

W.C.T.U. urge that in cases where the police take action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing the women only the law encourages a double standard of morality." The members were asked to attend the next meeting of the Branch on July 1st, when important business will be dealt with. Mrs Medlin kindly gave a solo, which was much enjoyed.

RICHMOND (NELSON).

June 12. Mrs Price presided. Attendance small. Collection for mine-sweepers. A very inspiring address by Mr Price on the work of the W.C.T.U. He urged women to do all they could to banish drink and other evils from our land. He received hearty vote of thanks.

TIMARU.

June. Mrs Rule presided. Attendance fair. Votes of condolence to two members who had lost friends. Report from Hospital Visitors. Vote of thanks for coal sent to Sailors' Rest. Decided to do all possible to assist in securing educational reform. Resolution forwarded to Minister of Justice protesting against the law which allows a double standard of morality, as shown in Kelburn case, when women were arrested and men allowed to go free. Resolved to do our utmost to help in Petition Campaign. Resolved to collect for White Ribbon Hutment Fund. A most helpful address from Nurse Chappell. Decided to form a Study Circle upon matters she spoke about.

DUNEDIN.

July 2. White Ribbon Day was celebrated in Dunedin by a special meeting attended by over one hundred women. Rev. R. S. Gray gave a forceful and inspiring address, detailing the plans of the Hurricane Campaign to be held in connection with the petition that will be presented at the next session of Parliament. At the close of the address the following resolution was carried unanimously and with acclamation: "That this meeting heartily approves of the petition on the lines suggested by the Alliance, and pledges itself to do all in its power to secure signatures." The concert kindly given by Miss Ivy Mazengarb and her pupils for our Hutment Fund was a great success. Hearty thanks was accorded the promoter.

HASTINGS.

June 13. Mrs Williams, representing Plunket Society, attended, and urged the establishment of a Plunket Maternity Home for Hastings. Mrs J. Wilson spoke on work of the Union, basing her remarks on White Ribbon bow. Committee of three appointed to deal with educational matters. Afternoon tea.

June 27. Good attendance. Correspondence dealt with. Mrs Wilson appointed corresponding delegate No. 2 area council. Decided to hold two functions, a public one for the mine-sweepers, and a Union one for the Seamen's Rest. Refreshments. Decided hold inaugural "Y" meeting July 9th. Reports received Provincial Convention delegates No. 2 Area Council inaugural conference, Palmerston North, and from Educational Committee.

GREYTOWN.

June 25. Meeting held in the Presbyterian Sunday School, President in the chair. Several letters read; discussion postponed till July 9th, as several members were absent.

GISBORNE.

June 24. Special meeting to celebrate White Ribbon Day at Findlay's Room. Mrs Walker gave an account of Maori work in North Island. Substantial collection in aid of Maori Fund. Revs. Chatterton and Abbey addressed the gathering. Song by Rev. Tamati Te Kanapu, and recitation by Mrs East. Four new members. Mrs Goffe elected Union representative on No. 2 Area Council. Regret expressed at absence of Secretary, caused by her husband's illness.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

June 21. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. Decided to distribute copies of Mrs Nimmo's appeal for mine-sweepers; also to collect for the fund. Resolved: "That in view of the general satisfaction expressed at Mr McCarthy's fearless, just, and consistent administration of the law during his term as Magistrate in Wellington, this meeting of the W.C.T.U. respectfully urges the Minister of Justice to arrange that his services shall be retained for this city."

AUCKLAND.

June 5. Opening of headquarters in Wellington Chambers, Wellesley Street East. This has been a long-felt want in our city. Mrs Cook (President) in the chair. A very impressive dedicatory address was delivered by Rev. Reuben Bailey. Short speeches of congratulation were given by the officers of the Branch Unions and Y officers. Afternoon tea was dispensed. The headquarters will be open daily from 10 to 4. Visiting White Ribboners are invited to come for rest, inspiration, and information. Our "Y" Branch will hold their meetings in the new headquarters.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

June 12. Thanksgiving meeting in the Central Mission Hall. Mrs Cook presided. The choir, orchestra, and band of Central Mission have kindly consented to give a patriotic concert for our Hutment and Mine-sweepers' Fund. The following resolutions were carried: "The Auckland District Women's Christian Temperance

Union strongly protests against the procedure followed in the recent Kelburn case, where all the women present in the house were arrested, while the men were allowed to go free. It urges, in the interest of common justice, the arrest of men as well as women, found on suspected premises, regarding them as equally responsible and punishable." (2) "The Union also considered that it is nothing short of a scandal that the names of the women arrested were published, although at the time of arrest the police knew some of them to be innocent, and others have since been acquitted." (3) "The Union further condemns the inhumanity shown to the women by the withholding of the verdict for over a month." The Union reaffirms our long-standing demands for (1) separate Courts for women; (2) the establishment of farm colonies for men and women convicted of offences against morality.

AUCKLAND.

June 26. Meeting in the interest of the Maori work. Mrs Cook presided, and there was a large attendance. A musical programme was arranged. A unique feature was hymns in Maori by a returned Maori soldier. The Rev. Brown Geymer, a young Samoan student, sang in his native tongue. A report of the Maori work was given by the Superintendent, and collection taken. One member was initiated. Names of those willing to help in the Prohibition Campaign were taken.

MARTON.

The May and June meetings were attended by Miss Powell. Her few days' visiting resulted in a good attendance, and some honorary members. Our Union is in readiness for the great fight.

CHRISTCHURCH.

June 12. White Ribbon Day, Miss Roberts presiding. Attendance good. Decided to distribute 500 appeals for mine-sweepers and to collect for the fund. Mrs Drinnen gave an account of her first six months as White Ribbon Superintendent, and stated six new subscribers received since Convention. Miss Henderson read a report of Maori work written by Mrs Walker. Afternoon tea, and duet by Mrs and Miss Ibbotsen.

June 26. Miss Roberts presided. Attendance good. Letters asking for help in the Petition Campaign, mine-sweepers' fund, educational reform, and Lady Liverpool Fund. Decided to hold Sale for Lady Liverpool Fund. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Hayes on the death of her son.

WANGANUI EAST.

June. Attendance small. Decided that in future the Union meet as previously, last Friday in month, at 2.30. Correspondence received from Mrs Nimmo, mine-sweepers; Mrs Moyes, Superintendent Backblocks; and Mrs Henderson. It was announced that