

son. Mrs Watson presided, and expressed the regret of the members, and their appreciation of the work done by Mrs Emmett and Mrs Hurst. Other members spoke on the same lines, and a short programme was given of songs and a recitation, afternoon tea being also provided.

AUCKLAND.

May 22. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held. Mrs Reuben Bailey, V.P., presided. Plans for a forward movement were discussed and adopted. A letter was sent to Sir James Allen, Minister for Defence, to the effect that the members were still strongly of the opinion that hotel bars should be closed on the arrival of a troop ship, as declaring the hotels out of bounds to the soldier differentiates between the soldier and the civilian. We feel that the civilian should be placed on the same footing as the soldier, and should be called upon to make the same sacrifice. One new member was initiated.

NGAERE.

May 7. Meeting at residence of Mrs X. Jones, 16 present. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Jemison for her splendid report on Convention. The delegates for the District Convention, to be held in Stratford on June 13th, are Mrs Lambert and Miss Walker. Miss N. Johnson was made convener of Flower Mission meetings, a meeting to be held as soon as possible.

LEIGH.

May 4. President in the chair. Five visitors in attendance. Decided to hold an American Tea at next meeting. Also decided to send a parcel to Sister Esther.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

May 15. The annual cradle roll social. There was a large attendance of mothers and their babies. Mrs Crabb presided, and an address was given by Mrs Ritchie. Afternoon tea was provided, and a short programme given. A stall of fancy goods, in charge of the ladies, did a brisk trade, the proceeds being in aid of a piano for the "Willard Home." A welcome was extended to Mrs Allman, who has been absent for a year in Australia.

HAWERA.

May 30. Mrs J. S. Young presided and fourteen ladies were present. Mesdames Young and Bone were delegates to the N.Z. Alliance Convention, on June 11. Mesdames Gilling and Morris were appointed delegates to the Provincial Convention on June 13th.

GREYTOWN.

May 28. A meeting was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School, Mrs Whincop in the chair. Secretary to write for collecting cards for the N.Z. C.U. Hutment. Two new subscribers secured for the "W.R." magazine.

May 31. Special meeting held at the President's. Ten members present to discuss a letter from the N.Z. Alliance re sending a delegate to a Convention at Palmerston North on June 11.

RICHMOND AND GREY LYNN.

A new Branch Union was organised by Mrs Cook at Richmond on Thursday, to be called the Richmond and Grey Lynn Branch. The following officers were appointed: Mrs Wallet, President; Mrs Allenborough, Vice-President; Mrs Walker, Vice-President; Miss Miller, Wellpark Av., Grey Lynn, Secretary; Mrs Norris, Treasurer. They are to meet on the 3rd Thursday in the Church of Christ, France Street, Grey Lynn.

PAKIRI.

May 2. Attendance good. Mrs Rennie (President) read a pamphlet by Arthur Mee, entitled "S.O.S." Decided to send a parcel of clothing to Sister Esther. Mrs Gozar read a report from Miss Weymouth, of the Timaru Convention. Yearly subscriptions were paid in. One new subscriber to "White Ribbon."

ORMONDVILLE.

May 9. A good attendance of members, Miss Webb in the chair, and called upon Mrs Poole, of Norsewood, to speak. Mrs Poole gave an interesting address, in which she spoke of the increased drinking amongst women in England since the beginning of the war, attributing this fact to their having more money to spend.

ASHBURTON.

May 7. Resolved to send letter of thanks to Mr Ferriman for his gift of £100 towards our Hutment Fund. Reported that efforts had been made to secure a St. Helen's maternity nurse for Ashburton. Decided that the Superintendent for Scientific Instruction interview the headmasters of the South Ashburton schools in regard to essay writing. Votes of sympathy:—Sons wounded, Mesdames Bramley and J. H. Dent; sickness, Mesdames Leadley, Fountain, and Meeking. Mrs Frost appointed judge for Band of Hope competitions.

May 31. At Rakaia one member joined.

June. Votes of sympathy passed to members sick or bereaved. Reports received of Y's and Band of Hope competitions. Decided to co-operate with the Mothers' Union in arranging meeting for Nurse Chappell. Rev. G. Frost gave an address at White Ribbon Day celebration, and was warmly thanked.

HASTINGS.

March 14. Mrs Moore in the chair. Reports received from Executive and deputation to Piunkett Society.

April 18. Mrs Martindale gave report of Convention, and was thanked. Reported that as result of Red Cross effort, £32 10s had been given to Red Cross Society.

May 9. A fine address by Mrs Neal and report of Provincial Convention.

May 23. Mrs Lovell-Smith gave a splendid paper on educational matters, which was well discussed. Motion protesting against insufficient accommodation for children, and raising status of schools was carried.

BIRKENHEAD.

June 5. Meeting at Mrs Danby's. Mrs Jory presided and addressed the meeting, and appealed for new members. Three new members joined our ranks. Decided to hold our meetings at different homes in the district, as we seem to get a larger attendance, and so get new members.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

April. President (Mrs Baird) in the chair. Decided to have our Union registered; also made all arrangements for our annual social on the following Wednesday. Mrs Peryman gave a very interesting address at the social. Several new members joined the Union.

May. President (Mrs Baird) in the chair. Special mention was made of the good work Mrs Lee-Cowie is doing, both in connection with the adults and children. The sum of £10 was voted to Mrs Cowie's Campaign Fund. As a result of Mrs Cowie's meeting on Sunday evening, twenty new members joined our ranks. Miss Weymouth is also doing very good work in our Union.

PAHIATUA.

June 6. A most interesting meeting was held in S.A. Barracks by members and friends of W.C.T.U. in aid of N.Z. Maori Organising Fund. Captain Huston presided. Papers were read by Mesdames Webster and Godfrey. An inspiring address by Captain Huston on Dr. Barnardo brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

CAMBRIDGE.

May. Mrs Watson presided. Present, 16; 4 new members. Decided to get a banner. Reported successful Band of Hope meeting on April 29.

May 27. Good meeting. Band of Hope essay on Temperance read, and children asked to enter for essay competition.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

June 6. Mrs Houlder presided over a good attendance. The following resolutions were carried:—"That this Union desires to affirm its entire sympathy with the objects and aims of the N.Z. Educational Institute in endeavouring to secure improvement and extension of our education system, and pledges itself to assist the Institute in every way practicable." "That the Corresponding Secretary should communicate with the President of the Education Institute to ascertain what steps the Institute propose to take in which the Union can give its assist-