

tracts from letters by Governors of Provinces, schools teachers, and by a woman Magistrate bearing testimony to the great improvement socially and financially under Prohibition. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr Bailey.

OXFORD.

Sept. 25. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Hawke, senr., in the death of her nephew, and with Mrs Ivory, whose son has been wounded. President thanked all those who had helped to make the recent Convention a success. Secretary to send thanks to hostesses, and to those who had lent motor cars. Mrs Don gave an address on "Women's Work," urging members to use every opportunity for service. Y Branch entertained Mrs Don at tea, and an evening meeting followed, at which Mrs Don delivered an address, for which she was most heartily thanked.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Sept. 11. President in chair. Good attendance. Decided to assist Red Cross in the "Our Day" appeal. Mrs Blythe gave an account of the Oxford Convention. Secretary to thank Oxford for kindness to delegates.

Sept. 18. President presided. Good attendance. Decided to celebrate Franchise Day on October 2nd. Decided to accede to a request from Lady Liverpool Committee that the Union dispense tea in W.C.T.U. rooms at Show Grounds on Saturday, October 5th, at a Carnival for Soldiers' Christmas parcels.

Oct. 2. Franchise Day celebrated in Art Gallery. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Mrs Don gave a most inspiring address on many reforms gained since the franchise was granted to women. Eight new members initiated.

Oct. 3. Suburban meeting addressed by Mrs Don, who spoke on Deborah, and urged all to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Four new members.

KAIAPOI.

Sept. 25. Mrs Brighting presided. Mrs Barnard, delegate to the recent District Convention, held at Oxford, gave a very interesting report. We learned that the delegates were especially interested in the account of how the Kaiapoi Band of Hope was conducted, and some intended introducing some of the methods in connection with their own organisations. Mrs Brighting read an extract from a paper entitled "The Women's Part: What of Ourselves?" by Elsie M. Morton.

HENDERSON.

Sept. 17. Mrs Gilbert presided over fair attendance. Business: Packing and despatching mine-sweepers' parcel, 76 articles, including 21 articles and £1 13s 9d from young ladies of Presbyterian Church; approximate value £17 5s and £1 13s

9d: total, £18 18s 9d. Scarf knitted by little boy much appreciated. Vote of thanks to Mr H. Platt for his help in packing and forwarding parcel. Three new members were initiated in August, and one in September.

WAIHI.

Aug. 6. President in chair. Resolved to endorse heartily the Educational Campaign asking for improved buildings and playgrounds, further medical inspection, additional staffing, etc. Resolution passed and sent to Minister of Justice re "equal moral responsibility" of both men and women in social evils, and fairness of similar treatment by Magistrates.

Sept. 5. Address by Rev. J. Olphert. Reported that social evening for mine-sweepers resulted in total of £5 10s. Reported that the W.C.T.U. suggestion of holding monthly united intercession meetings had resulted in the first of the series being held on September 12th, arranged by Ministers' Association. Three new members received.

Oct. 3. Special thanks given to Sister Moody-Bell and Mrs Brown (Secretary) for their co-operation in successful effort for mine-sweepers. Resolutions passed to secure empty shop window for display of cartoons, diagrams, and temperance cuttings, to impress "the man in the street"; to collect business coupons and used postage stamps (to be sent to Mr T. E. Whitton, Secretary Baptist Children's Home, Manurewa, Auckland). Decided to re-commence a Cradle Roll department; also to order "American Motherhood" for passing systematically round to members and others. One new member.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Oct. 4. Mrs Crabb presided. Matters in connection with "Willard Home" discussed. The Home has been opened a year, and has proved a great convenience to the soldiers' wives and next of kin. The balance-sheet was read, and showed a credit balance of £34 10s 8d. A letter was received from Colonel Gabites, of Awapuni Camp, in praise of the Home and management, and the object of its establishment. Letters were also received from soldiers now on active service, returning thanks for the attention given in the Home.

ASHBURTON.

Sept. 9. Union provided the "send-off" luncheon to the South Canterbury men of the 47th Reinforcement, going into camp. Over 100 soldiers and friends sat down to a bountiful and tempting repast. His Worship the Mayor (Mr R. Galbraith) presided, and brief but appropriate speeches were delivered by Mrs W. T. Lill, Rev. G. Miller, Mr W. Nosworthy, M.P., and Mr H. M. Jones, Chairman of the Second Division League. On leaving, each reservist was presented with packets of chocolate and fruit, the gift of the Union.

Sept. 19. Celebrated the 25th anniversary of Women's Franchise in New Zealand by holding a public drawing-room meeting. Mrs Dow congratulated the large audience present on their "political birthday," and referred to the efforts made to secure that privilege for our sex, and the responsibilities attached thereto. This was followed by an inspiring talk on the work of the present campaign. On behalf of the Union, she extended to Nurse Byers, St. Helen's district nurse, a public welcome to Ashburton, and congratulated all on the wisdom of such an appointment. Musical items and refreshments. Collection £1 14s 6d. Votes of thanks to speakers and performers were carried.

Oct. Mrs W. T. Lill presided. Votes of sympathy were passed with members having relatives killed in action or wounded, also with members who are sick. Decided that a mine-sweepers' afternoon be held on Thursday, October 17th, Mrs G. Bowman to be in charge. Delegate's report to Convention was adopted, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded Mesdames Thompson and Amos.

HAMILTON.

Oct. 3. The President (Mrs T. Horne) presided. The President apologised for Mrs Napier's absence. Mrs Jones stated that permission had been given to the Union to hang two copies of the Ten Commandments in the Hamilton East Public School. Satisfaction was expressed by all at the success which attended our efforts for the mine-sweepers; £42 odd was handed in. Great pleasure was expressed at the grand total of over 8000 names on the efficiency list, with more still to come for Waikato. Last evangelical meeting was held at Mrs Bailey's, Claudelands.

TIMARU.

Sept. 24. Mrs Trott presided. Votes of sympathy to the families of Mrs Cowan and Mrs Raitt, two of our oldest members, also to Mrs Rule. Reported 50 visitors paid 110 visits to Sailors' Rest. Deep regret expressed that Mrs Rule, who had served the Union most capably as President for nine years, was compelled to resign owing to continued ill-health of her husband. Members then adjourned to a social given for men from a big boat in port. Members of Y Union helped with programme.

GREYTOWN.

Sept. 12. Special meeting at Mrs Whincop's. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Bower and family. Letter of appreciation sent to Mrs Banks for her faithful services as Secretary.

LEIGH.

Sept. 7. President in the chair. Eight members present; one visitor. Suggested, in the event of licensing poll being granted, members should see that all those who came of age since last election should be enrolled.