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"The members of the Christchurch W.C.T.U. desire to congratulate the people of New South Wales upon the noble and patriotic stand they have taken in the interests of the Empire by resolving to close all liquor bars throughout the State at 6 p.m. for the duration of the war. We recognise with gratitude that one powerful factor in securing this great reform was the support given by N.S.W. press. We earnestly hope the Government of this Dominion will afford the people an opportunity of showing their willingness to follow such a fine example of self-denial in the interests of patriotism. In this hour of supreme crisis of our Empire, we believe that every preventable source of economic waste should be stopped, and that every factor that makes for mental and physical inefficiency should be destroyed." The following resolution was passed on the death of Lord Kitchener:—"The members of the Christchurch W.C.T.U. desire to place on record their deep and grateful recognition of the great services rendered to the Empire by Lord Kitchener, very particularly his inculcation of temperance and morality in the British Army, and the example of abstinence set in his household from the outbreak of the war, and that this Union deplores the tragic loss of a leader so powerful, so trusted, and so single-hearted in duty."

MOSGIEL.

After a longer recess than usual, on account of patriotic work, the Mosgiel Women's Christian Temperance Union held their monthly meeting in the Presbyterian Hall on Tuesday afternoon, and took the form of a welcome to Mrs Peryman, Editor of the "White Ribbon," also to Mrs Don, our much loved and ever welcome Dominion President, who was present. After routine business, which was of a satisfactory quality, had been disposed of, Mrs Peryman gave a stimulating and interesting address. Afternoon tea closed a pleasant meeting. We thank God, and take courage.

MATAURA.

May 26. Ten present, Mrs Loudon (Vice-President) presided. Two visitors from Invercargill South present. Mrs Parkins spoke on our influence for good, each person working in her own sphere for the good of others. Mrs Paisley, the other visitor, spoke of the liquor traffic, the closing at 6 o'clock being one step in the right direction. Mrs Loudon gave a short

address, and the meeting closed with prayer. Lists were handed round to the members to obtain signatures for six o'clock closing of the liquor bars. The work was taken up heartily by members, some 250 signatures being obtained in two days.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

June. Resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr A. Dewe and family on the death of Mrs Dewe, who had been a valued member of the Union. The question of German and Austrian goods being still sold was brought before the meeting, there being a strong suspicion that these have been imported since the war commenced. The members of the Union were unanimous that the utmost vigilance was necessary in order to combat this sort of thing. Mrs Baird read a copy of the letter she had sent to the British Dominion Women's Suffrage Conference, to take place in London on July 6th and 7th of this year. The Executive of the Conference had asked as to what benefit had been derived by the women of the Dominion of New Zealand from having the franchise. The meeting was of opinion that the reply was an admirable one, and fully covered all the important points. Mrs Brown reminded members that the ringing of St. John's Church bell at 12 daily was a call to prayer, which should not be forgotten. Mrs Pasley contributed a very interesting address on "Methods," and gave many valuable hints.

WHANGAREI.

June 6. Meeting at the residence of Mrs James McKinnon, to bid farewell to Mrs John McKinnon, who is leaving us for a time. Conclusion of the Convention report was read by Mrs McLeod. Mrs Williams, on account of home ties, is unable to attend regularly, and tendered her resignation as President, which was accepted with regret. Mrs Whalley was elected President. Two members were appointed to wait on Mrs Daniel (wife of Methodist minister) to invite her to join the W.C.T.U. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Mrs McKinnon, who is leaving for Napier, carries with her the hearty good wishes of all our members.

NGAERE.

Monthly meeting on the 6th June, at Mrs Whittam's residence, Finnerty Road. There was a good attendance. Usual business. Report of Provincial Convention read by delegate. Reading from "White Ribbon."

GREYMOUTH.

Mrs Mason presided over a large attendance of members and friends. A most interesting and instructive address was given by Mr W. H. Hitchendon on his mission work in the slums of London for a number of years. He told how the poor mothers were helped in many ways, infants' first garments being sold to them (nicely made), long gowns 3½d, other articles 2d and 2½d. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

PETONE.

June 6. A fair attendance. Mrs Whincop, of Greytown, gave a very interesting speech indeed. Mrs Barrow explained the work of the Cradle Roll to interested listeners. After business matters being discussed, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

June 21. Home meeting at the residence of Mrs Corner. 20 ladies present. Sister Moody-Bell gave some very interesting outlines of Temperance work. She also exhibited a very useful invention for holding curtains over beds or cots, which had been invented by Mrs Lee-Cowie and patented by the W.C.T.U. Mrs Anderson sang a solo, after which afternoon tea was dispensed by the hostess, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

N.E. VALLEY.

June 22. The Secretary read a letter from Mr Walker, M.P., in reply to hers on behalf of the Union, requesting him to do his best to secure six o'clock closing. The President (Mrs Hislop) had also written personally to the Prime Minister, Sir Joseph Ward, the Minister of Defence, and Mr Walker, member for the district, but had not yet received any replies. Captain Hawkes, Salvation Army, Dunedin, gave a very earnest address, basing his remarks on our influence over others, and pointing out that it was our duty, as Christian women opposed to evil of all kinds, to remove as far as possible from the children and young people all things likely to lead them astray. One member was received from Sawyer's Bay Union.

NAPIER.

June 6. Mrs Dodds (V.P.) occupied the chair. Attendance fair. Mrs Neal gave a brief report of the Provincial Convention. Motions of sympathy were passed in silence to Mrs Ingram and Mrs Winterbottom in their bereavements. Decided that White Ribbon Day be celebrated at the next monthly meeting.