

true civilisation, and urged us to support the Bible-in-Schools movement. Mrs Jory, in thanking Mrs Cook said: The first thing in the Mission Field we teach the Native children is the Bible. In Fiji, the children will sell shells and vegetables in order to buy a Bible. Afternoon tea served.

N.E. VALLEY.

July. The President spoke from the text: "That they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." A number of interesting papers were read by members, referring to some of our most prominent workers who had passed away. Memorial Day meeting, and Mrs Hislop gave a very interesting account of her personal acquaintance with Mr Taylor, and spoke of the many good works done by him. Miss Fulton spoke of the work done by her Mother, who was the first Dominion President of the W.C.T.U. The others mentioned were:—Rev. John Dawson, Mrs J. A. Adams, Mrs A. R. Atkinson (Wellington South); Mrs Florence Wyncop, Mrs Johnstone Wright, Mr G. Bowman, Mrs Cole, Mrs McKenzie (Mother of Mrs Hiett, Dunedin's President). Mention was also made by Mrs Sanders of Professor Bedford, Rev. R. S. Gray, and Mrs Mary Roberts. A duet was sung by Mrs Gibson and Miss Anstice, which was much enjoyed. At the close of the meeting, a new member was initiated.

SUMNER.

August 4. Good meeting; Mrs McCombs presiding. Vote-winning Cards were distributed. After the Prohibition "fact" was read, Miss Henderson addressed meeting on "The life and Work of Mr T. E. Taylor." Needless to say, it was a good address, and an inspiration. Arrangements were made for a special meeting on September 1st, and it was agreed to issue invitations. Resolved to send two delegates to District Convention at New Brighton. Mrs Ogier reported great progress in Band of Hope work, the children's choir now numbers 46. Afternoon tea, a vote of thanks to Miss Henderson, and taking the collection, completed the afternoon's meeting.

GORE.

July. Mrs E. C. Smith, President, in the chair. An open night, owing to the visit of Mrs D. Leech, Dominion Organiser of the League of Nations who gave an interesting address on the aims and objects of the organization she represents. The vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. H. Hocking, and musical items were rendered during the evening, by the Misses Hinchey and Messrs G. Mirams, and V. Courtis, the meeting ending as usual, with a much appreciated supper.

RICCARTON.

July 15. Mrs James, Vice-President, presided. Apologies received from several members. Pledge repeated and Temperance fact read by Secretary. Resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Harband, who was to address the meeting, but owing to an injury to her ankle, was unable to be present. Appreciation expressed for the interesting pamphlets Miss Harband sent to the meeting. Letter sent to Mr Kyle, M.P., for Riccarton, asking him to support Bible-in-Schools Bill. Mesdames Barrell, Newth, and Donaldson, were appointed delegates to attend New Zealand Alliance Convention on July 25th. "White Ribbon" paper read, and members urged to gain new subscribers.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

July 22. A concert given by the "Bell Birds," under the management of Mrs J. Craig, in aid of the Seamen's Rest Fund, was in every way a great success, it being estimated that the Fund will benefit to the extent of about £20. Much credit is due to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Craig, for her ability and enthusiasm in this direction.

July 28. A well-attended meeting; Mrs Griffin occupied the chair, and voiced the feeling of all the members in expressing much sympathy with our President in her indisposition, and also the hope of speedy recovery. Loving tributes were paid to the memory and faithful work of the late Mrs Hutchins, who represented the Union as visitor to the Public Hospital. Mrs J. Craig reported a good start with the Band of Hope meetings held fortnightly, on Saturday afternoons in Whiteley Schoolroom. Mrs Brash,

the Union's representative to the District Nurse's Committee, reported that sewing-meetings were being held, to which members were invited, for the purpose of making and renovating clothes for the sick who needed them, and that any spare clothing would be welcomed, and could be left at the office of the Charitable Aid Board. One new member was initiated.

CAMBRIDGE.

April. Mrs Hogan presided; a good attendance. The meeting decided to invite Miss McLay to enliven interest. An interesting address was delivered by Rev. R. C. Stewart, Baptist Minister, on his experience of social and prohibition activities in America. Hearty vote of thanks passed.

May. Special meeting to meet Miss McLay, who, during her stay, made many visits and looked up old members with good results. Miss McLay urged advisability of forming a Y. Branch. After an address such as Miss McLay can give, afternoon tea was dispensed. We were undoubtedly the richer for Miss McLay's visit.

June. Mrs Martin presided; correspondence re a proposed visit from Mr A. J. Stallworthy, Hon. worker in Band of Hope work, was discussed, and it was agreed that we give the meeting our support. Owing to Rev. Stewart's removal to Wanganui, we lose a valued member in his wife, who has taken an active interest in the work of the Union. It was decided to place on record our appreciation of Mrs Stewart's valued help.

HAMILTON.

August 5. In spite of the wet weather, there was a good attendance of ladies. All agreed it was well worth while turning out, to hear the fine address given by Miss McLay. The speaker gave an outline of her work in the Waikato District, and it was good to hear her tell of the deep interest in Temperance work amongst the young folk of the districts she has already visited. The meeting was opened with a hymn and the Crusade psalm, then all stood and repeated the pledge. Mrs Johnson gave a recitation. Mrs Craig a vocal item, then afternoon tea was served, which was all greatly enjoyed. At the close of Miss McLay's address, one new member was initiated. Collection for the Organizing Fund.

