

relating to Union activities. Mrs Rowe and Mrs McKechnie were appointed delegates to the Band of Hope.

SYDENHAM.

April 8. Mrs Sirett presided over a fair attendance. Letter of sympathy sent to Mr Adkins and family in their recent bereavement. Mrs Sirett thanked the members for their expression of sympathy during her recent illness. Mrs Richards gave a very useful and inspiring address on the work of Convention, and the different branches of the work of the Union. One new member was enrolled and afternoon tea was served.

May 6. Good attendance of members, presided over by the President, Mrs Sirett. Mrs Good, Superintendent of the New Brighton Cradle Roll paid us a visit, and gave a very enjoyable talk on her work amongst the mothers and children in the temperance work, by getting them to join the Band of Hope or the L.T.L., when they were beyond the Cradle Roll age. Mrs Hall, President of the New Brighton Union, gave a very interesting reading and address. Both speakers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and afternoon tea concluded a very pleasant meeting.

WANGANUI.

June 3. Devotional meeting; apologies from several members who are very sick. Reports were given by members who had visited the sick since the last meeting. New Zealand Alliance wrote asking the Union co-operation at a Conference to be held May 31st. Some members attended and with the assistance of Aramoho and Wanganui East, provided supper. Correspondence re Hand Book Resolutions; also from the Secretary Bible-in-Schools Organisation. Mrs Goodey was elected delegate to the District Convention.

NAPIER.

June 2. Fair attendance. Mrs Speight presiding. Plunket Society wrote thanking the Union for the gift of a screen to their new room. Letters of thanks for clothing sent to Willard Home, Palmerston. A report of the opening meeting of "Band of Hope" was given by Mrs Brocklehurst, Superintendent. Several members promised to obtain signatures for the Bible-in-Schools Movement. Resolved that letters be sent to the Premier and to our Member of Parliament, requesting that they will take notice that our Union are strongly in favour of the Bible-in-Schools, and are hoping that they also will favour it. Resolved to have an extra collection in aid of the District Travelling Fund, at an early date. Mrs Leask reported a very successful Drawing-Room meeting, held at Mrs Macalister's, Bluff Hill, at which Mrs T. E. Taylor gave a splendid address. There were 22 present, and four new members were initiated. Arrangements were made for the celebration of the 41st Birthday of the Napier Union, and invitations sent out. A report was given of a well-attended meeting in Willard Hall, on Peace Day, April 17th, when a very able address on Peace and Arbitration was given by our Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, and "No More War" resolution was passed. Mrs Brocklehurst was elected Recording Secretary in place of Mrs Bowman (resigned). A "Bring and Buy" Sale at the close of the meeting realised over £3, which will go toward our share of the Organizing Fund.

SEFTON.

April 26. Mrs Thorne presided, good attendance. Peace Day was celebrated, a splendid address given by Rev. Farrar, an article dealing with the effect of Alcohol on the heart was read. The Band of Hope was disbanded in favour of a Loyal Temperance Legion which is being formed. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

TEMPLETON.

May 20. Fair attendance, Mrs Simpson presiding. The report of the Dominion Convention was read by the delegates. Mrs Clark was elected Vice-President. One new member. A vote of sympathy to Mrs and Miss Voice in their bereavement.

May 25. Special meeting. Mrs Richards (Christchurch) addressed the meeting on

"Women's Work, and Peace and Arbitration," and explained the meaning of the White Ribbon Bow, "For God, Home, and Humanity," and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Four new members were initiated; roll now numbers 44. Items were contributed by Miss E. Musgrove (Piano-forte Solo), Mrs Clark, Mrs Woods (Solos), Mrs Draper (Recitation). A dainty afternoon tea was handed round.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

May 19. A good attendance, one new member. An interesting account of the opening of an L.T.L. at Trentham, was given by Mrs Anderson, and a very favourable report of the delegates to the City Council re the Rest Rooms of the City, was given by Mrs Henderson. Decided to hold White Ribbon Day on June 17th, the meeting to be addressed by Mrs Peryman. Mrs Anderson gave a short account of some of the subjects discussed at Convention. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale on the 21st. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of Mrs Johnson Wright, also the Wellington South Union on the death of their loved President. A beautiful banner was presented to the Union by Miss C. Kirk, in memory of her Sister, the late Mrs A. R. Atkinson. Mrs Atkinson was President of this Union, and her work in the cause of Temperance will ever be a monument to her beloved memory.

BELFAST.

May 19. Peace Day celebrated; fair attendance. Pledge was repeated by members. Mrs Richards gave a very interesting address on League of Nations, and fully explained the League and its meaning, and urged members to learn all they could of its movements. Mrs Richards was thanked for her helpful address. Afternoon tea was served.

MAUNGATUROTO.

