

## SUMNER.

July 7. The meeting was well-attended. Mrs McCombs presided, and read an interesting and forcible statement regarding injurious results from the use of alcohol. A fine address was then given by Mrs W. J. Williams, on the need for inspiration in our meetings during the interval between polls. Reviewing the many activities of the Union, Mrs Williams showed how interest and activity could be consistently maintained. Vote-winning Cards were accepted by members. Afternoon tea and a beautiful solo by Mrs F. Kerr, made our social half-hour most enjoyable. A vote of thanks to Mrs Williams was carried.

## PUKEKOHE.

May 5. Our President, Mrs Cresbie, presided over a very fair attendance. Bible Study of various passages of Scripture dealing with the "Women of the Bible" was very interesting, a paper sent by our late Secretary (Mrs Hodges) on the subject was read, and much appreciated by all present.

June 2. Only seven members present. Decided our next meeting to be our Annual Pay Up Social, to be held on the first Tuesday in July, that being the month our branch was opened.

## LOWER HUTT.

June 23. Special afternoon arranged in conjunction with Petone Union, to welcome Mrs Peryman. There were forty women present, and all listened with much appreciation to a splendid address; it is hoped that all members will take to heart, the urgent need for individual work. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Peryman, also Petone Union for joining us. Afternoon tea was served.

## RICCARTON.

June 17. Mrs Barrell presided. Being White Ribbon Day, President urged all who were not already taking the paper to become subscribers, stressing the benefits to be received thereby. Letter from Miss Harband read re attending Women's meeting to support Bible-in-Schools Bill. Some of our members making garments for Mission Box. Mrs McCombs gave an interesting address on the Children's Character, outlining the advancement in recent years of everything pertaining to the welfare of the child. One new subscriber to White Ribbon.

## HAWERA.

June 25. Mrs Exley presided over a good attendance. White Ribbon Day was celebrated. Mrs Young read a paper showing the advantages gained by subscribing to the Union paper, and urging all to try and obtain more subscribers. Miss Kelly wrote resigning her office as Secretary, owing to removal from Hawera. The President spoke of Miss Kelly's good and faithful work as Secretary. Resignation was received with regret. Mrs Ashton gave a very good report on the recent Convention, held at Inglewood. An invitation has been extended to have the next District Convention at Hawera. A very interesting report was received from Mrs Shackleton relating to the reforming of the L.T.L. branch, the first meeting being a social one when 75 children were present, also a few of the parents. Songs recitations and violin solos were given by the children. Tea, sandwiches and buns were enjoyed by all. At the next meeting, 26 children were enrolled as members of the L.T.L. Mrs Shackleton and Mrs Hayward are pleased with the success of the first meetings, and hope they will increase in interest. Children to meet alternate Thursdays, after school hours.

## TIMARU.

June 29. White Ribbon Day celebrated; good attendance, enthusiastic meeting. Silent vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Adkins and Miss Avison. Hospital has been visited; also several sick and elderly members in their homes. Mrs Brooker made an honorary member. Mrs Caye read a very interesting paper on the "White Ribbon," and appealed for new members. Miss Acutt, Organizer in New Zealand for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and a White Ribboner, delighted the meeting with a solo, and in returning thanks for the welcome accorded her, gave a short breezy talk on her views of the temperance outlook in New Zealand and in the Home-land—she stated that she always

carried a book of pledges wherever she went. Mr Mackesy, Area Organizer for New Zealand Alliance also gave a short address. Mrs Norrie, who has not been well enough to attend the meetings for the last eight months, paid a surprise visit and was accorded a warm welcome. Mrs Trott called on the meeting to stand and sing the Temperance Doxology, after which she offered up a prayer of thanksgiving. Mrs Norrie, who has still to be very careful, thanked the members for her welcome, and Mrs Trott for so ably filling the chair for her, and expressed her great pleasure at being present.

## WAIMATE.

June. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, we had no May meeting. An acknowledgment for £1 1s. from the Mayor (Mr Dashi) for the purpose of obtaining literature concerning "The League of Nations" for one year. Mrs Roy and Miss McCarthy attended the Alliance Conference at Timaru. Being "White Ribbon Day," Mrs Graham handed in her report re sales of White Ribbon. Mrs Elder then read a paper sent by the Editor, dealing with the aims and objects of the "White Ribbon Movement," which was very interesting and much enjoyed by all present. Captain Armstrong, of the Salvation Army, gave an address on the four letters of our badge, dealing at length with "Women," "Christians," "Temperance," and "Unions," in a very attractive way. A note of regret was expressed at the inability of Mrs Kippenberger to continue in office with the Y. Branch of our Union. Miss Smart has been appointed in her stead. A vote of thanks to Captain Armstrong; afternoon tea served.

## N.E. VALLEY.

June. Mrs Miller presiding. It being White Ribbon Day, a large number of members were present. The papers read by members were suitable to the day, and were much appreciated by all present and should gain many subscribers to our brave little paper, "The White Ribbon." Mrs Saunders gave a very interesting account of the meeting of delegates at the Annual Conference of the New Zealand Alliance.

