

FEILDING.

May 3. Attendance fair. Mrs Beattie presided. Miss Jordan gave a fine report of Convention. Mrs Napier spoke on our work in Scotland. Votes of thanks to Miss Jordan and Mrs Napier.

WAITOA.

April 18. At Mrs Perrott's. Attendance, 8; new members, 4; new subscribers "White Ribbon," 2.

May 2. At Mrs Black's. Attendance, 7; new members, 2; new subscribers "White Ribbon," 2.

May 1. L.T.L. started with 20 members.

WANGANUI Y's.

April 23. 30 present. One new member initiated. Mrs Napier gave a splendid address, and urged the girls to remember it was a Christian Union, and to keep close to our Heavenly Father. Collection, 10s 2d.

L.T.L.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

March 22. West End Branch. Address by Rev. Haslem on 'Honesty.' Good attendance. Part of collection donated to Sick and Wounded Fund.

Feb. 9. Campbell Street Branch. Attendance good, and officers elected. Mr Low, headmaster of College Street School, gave an address on "Food" on March 16.

March 3. United picnic. Games and afternoon tea filled in a pleasant afternoon.

March 14. Terrace End Branch. Officers elected. A Boy Scouts team was formed, and a Girls' First Aid Class.

The laboratory and the life insurance records simply give exact expression to what has long been a matter of common knowledge to the employer of labour, and to the leaders and commanders of men, to wit, that the influence of alcohol in any large groups of men, whether they be artisans or soldiers, is harmful and lowers the efficiency of the group. Individual susceptibility varies, but the man who thinks he is an exception and can indulge with safety may find that he is mistaken only after serious damage to the body has been done, and perhaps a definite loss sustained in happiness and achievement.—Irving Fisher, Professor of Political Economy in Yale University.

THE CLARION CALL OF THE
W.C.T.U.

Wanted, every man and woman to join our prayer campaign. Pray for Drink's removal to conserve the Nation's food, Shipping Space, Physical Efficiency, Moral Strength, and Spiritual Power.

Send your name, address, and subscription to nearest local Union, or direct to Mrs Lee-Cowie, Amethyst Hall, Invercargill. We want every woman of every creed and class to join us now. Sign our pledge, pay 2s 7d a year, wear our white bow, and pray with all your heart and soul and strength until we get prohibition.

The boys are calling to the lonely mothers on the distant hill,
The patient watcher by the silent mill,
The weeping maid who watched her lover go,
The stricken widow bowed with weight of woe,
The call comes loud and tense and clear—
Oh, women, save your boys, destroy the Beer.

By shattered nerves and missing limbs we cry,
Our blind eyes lifted up to God on high;
Oh, gentle women, work and pray and think,
To save us from the fell destroyer—
Drink.

The bullets whiz, the bombs are hurtling round,
For us on foreign soil no lull is found;
But deadlier far in power to wound and kill,
The product of the serpent liquor still.
Men of our Nation, women join to pray,
And sweep the cruel traffic right away.

"It's no use waving a neutral flag in front of a shark."—Lloyd George.

What about the liquor traffic?

"The sins ye do by two and two ye shall pay for one by one."—Kipling.

"Follow not a multitude to do evil."

"We treat this evil as though it were a tame cat, whereas it is a wild tiger."—Rev. Ross.

"We know the power of banded ill,
But feel that love is mightier still,
And organise for doing good
New Zealand's loyal womanhood."
—Whittier.

Banish the Beer, save our sons.

Friends and funds wanted for the Women's Great Prohibition Campaign. Join us now. "Cease to do evil, learn to do well."

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

BANKRUPTED BY DRINK.

The following sad confession is given in a recent issue of the "Pittsburgh Dispatch":—

"A gripping sentence of eight words, telling apparently the story of a wrecked life and the squandering of a fortune, was detected yesterday on a dollar bill, by Paul Wentz, a jeweller, of this place. It read: 'The last of 100,000dol. Booze done it all!' Mr Wentz does not recall who gave him the bill. He has placed it on exhibition."

Government Control of Liquor Traffic.—We notice that Mr Lloyd George's policy is likely to include Government control of the liquor traffic. Russia had State Control, and to enable her to win this war it was not judged to be sufficient. She had to go beyond State Control, and adopt Prohibition. If the British State can control the liquor traffic, she will do what no nation, ancient or modern, has ever succeeded in doing.

Ashburton. 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 97; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss A. C. Watson, 84, Cameron St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Asst. Treas., Mrs J. H. Dent, Wills St.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Ogilvie, Victoria St., Richmond.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs E. James; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. H. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.