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a travelling bag, and in a neat little speech spoke of Miss Begg's long and faithful service to the Union, their regret at losing her, and their prayers and good wishes would ever go with her. Mrs Don spoke a few words, and "God Save the King" was sung.

July 27. Mrs Hislop presided. Mrs Peart was elected Secretary. The sum of £17 had been collected for the Patriotic Fund. Mrs Peryman gave a very helpful address on "Patriotism."

OXFORD.

July 27. Mrs Ryde presided, and was welcomed back after her absence. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs Comyns and Mrs Whyte in their bereavement, and with Miss McIntosh in her illness. Resolved to offer prizes to school children for essays on the "Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body." Decided to send warm clothing to the mine-sweepers. Mrs Comyns was appointed delegate to the Provincial Convention. Miss Caverhill read an interesting paper written by Mr L. M. Isitt on the "Life and Work of Mr T. E. Taylor." Decided to telegraph our M.P. re six o'clock closing. One new member initiated. Collection in aid of the mine-sweepers.

At a meeting of the Junior Band of Hope addresses were given by Miss Anderson and Mr Scherade. At the Senior Band of Hope Rev. Bain presided, and a good programme was given.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

June 13. Meeting held at Amethyst Hall. Attendance good. Mrs Thorndon gave a short, helpful address. A vote of sympathy passed with Mr Dewe in the loss of his wife, a valued member of the W.C.T.U. All members are expected to bring a visitor to the meetings.

July 11. Over 40 ladies assembled to hear Mrs Cooper's paper on "Influence." It was much enjoyed. A musical programme was given, and afternoon tea was handed round.

NELSON Y's.

July 7. Four new members received. Miss Bell appointed Press Reporter. An autograph album, containing the signatures of members, was presented to Miss Weymouth as a small token of love. Miss Weymouth has done good work gaining new members for the Union, and we are

sorry to part with her. Supper was handed round.

At the L.T.L. meeting there were 24 new members, bringing the total up to 61. The Y's are training the children for a Temperance Service of Song.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

July 21. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presiding. Mrs Nimmo gave an account of the result of the "Local Appeal for Comforts for the Mine Sweepers of the North Sea." The following resolutions were passed:—That this Union resents deeply the attempts of several Members of Parliament during the second reading and debate of the War Regulations Bill, as stated in the press, to make it appear that 6 o'clock closing is asked for on account of drunkenness among soldiers. This is demanded solely as a War Measure, on the grounds of National economy, and efficiency, the petitioners believing that the struggle in which the Empire is engaged is so serious that the waste in alcoholic liquors and similar luxuries constitutes a distinct menace at a time when every penny and every ounce of efficiency may be needed to ensure victory. That this Union emphatically repeats its demand that any powers to deal with certain diseases should be defined and passed by Parliament, and not left to regulation by the Governor-in-Council.

NAPIER.

July 4. White Ribbon Day celebrated, Mrs Venables presiding. Mrs Munro, of Te Hauke, gave an interesting address on her mission work among the Maoris, and spoke of the great hindrance which strong drink is to that work. Items were rendered by the Maori scholars from Hukarere School. Two new members initiated. Mrs Munro sang a solo and afternoon tea was handed round.

July 18. Special meeting to arrange for Patriotic Fair and Jumble Sale.

July 27. Patriotic Fair and Jumble Sale opened by Mrs E. McCarthy, who spoke in high appreciation of the work at the Front being done by the Y.M.C.A. A concert was given in the evening.

August 1. Mrs Venables presided, and made feeling reference to the loss the Union had sustained by the passing away of Mrs Oldham. A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mr Oldham and Miss Harrison. Decided to hold a second meeting in the month, to be an educational one.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Mrs Upton presided in the absence of the President. Prizes to be offered for medal contests if Y's will take up that branch of our work. A resolution strongly protesting against the action of the Government (and our own Member in particular) re 6 o'clock closing, and demanding a referendum was passed. Our share of profits from Mrs McKenzie's Sale of Work was £3 3s., which was forwarded to Y.M.C.A. Fund. Major Watson acknowledged case of tinned dainties, which were sent to Ismailia and divided among Wanganui boys. Parcel to be sent to mine sweepers.

MASTERTON.

August 1. Mrs Davenport presided. Rev J. Dawson gave a helpful and encouraging address. Resolved to send flowers for sale in aid of mine sweepers. President and Secretary appointed to represent the Union at a Welcome to be given to Colonel Dean. Invitation received to their anniversary from Greytown Union. Following garments sent to Seamen's Union at Lyttelton:—10 pairs sox, 6 Balaclavas, 2 oilskin Balaclavas, 2 singlets, 1 underpants, 1 pair mittens, 2 mufflers.

PAHIATUA.

July 6. Mrs Neal presided. Resolved: "That this meeting of the Pahiatua Branch of the W.C.T.U. respectfully urges the Government, in the interests of economy and efficiency, to give effect to the prayer of 100,000 electors, that public-house bars may be closed at 6 p.m. during the war and for six months afterwards." Resolved: "That this Union views with much apprehension the wide scope of the powers proposed by the War Regulations Bill to be given to the Governor-in-Council in the matter of venereal diseases, and trusts that no attempt will be made to introduce any of the obnoxious features of the C.D. Acts." These resolutions to be sent to the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, and our M.P.

NGAERE.

Aug. 1. Meeting held at Mrs Saunders'. Decided to start a Loyal Temperance League. Mrs Duxfield, of Wanganui, being invited to address an inaugural meeting next Tuesday. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs Tichbon and Mrs Best. Letters from the Wellington Red Cross League received. The Superintendent reported having forwarded the following last month from members and