

STRATFORD.

June 25. "White Ribbon Day" celebrated; there were about thirty present. Mrs Phillips, the President, made an appeal to the ladies present to be up and doing; also on behalf of "White Ribbon" which she explained is edited by ladies, and contains information for Prohibition workers. Miss Rogers gave several violin solos, accompanied by Mrs Carter, which were much appreciated. A dainty afternoon tea was served.

MANAIA.

June. The weather was bad, but attendance was good. Mrs Robinson, the Vice-President, taking the chair, and giving a report of the Convention. The membership roll was gone over, several names to be crossed out owing to members having gone away and it was arranged that the Secretary write to the various Unions, near to whose headquarters brides had settled. Three new members were promised; the present membership numbers 41. Several members volunteered for visiting work in their own localities, to try to increase membership and activity.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

July 1. Mrs Goody presided. Mrs Bathgate gave a report of Devotional addresses given during Dominion Convention, which was exceptionally interesting. Apologies were received from several absent members. Mrs Bathgate reported an offer of women willing to work up the Union. A list of names of emigrants was handed in with a request for the W.C.T.U. ladies to get in touch with them. Mrs Goody, Delegate to the District Convention, gave a very good report; Mrs Upton gave a talk at Convention on "Responsibilities." Mrs Irwin gave a reading on the "White Ribbon paper," the Official Organ of the W.C.T.U. The next District Convention to be held at Hawera.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

June 17. "White Ribbon" Day observed. Mrs X. Jones presiding. A very interesting and instructive paper was read by Mrs Craig, from Mrs Peryman, Editor of the "White Ribbon." Songs were rendered by Mrs Scott and Miss Hodder. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mrs Lynn.

June 20. Report of the Taranaki-Wanganui District Convention by the delegate. Mrs Chapman was complimented by the President and others upon her interesting and concise account of the business transacted, and at the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded our delegate. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming Bell-birds concert, to be given under the management of Mrs J. Craig, in aid of the Seamen's Rest.

June 23. A Home meeting was held at the Fitzroy Parsonage. Mrs X. Jones gave an interesting talk upon "What our Union stands for." Mrs Craig also informed those present of some of the duties and good work being carried on by the members at the present time. Mrs Chapman spoke about the Cradle Roll Department, of which Mrs Oliver is Superintendent. Two songs and a pianoforte solo. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Cossum.

MOTUEKA.

June 30. Eight present; the chair was occupied by the President. Decided that at each meeting, a member bring along a "Fact," relating to the effect of Alcohol on the body. The branch here is looking forward to a promised visit from the Editor of the "White Ribbon." A paper entitled "What is the White Ribbon," was read and much enjoyed. A collection was taken for White Ribbon Day.

OAMARU.

June 14. Quarterly social evening and Waist line supper; good attendance. Mrs Clarke, President, occupied the chair. Mrs Corlett, White Ribbon Agent, read a very fine paper (sent by Mrs Peryman) in which was urged the value of the White Ribbon from an educational standpoint, and the need of increased circulation. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Cathcart, in the death of her husband. It was resolved that the Union send a protest to the Minister of Internal Affairs against any more permits being granted for Art Unions over 1500. According to promise, and it was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to the Prime Minister re the stand

he has taken against gambling. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Pygall and Miss A-iston, the soloists of the evening, and to Miss Aikenhead for her excellent recitation. One new member.

CHEVIOT.

June 16. An enthusiastic home meeting held at Mrs Clifford's. Mrs Swinerd, Vice-President, gave a short and helpful address. Mrs Walmsley, of Spotswood, was elected as President. The next meeting was arranged for August, after which Mrs Swinerd pronounced the Benediction, and a dainty afternoon tea was served.

TAKAPUNA.

June. Mrs Penning in the chair, and attendance was good. Mrs Benful, District President, and Miss Bradshaw, Organiser, were present. Miss Bradshaw gave a very nice address, urging the need for each to do their part to increase our membership and the circulation of our paper. A protest was made against the granting of a license on the waterfront. Several new subscribers gained. Afternoon tea served. A solo by Miss Mills much enjoyed.

BRIGHTON.

June 17. A well-arranged Conversazione, both afternoon and evening. President, Mrs Hall presided at both functions. In the afternoon songs were given by Mesdames Hewitt, F. Sprosen, and R. Campbell, and the Rev. J. S. Young gave a very fine address. Afternoon tea was served, and several new members were initiated. In the evening an excellent programme was arranged those contributing items being Mesdames Campbell and Hewitt, Misses Raine, Langley, Gibb and Nelson, and Mr R. Campbell. A dialogue, written by Miss B. M. Harband, explaining the work of the W.C.T.U., was given by the officers of the Branch. During the dialogue a duet was sung by Mesdames Campbell and Mitchell, and a solo by Mrs Farmer. A total of eight new members were initiated at the two meetings including two honorary (male) members.

RIVERTON.

