

to give all possible assistance. Mrs King appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Letter of sympathy sent to our Dominion President in her illness.

#### NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

Aug. 28. Mrs Peart presided, and opened the meeting. Mr Randerson gave a very instructive address on "State Purchase," with the object of helping the workers with answers to some of the questions they may be met with in canvassing.

#### GREYMOUTH.

July 29. Mrs Gaskin presided. Resolved to carry out Miss Henderson's request re appeal to ministers of the district. Received Mrs Peryman's letter re additional subscribers to "White Ribbon." Mrs Parkinson appointed Treasurer, and Sister Moody Bell Superintendent for Notable Days. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Taylor and the Gunn family, also American sisters in the lamented death of Mrs Lent Stevenson. Mesdames Blair and Jack Williams thanked for collecting towards furniture for Sailors' Rest.

Aug. 12. T. E. Taylor Day. Sister Moody Bell presided. Address by Rev. T. J. Wallace. Paper by Mrs Cole. Musical programme, and afternoon tea, with a collection.

Aug. 26. Mrs Parkinson appointed Superintendent for Back Blocks. Decided to ask that Mrs Wheeler visit the Coast. Very satisfactory report given by Mrs Cole of her work in the district.

#### ASHBURTON.

Aug. Mrs Lill presided over a good attendance. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Oakley. Miss Henderson wrote that owing to railway restrictions, both Convention and Mrs Duxfield's visit had been postponed. Miss Earnshaw spoke of the work being done among the young for the coming poll. Canvassers for street work appointed, and a cup of tea handed round.

#### RAKAIA.

Aug. A good attendance. A committee was appointed to organise the Service of Song "Never Despair," to be used in the coming campaign. Mr Raine gave an address. Mrs Ross, our Treasurer, who is leaving for Takaka, was presented by the Rakaia friends with a bed-spread and pillow shams as a token of appreciation of her services.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Aug. 15. Mrs McDonald presided. Apologies received from Mrs A. R. Atkinson and Mrs Clark. Mrs Evans and Mrs McDonald appointed delegates to Provincial Convention, which, owing to the difficulty of railway transit, is to be held in October. Mrs Lee-Cowie's pamphlet on "Reconstruction" was read, and copies dis-

tributed. Mr Savage, Organiser for Wellington Central, addressed the meeting, and appealed for helpers.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

July. Mrs Hall presided; attendance good. Decided to meet every second Thursday for special prayer for success at the coming poll. Owing to railway restrictions, the Convention was postponed. Three new members.

#### MANAIA.

Aug. Mrs J. J. Paterson presided, 30 present. Five new members initiated, and eight subscribers gained for "White Ribbon." Report of Wanganui Convention was read. It was reported that during Peace celebrations the Union provided a rest room and afternoon tea free for some hundreds of women and children. Addresses by Mrs Odell upon her work in East London and by Rev. Hinton appealing to the women to start work at once for the poll. Votes of thanks to the speakers.

Aug. 26. Home meeting, presided over by Mrs Aitken. Eight present.

#### LEIGH.

July 31. Mrs Wyatt presided over a moderate attendance. A reading was given on "Some Thoughts on Our Shortcomings," and a discussion followed upon the young woman whose only ambition is to get married and be mistress of a nice home. Committee appointed to arrange a W.C.T.U. concert, Mrs Gozar to be acting-Secretary. Afternoon tea was kindly provided by Mrs Matheson.

#### HAWERA.

Aug. 28. Mrs J. S. Young presided. Reported that our Union had raised £26 11s for the Girls' Hostel. The resignation of Mrs Best as Treasurer was accepted with regret, and a vote of sympathy in her illness was passed. Miss Maunders to act as Treasurer.

#### WANGANUI.

Aug. 8. Mrs Smith presided; attendance very good. Decided to change the day of meeting to the first Thursday. The meeting took the form of a social afternoon. Musical items and a recitation were given, and afternoon tea handed round.

#### HENDERSON.

Aug. 20. Fair attendance. Miss Duncan presided. Miss Gilberd read extracts from "Vanguard" concerning soldiers' votes. Decided to form a "Y" branch, Miss Gilberd to be Organiser and Superintendent.

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Aug. 27. Mrs Cook presided. Great pleasure was expressed at Mrs Snow, of Waihi, being with us, and she conducted devotional exercises. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Dowling in their sickness. Letter sent to Rev. Knowles Kempton

expressing regret at his departure for Dunedin, and appreciation of his work as honorary member of our Union. Miss Juniper, Organiser of Domestic Science for the Board of Education, gave an interesting address on the science of foods and their preparation. An interesting discussion was followed by a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

### Y's Reports.

#### AUCKLAND.

Aug. 15. A pay-up social. A fair attendance. Musical items, competitions, and a supper filled up a pleasant evening.

#### ARAMOHO.

July 15. Good attendance. President in the chair. Rev. Dudley gave a short but most interesting address on "Wowsers and Wowsersism." Two new members were initiated, and six others signed the pledge. Hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

Aug. 19. A good attendance. An address by Mr Scott, late sergeant of the Field Ambulance on active service, re forming first aid and home nursing classes. Decided to form classes. The speaker spoke on hemorrhage and its treatment, and illustrated it by a diagram and chart. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

#### OXFORD.

June 26. Birthday social. Three new members.

Sept. 18. Meeting to bid farewell to Miss Dalziel, one of our oldest and most enthusiastic members. During the evening Mrs Ryde presented her on behalf of the two Unions, with a silver manicure set. Miss Gainsford read a report of Convention, and the President thanked her for so ably representing us at Convention.

#### TIMARU.

Aug. 14. A Jumble Sale proved a great success. The President of the W.C.T.U. opened the proceedings in a choice speech, congratulating the juniors on their effort, and wishing them every success. There was a fancy stall, a jumble, and a sweet stall, also a surprise packet tree. The Mother Union took charge of the refreshment room. During the afternoon instrumental items enlivened the proceedings, and in the evening a promenade concert was held, at which our President, Nurse Cameron, presided. Competitions were indulged in. Proceeds, £20.

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