

EDEN.

April 20. Mrs Fenton presided over a fair attendance. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Wilson, "former President," Mrs Franklyn and others. Letter of sympathy to be sent Mrs Ramsay in her illness. Several ladies undertook to provide for and take charge of a table at the knife and fork tea being held in aid of funds for District Union, and also as a farewell to Mrs Lee Cowie and Mrs Kaspar. Eleven members promised to each gain seven members for the "Bible-in-Schools League." Mrs Fenton was appointed our representative on the "Womens' National Council." The President, on behalf of the Union said a few loving words of good-bye to Mrs Wykes, who was leaving on an extended trip to Vancouver. The Recording Secretary gave a most interesting report of the work done at the Dominion Convention, and was thanked.

AUCKLAND.

June 3. Pay Up social was held. Mrs Cook presided; large attendance. A resolution was unanimously passed that this meeting of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union indignantly protests against the action of the Licensing Committee in granting the license on the Waterfront after the same Committee had declared that a license was not required in the locality, and consider it is due to the public that the names of those members should be made known who "violated their trust." The courageous stand taken by Mr Cutten, S.M., was heartily commended. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Premier, Hon. J. G. Coates, for the attitude he took in regard to lotteries. Mrs Cook of her work. Mrs Peryman made an appeal on behalf of the White Ribbon, and urged all present to increase the circulation because of its educational value. A collection was taken for the Maori work. Recitations were given by Misses Cowley and Morton. Afternoon tea was served. One member initiated.

LOWER HUTT.

May 26. Mention was made of the passing of Mrs Wright. Secretary reported meeting of District Executive, held in Wellington. Decided to hold a special "White Ribbon" afternoon at our next meeting. Donation received from Church of Christ Trust. Letter received from Rev. Peat, re Bible-in-Schools League. Several present volunteered for distribution of literature. Proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent Mrs Jackson, Vice-President, in the illness of her husband. Mrs Ballantyne read a very interesting article on the League of Nations. Secretary reported that a small meeting was held on Peace Prayer Day.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

June 4. The President, Mrs F. Young, extended a cordial welcome to the Rev. H. Peat, who addressed the meeting on the aims and objects of the Bible in Schools League. The speaker stated that 46 of the present members of Parliament had promised to support the Bill as set out by the League. The Bill, he said, aimed at the simple recognition of God in the education of the young and making legal in the Primary Schools virtually those Religious Exercises that are now given in Secondary and Technical Schools in New Zealand. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Peat for his most interesting and inspiring address.

ASHBURTON.

June 1. A very large attendance, presided over by Mrs W. H. Robinson. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs J. Osborn and family, and with the relatives of the late Mrs Johnson Wright, Wellington, and Mr R. Alcorn, Waikato. Mesdames F. Hocking and Corbett were appointed to represent the Union at the New Zealand Alliance Area Council, to be held in Timaru on June 3rd. The meeting then took the form of a social gathering in honour of "White Ribbon Day," the room being very tastefully arranged. A very enjoyable programme was submitted, and Mrs Robinson extended to Mrs T. E. Taylor, New Zealand

President, a hearty welcome to our Union. Mrs Galbraith, Mayoress also welcomed Mrs Taylor, and presented her with a handsome bouquet. Mrs Taylor delivered a stirring, helpful address, on the general work of the Union. Special reference was made to the White Ribbon, and the speaker urged all present to support it loyally. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded speaker and performers. Afternoon tea was handed round, and a number of White Ribbon subscriptions were received.

RICCARTON.

May 26. Peace Day. It was not found possible to keep Peace Day on the special Monday, but members agreed to intercede in their own homes, therefore our Peace meeting was held on third Thursday in the month, about twenty ladies being present. The Pledge was repeated, and Mrs Barrell gave a few minutes talk on the false uses of alcohol as a stimulant. Mrs Richards took charge of the meeting, the devotions being along Peace lines. Mrs Richards gave a splendid address on the aims of the League of Nations, after which several questions were answered. Mesdames James and Newth expressed the appreciation of the members to Mrs Richards. Letter was read from Canterbury Executive re forming Temperance Societies within the Church, or otherwise stimulating interest among the churches. After a short discussion, it was decided that in this district, everything possible had been done, and that no action be taken for the present. Convention numbers of "White Ribbon" distributed to non-subscribers. On May 29th, a successful Jumble Sale was held, realizing £20.

BLENHEIM.

May 4. Mrs McCallum, President, presided over a well-attended and successful meeting. Mrs Forbes read a very inspiring and helpful paper on Sympathy showing how much good can be done by a little sympathy, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Decided that Mrs Grigg should give a paper on "Peace" at our next meeting.

