

for Organising Fund, our proxy having promised this on behalf of our Union.

June 13. Appeal from Mrs Nimmo read, and circular from N.Z. Educational Institute. Decided to help fund for mine-sweepers. Cradle Roll Superintendent resigned. Question box opened, and discussion on the various questions followed.

July 11. The President introduced the question of a poll on the Prohibition question being petitioned for this year. Helpers asked for; seven gave their names. Resolution proposed and carried re the punishing of men as well as women when found in houses suspected of immoral purposes to be sent to Hon. Wilford. Leaflets from Mrs Nimmo distributed, members taking up this work heartily. Secretary to write Onehunga School for help, and leaflet to be sent there. Mrs Hunter appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent.

EDEN.

June 19. Mrs Pirratt in the chair. A letter was read from Miss Wilson, our President, resigning. Resolved to grant Miss Wilson three months' leave of absence. Resolved to take a day at the Soldiers' Club. Tickets sold for concert in aid of Mine-sweepers' Fund. Five pairs of knitted socks were donated by Edendale Presbyterian Guild. The petition to the Minister for Defence regarding the Kelburn case was signed.

NEW BRIGHTON.

June 20. A well-attended meeting. Decided to send 16s to Sailors' Rest Fund. Monthly subscriptions of 17s 6d for Lady Liverpool Fund handed in. Sister Moody-Beil spoke a few words in her usual bright manner. Five new members joined.

July 4. We held a public meeting in the Pier Hall in aid of our Y.M.C.A. Fund. The Mayor presided. Rev. Walker, a returned chaplain, spoke of the work the Y.M.C.A. are doing in the various camps. Vocal and instrumental items were given. Admission by silver coin, and also collection was taken up after the address.

OPOTIKI.

July. Owing to adverse circumstances, just held annual meeting. Officers elected for coming year: Pres., Mrs J. T. Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs Holman; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morice, Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Francis, Mrs Hewston; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Francis; Flower Mission Supt., Mrs Hewston; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Pearson; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Gow. Two new members were enrolled. The Union deeply appreciates the services of our late President, Mrs Francis, who, despite her many duties, kept the Union flag flying; also Miss D. Morice, who rendered valuable service as Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

"White Ribbon" Day was celebrated on Thursday, July 4th, by holding a drawing-room meeting, over which

Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Napier, "Y" Organiser, gave an interesting account of her work while visiting Ashburton, Timaru, Kaikora Valley, Feilding, Palmerston North, and Nelson. Mesdames Bott and Patience contributed vocal items. Mesdames Houlder and Webb were elected representatives to the National Council of Women.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

July 2. Mrs Baird presided. Good attendance. Arrangements were made for the canvass of signatures for the monster petition, which work is being very heartily taken up by our Union. Mrs Macalister is going to put an appeal in our local papers for the mine-sweepers. Eight new members joined.

PAHIATUA.

July. A well-attended meeting took place in Salvation Army Barracks. Captain Huston presided. 24 ladies were present. Songs, reading, and afternoon tea was given. Miss Henderson's motion was moved and carried: "That in cases where police take action with regard to persons found on premises for immoral purposes, that men should be made punishable as well as women." Also decided to accept Mrs Kinton Parke's generous offer to assist in giving public lectures in aid of our Hutment Fund.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

July 19. Mrs McDonald presided. Decided to join with the District Union in holding a Sailors' Day in aid of fund for mine-sweepers and crews of torpedoed vessels. Letters of thanks for gifts received were read by Mrs Nimmo. A paper by Mrs Godfrey on "How Prohibition Was Won in Manitoba" was read by Mrs McDonald.

NAPIER.

July 11. Mrs Napier, organiser of the Y Branch, visited us. Fair attendance, also about 20 girls from Hukarere Maori Girls' School. A branch was formed, Miss Cade, late of Christchurch, being appointed President. The objects of the movement were outlined by Mrs Napier. On the following night, by the consent of the Principal, a visit was made to the Hukarere School, when some 41 Maori girls signed the pledge. Much enthusiasm was displayed, and an interesting time was spent. Mrs Venables (the President) accompanied Mrs Napier on this visit.

July 18. The ordinary meeting was held, when arrangements were made for holding Mine-Sweepers' Day on the 7th September.

HAMILTON.

July 1. Attendance good. Weather bad. An appeal received for help for the mine-sweepers. Decided to have a Day for this purpose. Mrs Blamires, Vice-President, then addressed the meeting. Conveners were

appointed, and the town apportioned. Members were urged to make this campaign their chief business this month.

EDEN.

July 10. Mrs Pirratt in the chair, fair attendance. Final arrangements were made regarding Our Day at the Soldiers' Club on 17th July. Prohibition, based on the Efficiency Board's recommendation, was well discussed. Plans were put before the meeting for canvassing the streets, several names being entered of ladies willing to be workers, forwarded to Central Union. Mrs Pirratt read an inspiring article by Mrs Lee Cowie: A Call to Work and Pray. Two members were initiated.

TAKAPUNA.

August 1. Mrs Fulljames in chair. 24 present. Mrs Cook spoke a few words, also Rev. Gosnall. Mr Lukins, who is organising for the Waitemata, gave an address to the members on canvassing for the Petition for Prohibition. Forms were served out. A solo was sung. Four ladies were initiated.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT UNION

August. Mrs Baird, President, in the chair. A very enthusiastic meeting. We are all very much indebted to Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie for the splendid results from her campaign in Southland, also we very much appreciate the work that has been done by Miss Weymouth and Miss Watterman. Decided to send five pounds to the "Outlook" for the S.O.S. Fund.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

July 9. Large attendance of members. Mrs Pasley, President, presided. Sick visitors reported, and Mrs Pasley and Blackmore were appointed for the ensuing month. Reports on L.T.L. and Education matters were also received. Resolved to co-operate with Central Union re Mine Sweepers Fund. Mrs Cowie briefly addressed the meeting. Two new members welcomed.

ASHBURTON.

July 18. Drawing-room meeting at the residence of Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead. Large attendance, Mrs W. T. Lill officiating. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of our late sister, Mrs A. Pollock, also with members whose sons have been wounded in action. Four new members were enrolled. Musical and elocutionary items were excellently rendered, and a cup of tea handed round. Votes of thanks to hostess and performers were carried.

July 30. A meeting of Executive was held. Decided to make arrangements with the head masters of the town schools to supervise the writing of temperance essays.

August 6. A very successful Pay-up Social was held, Mrs Lill presiding. Votes of sympathy were passed with members suffering bereavement.