs Lee-Cowie. Mrs Carr reported the White Ribbon Dorcas was satisfactory, £5 in cash, and plenty of clothing. Correspondence was read from Mrs Hill drawing attention to the resolution in "White Ribbon" on C.D. Acts, and asking us to attend to the same, which has already been done. There was a discussion on taking up various departments of work, L.T.L. work, Bands of Hope, and looking up absent members.

## WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Social afternoon held. A good attendance of members and friends. Arrangements for Mrs McKenzie's (Queenstown) visit were completed. W.C.T.U. members are to look after the stalls, the afternoon tea, to run a lolly stall. Suggested that the "Y's" have a violet stall. Mrs (Rev.) McKenzie gave a pianoforte solo, and Mesdames Strong and Tucker each contributed a vocal item. Miss Cruickshanks (Principal of Girls' College) gave a very interesting address on "Education as a Social Force." She has kindly promised to allow it to be sent to "W.R." Tea and cakes were passed round. Two new members joined.

## PONSONBY.

April 13. Mrs Fountain (President) presided. Report of one day's catering for Soldiers' Club received. Mr Fountain, husband of our President, rendered valuable service. Delegate to Convention then gave her report. Her experience of Convention was happy. She gave a warm tribute of praise to the generous hospitality of the entertaining Unions of Wanganui. Coming home by way of steamer up the famous Wanganui River, she had the unique experience of camping out all night on the banks of the river. Thanks given to delegate, who is now better informed in W.C.T.U. work and to wants of N.Z. Union. Petition received from Miss Henderson re 6 o'clock closing, and distributed. Cards for the great Patriotic Fund also given out.

May 11. Mrs Vickers and Miss Caley appointed delegates to Alliance Convention. Thanks received from Mother Union for help rendered.

June 8. Report of Alliance Convention. Good speeches were made by our delegate. Thanks conveyed to Miss Caley for her labour of love in getting so many petitions filled up: 19 petitions, 500 signatures. These mean work. Union resolved to assess 1s per member, Treasurer to send it to Superintendent of Organising Fund. Mrs Thorner reported visiting Cambridge Union and noting work done there, and telling them of our work, so the visit was mutually helpful. Our Southern friends will be interested to hear that Mr Fosten, who hails from Christchurch, is being engaged to start a Band of Hope campaign in the Auckland district. He spoke in high praise of Mrs Duxfield's work among L.T.L.'s, and of her help in the past to him. £26 sent in to G.P.F. Maori work collecting cards out.

## WOODVILLE.

May 31. Mrs Perkins (President) in the chair. Attendance very good. Petition forms for the 6 o'clock closing handed in. The result was encouraging. Secretary was asked to write to Mr Escott, M.P., asking him to support petitions. Some interesting extracts from the "White Ribbon" were read by the President. One new member initiated.

June 27. Mrs Perkins (President) presided. Attendance very good. Mrs Crabb (District President) gave a most interesting address dealing with the drink question, 6 o'clock closing, and Union work in general; also gave a full account of the recent meeting held in Wellington, and details of the Winter Show in Palmerston. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Crabb for her interesting address. Collecting cards for the Patriotic Fund were handed in, the result being £13 18s.

## OTAMATEA.

Hune. I tuano he mitini mate roopu karaitiana wahine Otamatea, ite 4 onga ra o Hune. Nate perihitini te karakia ka himenetia 78 onga himene. Ka inoi ka mutu ka puare te whare monga take (1) Koohi marama moni awhina na kanamo, Taaka 1s, Kotahi Hereni, Kaati ka pabutia ete perihitini te take mote koohi marama. (2) Katuake te perihitini a kutere karena. Ka panga i tana take kinga mema. Kia whiriwhiri te roopu wahine. Kitetahi tikanga maratou mote whakapai i nga taiaua o te marae ara kia whakaorangia nga waahi kua mate, kaati, kote whiriwhiri tanga tenei me tonomanga tane katoa whai tikangana. Kite marae emahi haunga hoki owaho mate aroha, kaati Pahitiana te take ete perihitini. Kaati tuano he mitini mate nei roopu i te 6 onga ra o aperia kaati nate poto onga ra kihia haere nga repoata. Ite haereke te perihitini i ona raruraru mate na reira katuretiji te tu ote mitini.

## REVIEW.

"Bible Teaching About Purity."—This little booklet, price 3d., was written by Rev Wm. C. Blair of Ashburton. It gives in a small compass the teaching of Holy Writ on this most important subject. Had the young men of the present day been taught its solemn warnings they could not plead ignorance as the cause of their sufferings. The writer shows how the Old Testament teaches purity and warns the young man of the wiles of the "strange woman," and tells how "many strong men have been slain by her." The New Testament teaching urging purity of thought is next dealt with. "Wild oats" are shown to be a crop that nobody wants to reap, and that it is necessary for a young man to sow "wild oats" is branded as a "lie of the Devil." This little booklet is well worth reading.

## HELP OUR BRAVE SAILORS.

Lord Radstock, President of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, has made an urgent appeal throughout the British Empire for warm clothing for the men of the mine-sweeping fleet.

To raise funds for this deserving object, Wellington Union has decided to hold a large Flower Sale on the last Friday in August. They want a very large supply of spring flowers, and appeal to all who have flowers to send as many as they can to this sale. Full instructions as to when and how to send flowers may be had from Mrs Nimmo, 27, Arawa Road, Hataitai, Wellington.

Fuller particulars will be published in next month's "White Ribbon."

**Ashburton**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurzon, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss Wise, Short St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil, Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

**Auckland** District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley St.; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St., Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Miss Pudney, 16, Wallace St. Ponsonby.

**Blenheim** District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

**Cambridge**, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. D. Shepherd; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. H. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.