

Sec., Mrs Thurston; Treas., Mrs Perry. We believe we shall grow in numbers and in usefulness.

MASTERTON.

May 21. A very pleasant "At Home" at the residence of Mrs S. F. Beard. Mrs Devonport presided over a good attendance. Report of Convention by Miss Wingate, and songs by Misses Bennington and Jones.

June 3. Mrs Devonport presided. Attendance small, and only routine business was done.

HASTINGS.

April 22. Special meeting to make final arrangements for Convention Garden Party. Mesdames Newton, Pickering, Gloyne, and Martindale were appointed Committee to attend to afternoon tea.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

April 9. Mrs Cook presided; attendance good. Delegates appointed to Convention. Representatives appointed to National Council of Women. Reported that the Union had been represented by two vehicles in the great demonstration.

April 16. Special meeting to meet Mrs Cowie, who gave a very cheery address, and spoke of need for welcoming soldiers' wives to the Dominion.

May 14. Regret expressed at the removal to Morrsville of Mrs Nelson, our "W.R." Agent, and Miss Davies appointed to succeed her. Reported that a number of soldiers' wives were welcomed at Headquarters on the arrival of a troopship. Regret expressed at the resignation of our Headquarters Superintendent. Miss Hayman appointed to the office. Report of Convention by delegates, for which they were thanked.

MANAIA.

May 14. Mrs Patterson presided; 12 present. Report of Convention by the delegate. Article on State Purchase read by Mrs Patterson, who spoke of the need of instructing people how to vote. Two new members, and two babies for Cradle Roll. Decided to reopen the L.T.L. Decided to pay off back subscriptions owing on "White Ribbon."

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

June. Mrs Wright presided. Mrs Spearman and Mrs Butler, delegates to Convention, read their reports, Mrs Spearman taking the business, and Mrs Butler the social meetings. The reports were very interesting, and the delegates received a hearty vote of thanks. Mesdames Wright and Webb were elected delegates to the Newtown Epidemic Committee, and also the Town-Planning Conference. Mesdames Wright and Nield were elected Superintendents for the L.T.L., which would be started at once. Arrangements were made to hold White Ribbon Day on Thursday, June 19th, when Mrs Evans M.A., promised to give a paper.

SAWYER'S BAY.

May 26. Social evening, Mrs Peryman presiding. Mrs Horn was fawelled, and a small gift presented as a token of appreciation. The Y girls supplied a fine programme, and the ladies provided supper. In spite of snow and rain, 40 were present.

June. Mrs Allen presided, and pleasure was expressed at her recovery from illness. Deep regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs Tiffany, our Secretary, who is leaving the district. A small gift was presented as a token of affection. Afternoon tea was handed round.

Y's Reports.

INVERCARGILL.

April 7. A very interesting address by Miss Wilson on "Ideals." She urged girls always to keep the highest ideals before them.

May 7. Miss Buss presided, and gave a most helpful address on "Reforms and Reformers." Mr McFarlane has kindly given us a room, which we intend using as a club room, and a Club Room Committee was set up. A Musical Committee has been formed to choose and practise hymns for the meetings.—(A most excellent idea. Let our girls use their musical ability in the work, and to improve our meetings.—Editor.)—We are enrolling members for lectures on Dr. Kirk's treatment, to be held in connection with our Union.

AUCKLAND.

May 26. Weather bad. Attendance poor. Resignation of our Treasurer received with regret; she is to be married shortly. Nurse Chappell gave a fine address on how to keep the mind pure and the body clean. It was much appreciated by the girls.

FEILDING.

March 19. A fair attendance. Decided to help in the Children's Demonstration, and arrangements left in hands of Secretary and Treasurer. Delegate appointed for Convention.

NELSON.

Vice-President (Miss Hayes) in the chair. Deeply interesting report of Convention read by Miss Surberland. Miss R. Hay appointed "White Ribbon" reporter.

AN ACTIVE WORKER.

Mrs Corrans, a member of our Wanganui District Union, who is over 80 years of age, and quite blind, has knitted 98 skeins of wool into socks, etc., for our soldiers.

May her mantle of devoted energy fall upon many of the younger daughters!

L.T.L. Reports.

HAWERA.

April. First meeting for 1919. Distribution of prizes postponed owing to epidemic, now took place. Seven White Ribboners were present, and much enjoyed the songs and recitations given by the children.

Prizes for Our French Scholars, 2s and 1s.

The following was a piece of dictation given for primary instruction certificate to 10,000 girl candidates in France. We will give a first prize of 2s and a second of 1s for the two best translations posted the Editor before July 10th:—

L'Alcool.

L'alcool est certainement un **Meurtrier** et un **Faussaire**. Il prétend fortifier l'homme et il l'affaiblit, il prétend le réchauffer et il le refroidit, il prétend le réjouir et il le désespère, il prend le nom d'**eau-de-vie** et il donne la mort.

L'alcool est un **Voleur** infâme qui vide les poches de l'ouvrier—Il ruine aussi l'Etat en lui imposant la construction de nouveaux hôpitaux, de nouvelles asiles d'aliénés, de nouvelles prisons. Il coûte à la France plus d'un milliard par an.

L'alcool est un **Criminel** avéré. Il n'est pas de jour où ce meurtrier n'empoisonne des enfants, n'estropie des femmes, ne terrasse les hommes les plus forts et n'assomme les vieillards par l'apoplexie, sans compter les coups et les blessures qu'il occasionne sans cesse.

L'alcool prépare ainsi la **Banqueroute** matérielle et morale de la patrie en épuisant son sang généreux et ses réserves vitales.

AMERICA'S BONE DRY AMENDMENT TO BE TESTED.

The legislature of Rhode Island has adopted a resolution instructing its Attorney-General to begin action in the name of the state to test the constitutionality of the Eighteenth Amendment. So far as is known, no State has ever before asserted its sovereign right against its sister States. The purport of the resolution is that the Prohibition Amendment is an infringement upon the police powers of the State, hitherto exclusively exercised by them, and therefore is not an amendment to the Constitution, but an infringement of sovereign rights "contrary to the spirit and system of the dual form of government erected by the Constitution."—"Union Signal."