

ciency Board in reference to the licensed liquor trade." Resolved that we express our great appreciation of the Government's action in setting apart for a national day of prayer October 7th, and also in the appeal made to ministers of religion to use their influence in connection with the war loan. Decided to print the above resolutions in the local papers. Decided to purchase 5s worth of purity books.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Sept. Mrs Lee-Cowie's visit a great success. Her open-air meeting was a great success; a fine crowd listened most attentively. At her Sunday afternoon Bible Class Rally over 200 came out on the side of Temperance. The Unions here both benefited by new members and collections, and literature sales were also splendid.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Aug. 9. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Resolved: "That the Christchurch Branch of the W.C.T.U. protests most emphatically against the inadequacy of the sentence recently passed by the Dunedin Magistrate upon the man Ebzery. The Union places on record its sense of indignation with the feeble state of the law dealing with such offences. That a procurer should apparently be liable at most to a sentence of 12 months only is, in the judgment of the W.C.T.U., nothing short of a legal scandal. In view of the unutterable wrong procurers inflict upon their victims and the shameful issue of venereal diseases in those allured through the machinations of the procurer, the Union urges the Government to increase the penalty, and make it, at least, equivalent to the penalties attached to the comparatively innocuous crimes of forgery, arson, and assault. The Union protests most vigorously against such a man as Ebzery being permitted to contaminate the King's uniform, and the King's soldiers, by enlistment, even though eligible for the ballot." Forwarded to Hon J. Hanan, Minister for Justice.

Aug. 22. Miss Roberts presided. Attendance good. Small deputation to wait upon Mayor re women's meeting. Mesdames Drenner and Paterson delegates to Provincial Convention. Following resolutions were passed:—

"The Christchurch Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union records its appreciation of the work of the National Efficiency Board, more especially with regard to its recommendations concerning the liquor traffic, such recommendations being in accord with true patriotism, common-sense, and a fitting estimate of the importance of the physical well-being of our people. The Union earnestly hopes the Board will reconsider its decision regarding resignation, hold-

ing the country has need of the valuable services of the Board in this time of sore stress." To be forwarded to Chairman of Board.

"The Christchurch Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union heartily supports the recommendations of the National Efficiency Board in respect to the liquor traffic, and earnestly urges the National Government to give immediate effect to the same. The members of the Union ask this in the name of true patriotism, and of the physical well-being of the nation. In view of the widely and often expressed desire of the people of New Zealand for drastic measures of reform in connection with the liquor traffic, the Union can but marvel at the Government's feeble and pusillanimous attitude towards this giant evil, inimical to the highest and best interests of the community, whether considered from a moral, physical, or financial aspect." To be forwarded to Mr Massey and Sir Joseph Ward.

TAURANGA.

Aug. 29. Ten members present, Mrs Chappell presiding. Mrs Turner reported a very successful start with the L.T.L. Mrs Ridley heartily thanked for her effort in connection with Cradle Roll. Decided that Mrs Turner arrange for delegate to Provincial Convention. Parcels for mine-sweepers to be left with Mrs Petchell.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Sept. Meeting held in Constable Street Rooms, over which Mrs Evans, M.A., presided. Letters of condolence and sympathy were sent to several members whose relatives were killed and wounded. The subject of Mrs Evans' address was "Good Citizenship," which was thoroughly appreciated by all present. The Mothers' Thought Guild pamphlet was read, and several present wished to become members. One new member was initiated.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

July 31. Decided to hold a special conversazione for members, and to invite young ladies to attend, in order to consider question of re-starting Greymouth Band of Hope and a "Y" branch. Resolved to help mine-sweepers' clothing effort, print appeal in papers, etc.

Aug. 13. Conversazione duly held, enjoyable and successful. Monthly prayer meeting next day.

Aug. 28. Mrs Gaskin presiding. Sister Bell reported a special gathering of girls and sub-committee, when a "Y" branch was organised, the pledge being signed by intending members. Band of Hope to be held same evening as "Y," at an earlier hour. Various parcels for mine-sweepers received. Decided to co-operate with newly organised No-License League re 6 o'clock closing.

Resolution re early closing passed; copies sent to League, to Prime Minister, M.P., etc. Members desired also to write individually.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

No meeting in July, owing to absence of President.

Aug. 9. Good attendance. Two new subscribers to "White Ribbon." The President gave an address on women's work in other centres.

Sept. Mrs Judson's circular to headmasters was read and discussed. The President gave an address on the "Teaching of Sex Hygiene in Infancy, Childhood, and Youth." In regard to appeal from N.Z. Alliance, it was agreed to co-operate with A.T.R.C.

LEIGH, AUCKLAND.

At the suggestion of Mrs Cowie when visiting the district some weeks ago, a number of ladies agreed to form a branch of the W.C.T.U., and on August 4th the Dominion Organizer was present, and the members were duly initiated. The officers are: Pres., Miss C. A. Matheson; Sec., Miss E. Matheson; Treas., Miss A. Matheson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames D. Matheson and J. C. Wyatt; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss J. Wyatt; and "White Ribbon" Correspondent, Mrs L. Wyatt. A public meeting was arranged for August 6th, to take the form of a social, with an address by Miss Powell.

ONEHUNGA.

This Branch was opened nearly three years ago, but during the early part of this year the interest and attendance seemed to flag. Last July Miss Weymouth (Organising Secretary) spent two days in Onehunga trying to get new members, and at the July meeting reported having gained eleven new members, and the Branch was reorganised.

Aug. An evening meeting. Miss Weymouth spoke on the work of the W.C.T.U., by request. A good attendance gave cause for encouragement. Decided to help in the appeal on behalf of the mine-sweepers. A pianoforte solo was rendered and a duet sung during the evening.

OTAMATEA.

I tuano he mitini mate roopu wahine karaitiana Otamatea i roto ite whare o Karaka Paikea ite tahi o nga haora ite ahiahi. Kakarakiata E. Karaka Paikea ka himenetia 23 onga himene a iwhakamutu ano eta kite inoi. Ite onga o Sept. Ka whakapuaretia te whare ite Perehitini monga take. Take tuatahi koohi marama. Take tuarua he mihi nate Perehitini kitetahi o matou tuakana mema kia Tuhi K. Paikea irunga i tona puoritanga kua pahure ake nei a tae ahi o mihi ate roopu wahine katoa. Kingi hoa tae atu kinga taitamariki tane wahine atu hoki o ihui mai neikitenei roopu tanga a matou. Kaati ra kote take e tureiti nei nga