June 23. A most successful "White Ribbon" afternoon was held by our President at her home. There were twenty present, and a very pleasant time was spent. Mrs Lowe and Mrs Prosser sang two solos each, Mrs Cassels accompanying them. Our Secretary read a paper on "White Ribbon" Day. Two new subscribers were gained. On behalf of the members, Mrs Fordyce thanked Mrs Gray for her kind hospitality, and invited the Union to hold the next Notable Day at her residence.

HASTINGS.

June 24. Mrs Banks, President, in the chair. Twenty-one members and visitor present. "White Ribbon" Day celebrated by the paper on "White Ribbon" being read by Mrs Paul, "White Ribbon" Agent, who also gave her experiences as a "White Ribbon" Agent during her five years' office. Her services were greatly appreciated, also those of the newly-appointed Assistant, Mrs Murtagh. The subscribers roll now stands at 65 (being more than our membership). —(Well done, Ed. W.R.). Reports of Young People's work for the month received, also Literature Supt. and Sick Visiting Committee, also that the Union had been represented on the newly-formed District Nursing Association. Mrs Sutherland was hostess for the afternoon. Collection 14/6. During Devotions, Mrs Darby gave a paper, entitled "Jesus Our Guide," and Mrs Banks gave a solo, which was greatly appreciated.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH

June 8. Quite a large gathering of members and friends. President, Mrs Garrett, occupied the chair. Mrs Pryde followed devotions with a suitable sacred solo. Nurse Griffiths and Miss McCallum will attend Alliance Convention as delegates for the Southern Union. The afternoon was set aside for information and discussion on "Maori Work," and Mrs Garrett, who was favoured by a paper from Sister Nichol on Maori Work in the North Island, interested her hearers for quite a long time, and Mrs Aitchison here kindly and sweetly sang a solo. Mrs Parker acted as accompanist.

MASTERTON.

June 17. Special "At Home" meeting for the observance of "White Ribbon" Day. Very good attendance of members and friends. President referred to the educational work done through the medium of the "White Ribbon." Agent gave a short report showing that the circulation of the paper is steadily increasing. A very fine address by Miss Burl on Social and National improvements, referring especially to World Peace and National Prohibition. Referring to Prohibition, Miss Burl spoke of the effect of alcohol on the human body, on the unborn child, and stressed the need for the education of parenthood for the protection of the life to come.

FEILDING.

July 1. Annual Gift afternoon for Willard Home. Good attendance presided over by Mrs Mack. A very satisfactory number of useful articles were brought in also the sum of £1 10s. collected in the room. Mrs Beattie and Mrs Jones very kindly offered to convey the goods to the Home in their cars. Songs and recitations were contributed by various members, and afternoon tea dispensed. Resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Belfit, a member who is very seriously ill. A circular dealing with certain legislative demands of our Union was read and discussed. Resolved that our M.P. be written to on the subject.

OTAHUHU.

June 10. Mrs Greenwood presided. Miss Bradshaw spoke, and urged members to strive to increase the membership of the Union and the circulation of the "White Ribbon." The address was much enjoyed, and all present promised to do all they could to gain new members and subscribers. July 1. President, Mrs Greenwood, occupied the chair; Mrs Pain gave a very interesting talk on the effect of alcohol on the body, which was listened to with great interest by all present.

OPOTIKI.

June 15. Mrs Thompson presided, Mrs and Miss Steele rendered a duet. President gave a stirring address on "The Influence of Women." Correspondence from Mrs Peryman and Mrs Gibbs were read and dealt with. Band of Hope meetings discussed, and arrangements made for the winter months. Mesdames C. H. and T. Fleming served afternoon tea. A Band of Hope meeting, held in the Theatre on Tuesday, June 22nd, over 300 people present. Mrs Thompson presided and the meeting opened with Community singing and prayer. Captain Grice gave a very interesting address. An excellent programme was rendered by combined Sunday Schools; accompaniments played by Miss Elliot and Mrs Hambly.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

July 1. Mrs Keene, Vice-President, presided. In accordance with the recommendation passed at Convention, all rose and repeated the pledge, after which a short extract was read dealing with the effect of alcohol. The Secretary was instructed to write to Members of Parliament asking for legislation in connection with Women Police, the appointment of Women Justices of the Peace, the inclusion of Women on Juries, the mother of a family having equal rights with the father, and an amendment to the Police Offences Act, making it an offence for a person to be found in a residence at any time during the day or night without lawful excuse. The aims and objects of the Bible-in-Schools League were discussed, and all promised their support to the Bill which would be submitted to Parliament. The members then dealt with the forthcoming Thanksgiving, to be held on the 15th of the month, when the mortgage on the property would be paid. The advertising of liquor on Stamp booklets and train tickets was taken exception to, also even the suggestion of boys playing football on Sundays was regretted especially as there is so much Sabbath desecration abroad, the lifting of the Rent Restriction Act was also brought up, and a majority of those present agreed that they considered this Act as one of the most just and righteous Acts placed on the Statute Books for protecting a portion of the community who are least able to protect themselves, and it was hoped that it would be continued.