

April 11. A large attendance of members. Mrs Boag presided. A report of Convention was read by the delegate. Decided to start the Band of Hope for this season on 26th April, and to hold it fortnightly when possible. One new member.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Feb. 13. Miss Henderson presided. Reported that City Council had granted permission to erect a tent on Cathedral Square for sale of gifts for Red Cross work. Balance-sheet read and adopted, and Treasurer and Auditor thanked. Mrs Saxton, Misses Gordon and Roberts elected delegates to Convention, and instructions given.

March 27. Mrs Taylor presided. Decided to postpone suburban meeting till April 17th. Mrs Saxton gave a report of Convention. Decided to ask Mrs Neal to address a Cradle Roll meeting.

April 10. Miss Roberts presided over large attendance. Mrs Neal gave an address on Medical Temperance, and was thanked. Miss Bishop urged Unions to try and get women appointed on School Committees. Votes of sympathy to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Luke in reference to serious illness of Lieut. Luke in France.

April 24. Attendance good. Mrs Taylor in the chair. Decided to co-operate with Red Cross Society in sending honey to the soldiers at Home. Mrs Taylor, Mrs Sheppard, and Miss Roberts appointed delegates to Round Table Conference. Misses Roberts and Moody-Bell addressed the meeting. Reported 23 women elected on School Committees in and around Christchurch.

April 17. Successful suburban meeting at Opawa. Miss Roberts presided, and Mrs McKee and Mrs Williams gave addresses. Five new members.

SAWYER'S BAY.

April 9. A very fine report of Convention by Mrs Tiffany, our delegate. Resolved to ask storekeepers to be careful that cigarettes were not bought for children under 16. Decided to write to Health Authorities re a bad drain. Four new members.

BLLENHEIM.

March 4. Mrs Litchfield presided. Attendance good. Mrs Brewer thanked for services as reporter. Secretary to report meetings. Resolution re wet canteens in camps where New Zealand boys are was sent to Convention by our delegate.

April 2. Fair attendance. Mrs Litchfield in the chair. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Grace in the loss sustained by the death of Archdeacon Grace, and with Mrs Hoine for the loss of her mother.

April 16. Social gathering. Mrs Richards gave report of Convention, which was received with much interest, and she was heartily thanked. Musical items were rendered.

AUCKLAND.

Feb. 27. Votes of sympathy with bereaved members. Convention instructions given to delegates. Fine address on "Failure of State Control of Liquor Trade" by Mr McDermott.

March 13. Mrs Cook presided. Attendance large. Vote of sympathy with family of Mrs Yeoman. Y.M.C.A. wrote thanking members for generous supply of cakes at Featherston Camp. Superintendents of Departments appointed. Miss Hughes gave an address. Several new members.

March 27. Resolved to forward following to Minister of Defence:—"Believing that it would be in the best interests of our soldiers, we sincerely pray that hotel bars be closed on the arrival of a hospital or troop ship in New Zealand." A branch has been organised at Papatoetoe, with nine members. Nurse Wilson gave an instructive address.

April 10. Votes of sympathy to family of late Mr Richardson. The remarks of Mr Fraser, S.M., re inadvisability of showing pictures featuring crime to children were warmly commended.

April 24. Interesting and enthusiastic reports of Convention. All were delighted with the speeches of our delegates.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

April. There was a fair attendance of members. The President, Mrs Peart, presided. The meeting took the form of an evangelistic service. After praise and prayer, Mrs Peart gave a very fine address, taking as her subject 4th chapter of Esther. One new member was initiated.

CAMBRIDGE.

Feb. Chair taken by Mrs Hogan; small attendance. Decided that we carry on the Band of Hope work, committee to be elected at next meeting. Resolved that letters of sympathy be sent to Mrs C. H. Bycroft and Mrs P. Smith in their illness. Decided to vote for N.Z. officers nominated in the "White Ribbon."

March. Five members present, Mrs Watson presiding. Mesdames Watson and Hogan elected on the Band of Hope Committee. Resolved that the proceeds of Band of Hope meeting be devoted to Mine Sweepers' Fund, and that the children be encouraged to help with this work.

April 2. President, Mrs Watson, presided; 14 members present. Mrs Watson read part of Mr Lloyd George's speech. Several members prayed that help and strength may be given in this time of stress and war to the Prime Minister. Letters of sympathy to be sent to two members in sickness and bereavement.

HAMILTON.

April 11. Eleven members present. Mrs Horne gave a short talk. The President told us that Mrs Brown, a faithful worker in our Union at Mor-

rinsville and elsewhere, was lying hopelessly ill at the Hamilton Hospital. A vote of sympathy was passed. Decided that the next meeting be partly social, to enable members present and absent to meet and welcome some new ones. Decided next evangelist prayer meeting be held at Mrs Ashby's. Mrs Jones read the Social Hygiene Bill.

BLUFF.

March 28. An "At Home" to welcome Mrs Moody, our late President, who has been on a two years' visit to the Old Country. Mrs Donaldson presided, and expressed the pleasure of Mrs Moody's many friends on her safe return. Mrs Moody gave an excellent address on her first impressions of the Home Land and her work as an official visitor at the Third London General Hospital. Solos were rendered by Miss Imlay and Miss Brooks, and afternoon tea served.

April 3. Harvest Festival. Mrs Donaldson presided, and gave a brief review of the financial position of the W.C.T.U. in regard to the hall. The programme opened with an operetta entitled "The Seasons" by a number of children. The solos, recitations, and choruses were well rendered, and great credit is due to Miss Mitchell and Miss Imlay for their training. Produce, cake, jellies, and work stalls were well laden with goods, which were all rapidly bought up at the close of the programme.

WAIPIKURAU.

May 12. Small attendance. Mesdames Hopkirk and Harris were appointed delegates to Provincial Convention. Mrs Harris was appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. Miss Stirling sang two solos. Collection was taken up at close of meeting for World's Missionary Fund.

GISBORNE.

Feb. 26. Small attendance. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs Walker and Mrs Bedford, also Mr Glanville. Decided to send our President (Mrs Goffe) as delegate, and instructions were given her re voting on resolutions. Proposed and seconded that Dominion officers be re-elected, appreciation of their able services being voiced. Mrs Graham, one of our oldest members, promised to give us a resume of the early days of our Society, which began about 25 years ago. Vote of thanks to our President for providing an acceptable afternoon tea.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

April 5. A well-attended meeting. Mrs Crabb presided. Decided to cater for Winter Show, part of proceeds to go to W.C.T.U. Hutment Fund. Decided to send an emphatic protest to railway authorities re soldiers travelling in trucks.

April 16. Annual Convention social. Members and friends entertained by the President, who welcomed