

DUNEDIN.

Nov. 5. Mrs Hiatt presided. A resolution was passed to forward a letter to the City Council asking that a request be sent to all landlords of hotels to close their premises during any future celebrations of victory on the same basis as other places of business. Mrs Peryman gave a most interesting account of the deputation to Parliament and the presentation of the N.Z. Alliance's petition. Resolution passed at Annual Convention re women in Parliament was affirmed, and sent to the member for the district.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Oct. 23. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Reports of heads of departments in connection with luncheon rooms at A. and P. Show. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Blythe in loss of her son.

Oct. 30. Business meeting in connection with Show. Resolution passed by National Convention re urgent need for women in Parliament was endorsed, and ordered to be sent to local M.P.'s.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Sept. 17. At the headquarters the officers of the District and Branch Unions had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Kinton Parkes at morning tea. Mrs Garraway, Vice-President, presided over the gathering. Mrs Parkes gave a most interesting talk on women's work, and a pleasant social half-hour was spent.

Sept. 25. Decided to hold the District Convention on October 30. Also decided to help on "Our Day" for the Red Cross Fund. Mrs Napier gave a very interesting address on the work among women of the B.W.T.A. in Scotland.

Oct. 9. Decided to send a letter of appreciation to the Acting-Premier for the touching and reverent appeal sent to the churches to observe Sunday as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the recent glorious victories of the Allies. Mr Fortune, of Canada, gave an interesting and inspiring address on how Prohibition was won in Canada.

Oct. 23. Mrs Cook presided. Cakes for Featherston Camp to be sent following Tuesday. Final arrangements for the District Convention, to be held on October 30th.

"Our Day."

The Union took charge of one of the stalls in Queen Street on "Our Day." We were allowed to sell flags only. Owing to so many of our "Y's" and W.C.T.U. members being ill with influenza the staff of sellers was much smaller than was anticipated. The few did their best, and we were pleased to report the result to be £52.

AVONDALE.

Oct. 15. Mrs Stevens presided. Good attendance. Address by Mrs Garraway. Motion passed of appreciation of Sir James Allen's action in requesting religious bodies to hold

thanksgiving services for victories of the allied forces. Delegates to District Convention appointed.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Sept. 10. Large attendance of members. Mrs Pasley presided. Four new members received.

Sept. 20. Successful social in Knox Hall, Mrs Pasley presiding. Most interesting address by Captain-Chaplain Lopdell, lately returned from the Front. An interesting part of the programme was the exhibition of souvenirs, curios, and objects received at various times from the Front by members who have boys there. Music and supper concluded an enjoyable evening.

Oct. 8. Good attendance, Mrs Pasley (President) presiding. Delegates appointed to wait on Central Union to arrange for our Branch running rest tent at annual A. and P. Show. Resolved to obtain copies of Constitution, and give a copy to all new members joining.

NELSON.

Franchise Day was celebrated at the monthly meeting on September 10th, when an address was given by Mrs Field on the 25th anniversary of this day, specially calling to mind the aims and hopes of the women who worked for the Franchise, and the responsibility of the women of to-day for their realisation. A collection was taken up for the N.Z. Fund. It was resolved that congratulations be sent to the American W.C.T.U. on the closing of all American breweries, to take place on December 1st of this year. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Peryman for all her work during her visit to Nelson.

Oct. 8. A gift afternoon for the annual Sale of Work. Afternoon tea was handed round, and a pleasant social half-hour was spent. Mrs Hockey's resignation as Cradle Roll Superintendent was accepted with much regret. The following resolutions were passed:—"The Nelson W.C.T.U. desires to thank Mr F. G. Gibbs most heartily for his admirable address and his clear explanation of the aims of the Educational Institute, and would assure the members, through him, of its entire sympathy with them. The Union would be very glad to consider any suggestions the Institute might lay before it as to the way in which those aims may best be furthered." "That in the event of any alteration in the method of electing Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, the Council be asked to use its influence to ensure at least one seat on each Board for a woman. That the same request be made of any other local body or organisation that may be asked to endorse the Wellington City Council's proposal, and also of the members for the districts of Nelson and Motueka." Mrs Watson was appointed to represent Nelson Union at the Conference in Wellington on October 24th, in connection with the Prohibition Campaign.

The Prohibition petition was presented to Mr Field, M.P., at a public meeting on October 14th, by Mr F. G. Gibbs. Rev. E. Patchett also spoke, and Mrs Watson on behalf of the women. The petition was numerous signed, containing about 3000 signatures.

The Annual Sale of Work was held on October 23rd. There was a large attendance, and good business was done at the various stalls, a substantial sum being realised for the Union funds. A musical and elocutionary programme was given in the evening.

RAKAIA.

Sept. 11. President in the chair. A report of the Provincial Convention held in Oxford was read. Correspondence re petitions and a letter from Mrs Nimmo, Wellington, acknowledging woollens and money sent for mine-sweepers.

Oct. 10. A large gathering to meet Mrs Lill, our District President, who gave us a very interesting talk upon ourselves (W.C.T.U.), our aims, what we had accomplished, and what we are now trying to do. The St. Helen's nurses' work was explained. Afternoon tea was served.

Oct. 17. Owing to a strong north-west gale, the mine-sweepers' afternoon, presided over by Mrs Lill, had only a moderate attendance. The speaker briefly referred to the dangers surrounding the work of the men in question, and quoted statistics showing what had been done to help them. An excellent programme was much enjoyed by those present, and a pleasant time spent over a cup of tea. Votes of thanks to all taking part were passed, also to Mrs G. Bowman, Superintendent, who had spared no pains to make the gathering a success. The sum of £4 and a number of woollen garments received.

Nov. A fair attendance, President in the chair. Reports re next drawing-room meeting, also temperance essay competition, received. Three new members were enrolled. Rev. A. T. Thompson, of British and Foreign Bible Society, spoke on the work accomplished, but more particularly war work. The speaker closed by reminding his hearers that behind the new and spiritual offensive against evil in every form to-day the Bible stood unrivalled. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Rev. Thompson for his excellent address.

MATAURA.

Aug. President presided, nine members present. Proposed by members that we pack a box for Dr. Barnardo Homes in October.

Sept. Proposed to send for one dozen pledge cards of membership and one dozen booklets entitled "What W.C.T.U. Is."

Oct. Members met and packed box for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, President providing afternoon tea for all present. We thanked her for her kindness.