

parcel of warm clothing for mine-sweepers. Resolution passed at Convention for distribution amongst schoolmasters. Decided to send copy to our local schoolmaster. Mrs Nicholson's resignation as "White Ribbon" Agent was received with regret, and Mrs Mercer appointed. Cup of tea was handed round.

LOWER HUTT.

Aug. 7. The President, Mrs Baltyne in the chair. Decided that Mrs Hayes represent the Union at the Provincial Convention, and several matters were discussed to be brought before Convention. A circular was read from the Superintendent for Work Among Seamen, appealing for warm clothing for the mine-sweepers. Decided to collect, and Mrs Shearer was appointed superintendent. Arrangements were made for meetings for 24th and 25th August, when Mrs Lee-Cowie will address mothers on Friday afternoon, and a public meeting on Saturday evening. Books have been purchased for the library and, Mrs Turner was appointed librarian.

WANGANUI EAST.

Aug. 31. The Anglican School-room was filled by the members and their friends. Mrs Duxfield presided. Correspondence from the Premier re six o'clock closing resolution; stated that legislation would be brought down in the House during the present session dealing with the liquor question. Sixteen new members were initiated, and 19 new names were added to the Cradle Roll. The members briefly discussed a paper by Miss A. Morrison on "The Fitness of Women for the Franchise," read by Mrs Duxfield. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Union members. Songs were rendered most acceptably by Miss Bowater, Mrs Dowsett, and Miss Elsie Andrew. The following articles were donated to mine-sweepers:—29 pairs sox, 2 Balaclavas, 2 chest protectors, 4 scarves, 2 pairs gloves, 1 pair mits, 3 singlets, 1 pair underpants, and £1 6s 6d in donations. As the time for receiving donations has been extended to the end of September, the Secretary will be pleased to receive further parcels from those who have not yet helped in this worthy object. It is expected that Miss Cruickshank, M.A., M.Sc., Principal of the Girls' College, will address the next monthly meeting, so a good attendance is requested.

NELSON.

Aug. 14. Mrs Watson presided. One new member initiated. Appeal from Mrs Nimmo read on behalf of the mine-sweepers. Resolved to make a special appeal to the members and the general public. Decided that Miss Weymouth's visit be postponed till after Convention next year, in order that she may be free to finish her work in Auckland amongst the Y's and L.T.L. Decided that Franchise Day be celebrated at next Union

meeting, Mrs Graham to give an address on the Initiative and the Referendum, the collection to be for the N.Z. Organising Fund. £5 voted for 6 o'clock closing campaign expenses, £3 from the Union funds, the remainder to be collected. Resolved to hold a District Convention on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in November; small committee appointed to arrange details. Decided that the Annual Sale of Work should take place towards the end of October; at a subsequent meeting the day was fixed for October 17th. Two Good Citizenship meetings have been held, the subject under consideration being the terms of a world-charter at the close of the war, based on a pamphlet by Paul Otter.

BLenheim.

Aug. 1. Mrs Litchfield presided, 15 present. Letter received asking our help on behalf of the British mine-sweepers. Proposed that our Union spend £6 in buying woollen garments. Decided also to advertise in papers asking contributions from the public. Decided to ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to visit Blenheim during October.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

July 14. As a W.C.T.U. is debarred from guessing competitions, raffles, etc., the sum of £83 was a satisfactory sum from straight-out selling on the Patriotic Mart Day.

Aug. 3. Mrs Lee-Cowie's mission extended over five days. Seven new members were added to Fitzroy Union, and 13 to New Plymouth. A weekly prayer meeting is held every Friday at 3 p.m. in the Lodge Room, and is now very much better attended than at first.

July 25. White Ribbon Day was held at the home of the President. A good collection was taken for Maori work. Mrs Cocker was appointed superintendent for collecting garments for the mine-sweepers and ship-wrecked sailors.

GISBORNE.

Aug. 28. Treasurer's Day, many subs. being paid, 24 present. Miss East reported £19 in money, besides several articles, in response to the appeal on behalf of mine-sweepers. £3 6s was passed to be paid to Organising Fund. Agreed to send a resolution to the Government upholding the Efficiency Board's work. Fifty copies of "Defeat" to be ordered for distribution. A monthly copy of the "White Ribbon" to be paid for by the Union, to be placed on the Gisborne Library table.

HAWERA.

Aug. 30. Miss Maunder presided, and 23 ladies were present. Mrs Bone reported that £58 had been raised for the mine-sweepers. Decided that Franchise Day be celebrated on the last Thursday in September, and that afternoon tea be provided. Twelve new members were initiated.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Aug. 17. White Ribbon Day and a gift social, to provide funds for a stall at the Spring Show, was an unqualified success. The programme consisted of songs and recitations, after which afternoon tea was handed round.

Aug. 27. Special meeting to discuss the matter of our Union establishing a hostel in Palmerston North for soldiers' next of kin. A Board of Management was formed, consisting of 24 of our members, and they are working quite hard to try and get things in good working order.

PAHIATUA.

Aug. 23. Mrs Neal (President) in the chair. Decided to arrange an afternoon and evening meeting for Mrs Lee-Cowie. Mrs Captain Huston, a member from Ashburton, welcomed, and three members initiated. In response to a letter from the President, a reply was received from Mr G. Harold Smith, M.P., signifying his intention to support the appointment of women police when the measure comes before the House. A beloved member, Nurse Wilton, has passed away, after a serious operation. Several other members have been called upon to suffer affliction during the last few months. Future meetings will begin at 2.30 p.m., the first half-hour to be devoted to prayer.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Aug. 17. A well-attended meeting, Mrs McDonald presiding. Much satisfaction expressed at the report of the Efficiency Board on the liquor trade. A mother enquired could nothing be done to prevent rum ration being served to boys, who had not previously taken it, after a route march. In supporting a resolution in favour of 6 o'clock closing, reference was made to the disgraceful riot of Saturday night last, and the hope expressed that the Government would realise that the open bar is a menace to law and order. Mesdames Ritson and McDonald delegates to Provincial Convention.

Aug. 30. An At Home at the residence of Mrs McGowan. Mrs S. Evans presided, and Mrs Narier gave an account of our work in Edinburgh, and urged strict economy in dress and food. Votes of thanks to speaker and hostess.

CAMBRIDGE.

Aug. 7. Good attendance, Mrs James presiding. Decided to advertise in local papers for donations for mine-sweepers. Decided to donate £1 to Prohibition campaign, also to circulate "Defeat" and copies of Mrs Cowie's poem.

Sept. 4. Meeting opened with a prayer meeting. Resolved: "That this meeting respectfully urges the Government, in view of the increasing strain upon the moral, physical, and financial powers of the nation, to carry into effect the reasonable recommendations of the National Effi-