## FAIRLIE.

June 8. Good attendance. Mrs Wilcox elected President till end of year. Mrs Chisholm having left district. Union secured money box for extra collections. After usual business, Mrs Sangster read a glowing paper on the life of Frances Willard, enjoyed by all. Afternoon tea.

## WANGANUI EAST.

May 13. Mrs Duxfield in the chair. Regret expressed, Mrs Siddalls was unable to continue Superintendency of L.T.L. A record to be placed in the minutes in appreciation of past services. Union decided to hold a combined meeting with Central Union in celebrating 'Peace Day.' Mrs Siddalls to be delegate to Inglewood Convention. A donation of £6 7s. 6d. was made to the Organizing Fund, and members agreed to render all assistance in increasing the roll of "scattered members." Number of members expressed their willingness to become 'active' members of the 'People's Organization of Bible in Schools.' A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Emmett and family. Secretary to write to Mrs Brown, expressing sympathy in her illness. Mrs Brown read extracts from Otago Witness, from Lady Fergusson and others, expressing appreciation of the work of the W.C.T.U. Creeche at the Dunedin Exhibition; also others of the success of a "Dry Exhibition."

June 10. Mrs Duxfield presided, and welcomed Mrs Hopkirk, late of Invercargill. Mrs Goodacre, transferred from New Plymouth, Mrs Francis Mills from Auckland, and Miss Sutton, England. Three members received into membership. Union celebrated 'White Ribbon Day.' Secretary reading Mrs Peryman's excellent little paper; a collection was taken in aid of Maori work. Mrs Binn (Delegate) gave an excellent report of the Convention, which proved very helpful and inspiring. At July meeting, Mrs Duxfield has promised to repeat her 'Convention' address, 'Past, Present, and Future.' Mrs Duxfield spoke a few appropriate words of farewell to Mrs Williams, who has since left for Auckland, wishing her improved health and God-speed to her new home.

## HAMILTON.

July 1. A good attendance of members present. The President read correspondence re the District Convention to be held at Morrinsville on September 5th. The members of the Executive were invited to meet the newly-appointed Organizer at Mrs Jones's residence, on Tuesday afternoon, to talk over plans of work. Mrs E. G. Johnson read in a most pleasing manner, "The life of Frances Willard." Decided to make the August meeting a pay up social afternoon. Our members have been working for the Bible-in-Schools People's Organization, and Mrs Johnson secured fifty signatures.

## NORTH BRIGHTON.

June 15. The second meeting of this newly-formed Union was addressed by Mrs T. E. Taylor, who outlined the various forms of activity open to ardent members of the W.C.T.U. The President spoke upon the value of the "White Ribbon" as an educative factor in the life of busy women with not overmuch time to study the Prohibition question. Seven subscribers were obtained, and two members were initiated.

## WARKWORTH.

Rather small meeting owing to sickness, and stress of work in connection with 'Baby Carnival' for Plunket work. Two new members initiated. Members looking forward to Miss Bradshaw's visit shortly. Meeting unanimously in favour of legislation reform, to be urged according to Miss Henderson's circular. Regret that nothing can be done to prevent the smoking of cigarettes by girls. Mrs Taylor, New Zealand President, urged prayer and education. Arrangements made for forwarding of parcels of warm clothing to Sister Esther for distribution among the poor. Deep sympathy was expressed with Mrs McKinney and her family, in their tragic loss, by accident, of son and brother.

## MAUNGATUROTO.

June 23. Meeting held, small attendance. Correspondence re Miss Bradshaw visiting our district, was read. Decided to try and hold a special meeting on that occasion.

## INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

June 8. Good attendance. Mrs Stanley Brown gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The care of the mentally unfit." The President spoke of the sterling qualities and excellent work achieved by the late Mrs Johnston Wright, Evangelistic Superintendent. Members then standing in silence as a token of respect. The President and Secretary were appointed as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Southland Area of the New Zealand Alliance. Afternoon tea was served.

## BELFAST.

June 9. Mrs Redburne presided over a small attendance. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Clarke (Sailor) in the loss of her husband. Members repeated Pledge, and a sentence on the effects of Alcohol on the Human mind was read by a member and discussed by all, which proved very interesting. Some pieces were then read from our paper, and also a leaflet on "What is the White Ribbon?" An appeal was made to members to talk more about it to their friends. Decided to start a Cradle Roll, and also a Band of Hope. Afternoon tea was served.

## FOXTON.

June 17. White Ribbon Day; Mrs McDonald presided over fair attendance. A very interesting paper on the "White Ribbon" was read by Mrs Chrystall. Mrs McDonald also read an interesting article on the "Little White Bow." Decided that each member try to secure another subscriber for the "White Ribbon" paper. A very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the Benediction.

## RAI VALLEY.

June 16. Eight members present; Mrs Leov gave a short address on White Ribbon Day. Decided to write and ask Mrs Peryman, in the event of her visiting Nelson in July, to give an address at Rai Valley also. A letter of appreciation to be sent to the Prime Minister for his statements regarding Art Unions. Resolved that the next meeting take the form of a social afternoon.