

be under State control, and should consist of a residential as well as a day school. We recommend that the staff shall include at least one specially trained in the teaching of defective children, and one with nursing qualifications."

RAKAIA.

August 22. Sailors' Day. £9 12s 6d to be divided between Mine-sweepers' and N.Z. Sailors' Rest Funds, and parcels for mine-sweepers. Reply received from Hon. T. M. Wilford. Six ladies appointed to canvass with petitions.

TIMARU.

August 26. Mrs Liddell presided. Members are busy canvassing with Petition, and collecting for Hutment Fund. Quiet months reported at Sailors' Rest. Hospital Visitors appointed.

HENDERSON.

August 21. Mrs Gilberd presided. Fair attendance. Campaign discussed, and notes compared as to work accomplished. Treasurer reported that £20 4s had been collected for the Red Jersey Fund. Resignation of the "White Ribbon" Agent was received, and another appointed.

WANGANUI.

August 2. Silent vote of sympathy with member in loss of son. Arrangements made for street canvassing with Petition. Letter of thanks from Lord Beresford for help to mine-sweepers. Report of No License Convention read by delegate. Resolved to hold gift afternoon for mine-sweepers.

WINTON.

August 28. Inaugural meeting. Addressed by Miss Waterman. Union formed, and officers elected: President, Mrs Graham Gow; Vice-President, Mrs T. McWilliams; Secretary, Mrs Young; Treasurer, Mrs J. Wilson. Decided to arrange young women's meeting and L.T.L. demonstration. Vote of thanks to Miss Waterman.

GISBORNE.

July 30. Mrs Goffe (President) in chair; 20 present. The Hutment scheme and the forthcoming Petition canvass were also discussed. Agreed to send a letter to Hon. Wilford on subject of prosecution of both sexes re the Kelburn raid.

August 27. Social afternoon to bid farewell to Mrs Hoare, who is leaving New Zealand. Small presentation made, speeches and recitation followed. Appeal for mine-sweepers discussed, and a suitable day appointed for a street collection. One new member joined.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

August 22. Capital address by Mrs Don. Arrangements made to canvass with Petition, also to collect for Hutment Fund, and Mine-sweepers. Correspondence received and dealt with.

PETONE.

August 6. Good attendance. Deputation from No License League. Sewing Guild started in connection with Cradle Roll.

August 21. Social to celebrate 85th birthday of Mrs Rowse, Life President, Mayor and Mayoress present and many visitors. District President in the chair. Musical programme. Speeches by Mayor and local clergy, and reply by Mrs Rowse.

ASHBURTON.

September 3. Good attendance. Rev. J. Belshaw gave an inspiring address and Mr Heyward spoke on present campaign. Votes of sympathy with bereaved and sick members. Canvassers appointed for Petition work.

WAIPAWA.

July 23. Mrs McLean presided. Miss Johnson appointed Superintendent of Backblocks and Railway Work. Resolutions re educational matters, and copies sent to Acting-Premier, and Minister of Education. Afternoon tea handed round.

July 9 and August 13.—Prayer meetings held in Methodist Church.

August 7. Annual effort for mine-sweepers. Splendid concert programme and addresses by Revs. C. Foston and F. W. Robertson. Proceeds amounted to £50.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

August 16. Committee appointed to take charge Y.M.C.A. Triangle Cake Room on September 25. Mrs McDonald and Mrs Evans appointed delegates to Provincial Convention. Mrs Don gave a very interesting and instructive address.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

August 13. Mrs Pasley presided. Report received from sick visitors. Mrs Fairbairn reported re her visit to Bluff Union. Arrangements made for canvassing with Petitions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

N.F. FUND.

Somerset members' fees, per Miss Weymouth, £2 3s 11d; per Mrs Nelson (Kiripaka), 10s 4d; per Miss Powell, 2s 7d. Total, £2 16s 10d.

ORGANISING FUND.

Per Miss Weymouth, £104 2s 9d. Expenditure for the month, £53 13s 9d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 7th September, 1918.

IN MEMORIAM.

There passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs Stephens, of Riversdale, Southland, Mrs Christina Russell Mitchell, formerly of Balclutha. Mrs Mitchell was born in Airdrie, Lanarkshire, Scotland (also the birthplace of the gifted Janet Hamilton) in the year 1851. After the death of her mother, which occurred when Mrs Mitchell was little more than three years of age, she was cared for by her maternal grandparents, and accompanied the aged couple to New Zealand in January, 1862. They went immediately to Balclutha, where the subject of this little notice resided practically all her life, until about two years ago, after the death of her husband, the late Mr John C. Mitchell, Town Clerk, a faithful worker in the No-License cause. Hers was a rarely fine nature, such gentleness, kindness, quick perception, and withal, that physical and moral courage which belongs only to the fine. Like Saint Francis of Assisi, the birds and every living creature shared her tenderness. Mrs Mitchell was from early girlhood an ardent Temperance worker. Even before the Rev. W. J. Williams and the late Rev. F. W. Isitt, of sainted memory, were in Balclutha, her voice and gifted pen were being used for the advancement of that cause, so dear to her heart. And there was great need in those days for workers. She had the joy of seeing Clutha free from the licensed liquor traffic, and hoped, as so many of that valiant band of pioneer workers did, to live to see New Zealand free. They have sown the seed. Let us not grow weary in well-doing, but endeavour to reap a rich harvest from that seed sown so often in tears.

THE SEVEN STAGES OF CITIZENSHIP.

"The reforming of education is one of the greatest and noblest designs that can be thought on, for by the want thereof the nation perishes."—John Milton, 270 years ago.

First: Natural instincts.

Second: Common interests.

Third: United efforts.

Fourth: Personal responsibility.

Fifth: Sense of duty.

Sixth: Enlightened conscience.

Seventh: Modern citizenship.

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