

and sickness. Mesdames J. Thompson and H. O. Amos were elected Delegates to Convention at Oxford. Papers were considered, and resolutions endorsed for discussion at Convention, including the following:—"That this meeting protests earnestly against the double standard of morality which the law permits in arresting and punishing women only, and that it urges in the interests of common justice the arrest of men as well as women found on suspected premises, regarding them as equally responsible and punishable." Decided to provide the send-off luncheon to the men going into camp in September, and a committee was appointed. Arrangements were made for the visit of Mrs K. Parkes, also for canvassing work in the No License Campaign. A very enjoyable programme was submitted, followed by a cup of tea. Votes of thanks to all who contributed were passed.

GREYTOWN.

July 30. A meeting was held, the President in the chair. The organiser of Win the War League was invited to be present. He outlined the method to be used to embrace every unit when canvassing for signatures.

TIMARU.

Decided to arrange for a lecture on "Women's War Work in England and France," on September 17th, by Mrs Kington Parkes, proceeds for Hutment Fund. Over 50 collecting cards are out for the Hutment. Mrs Rule, Mrs Brown and Mrs Grant were appointed to represent the Union on the Prohibition Poll Campaign Committee. Mrs Fraser's name to be sent on as our Representative to Provincial Convention at Oxford. Hospital visitors reports received, and visitors appointed for next month. Mrs Dr. Pettit then read the greater part of a lecture by Dr. Pettit on the teaching of sex hygiene to the young, which was very helpful, especially to those having charge of children and young people. Mrs Pettit brought literature for distribution, and our Study Circle for this subject was started. Vote of condolence to one of our members who had lost her father.

HAWERA.

Miss Maunder and Mrs R. Tait represented our Union at the Conference of Prohibition Workers. One dozen collecting cards for the White Ribbon Hutment Fund were distributed to the members. Decided that we send £1 to the Sailors' Tea Fund for work among the New Zealand sailors.

N.E. VALLEY.

July 25. Mr Flamanck kindly explained the proposed new movement for improving the present educational system. The following resolution was carried: (a) Increased staff for primary schools; (b) Increased allowance for pupil teachers, probationers, and training college students; (c) compulsory continuation day classes at

least to the age of 16 years; (d) Staffing the school on some basis that cannot be seriously affected by epidemics, or stress of weather. Miss Lowe, a member of Union, gave a short address on "Lasting Peace." Thanks were accorded to both Miss Lowe and Mr Flamanck.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

A White Ribbon Social was held in St. Andrew's Schoolroom, Friday, July 26th, Mrs Crabb being in the chair. Songs were rendered by Mrs Henderson, Miss Bennett, and Miss Ferguson. A recitation by Mrs Withers. A letter was read from the Area Council asking for assistance in connection with the Prohibition Movement, and several of those present handed in their names as workers. A very interesting address was given by Mrs Peryman, of Port Chalmers, Editor of the "White Ribbon," which was appreciated by all present. Mrs Kenrick proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, this was seconded by Mrs A. E. Whitehead, and carried by acclamation. Afternoon tea was handed round, after which the initiatory service was read by Mrs Peryman, and three new members were enrolled.

BLUFF.

July. Good attendance. President reported that Mr McChesney, Head master of the Bluff Public School, would give an address on Educational Reform on the evening of August 8th, and Dr. Torrance, Chairman of the School Committee, would occupy the chair. Arrangements were also made to hold a gift afternoon on August 21st, and also a sixpenny concert, in aid of the appeal on behalf of the British and Foreign Ship-wrecked Sailors' Society. Miss Waterman gave an address on the working of the L.T.L. Decided to call a special meeting of the Band of Hope, when Miss Waterman will be present, and give a demonstration of an L.T.L. meeting.

PETONE.

June 4. Mr. Ashby presided over a good attendance. Decided to take charge of the Red Cross Shop on June 21st. Mrs Burd was appointed Delegate to the New Zealand Alliance Convention at Palmerston North.

July 17. Annual Cradle Roll Tea. Mrs Rouse in the chair. There was a good attendance of mothers and their babies. Mrs Chapman-Taylor gave a most interesting and instructive address on the care of the little ones, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Houlder also addressed the meeting. A short programme was given. Tea was served.

LEIGH.

July 7. In spite of bad roads, seven members and three visitors present. President in the chair. Initiatory service held. One new member. Decided to sew and knit for the Red Cross. Afternoon tea at close.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 18. The United Executive had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Peryman, our "White Ribbon" Editor at the Headquarters. After the business was transacted, Mrs Peryman gave a stirring talk on the great campaign so soon to be entered upon, and the proposed plans of work. We are delighted to have Mrs Peryman with us, and her words were a source of stimulus to all. Morning tea was dispensed.

An evening meeting was hurriedly arranged at the Headquarters on Friday, July 19th, when Mrs Peryman spoke on another aspect of the campaign. She urged on all to reconsecrate themselves in this great work, showing the urgent need there was for Prohibition before our boys' return. The following resolution was passed: This meeting of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union strongly protests against the granting of a license at Taneatua, in spite of the overwhelming testimony of the Stipendiary Magistrate, the police, and residents, to the grave menace of liquor to the Maoris, as well as the European population in the district.

On Sunday afternoon, July 21st, at the Salvation Army Barracks, Mrs Peryman gave a most inspiring address on the Great Campaign. We feel sure that her earnest words will bring forth fruit in the efforts of her hearers to do their utmost to cleanse our fair Dominion of this great curse.

July 24. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Central Mission Hall, Mrs Cook presided. Letters were read from Sir James Allen, Acting Prime Minister, Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister for Education, Hon. A. M. Myers, Minister for Finance, acknowledging receipt of our resolutions re improved education. Addresses were given by Hon. G. Fowlds and Mr Wesley Spragg on the coming campaign, outlining the plans of operations, and urging all to put their very best into the work. Questions were asked at the close, and all present pledged themselves to help in the work of the campaign. New members were initiated.

AVONDALE.

July 16. Mrs Stevens presided, and there was a good attendance of members. Mrs Entrican gave a deeply interesting and instructive address on Bible reading. Decided to ask Mr Penny to lecture on Aeroplanes and Submarines, proceeds for the benefit of the mine-sweepers. Mrs Stevens spoke very earnestly on the coming campaign, and urged members to be ready to do their utmost for the cause. One new member was initiated.

HENDERSON.

July 17. Mrs Williams presided over fair attendance. An interesting report of Alliance Convention given by Miss Gilberd. Decided to co-operate with local Branch of No License League for Referendum Campaign. Resolved to work for Mine-sweepers Fund, also to collect for Red Jersey Fund.