

of war and an enthusiasm for the principles of Peace."

As has many times been pointed out, the resolutions passed in full Convention represent the accepted policy of the whole Union; it therefore becomes the duty of every Branch Union to consider such resolutions, and to endeavour as far as possible to work along the lines suggested therein. I would therefore appeal to all Union Officers and Peace Superintendents to arrange for half-an-hour each month, if possible, or if not, at least every two months, to be given to the study of Disarmament, or of any other subject bearing upon the Abolition of War, and also (2) to ascertain whether teaching concerning the League of Nations or any other subject connected with the Peace Movement is being given in their schools, and if not, to lay the matter before their School Committee, and endeavour to get this omission rectified.

The most crying need of the world to-day is Peace—perfect freedom from the possibility and dread of war; let each of us, therefore, ever bear in mind our own responsibility in this matter, remembering the supreme power of thought which we all possess, that every thought sent out into the world to carry its silent message into the hearts and lives of others, shall be a thought of peace, and that every word and every act shall be such as may help to spread around an atmosphere of Peace, Love, and Harmony.

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Superintendent.

## News of the Unions.

### PLEASE NOTE!

1. Every Union should report.
2. Reports must be short.
3. Must be in by 8th of month.
4. Don't report what you are going to do.
5. Don't send newspaper reports of your meetings.

### MORRINSVILLE.

June. Mrs L. M. Jones, of Hamilton, presided, and gave a very interesting address of "How the W.C.T.U. Got Its Name and How It Originated." Mrs Jones then initiated three new members, and inducted Mrs Starnes as President of the Morrins-

ville Branch. Miss Elder, of Peru, addressed the members, and spoke of Temperance work out in Bolivia, and the good work the missionaries are doing there. Afternoon tea was then served, during which the President, Mrs Starnes, presented Mrs Jones, with a small memento from the members, thanking her for her help and kindness. A sale of flower plants at the close of the meeting brought in the sum of 16/-.

### BLUFF.

May 7. Goodly number present. Mrs McGregor, Acting-President, presided. Mrs Fairbairn had come from Invercargill to give us a report of Convention, and everyone enjoyed every minute of it. Afternoon tea was served.

May 21. The 25th Anniversary of our Band of Hope was celebrated by a Concert and Lollie Stall. The Rev. R. Francis was in the chair. Although there were several counter attractions, we had a nice full hall, and the Concert, arranged by Mrs J. Walker, Junr., Band of Hope Superintendent, was a success. The first part of the programme was given by present members and the second by ex-members, some of whom travelled from Invercargill to assist. The Lollie Stall was run by elder girl members, and proved a big draw.

### GERALDINE.

May 14. Sixteen members present. Mrs Neutze presided. Reported that as result of Garden Party and Gift Afternoon a sack of clothes had been forwarded to Willard Home. Miss Patrick gave an interesting report of Convention. Mrs Wallach's solo was much appreciated. Afternoon tea served.

June 1. Twenty-four present. Mrs Neutze welcomed Rev. Ford and Mr W. Mackesy, and both spoke a few words. Mrs Cowie and Rev. Ford's solos much enjoyed. Afternoon tea served. Two new members.

### RICHMOND.

June 15. Eleven members. Mrs L. Sutton led devotions. Pledge repeated. Correspondence read and discussed, also District Convention. Paper on "Objects and Aims of W.C.T.U." read, also "White Ribbon" Day observed by appealing for more readers, also paper by Mrs Peryman on "White Ribbon" read. Closed with Benediction.

### BIRKENHEAD.

April 15. Mrs Jory in the chair. Decided to procure six copies of the Handbook. Correspondence from Secretary of Bible-in-Schools' Movement was discussed, and seven ladies promised to obtain seven signatures each.

May 20. Meeting at the home of Mrs Chapelle. Although an exceedingly wet afternoon, several members attended, and some of Mrs Chapelle's friends were present. Mrs Taylor, from Auckland, gave a helpful address.

