

cial meeting; well attended. Several solos were given, the claims of our excellent W.R. paper for support by members specially presented. Also need for Maori work, for which a good collection was taken up. Mrs Herbert Cole, of Christchurch, heartily welcomed amongst us. She gave a well-written paper on our W.C.T.U. work.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

July 18. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. Miss Hughes, organiser of the N.Z. Alliance for Wellington Suburbs, gave an interesting sketch of the work required for the poll. Decided to forward to the churches the resolution passed at the Annual Convention re women's work for Temperance in the churches.

HAWERA.

July 31. Mrs Young occupied the chair. Interesting reports of the Annual Convention, and also of the Provincial Convention were given by the delegates, Miss Maunder and Mrs J. S. Young. On August 9th, at the Red Cross shop, the Union intends to raise funds for the Girls' Hostel.

NEW BRIGHTON.

July 17. Mrs Hall presided; attendance good. Mrs Hall and Mrs Gordon were appointed delegates to Convention. Resignation of the W.R. Agent received with regret. Mrs Whitley appointed W.R. Agent. Decided to invite the 1920 Provincial Convention to New Brighton.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 11. Mrs Cook presided over a good attendance. Mrs Reuben Bailey conducted a most impressive Peace Thanksgiving service. Votes of sympathy. Decided to assist in the Peace Thanksgiving street collection for the poor of the city. Decided to forward Convention resolution to the ministers of the city. Rev. Hinton then addressed the meeting on the campaign, stressing the need for workers.

July 23. Mesdames Jamieson and Taylor appointed delegates to a Congress called by the Rights of Childhood League. The following was forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Railways: "The Auckland District W.C.T.U. urgently request the Government to discontinue carrying beer and spirituous liquors on the railway while restrictions are placed upon the necessities of every-day life. A paper on the life of the late T. E. Taylor was read by Miss Little. Reported that the Union was represented in the Peace procession by a motor car decorated with flags and occupied by the officers.

BALCLUTHA.

July 7. Good attendance at meeting, and hope this will keep up. Day of meeting now altered to 1st Tuesday of the month. Mrs Moore, of the Salvation Army, appointed a Vice-President of the Society, for which she returned thanks. Two new members were initiated. Four more subscribers to "White Ribbon."

Aug. 5. The President in the chair. Papers were read relating to last Convention; these were sent by Mrs Hiett. Decided to have a concert in September, and to ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to help the funds for our campaign. Letter read re Provincial Convention. Decided to take no action, owing to railway restrictions.

TURAKINA.

July 17. Letter read from Miss Henderson re inducing women in congregations to take active interest in obtaining Prohibition at the end of year. Plans were made for doing same. Miss Powell gave interesting account of Convention recently held in Wanganui. The work of the two branches of L.T.L. in Turakina was favourably reported on, while various members offered to take part in the work of addressing and organising the L.T.L. meetings.

MASTERTON.

Aug. 5. Mrs Devonport presided over a fair attendance. Routine business was transacted, and the meeting closed by the President pronouncing the Benediction.

DUNEDIN.

Aug. 5. Mrs Hiett presided over a good attendance. Owing to railway restrictions, it was found necessary to postpone holding the District Convention at present. A deputation from the Y.M.C.A. was received; they submitted plans for the consideration of the Union, by which they hoped to attract the young people of both sexes from walking the streets during the evening. Resolved that the meeting was in sympathy with the proposals, and would do all in their power to help. A member forwarded a clipping from a paper ("Daily Telegraph") drawing the attention of the Union to the action of a body of women in Perth who had organised to protest against the high cost of living, on account of the serious effect it will have on child life, and intended to demand that Government appoint a Price-fixing Board, on which traders and consumers be represented, with an independent chairman. Mrs Don moved that it be placed on record that as a body of women we were in cordial sympathy with the movement, and would be pleased to co-operate with any organisation that took the matter up.

AN EPITAPH FOR BRITAIN.

was lately suggested by a writer in the London "Spectator," as follows:—

"Here lies a race, of no armed foe afraid,

Yet self-consigned to doom by craven fear

Lest it should hurt the feelings of a trade

That seized its bread to drug its brains with beer."

Y's Reports.

TIMARU.

June. Mrs Napier's visit, on her way to Auckland to catch the Niagara for the Home Country, was a very pleasant surprise. She addressed the girls, and received hearty thanks and best wishes for a safe voyage. A very clear and concise account of Convention was given by our delegate, Miss Wagstaff, and the President, on behalf of the girls, thanked her for so ably representing us at Convention. Great pleasure was expressed that, despite her multiplicity of duties, Nurse Cameron has accepted the position of President to our Branch; also that Miss Buxton has undertaken the work of Secretary so enthusiastically.

At our last meeting Pastor Nicholls addressed the girls on "Self-Control," and it was much appreciated. Three delegates were appointed to the No-License Campaign Committee.

INVERCARGILL.

July 7. Attendance good. Reported that one member has secured 13 new members this month, and another seven, and a third six. Other members were urged to follow these good examples. Decided to hold our annual social on September 3rd, and call it the Mysterious Supper. Mr Wallace, an honorary member, has paid the fee for the hall. Mr Gilkinson gave a splendid address on the need for Prohibition and the folly of State Control, and was heartily thanked. Mrs Paisley then enlisted many of the girls as subscribers and as workers to the campaign. The singing of the Peace Hymn closed the meeting.

INVERCARGILL.

Aug. 4. There was a fair attendance. Miss Birss presided. A letter was received from the Returned Soldiers' Association thanking the Union for the tea rooms held for the soldiers during the Peace celebrations. Twenty new members were secured during the month. One new member initiated.

HOW TO FORGET.

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That some one was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who were sad.
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being true
To what you know you ought to do,
You'd be so busy you'd forget
The blunders of the folks you've met.

If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticise your neighbour long,
Because he's busy being wrong.

—Rebecca Foresman.