

TEMUKA.

May 14. Fair attendance, President in chair. A very fine recitation on "The fruits of the first glass of wine," was given by Mrs Lawry.

June 25. Fair attendance, cold night; President in chair. A paper was read on the "White Ribbon," and members asked to get as many new subscribers as possible. Mrs Blackmore gave a very interesting paper on "Her recent visit to Suva." So much was it enjoyed, that she was requested, and has kindly consented to give it again. Decided to hold our July meeting in the afternoon to enable some country friends, who cannot attend at night, to be initiated.

AUCKLAND.

June 14. A largely attended meeting. Mrs Peryman, Editor of the official paper of the Union, "The White Ribbon," was present, and gave a powerful address on the possibilities of helping the cause of Temperance, by means of circulating the paper. A short report of the Peace Day meeting was given by Mrs Judson; and Mrs Neal briefly reported the work of meeting immigrants on arrival at Auckland. A motion of appreciation of the action of the City Council in objecting to the Government erecting more hoardings in the city, was passed. The President, Mrs Benfell, announced that the District Convention would be held at Dominion Road, on September 15th, when the National President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, would be present.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

June 14. Besides President, Vice-President, and Secretary, representatives from Timaru, Ashburton, Rakaiia, Fairlie, Pleasant Point, Geraldine, Waimate, and Totara Valley were present. Decided to secure a number of invitation cards for free distribution from North Canterbury. Several members reported on the Area Convention of Alliance held in Timaru on 3rd June. The President reported on her visit to Ashburton, Pleasant Point and Totara Valley, at the latter place an exceptionally good meeting had been held. The Vice-President, Mrs Low, reported that she had visited Waimate and had given an address on the League of Nations. In connection with this, a splendid report was put in the Waimate Daily Advertiser, and also a very able leading article dealing with the various activities of the W.C.T.U., greatly appreciated. Reported that the Timaru Y. Branch had been revived under the leadership of Mrs Gordon. Miss Smart, the lately appointed Superintendent of the Waimate Y's, sent a very interesting paper on work among the Young People, which was read by Mrs Roy. Arrangements made for President to visit Geraldine and Waimate.

CHRISTCHURCH.

June 28. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. Mrs Wicks, our Medical Temperance Superintendent, gave a few interesting facts on the question of alcohol and its relation to insanity, its effect on morals, and how it lessens capacity for work. Miss Henderson welcomed to the Union, Mrs Odell (late of Timaru) Miss Bishop and Miss McLay, the latter being lately appointed one of the Dominion Organisers. Arrangements were made for Miss Henderson and Mrs Richards to speak at the Guilds of Addington, Sydenham, St. Andrew's, and Richmond. A number of Convention Resolutions were discussed, and fully explained by Miss Henderson, and it was resolved to urge upon the members of Parliament, the necessity of amending existing legislation so as to provide for (1) The employment of Women Police; (2) The appointment of Women Justices of the Peace; (3) The inclusion of Women upon Juries; (4) The mother of a family having equal right of guardianship with the father; (5) An amendment of the Police Offences Act in the direction of making it an offence for a person to be found in a residence at any time during day or night without lawful excuse; (6) An amendment of the Destitute Persons' Act, in the direction of (a) placing the onus of proving inability to pay upon the defendants; (b) making provision whereby men committed to gaol for non-compliance with maintenance orders, shall be employed upon remunerative work, and their earnings

applied to the maintenance of their dependents. Mrs Rowntree was appointed to represent the Christchurch Unions on the Band of Hope Union Committee. Mrs T. E. Taylor spoke for a short time on the Bible-in-Schools Movement.

June 30. Pay Up social. Owing to the wet evening, there was not a large attendance. Miss Henderson presided, and a number of musical items, solos and duets were given, also a recitation. Mr Paterson, Alliance Organiser, spoke for a short time on the activities and plans of work of the New Zealand Alliance. He also touched on Child Welfare and the increase in mental defective children, the problems and great expense it was proving to the State. Miss Henderson read a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Matron of the Children's Fresh Air Home, for parcels of clothing received from the Union. Supper was served.

May 12. Peace Day observed. Mrs Williams gave an interesting address upon the subject. Several members helped in street collection on Poppy Day. Miss Henderson gave brief account of New Zealand Alliance Annual meeting.

April 28. Social in honour of three retiring officers. Musical items and songs were rendered. Miss Henderson in a few words of appreciation, presented Mrs T. E. Taylor, Retiring President, with a gold bow badge studded with pearls, and a handsome hand-bag. A number of members testified to their regret at Mrs Taylor's resignation, but they felt honoured that she had been elected Dominion President. Miss Lovell-Smith, our faithful Treasurer for so many years, and Miss Bishop, our zealous Recording Secretary, had both found it necessary to retire, and Miss Henderson presented each with hand-bags. Miss Lovell-Smith presented a hand-bag to Miss Gordon as a small token of the Union's love and esteem for her long years of faithful service, she having joined the Union when it was organised by Mrs Leavitt, in 1885. Supper was served and Temperance Doxology sung.

