

the guests, and expressed pleasure to see so many Y's present. Convention report given by delegates. Miss Rowlands, Y delegate, gave a short account of Convention. Dr. Godfrey spoke. He considered women police an acute necessity. Musical programme contributed. Supper and vote of thanks to Mrs Crabb closed the proceedings.

NGAERE.

April 2. Meeting at Mrs Morrison's. Small attendance. List of missing and reported dead members of military forces, enquired about by friends, to be placed in prominent place. Resolved to hand over maternity bag to Salvation Army for use of sufferers through Waimarino fire.

LYTTELTON.

April 3. Monthly meeting held. Mrs Todd presided, eight members being present. In connection with Union a Purity Class has been formed, and am pleased to say we have a membership of 28, with an attendance of 18 every Tuesday evening.

KAIKORAI.

March. Good attendance. Mrs Napier present, and gave inspiring address; very helpful. Mrs Lee-Cowie present, spoke encouragingly; much appreciated. Touching allusion made to the late Dr. Bedford, members standing the while.

TAKAPUNA.

March 7. President (Mrs Fulljames) in chair; 18 present. Officers elected. Mrs Smeeton, of Auckland, gave an inspiring address, especially urging mothers to safeguard their daughters. White Ribbon picnic arranged for 21st of present month.

LEIGH.

This Union, through stress of circumstances, has not been reported for some time. One or two meetings having to be passed over, a postponed meeting was held on March 9th, the President (Mrs J. C. Wyatt) in the chair. Decided to make an effort to raise funds for patriotic purposes.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

March 13. The hall was full. Mrs Pasley (President) presided. Meeting took the form of mothers' afternoon. Splendid addresses by Rev. Hughes (Baptist minister) and Mrs Morrison. Two sick visitors appointed. Mrs Garrett and Mrs Parkin again nominated for seats at coming School Committee elections. Three new members elected. Afternoon tea handed round.

April 9. Although the weather was bad, 27 members attended. Mrs Fairbairn, our delegate to Convention, gave a splendid report of work done there, special emphasis being given to matters and work affecting our own Branch. Arrangements were made

for forwarding the election of two of our members at the coming School Committee election. (At the election the Mayor headed the poll, our two members coming next with equal votes, three votes under the Mayor's.) Three new members were welcomed.

GREYTOWN.

Feb. 26. Meeting held in Presbyterian Sunday School, Mrs Quin (Vice-President) in the chair. Resolutions by Mrs Crabb read and passed. One new "White Ribbon" subscriber secured.

PUKEKOHE.

March 7. Meeting held in Methodist Church. Mrs Vaut presided. Election of officers confirmed: Pres., Mrs Vaut; Vice-Pres., Mrs Stevenson; Mrs Honeyford; Treas., Mrs Wilson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Curnow; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Stevenson. Mrs Routley, a visiting member from Wellington, gave us an encouraging address, urging us to press on, and to keep our Branch alive by taking up one or more departments of work.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

April. Mrs Evans, M.A., presided. The following resolution was passed: "That the Government be asked to protect our returned soldiers by closing the hotels on the day of their arrival, when indiscreet friends many times lead them into temptations, which injure them morally and physically." Mesdames Houlder, Boxall, and Mowlem were elected members of the deputation to Parliament. Mrs Evans gave an interesting account of Convention, which all enjoyed.

HAWERA.

March 28.—Mrs Young presided. Reported five new members to L.T.L. and officers elected. Special prayers offered up.

April 25.—Mrs J. S. Young presided. Reports of Convention by our proxy and by Miss Maunder. Discussion postponed till next meeting.

PETONE.

March 5. Attendance good. Mrs Ashby presiding. Decided to forward resolution re anti-smoking to all who are educating the young.

March 20.—Social afternoon at Mrs Jones's. Musical items were rendered, and a reading by Mrs Hollard. Mrs Rowse thanked our hostess.

TIMARU.

March 26.—Thirty-five present, Mrs Rule presiding. Delegate appointed to Council of Workers' Education Council. Report from Sailor's Rest: 53 men paid 120 visits to Rest. Vote of thanks to all who helped at Convention. Social held to introduce new members, and to discuss plans of work. Three hospital visitors appointed.

INVERCARGILL.

April 2.—Mrs Baird presided. Meeting for mothers with social cup of tea. Mrs Morrison gave an able and instructive address. Mrs Macalister reported on her visit to Ryal Bush Union, which started with a membership of 22. Miss Weymouth also spoke.

EDEN.

March 20.—Miss Wilson presided. Good attendance. Mrs Peryman's tribute to Professor Bedford was read from "Vanguard." Resolved to send greeting to Convention. Decided to ask Central Union to discuss at United Executive the closing of hotel bars when soldiers are arriving or leaving any part of New Zealand. Two new members.

MATAKANA.

February 28.—Members to supply in turn readings for each meeting. Letters of sympathy to Mrs E. Roke, Mrs Pattison and Mrs E. O. Brown. Reading by President.

March 21.—Meeting at Big Omaha; fair attendance. Resolved: "That this Union endorses the criticism of Miss Rout's letter by the Editor of "White Ribbon," and is of opinion that houses of ill-fame are detrimental to the morals and efficiency of our soldiers." Attention drawn to number of abortion cases, and suggested that W.C.T.U. draw the attention of our Government to the serious menace to our birthrate. Afternoon tea was handed round, and appreciated by visitors from a distance.

ONEHUNGA.

March 14. Good attendance. Arrangements made for our day at Soldiers' Club. Afternoon tea handed round.

April 11. Mothers' meeting, Mrs Logan presiding. Plunkett Nurse Wilson gave an interesting address, and was heartily thanked. Two new members.

ASHBURTON.

April 2. Good attendance, Mrs Lill presiding. Decided to co-operate with other Unions to raise funds for N.Z. White Ribbon Hutment. Decided to send letter of thanks to manager of Farmers' Co operative for complying with request of Social Hygiene Superintendent. The banners presented at Convention were received, and President urged members to do their best to retain honours banner in 1919. Our life members were welcomed, and badges presented. Miss Watson gave report of Convention, and was thanked.

Moral suasion for the drinking man,
Mental suasion for the thinking man,
Legal suasion for the drunkard-maker,
Prison suasion for the statute-breaker.