June 17. Mrs Jory, President, in the chair. Mrs Jory commented on what the W.C.T.U. stands for. Mrs Peryman's hints re the circulation of the "White Ribbon" were discussed. As our July meeting is to be held at the residence of Mrs Jory, it was decided that the August meeting shall be our annual meeting.

### TAUMARUNUI.

April. We had the privilege of an address from Dr. E. Howard on the "Functions of the Human Body, and Elementary Nursing." The thanks of the Branch are due to him for a most instructive and interesting address.

May. The meeting was mainly for the transaction of routine business, while this month (June) a large number of members attended, and in response to the Secretary's appeal, six new subscribers were secured for the "White Ribbon," and a new member was initiated at the close of the service. A short talk was given by a member on the booklet—"Alcohol: a Cell Poison," and comparisons were made between the up-to-date scientific knowledge imparted by the book, and the methods of an earlier age when none but religious workers were in the field against the drink evil. Next meeting will take the form of a social to celebrate the Branch's First Anniversary.

### RAWENE.

June. Meeting at Mrs Lane's. Miss Ashworth spoke of the work of the East Street Mission. One new member, making sixth for this year. A discussion on "Alcohol as a Medicine" followed, and our visitor gave us the names of various substitutes used instead of alcohol. Initiatory service and Doxology closed the meeting.

### CANVASTOWN.

May 7. First meeting to celebrate "White Ribbon" Day. Mrs Murray presided over a fair attendance. Apologies were made for Miss Brown, Mrs Inwood and Miss Flower, who were absent through sickness. Greetings were received from Rai Valley and Blenheim. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mesdames Lawson and Dimanti.

### TAURANGA.

June 18. Mrs Jordan presided. A very good attendance. Decided that a Treasurer's report be submitted once a quarter. Mrs Horn, the Baptist Pastor's wife, gave a very good address on all that our "White Ribbon" paper stands for, giving us a vision of wonderful opportunities ahead. Vote of thanks for the address was carried by acclamation. Tea was handed round.

### PAPANUI.

The President, Mrs Simpson, presided over a good attendance of members, and as it was "White Ribbon" Day, Mrs Richards was the speaker and gave a beautiful and helpful address, taking for her subject "For God, and Home, and Humanity." A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was carried. Mrs Chandler sang feelingly "He Wipes the Tear from Every Eye." Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Social Committee, and one new member initiated. The Jumble Sale realised £11.

### RANGIORA.

June 25. Mrs Thwaites presided over good attendance. The Secretary was directed to bring under the notice of the Member for the District various legislative demands of the Union. A paper for "White Ribbon" Day was read. The speaker was Miss McLay, Organiser for the Union, who took as her subject "Some of the Infirmities of the Nation." She referred particularly to the drink evil and to ignorance of God. The address was both encouraging and inspiring, and was listened to with marked attention.

### OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

June 15. Attendance good. Mrs A. D. Jenkins presided. A paper for "White Ribbon" Day was read, urging the members to do all they can to increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon" paper. The Rev. J. Carlisle gave an excellent address, stressing the need for continued activity in the work to which the members were pledged. Prohibition he considered is not only political but spiritual; we must be prepared to fight—to take the gloves off and fight; we may hurt, but we hurt to heal. The members showed their appreciation by spontaneous applause. Afternoon tea was served.

### HENDERSON.

June. No meeting in May, owing to very heavy rain on the 3rd Wednesday. Our meeting this month in Forester's Hall, Mrs Platt in the chair and a good number of members and friends present. Vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Fountain on the death of her only little girl, also to Mrs Pratt on the loss of her sister, who was accidentally killed. Prayers and sympathy were asked on behalf of Mrs Fenney, our Cradle Roll Superintendent, who has just undergone a severe operation. Mrs Peryman then gave a very fine inspiring address, and urged the need for subscribing, reading, and studying the White Ribbon paper. Eight new subscribers gained. Mrs Peryman then presented prizes for best essays written by senior scholars of Henderson School. The two best prizes were read aloud, and we all thought them very good indeed. Afternoon tea was served. Next month to be our Pay Up social at Methodist Church.