May 26. "Pay Up" afternoon held at Mrs Pasley's, quite a large number of members present, and all joined up again; we also gained one new member. A pleasant hour was passed with musical items and readings, after which a quiet chat was enjoyed over afternoon tea.

JOHNSONVILLE.

May 16. Peace meeting; opening devotions. Short talks by Mrs Hanford, Salvation Army Officer; solo by Mrs Halliday, then prayers for universal peace. A lovely quiet devotional service. On May 19th, the usual monthly meeting was held. Business completed for White Ribbon Day. Short talk on attending to the little things. Afternoon tea was served, and an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. Average attendance.

FEILDING.

May 6. President in chair. Letter from the Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools Organization, asking our help in gaining new members for the movement, was read. All present in sympathy, and willing to help. A resolution was passed that we put on record our appreciation of the work done by the lady members of the School Committees who are nominated by our Union.

June 3rd. Owing to it being a holiday, meeting small. President in chair. In accordance with resolution passed at Convention, it was decided to send for pledge cards for repetition at each meeting, also papers on Scientific Temperance Teaching. Secretary instructed to write letters of sympathy to Mesdames Bray, Campbell and Johnston, all of whom are ill or have sickness in their homes. Resolved that next meeting be a benefit afternoon for Willard Home. A paper on the value of White Ribbon in our work was read by Mrs Pack. Miss Walton sang two songs, and Dell Trass gave a recitation.

N.E. VALLEY.

May 27. The President welcomed Rev. Mr Anstice to the Valley and to the Union, who then gave an address from the text in Hosea xi:4. He said the W.C.T.U. was not only a Temperance Union but a Christian Union. The Divine Spirit was behind the

movement and the Union gave the human touch necessary. During the evening Miss Peart gave a recitation, "The Mocking Bird," and Miss Moss sang "My Task," both items being much appreciated. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" sale in August. The President thanked Rev. Mr Anstice for his address.

BRIGHTON.

May 17. Good attendance, Mrs Hall in the chair. A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs Johnson Wright. Miss Harband's talk on Scientific Temperance Instruction each meeting is of great educational value, and is much appreciated by the members. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Peace Day, and Mrs Richards gave a very fine and fitting address. Afternoon tea was served.

STRATFORD.

May 28. President in the chair, and gave a short talk on Faith. 13 present. Rev. G. P. Hunt discussed Band of Hope work. One new member initiated.

AUCKLAND.

May 11. Mrs Cook presided. Letter received from Poppy Day Committee thanking the Union for taking charge of a stand. The Union collected £121, being second highest on the list. The Union provided a table at the W.C.T.U. farewell banquet to Mrs Lee-Cowie, Mrs Rosser and Miss Mears, and were heartily thanked for preparing the table. A united prayer meeting to be held on May 17th for international peace. Decided to change our day of meeting to first Tuesday. Pay-up Social to be held in June. Sympathy expressed with Mrs Fulljames in her illness. She sent a letter received from the President of the Nule W.C.T.U., who is also a missionary of the L.M.S., earnestly pleading that something be done to stop Sunday labour in working steamers, in the interests of the natives. Decided to send an appeal to the Council of Christian Churches earnestly urging them to do something in the matter. An extract from the "British Weekly" was read of a speech given by the Bishop of London to the London United Temperance Council, in speaking of a meeting to protest against smuggling of drink into the United States. He said he felt strongly that sufficient protest had not been made against this gross act of treachery against a sister nation. Mrs Cook spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.C.T.U. Creche at Dunedin Exhibition, and it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs Macartney for the efficient way it had been organised and carried out. Afternoon tea was served and an informal talk on the work of the Union was enjoyed. Sympathy was sent to Mrs Finch, V.P. District, who was unable to address the meeting, through illness. Mrs Cook gave an interesting account of her visit to Dunedin, and said what a wonderful Exhibition it was, and spoke very highly of the Women's Department and the Rest Room.

TAUMARUNUI.

April 13. A very well attended meeting, when Dr. Howard gave an address on "Home Nursing." Over a cup of tea the ladies discussed and examined some Oriental embroideries Sister Alison is selling for the Mission.

May 11. The day was wet, and the meeting resolved itself into a business meeting, and discussed means of providing interesting subjects of addresses for future meetings. We have hopes to make this into a real live Branch of the Union.

RICHMOND.

April 20. Miss Tarrant presided, and led devotions. After general work afternoon tea dispensed, Miss Cooke, Nelson, told of work at Convention, and Mrs Field, Nelson, emphasised the need of prayer.

May 18. 16 members. Miss Tarrant led devotions. Peace Day celebrated. Mrs Crabtree gave a very interesting and elevating address on "Peace and Arbitration." Members united in prayer for Peace, and meeting closed with singing "Peace Perfect Peace" and Benediction.