

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

July 6. Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Boxall (Treasurer of Patriotic Fund) reported that she had forwarded £107 10s to Mr McKinney, Invercargill, and many cards were not in yet. In connection with the 6 o'clock closing, Mr Massey, Prime Minister, had consented to receive a deputation of women on Saturday at 12 noon. Four speakers would be present, and all members were asked to make an effort to be there. Miss Henderson's letter to the Prime Minister was read re section 3 of the War Regulations Bill. Mrs Evans, M.A., moved the following resolution, which was carried:—"This Union believing that in these strenuous times no measure should be neglected that may tend to the prevention and suppression of crime, and having evidence that in many other places the appointment of women police and women patrols has been highly beneficial, urges the Government to include this among other measures they bring forward for the suppression of vice and disease." Mrs Houlder explained the aims and objects of the L.T.L., and Mrs Cummins was appointed Superintendent. Mrs Boxall, Superintendent of Sabbath Observance, spoke about the deputation which had lately waited on the City Council re the playing of golf on the municipal golf links on Sundays, and mentioned that she had written to the Council protesting against them being used, and was glad to say the Council had issued instructions that persons persisting in playing on Sundays will be prosecuted. The selling of cigarettes and chocolates at the Lambton Railway Station was also commented on, and it was decided to make inquiries.

## RICHMOND.

May. The L.T.L. held their second meeting in the Institute. 21 new members were enrolled, making a total of 61. Miss Weymouth acted as Superintendent, giving the President, Mr B. Beath, every assistance. Hilda Eves, Vi and Una Griffith gave a dialogue, recitations by Ivy and Sydney Cropp, and a solo by Vi Griffith. Mrs Cropp is giving a book to the boy or girl introducing the most new members.

## MASTERTON.

July. Mrs Devonport presided. Resolved to make and send garments and comforts to the men on "mine-sweepers." Treasurer reported that £15 13s 6d had been collected for our Patriotic Fund. Mrs Walker's resignation accepted with regret. Decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs McLean on the death of her husband.

## DUNEDIN.

May 4. Mrs Peryman presided. Fair attendance. Resolved to send letter of appreciation to Dr. Pettit for his courageous and noble work among men of Dunedin, through his

instructive lectures on venereal diseases. Miss McCarthy, Superintendent Purity and Moral Education, gave an interesting address on "Plants and Animal Life." Reported that letters had been sent to members of the House in connection with early closing and new War Regulation Bill.

## GREYTOWN.

June 28. Mrs Whincop (President) was in the chair, a fair attendance being present. Over £10 has been sent for the Patriotic Fund; more will follow at the end of this month. The fly and mosquito protector was exhibited, and great interest was manifested. The Cradle Roll was mentioned as a very necessary work, but a superintendent was not appointed, it being left for July meeting.

## OTAUTAU.

Feb. Special meeting. Resolution was passed re the treating of soldiers. Copies of resolution sent to Ministers of Cabinet.

March 11. President in the chair. Attendance good. Members handed in the collecting cards and money for our Patriotic Fund. The President read the leading article in the "White Ribbon."

April 13. Report read of Band of Hope Union meeting held in Invercargill. Decided that the opening meeting of Band of Hope be held on May 15th. A charge for admission will be made, the proceeds to help swell our Patriotic Fund.

April 27. Special meeting held to arrange for procuring signatures to the petition for closing the hotel bars at 6 o'clock during the war.

May 11. Meeting opened in the usual way. President in the chair. Arrangements made for the programme for the Band of Hope meeting in June.

June. President in the chair. Secretary reported the petitions for six o'clock closing of hotel bars were largely signed, and had been sent away. Next Band of Hope meeting 12th July. The June meeting was very well attended.

## URENUI.

June 19. Miss M. Powell (Dominion Organiser) gave a talk to young women. Subject, "Girls and Their Lovers." Owing to bad weather, attendance was small.

June 21. Meeting held at Mrs Waite's house. Attendance good. Miss M. Powell gave us another of her bright talks, and an outline of our work, "putting us on our legs," as she said. Several new members joined. The Vice-Presidents were elected, Mrs Graham and Mrs A. J. Smith. Mrs Wilton was elected to look after the purity literature, and Miss Sowry to report to the local papers. Decided to start a L.T.L., a committee being formed: Miss Gausted, Mrs Sowry, Miss Sowry, Miss Waite, Mrs Waite. Tea and cakes were provided by Mrs Waite.

## OPOTIKI.

June 8. 23 ladies present, Mrs J. Thompson presiding. Resolution passed by Union in favour strongly of six o'clock closing, on the motion of Mrs Wm. Goodall, seconded by Mrs J. R. Sinclair. Mrs Evans gave report of Cradle Roll picnic, which was very satisfactory. Stall on the street in aid of the W.C.T.U. Patriotic Fund doing splendidly. The President proposed every member send a postcard to Parliament, also one to the M.P. for our district, urging them to pass the Bill for six o'clock closing as soon as possible. Arranged two members to visit the Public Hospital once a month.

## STRATFORD.

At our last meeting in May we were fortunate in having Miss Powell with us. With her helpful suggestions and the kindly aid of a gentleman present, who knew the district well, the six o'clock closing petitions were well circulated, close upon one thousand signatures being obtained.

June 1st was so stormy and cold that no meeting was held, the President only putting in an appearance.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

Miss Roberts presided. Attendance good. Letters read from Mrs Judson, reminding of Education Board elections; Mrs Hatchwell, asking for comforts for mine-sweepers; Mrs Jones, re mothers' meetings; and Mrs Upton, on Rest and Refreshment Booths. Discussion on War Regulations Bill. Committee appointed to deal with the matter, and following resolution 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 disease by creating a false sense of security. The Union urges Government to provide, without delay, free hospital dispensary treatment for all patients voluntarily presenting themselves, 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 risk, not only of 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." The following resolution was carried:—