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cil in the face of all protests is an insult to the enfranchised womanhood of the country. (3) That this meeting of Gisborne women wish to bring before the Minister for War Regulations the desirability of appointing women police, to visit railway stations and wharves, patrol slum areas, keep a watchful eye on houses of ill-fame, and visit public parks to prevent young women from being molested. The authorities are also expected to put detectives on the track of persons suspected of endeavouring to decoy young girls.

### NELSON.

September 12. Mrs Hill reported £53 2s 6d sent to our Patriotic Fund. Vote of thanks passed to all who had helped to raise this amount. Miss Weymouth spoke a few words of farewell, also Miss Lowe, of Dunedin. £1 was collected for the N.Z. Fund. Preliminary arrangements were made for the annual Sale of Work. Visiting committee formed to bring members into touch with one another. Donation of £9 received from the Y branch.

### CAMBRIDGE.

August 1. Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Shepherd's. Mrs Jones gave a most interesting address, and one new member was initiated. 12 scarves, 4 flannels, 9 pairs mittens, 2 pairs socks, 7 balaclavas, and 3 chest protectors sent to mine-sweepers.

September 5. Splendid attendance, address by Miss Powell. Two new members initiated.

### MARTON.

September 14. Mrs Scott elected Treasurer, and Mrs Russell, Evangelical Superintendent. Decided to provide a maternity bag for use by the district nurse. Discussion on anti-shouting. A very successful meeting for a newly organised Union.

### TIMARU.

September 26. Sailor's Rest reported a very good month's work, the men from the vessels show their appreciation by frequent visits, and by letters written to Mr Good after they leave the port. Motions of sympathy passed to Mrs Brooker and Mrs Norrie who have lost sons, and to the family of the late Mrs Harris. Mrs Trott read a report of the District Convention. Resolved: That we regret the action of the Borough Council in extending the time for Sunday bathing at Caroline Bay. This was

done at the request of 270 petitioners, no others being given an opportunity of expressing an opinion. £1 donated to Organising Fund.

### LOWER HUTT.

Oct. 3. Attendance small. Two members appointed to visit all absentees, and invite them to attend the annual meeting in November. Decided to hold a Cradle Roll social on Wednesday, 18th, at Mrs Fretny's.

### OXFORD.

Sept. 26. Franchise Day celebrated. Votes of sympathy passed to Mrs Helen Barton on the loss of her son, killed in action, and to Mrs Thompson in her accident. Decided to hold a Cradle Roll social on the date of our next monthly meeting. Notice of motion given to discuss at next meeting the question of a more convenient day than Tuesday to hold our meetings. Miss Gainsford, who is returning to mission work, spoke a few words of farewell, and was thanked for her help to the Union during her stay. The Junior Band of Hope elected the following officers:—Pres., D. Constable; Sec., W. Newport; Organist, M. Campbell.

### GREYTOWN.

Sept. Resolved to send letters to lonely soldiers. Regret expressed that rum ration had been given to soldiers arriving at Trentham on Friday, September 29th. Arranged to hold social on November 7th. Urgent request for old linen for hospital use at Featherston Camp.

### INVERCARGILL.

Oct. 3. Resolved that prizes be awarded to the town schools for essays on the Temperance Wall Sheets, Mrs Baird and Mrs Kilburn to supervise the matter. Letters of sympathy sent to Mr and Mrs J. S. Baxter and Mrs W. Waugh on the loss of their sons at the Front. Mrs Baird gave an address on "Women's Franchise." The Women's Christian Temperance Union express regret that there is not a fuller acknowledgment of the nation's dependence on God as to the issues of the war, and deplores the extravagance and waste in intemperance and gambling on the part of a great many.

Sept. 5. Mrs Baird voiced our disappointment at Parliament's failure to grant six o'clock closing. Patriotic work—Mrs Harper, 90 pairs of socks, a knitted scarf; Mrs Hamilton, £5 value in goods and cash. A vote of appreciation of Parliament's action in giving us the anti-shouting law was

carried. Southland Branches have contributed to our Patriotic Fund: Otautau, £22; Edendale, £11 2s; Tuatapere, £10 18s 6d; Mataura, £9; Bluff, £6 1s 3d; Invercargill Central, £44 14s 6d, making a total of £103 16s 3d.

### URENUI.

Sept. 19. Gospel Temperance meeting for Maoris was discussed, but a difficulty was found in getting an interpreter. Report received of L.T.L. work, and money voted for requisites for the same.

### ASHBURTON.

Aug. 8. Votes of sympathy passed with Mr and Mrs Collins in the death of Corporal Collins, killed in action; also with Mrs McDonald in the loss of her mother. Resignation of Miss Wise accepted with regret. Mesdames Frost and McEwen elected delegates to Provincial Convention. First annual report of the Shanghai W.C.T.U. was received and read with much interest.

Sept. Votes of sympathy passed with Mr and Mrs Frampton in the death of Corporal Frampton in France; also with Mrs W. Reid in the death of her brother. The delegates submitted report of the Convention, and were heartily thanked for the same.

### WARKWORTH.

Sept. 28. Mrs Hamilton presided. Decided that we hold our meetings in future on the first Thursday in the month (commencing November). The President (Mrs Hamilton) read an article from the "White Ribbon." The general business of the meeting was urging work and sacrifice in the present world trouble, and for the Provincial and Dominion Conventions.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Meeting held on September 21st, as officers were at Provincial Convention on the usual meeting-day. Mrs Brackenbridge gave a very full account of the Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mesdames Evans, Boxall, Wright, Houlder, and Brierley were formed into a committee for visiting the sick and absent ones.

### CAMBRIDGE.

Oct. 3. 15 members present. The sum of £1 8s donated to the Organising Fund. Vote of sympathy passed with Mrs McCann in the loss of her