

TAKAPUNA.

Oct. 2. President in chair. Mr French, the Waitemata organiser for the coming Campaign, addressed the meeting. Fifteen present. Tea served at close.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Sept. 30. Monthly business meeting, Mrs Gaskin presiding. Action of Executive approved in sending resolution re proposed camp for youths to Minister for Defence and M.P. Letter and transfer to be sent to Mrs W. J. Williams, who has removed to Mount Somers, via Ashburton. Arrangements intimated for deferred annual concert and Sale of Work for Sailors' Rest; also (in preparation) a "Gift Apron Afternoon" on October 14. Telegrams sent to Sir Francis Bell and Hon. Mr Massey re full Parliamentary rights for women. Sailors' Rest report of a full month of work for September (483 visits from 120 seamen). Enquiries to be made as to securing services of Nurse Chappell, also procuring mock ballot voting papers.

FEILDING.

Sept. 4. Mrs Barton presided. Vote of condolence passed to Mrs Reeve on the death of her husband, she also having lost three sons at the war. A resolution protesting against the proposal to require youths of 18 years of age to spend four months continuously in camp was passed unanimously.

Oct. 2. Mrs Barton presided. Prayer meeting conducted by Mrs Emerson, well attended. Vote of condolence passed to Mrs Crabb on the death of her mother, a very old member of the Union. Letters of sympathy in their illness to be sent to Mrs Don and Mrs Lee-Cowie. Telegrams had been sent to the Premier and Sir Francis Bell urging that women be granted full Parliamentary rights. Eight members also sent telegrams. Committee appointed to take steps to establish a mothers' rest room and creche. Delegates to the Provincial Convention, Mesdames Miller and Reeve. Two members initiated.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Sept. 19. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided, and there was a good attendance of members. After the general business was concluded, Mrs McDonald, the Union's delegate to the Women's National Council, gave an interesting account of the work done by the Council at the recent Conference held in Wellington.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

Sept. 10. Mrs Wicks presided, attendance small. Decided to donate £1 to the Band of Hope Union competitions. Miss Earnshaw gave a brief sketch of her work, also when resting she had gained eight "White Ribbon" subscribers at Prebbleton, and hopes later to start a Union there. The following resolution was forward-

ed to Sir James Allen and local members of Parliament:—"The W.C.T.U. desires to enter a strong protest against the proposal to require youths of 18 years of age to spend four months of the year continuously in camp. If it is a fact that there is a necessity for the systematic physical training of youths, the Union is of opinion that this should not in any way be associated with 'militarism,' but that better provision should be made in this direction in connection with the public schools; further, that there should be a considerable extension of the system of medical inspection of school children, with a view to securing the proper treatment of such defects as may show themselves; where necessary the prescribed treatment should be obtainable free.

Sept. 24. Mrs Taylor presided. Decided to hold the postponed Provincial Convention on October 28 and 29 at Lyttelton. Mrs Wheeler will speak on the evening of October 28. Decided to have a combined meeting of the P.W.M.U. Guild and Women at the Choral Hall for Mrs Wheeler on October 27. Deep regret was expressed with Mrs Lee-Cowie in her illness, and also at her being obliged to leave the Dominion. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy, and also to write Mrs Don expressing the Union's pleasure at her recovery from her recent illness.

BALCLUTHA.

Sept. Mrs Clark presided over a good attendance of members. Decided to protest against the proposal to send youths into camp for four months' training. One new member. Same officers elected for next year.

Oct. Mrs Clark presided. Attendance only poor. We were very pleased to have at our meeting Mrs Kirkland, the mother of our Vice-President, Mrs Gregor. Mrs Kirkland joined the Union when it was organised in Dunedin by Mrs Leavitt. Mrs Moore, of the Salvation Army, is to give a paper next month, and we hope for a good attendance.

LEIGH.

Sept. A fair attendance. Mrs Wyatt presided. A paper was read treating of the evils of medicated wines. Another paper on the issues of the next licensing poll. It was voted unanimously to send in a resolution protesting against the four months' military training in camp for youths of eighteen and upward. Mrs Rennie kindly sang a selection from the "White Ribbon Hymnal."

NAPIER.

Oct. 1. A very successful meeting, Mrs Venables in the chair. A good attendance. The action of the President in wiring to Hon. Mr Massey and Sir Francis Bell re the Women's Parliamentary Rights Bill was unanimously approved. Decided to send letters of sympathy with the Dominion President and Mrs Lee-Cowie in their time of sickness. The

President introduced Mr Keeling, of South Australia, as the Napier Prohibition organiser. Mr Keeling thanked them for their welcome, and conveyed greetings from Mrs Nicholls, President of South Australian W.C.T.U., and also from Lady Holder, Australasian President. Afternoon tea was handed round, and a collection taken up for the N.Z. Fund.

GISBORNE.

Sept. 30. To commemorate the granting of the franchise to women, a social afternoon was held in Findlay's Tea Rooms. There was a large attendance of members and friends. Mrs W. E. Goffe presided. Addresses on the Franchise were given by the Revs. J. Aitken, W. H. E. Abbey, and Mr Macourt, which were much appreciated, and the speakers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Vocal items were given by Mrs De Latour and Miss Spence, and Miss Sievwright gave a reading. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Dods in her recent bereavement.

NGAERE.

Oct. Meeting held at the residence of Mrs Walker. Good attendance. Resolution re military training passed as read. Business done, the young women took charge of the meeting, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Solos were given by Misses Philips, Walker, and Jones. Papers read by Misses Sanne, Philips, Walker, and Ellis. One new member. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Aug. 12. Very wet day. Nine members present. Mrs Pasley presided. Stall-holders appointed for W.C.T.U. stall in aid of Children's House, to be held on Violet Day, September 4th. Hospitality arranged for delegates to Convention.

Aug. 27. Social evening to returned soldiers at their club room. Splendid programme. Large attendance of able soldiers, also patients from Convalescent Home and Public Hospital, who were conveyed by motor cars. Three cheers for W.C.T.U. members given by men.

Sept. 9. Good meeting. Mrs Pasley presided. Decided to forward resolution passed asking that the case of women whose husbands, through the after effects of the influenza, were prevented from providing for their families, be placed on the same footing as women whose husbands had died during the epidemic. Secretary to forward same to member for district.

OPOTIKI.

Sept. We ran a street stall to help erection of Soldiers' Club. The Club is to be run on good lines, no drink, no gambling, and our effort realised £100, which brought great joy to the workers. We are contemplating running jumble concert and jumble sale for funds for coming election.