ONEHUNGA.

June 10. In response to our energetic White Ribbon Agent's circular, quite a gathering of members assembled. Several members of Epsom Union were also present, having been invited to join with us to meet our White Ribbon Editor, Mrs Peryman. Mrs Benfell, District President, presided. Mrs Ashby gave a report of her year's work, and we realized afresh how fortunate we are in having such a real live agent to push the sales of our splendid little magazine. Mrs Peryman was heartily welcomed. Her dynamic personality and directness of speech carried inspiration to all who heard her, and we trust our work will benefit and show in a practical way our appreciation of our Editor's words of wisdom. Collection (amounting to over £2) was equally divided between funds, and Mrs Peryman's expenses. Our Agent secured four new subscribers to "White Ribbon."

July 8. President (Mrs Stacey) in chair. Mrs Ashby offered to hold "home meeting" at date to be decided later. Reported Onehunga fourth on list in number of tickets sold for Mrs Cowie's tea. Announced next meeting "Pay Up Social." Rev. Cook then gave us an interesting account of his and Mrs Cook's visit to Honolulu, and mentioned that Prohibition in America is largely due to the work of the women, and particularly of W.C.T.U. Union; and is in his opinion an undoubted success.

WHANGAREI.

White Ribbon Day held at residence of Mrs F. Cliffs; 21 ladies present. Pleasant afternoon spent; 3 new members.

July 6. Mrs Goodall presided, 19 ladies present. Decided to write to M.P. re various amendments.

July 14. Visit of Miss Bradshaw, 22 ladies present; 3 new members.

July 27. Memorial Day, held at residence of Mrs Bennie, Central Avenue; 30 ladies present; good time, good music.

August 3. Meeting held in Methodist School Room, 19 present. Decided to send clothing to Willard Home, also assist Salvation Army Anniversary Tea. Greeting from

Paparoa, from Miss Bradshaw. Transfer received of Mrs Wright, late President of Maungaturoto Branch; glad to welcome Mrs Wright in our midst. Decided to help in an All Nations' Temperance Fair; two new members.

PONSONBY.

June 17. White Ribbon Day. Mrs Peryman, Editor of White Ribbon, gave an interesting address, and made a stirring appeal to members to get new subscribers for the paper, and emphasised the fact that we could only win Prohibition by educating the Public, and they would get a lot of information about the great world fight out of the White Ribbon.

July 1. Fair attendance; Mrs Hayr presided. A very interesting letter was read from our beloved President, Mrs Lee Cowie, which told of the great work she was able to do amongst the American soldiers, 25,000 of whom are stationed at Honolulu. Several additional Superintendents were appointed.

July 15. Mrs Hayr, President, presided over a fair meeting. A letter was read from the District Union re the funds needed for the New Zealand Convention, and it was decided to do our share. Mrs Neal, New Zealand Superintendent of Medical Temperance and Narcotics then gave us a very helpful address on these matters, and urged all members to distribute literature on these subjects of which she has a good supply.

August 5. A very small meeting, owing to sickness and wet weather. Miss Cunningham presided. Mrs Smith spoke very feelingly on the life of the late T. E. Taylor, especially emphasising his wonderful character; he was a born orator and statesman, and out for abolition of the Liquor Trade.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

The July meeting was most encouraging from the point of attendance, and enthusiasm of members to get into active service. Three sets of twins, sons and daughters of White Ribboners were enrolled as a beginning for a Cradle Roll. Arrangements were made for the formation of "Y." Branch, and for a social afternoon to entertain the mothers of the children attending the local school.

WAKAPUAKA.

July 26. Mrs Field brought Mrs Peryman and a few others from town, but owing to a wet afternoon, very few attended. Mrs Field presided, and Mrs Peryman gave a most interesting address on the aims and objects of our Union, and the value of the White Ribbon. Afternoon tea was served.

STRATFORD.

July 23. Mrs McCallum took the chair. Meeting was opened with singing and prayer, after which a discussion on the work took place. Reported that the Alliance were catered for during Convention held in Stratford.

BRIGHTON.

August 2. Special business meeting was held to make the preliminary arrangements for the Annual Provincial Convention, to be held in New Brighton in September. Committees were appointed for hospitality, entertaining, etc., and arrangements are well in hand.

MAORI UNIONS.

POUTO.

Sister Nicholls has visited and re-organised this branch, and Mrs W. Kena, the Secretary, sends the following report. "Our meetings have started again. We have appointed Sister Nicholls as our Superintendent. Our report of the 1st August, Sister Nicholls elected that Miss Kathleen Kena should be our Reporter."

FRANKTON.

The monthly meeting of the Frankton Maori Union, was held on the 30th July, in the Methodist School Hall. Mrs Jones, District President, presided. The Dominion Organiser, Miss McLay, addressed the meeting, taking for her subject "Prayer." Miss McLay gave a brief outline of the formation of the W.C.T.U. which was born in prayer, and referred to the world-wide membership and scope of the work of the Union. She emphasised the need for educating the young in Christian Temperance principles. On Saturday, 31st July, a branch of the Loyal Temperance Legion was formed at Frankton by Miss McLay. Miss Nellie Whatu was appointed as Leader.