

against the powers suggested in Mr Russell's speech being vested in the Governor-in-Council." (2) "As British people, we have the right to government by laws embodied in Acts of Parliament passed by our representatives." (3) "While not in opposition to certain proposals for the treatment of venereal diseases, we demand that these proposals shall be strictly and clearly defined in a separate Bill." (4) "We hold that the efforts of Parliament should be in the direction of minimising vice." (5) "Experience has shown that a century of unceasing care and vigilance in regulation of vice, and of compulsory detention of prostitutes for curative treatment, has proved to be not only useless in preventing the spread of venereal disease, but has acted as a direct incentive to vice by creating a false sense of security." (6) "We hold that the unlimited power which the clause in the War Regulations Bill confers on the Governor-in-Council would, if passed, not only open the way to State regulation of vice, but would also tend to the creation of a bureaucracy which would be a grave menace to democratic government."

BLUFF.

July. Meeting held, attendance good. In reply to an appeal, it was decided to send parcel of woollen comforts to mine-sweepers early next month.

HASTINGS.

June. The W.C.T.U., as well as the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist Churches and the Salvation Army, passed the following resolution:—"As loyal citizens and patriots, we deplore the failure of the Government and Parliament to give effect to the overwhelming weight of public opinion, by making provision for six o'clock closing of hotel bars, and we demand that if Parliament is not prepared of its own initiative to provide for such restrictions of the hours of liquor selling, that a referendum be taken on the question." Mesdames Hullett and Griffiths represented the Union upon a deputation to Hon. McNab urging him to support early closing, and to request the Government to bring in legislation to that effect.

GREYMOUTH.

July. Resignation of our Secretary, Mrs Hayes, received with regret. Mrs Hansen thanked Mrs Hayes for her work, and regretted that she was leaving the district. At our monthly prayer meeting we said "Good-bye" to one of our young members, Miss G. Parkinson, who is now the wife of Rev. A. J. Petrie, of St. Matthew's, Dunedin. Our Band of Hope meetings are well attended. Thanks were given to Mrs Hayes for couch donated to Sailors' Rest.

(Dunedin Union will heartily welcome our White Ribbon sister, Mrs Petrie.—Editor "White Ribbon.")

NEW BRIGHTON.

June 15. Meeting well attended. £16 8s 6d handed in for Patriotic Fund. Mrs Thompson read a very interesting paper on the decrease of drinking in the Old Country during the war.

July 20. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs Thompson and Mrs Wyatt. Decided to send a request to the School Committee to have essays written from temperance wall-sheets, the Union offering to provide prizes.

URENUI.

July 19. Meeting at residence of Mrs Smith, attendance good. Mrs Smith presided. Decided to ask Mrs Duxfield to give an address to adults on L.T.L. work. Purity literature distributed among members. Tea and cakes provided by Mrs Smith.

DUNEDIN.

Aug. 1. Mrs Don presided. Mrs Hiett unanimously elected President; Mrs Macartney Secretary. Resolved: "That this meeting of the W.C.T.U. strongly condemns the criminal inaction of the present Government in failing to give effect to the unmistakable wish of the people of the Dominion for early closing of hotel bars, as shown by 110,000 signatures to the recently circulated petition. Miss Ireland gave an interesting address on early closing and slum work."

MANAIA.

July. United with Normanby in a Sale of Produce in aid of the sailors wounded in the Battle of the North Sea. The proceeds were handed to the Hawera Red Cross Committee. The total is a little over £214, beating all former Hawera Red Cross efforts by 1d.

Aug. 1. Mrs Duxfield inaugurated an L.T.L., 21 members.

Aug. 3. Miss Powell begins her work here in the midst of a blizzard.

GREYTOWN.

July 26. Mrs Whincop presided over a fair attendance, including one visitor. Requested that all collecting cards for Patriotic Fund be handed in before the end of August. Reports were read of W.C.T.U. work in other parts of the world, which were most encouraging.

AUCKLAND.

July 12. Mrs Cook presided. A vote of sympathy with the relations of the late J. J. Craig was passed. Several members rendered songs and recitations, and Miss Dewar and Miss Evans gave inspiring addresses. Afternoon tea was served, and a collection taken up for the Fighting Fund.

July 26. Mrs Cook presided over a good attendance. Decided, at the Mayor's request, to take part in the street collection for the Serbian Relief Fund. Votes of sympathy passed to several members who have lost sons at the Front. Decided to send

a letter of condolence to the relatives of the late Mrs Oldham. Mrs Mason was thanked for presenting the Union with a beautiful banner. Mrs Garroway gave a short humorous speech. Five new members were initiated.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Has been very busy lately. Undertook the catering for the Winter Show. There were many hands, but the work was not light. However, the returns were satisfactory, and a nucleus has been banked for a fund for W.C.T.U. Hall and Hostel. As the result of a stall run by Mrs McKenzie, assisted by W.C.T.U. workers, £15 was added to our Patriotic Fund, which amounted to £100. £10 was handed over to the Patriotic Society. Help is being sent to the mine-sweepers. A committee has been appointed to provide supper and attendance at the skating rink two nights a week. Our President, Mrs Crabbe, never spares herself, and can always be trusted to take more than her full share of the work. White Ribbon Day was celebrated by a social afternoon, tea, songs, piano solos, recitations. An address was given, and a collection taken up.

WARKWORTH.

The Warkworth Branch of the W.C.T.U. held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 27th July. In spite of bad weather, attendance was good. Mrs Hamilton presided. Mrs Tip-lady was elected Secretary, in place of Miss Miller, who has left the district. One new member was initiated. Mrs Attwood, as delegate, gave an interesting report of the No-License Conference held recently in Auckland. After a short discussion on 6 o'clock closing, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

LOWER HUTT.

July 26. A social at the residence of Mrs Jos. Knight. The weather was very wet, and our Petone friends were unable to come. Mrs Franklyn presided, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

August 1. Business meeting held, weather bad, attendance fair. Mrs Houlder, District President, paid us a visit. Reported that £130 5s 6d had been collected by the Union for Patriotic Fund, and sixteen petition forms had been filled by the Union.

KAIKORAI.

July 29. President in the chair, attendance small. A letter read from N.Z. Alliance asking for delegates to their meetings. Decided to donate a small sum to their funds. Meeting closed with Benediction.

N.E. VALLEY.

July 17. A social evening at Mrs Hislop's to bid farewell to our Secretary, Miss Begg, who is going to Samoa. A musical programme was rendered. Mrs Hislop, on behalf of the Union, presented Miss Begg with