June 1. Mrs McCallum presided over a good attendance. Mrs McCallum gave a splendid paper on the "White Ribbon," and showed how much our paper was appreciated in the various homes. An appeal was made for new subscribers with the result of three being gained. A motion of sympathy was passed to Mrs Grigg in her illness. A collection for Maori Fund, 11/9.

NGAERE.

June 3. Meeting held at Mrs K. Tarrant's, nine members present, and five visitors. Mrs Gilliver, President, presided. Decided that members collect coloured cards and pictures for Mrs Miller for Maori work. In response to New Plymouth Union for funds for Seamen's Rest, it was decided to write and ask Mrs X. Jones to come out and collect. Mrs Gilliver kindly offering her car to take her round. Decided by vote to hold meeting on White Ribbon Day; Mrs Tarrant again, kindly offered her room for same. Union trying to send two delegates to Convention at Inglewood next week. At the close of meeting, four new members were initiated. Mrs Tarrant kindly handed round afternoon tea.

PLEASANT POINT.

June 2. Very good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Boag, District President, spoke suggesting calling the roll at meetings, and visiting absent members, also how to make the meetings interesting was to enrol new ones to our causes by giving each an active part, such as forming ideas, or reading a paper, or getting a speaker from other centres and discussing with them; also to wear our White Ribbon badges more conspicuously. Strongly advocating the Cradle Roll by going to Mothers and getting them to sign the pledge for the babies until they are eight and then for them to join the Band of Hope or L.T.L., also advocating more distribution of literature, say by having a box in station. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Boag. Two new members. Parcels of clothing were brought for Willard Home, and £1 was donated to the Home. Afternoon tea served.

MASTERTON.

Mrs Cocker presiding, twenty-six members present. Decided to give to Loyal Temperance Legioners a prize, value 10/-, for best Temperance essay. An "At Home" meeting arranged for June 17th, White Ribbon Day, Mrs Cocker to be hostess. Miss Burl addressed the meeting and spoke very forcibly showing how, if our faith is strong, nothing shall be impossible. Little faith can do nothing, but real faith, which is the vital spark can say unto the mountains 'move,' and they shall move. A hearty vote of thanks accorded Miss Burl.

MANAIA.

May 11. Fair attendance, one new member initiated. A delegate for the District Convention was chosen. Reported that the American Association for World-Wide Peace had sent to ask if the Union could interest any local competitors in the essay competitions it has instituted. The request had been taken to the local school, and the headmaster agreed to try to induce pupils to enter. He had also promised to send for Temperance Wall Sheets, and see that they were used. The members are making special attempts to increase attendance. Mrs Scott presided.

WAITARA.

April 16. 11 present, Mrs Andrews took the chair and was warmly welcomed after a long absence owing to ill health. Letter was read from Secretary of the B.I.S.P.U., asking members to support them in their big effort for the children. All present were willing to assist.

May 21. Mrs Clayton presided. Letter from Secretary Methodist Sunday School, asking that we organise Band of Hope. Decided we combine with all Sunday School delegates appointed for District Convention. Report of Dominion Convention, and proved very helpful to all present. Motions of sympathy with Mrs Chadwick (member) in the loss of her dear father. A Union Sister, from South Island was welcomed by Mrs Clayton.

OAMARU.

May 10. A very well-attended meeting. Mrs Clark presided. A committee was formed to investigate the matter of raising funds for Rest Room. Resolutions passed at Annual Convention in connection with Peace and Arbitration Department were endorsed. It was decided to have a waist line supper at next meeting. Mrs Hiett, Dominion Vice-President, to be invited to address us on that occasion. Mr Watt, Minister of the Church of Christ, gave a very fine address on "Peace." A hearty vote of thanks to Mr Watt for his interesting and helpful address was carried with acclamation.

OXFORD.

May 17. President in the chair. A resolution was passed, expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs R. H. Gainsford, also recording grateful appreciation of the invaluable service rendered by Mrs Gainsford, as first President of the Oxford W.C.T.U., and the mainspring of the activities till laid aside by sickness. The President said they had met that afternoon in deference to the request of the Dominion W.C.T.U., that all Unions should observe that day, the third Monday in May, as a special day of intercession for world peace. Prayer was offered for this object, after which Mr L. Watson gave an interesting address on the best means of attaining to world peace. Decided to send a letter of thanks to the "Y" branch for their very able assistance with the Show catering and regretting that the state of finances will not be able, this year, to do anything more substantial. One new member was initiated. Mrs Nelson was appointed Superintendent of Medical Temperance.

RANGIORA.

May 28. Monthly meeting. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance, and apologised for the absence through illness of Mrs Richards, who was to have given an address. An article on "Alcohol in relation to the human body and mind" was read, and the attention of members was drawn to several Convention resolutions