

AUCKLAND.

May 8. A large attendance. Mrs Cook presided. Mrs Graham (Gisborne) gave the greeting from that Union. Mrs Cook welcomed Mrs Graham, also a member each of the Nelson and Blenheim Unions. Delegates were appointed to the Alliance Convention. Rev. Ralph Gebbie, of the Church of Christ, gave a splendid address on "Prohibition My Creed." The following resolution was passed:—"Believing that Prohibition is the only effectual remedy of the liquor traffic, we, the members of the Auckland District W.C.T.U., do hereby appeal to all the women of our District to continue with us in prayer and strenuous effort to secure the complete prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating drink for beverage purposes, and we urge this appeal more especially in view of the fact that so many important countries recognise the evil effects, moral, physical, and financial, of the trade in liquor, have restricted the traffic, and banished it from their midst. Whatever the cost and sacrifice entailed upon the world by the war, it would be worth while if thereby the universal overthrow of the liquor traffic be obtained." Two new members were initiated.

LOWER HUTT.

May 7. A large attendance cheered our hearts. The Secretary read the report of Convention. Reported that an L.T.L. had been started, and was progressing well.

NORSEWOOD.

March 31. Good attendance, Mrs Speight presiding. Balance-sheet was accepted as read.

April 18. Attendance good. Letter received asking that a delegate be appointed to Provincial Convention, and also suggestions as to work sent forward. Secretary instructed to write to Mrs Evans re a report of Convention.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

May 10. Mrs Pasley (President) presided. Large number of members and friends present. Miss Weymouth addressed the meeting, and Mrs Garrett and Mrs Parkin were appointed to confer with Miss Weymouth re starting a Loyal Temperance Legion. Decided to provide a programme for one of the fortnightly concerts at the Soldiers' Club. Mrs Pate and Mrs Smart appointed Sick and Hospital Visitors for the month. Five new members, one being a country resident, were added to our roll.

PETONE.

April 2. A good attendance. Mrs Ashby presided. The following resolution was carried unanimously, to be forwarded to Minister of Justice:—"That the clause in the War Regulations dealing with houses of ill-fame be so amended that all men found on such premises be arrested and their names be published as well as those of

the women, as such places can only be kept in existence by the support of these men."

May 15. An American Tea was held in Sydney Street Chapel. Mrs Rouse gave some very interesting reminiscences of her early life amongst the Maoris. Mr Marshall also addressed the meeting, his remarks being based on liquor reforms, etc., amongst returned soldiers. Miss Fraser gave a pianoforte solo. The amount collected was 14s.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Feb. Willard Day was kept by a social afternoon, with an able address from Rev. O. Blundell. Mrs Douglas was presented with a silver flower epergne as an appreciation of her services to the Union for 21 years. Collection for Missionary Fund.

March. Home meeting held at Mrs N. T. Maunders'. Mrs Sievwright gave the address. Three new members.

May 4. Sympathy was expressed towards our faithful Secretary, Mrs Griffin, in her sudden and serious illness.

May 29. Decided to send for cards for W.R. hutments. Decided that the Union would offer to give two teas a month at the Soldiers' Club. Preparations were made for Provincial Council at Stratford. Miss Taunt was thanked for her report of Convention at Timaru.

DUNEDIN.

June 4. A well-attended meeting. Mrs Hiatt presided. Two new members were initiated. Mrs Don spoke briefly on the proposed temperance campaign, drawing the attention of the members to the necessity for fervent prayer. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—(1) "The Dunedin branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union protests most emphatically against the state of our laws as revealed in the Kelburn case, which allows (1) women to be arrested upon the evidence of one policeman, and (2) the whole of the proceedings to be conducted by men; it also strongly urges the appointment of women police to deal with cases concerning women and girls; also it wishes to point out that women police would, in most cases, prevent girls from becoming criminals, instead of watching till they break the law and then arresting them." 2nd: "That this meeting most strongly protests against special facilities being given to enable race reports to be telegraphed after closing hours in the proposed curtailing of the present telegraph service."

NEW BRIGHTON.

April 18. A good attendance of members. Mrs Hall, delegate to Convention, gave a detailed and interesting report. The monthly subscription of 16s 6d was handed in for the Lady Liverpool Fund.

May 16. A large attendance of members and friends. Mr Walker, returned chaplain, spoke of the evils

and trouble caused through drink when our troopships call at a port where the hotels are open. Decided to hold a public meeting in the Pier Hall on June 27th, in aid of the Y.M.C.A. funds. One of our members was re-elected on the School Committee.

TIMARU.

May 28. President in the chair. Hospital Visitors resumed their visits to the Hospital. Reported a Y branch had been formed by Mrs Napier. Girls had won stars for bringing 12 new members, and two silver bows were promised for the same purpose. Decided to start collecting for our Hutment Fund. Three new members. A quiet month at Sailors' Rest.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

May 17. Mrs Atkinson in the chair. Resolved: "That this meeting of the Wellington Central W.C.T.U. regrets that at a time, which above all others, makes the observance of a high standard in public life imperative and easy, a so-called National Government should, in making appointments to the Legislative Council, have imitated the worst vices of its predecessors, and that the right of the country to the best men available should have been flagrantly ignored; that such considerations as capacity, distinction, and disinterested public service, and even in a small minority of cases, of good character, should have been so largely disregarded; that party hacks and mediocrities should have been rewarded by both the co-operating political parties alike, to at least as great an extent as ever before, and that a Second Chamber, which might have been greatly strengthened in the public estimation and confidence, should at this supreme hour of the country's and the Empire's need, have been brought lower than ever." Mrs McDonald continued her interesting report of Convention. Mrs Nimmo sent an appeal for comforts for mine-sweepers.

NELSON.

Monthly meeting, May 14th. Mrs Watson presided. Members were urged to attend the lecture to be given by Mr Just, Organiser of the N.Z.E.L., on "Educational Reforms." Resolved to invite Mrs Peryman to visit Nelson at as early a date as convenient. Suggested that each member present should try to get a fresh subscriber to the "White Ribbon" before the next meeting. Arrangements made for a social afternoon on May 21st, to say good-bye to two members leaving Nelson. Mrs Knapp welcomed on her return from a visit to Melbourne. Decided to send an invitation to Mrs Napier to visit Nelson. Reports of Convention given by Mrs Field and Mrs Moyes, delegates of the Nelson Union.

May 21. A special meeting was held to say good-bye to two of our most active members, Mrs Emmett and Mrs Hurst, who are leaving Nel-