May 26. Miss Henderson presided. The Pledge was repeated and Medical Temperance facts given by Mrs Wicks. Delegates appointed to Bible-in-Schools Conference; Secretary of which is to be notified that Union will give all possible help. Convention resolutions explained by Miss Henderson. Defer consideration of "Gambling" until District Convention, and Superintendent of Anti-Gambling to be appointed. Members to visit Women's and Church organisations, and if possible, arrange for a speaker to put before them aims and objects of W.C.T.U. Vote of sympathy with Miss Earnshaw in her recent illness.

June 9. Miss Henderson presided. Several members promised to assist in street collection for Society for Protection of Women and Children. Arrangements made for speakers to address several guilds who had asked for speakers. Miss Henderson reported on Creche at Exhibition. Rev. J. Coursey, gave an address on the work and influence of the W.C.T.U.

DUNEDIN.

June 4. Social for workers who helped at the Exhibition Creche, also as a farewell to Miss A. Webb, Secretary of Creche Committee, who is leaving to make her home in Oamaru.

July 5. Good attendance. Mrs Donaldson, a recent arrival from the Glasgow Union was warmly welcomed, when responding, gave some interesting facts about a World's Convention held recently in Edinburgh. Mrs Denton Leech briefly explained the representation on the League of Nations, and was heartily thanked. Miss Revant was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Reports were received from Mrs Hutton about women's meetings in Churches and concert parties on behalf of the Union in various institutions, and representative upon the Women's Rest Room and Creche, which the citizens propose building. As Parliament is now in session, it was again decided to urge upon Members of Parliament the necessity of amending existing legislation.

BLENHEIM.

July 5. Mrs McCallum, President, presided over a well-attended meeting. Decided to hold a Home meeting, and have a Scientific address at our next meeting. The Pledge is also repeated at our meetings. A letter has been sent to our Member, urging

him to support the resolutions, on the social questions, safe-guarding women and children. Mrs A. M. Mills read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Gambling" in its many forms; a short discussion followed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Mills. Afternoon tea was handed round.

WAVERLEY.

June-July. Both these meetings were well attended. At the June meeting, it was decided to allow the Plunket Society the use of part of the Rest Room. Mrs Wall was chosen as delegate to the Ingewood Conference, and at the July meeting presented a very interesting report thereof. The Girl's Club held an afternoon and collected enough for three easy chairs for the Rest Room and the Union decided to instal a heater which will be a great blessing on cold days. It is with great regret that I have to record the death of Mrs A. J. Adlam, at one time President of our Union. The deceased lady gave willingly her capable services in sickness and trouble; her helpful sympathy will be sadly missed.

TAKAPUNA.

July 1. Mrs Penning presided. Mrs Cook, Dominion Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League gave a very good address on that subject. The platform of Bible-in-School League contains four planks: Recitation of Lord's Prayer; Singing a Hymn; Reading a passage of Scripture without comment; Conscience Clause for Teacher, Parent and Child. A very hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, and all promised to help in this good work.

GREYTOWN.

June 29. Twenty members and friends present; one new member joined. Decided to give afternoon tea to inmates of Buchanan Home on July 14th. Mrs D. McKenzie to buy prizes for competition. Collection £1 8s. 4d., half for Local Fund, and half to New Zealand Fund. Miss Burls gave an interesting talk on temperance and social work, and was heartily applauded.

ASHBURTON.

July 6. "Pay Up" social largely attended and very successful. Mrs W. H. Robinson occupied the chair. Letters of sympathy sent to several members who were sick or suffering, including Mr and Mrs R. Burton, and Rev. R. B. Tinsley, the victims of an unfortunate motor accident. Gratitude was expressed that results were not more serious. Greetings were received from Mrs W. T. Lill, though still unable to be present. A request was received from Headquarters, urging members to link up with the Bible-in-Schools League at once. Miss Henderson wrote, drawing attention to resolutions passed at Convention, also, that amendments proposed to existing Legislation re Women Police, Justices of Peace, and Women on Juries, be placed before the local M.P. without delay. Mrs Lee, of Rakaiia Union, was transferred to Ashburton branch. Three new members were enrolled. Superintendent of "Anti-Gambling" reported that the Prime Minister's attitude to Art Unions had been noted, and a letter of thanks and appreciation sent him. An interesting report of the Area Convention of the N.Z. Alliance submitted by Mrs C. J. Corbett. Miss Gates, Officer of "Child Welfare" Department addressed the meeting. The President heartily congratulated Miss Gates on her recent appointment as a Government Official, and assured her of the interest, and prayerful co-operation of the members of the Union in her work. A very enjoyable programme was contributed, and a cup of tea handed round, during which an opportunity was given members to discharge their obligations to the Treasurer.

STYX.

June 19. Social afternoon at Mrs Blain's to meet the children who intended to become members of the L.T.L. Miss McLay addressed the children. Decided to meet at 2.30 p.m. every Sunday at the home of their leader, Mrs Titheridge.

June 26. Mrs Blain led exercises. Story relating to tobacco poisoning; recitations by the boys.

July 13. Fourteen children signed the Pledge, and received their L.T.L. Badge. Children are studying a dialogue to assist at a Band of Hope concert. Mrs Blain read Y.P. Supplement (June number) which was much enjoyed. Closing exercises.