

SEFTON.

June 30. Fair attendance of members, presided over by the President. Several resolutions from Convention were read and discussed. Treasurer reported £1 sent to N.Z. Fund. Superintendent of L.T.L. reported several meetings of L.T.L. Branch. "Alcohol as a stimulant" was taken as the subject for Scientific Temperance Instruction. White Ribbon Day was celebrated. Afternoon tea dispensed.

July 28. Mrs J. F. Douds (Vice-President) presided; small attendance. Several apologies for absence on account of sickness were received. An interesting report of the work of the Willard Home was read, and it was decided to send on contents of Clothing Box immediately. After business was dealt with, a sociable time was spent over tea-cups.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Aug. 3rd. Good attendance. Address on the Artillery of Prayer by Mrs Didhams. Mrs Elliot to represent Union in connection with the work among backward children. Resolution in favour of Bible in School Bill sent to our M.P.s. Letters from Dunedin M.P.s. in reply to remits sent by last meeting. All expressed themselves in sympathy. Votes of sympathy to relations of late Mrs Theomin, Misses Hill and Nicol. Brief talk Theomin, Misses Hill and Nicol. Brief talk on "Alcohol" even in smallest doses directly destroys all power of mental concentration so necessary in research work. Aug. 4th—Home Meeting in St. Andrews Church. Mrs Don gave an address on our work, born in a Presbyterian Church 50 years ago. 1 new member. Aug. 6th.—Concert Party visited Ross Home and Waiakari Hospital distributed fruit and sweets.

CARTERTON.

Aug. 4th. Mrs Every presided. Small attendance. Mrs Cotter's resignation as Cor. Sec. received with regret. Election of new Sec. left over until next meeting. Mrs T. E. Taylor wrote regretting her inability to visit Carterton now, but hopes to do so later in the year. Letter received from Miss Kirk re District Convention. Decided to send a parcel of clothing to Willard Home. Decided to send flowers to Wellington to assist Violet Day Sale in aid of Residential Nurseries. Mrs Kennerley read an extract from "A Black Girl's Life." Afternoon tea dispensed by Mrs Kennerley.

PLEASANT POINT.

July 7. Small attendance. Correspondence from Miss Henderson re legislative demands, Mrs Taylor re Bible-in-Schools, Mr Mackesy and Miss Earnshaw. White Ribbon Day paper read by Secretary, and W.R. Agent, Miss Neilson, reported 44 subscribers. Report of District Executive read. Treasurer's report showed credit balance of £2 11s. 7d.

August 4. Good attendance. Correspondence from Mrs Taylor, Mrs Brown, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Birdsall, and Miss McLay. Mrs Smith appointed delegate to District Convention. Paper contributed by Miss Bishop on T. E. Taylor was read, and a vote of thanks accorded Miss Bishop. Resolved to form a Y. Union at Pleasant Point. One new member; afternoon tea dispensed. Re-started 1d. per member collection towards funds.

OAMARU.

July 12. Fair attendance. Mrs Clarke presided. Mrs Hilliker gave a Bible address. Miss Webb and Mrs Twose heartily welcomed as workers from Dunedin. Letters from Miss Henderson containing legislative demands, from Prime Minister and Minister of Internal affairs. Votes of sympathy to Mrs Green and Mr Garrow. District officers nominated, and accounts passed for payment. Mrs Clarke read report of Alliance Conference. Mrs Scott elected delegate to District Convention. Collection for District Fund.

MASTERTON.

Mrs Weymouth, Vice-President, presiding over good attendance. Decided to appoint two members each month to visit Women's Ward of Public Hospital, and leave copies of 'White Ribbon'; to hold a meeting at Solway in September, in connection with the Scattered Members Department; to endorse the recommendations of the New Zealand

Executive in regard to Legislative demands of our Union; the Secretary to communicate with member for District. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Helen Cowie, who dealt with the menace of mental deficiency, in relation to hygiene, outlining the extraordinary way in which feeble-mindedness is wrapped up in civilisation, and showing the influence on the mentality of environment, physical degeneracy, heredity, education, medical supervision, etc. Decided to secure and study report of Royal Commission on Feeble-mindedness.

TE KUITI.

June. Good attendance. Decided to ask Nurse Rowlings to collect pennies at the Rest Room. Mrs Horne, of Auckland, gave a fine account of the social evils prevalent in the city. Decided to send a letter to our President, Mrs Edgar, wishing her a speedy recovery.

July. We regret to report that Mrs Edgar is still confined to her room, and that it will be some time before she will be able to take up active work.

August. Special meeting. Following resolution passed: "The Te Kuiti Branch of the W.C.T.U. desires to forward to the Cabinet and Houses of Parliament, its emphatic protest against the continued activity of the Liquor Trade and its agents in preparing petitions and organizing deputations in favour of establishing the License Liquor Trade in the King Country." This has been passed by all the Churches in the King Country yesterday, and will be forwarded to the proper quarters this week.

WANGANUI EAST.

July 8. Mrs Duxfield in chair, presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. An inspiring and helpful letter was read from Mrs Bond, of Inglewood. Mrs Frethey's resignation as Recording Secretary was received with regret. The Corresponding Secretary will act pro. tem. The President welcomed Mrs and Miss Wilson from Scotland. The membership is now over 90. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Bathgate, Superintendent of the Young Peoples' Work for her excellent address on the importance of the work among the children, the future voters. The President reported "League" meetings, and announced the first meeting of the newly-formed Wanganui East Branch. Miss Wilson sang a solo. Decided to give a hearty support to the "Alliance Shop," and also to hold a "Home" meeting at Mrs Ellis's residence, when Nurse Wilson will be present and speak. Mrs Duxfield repeated her Convention address, "Past, Present, and Future." All felt inspired and refreshed.

MAUNGATUROTO.

July 15. Extra meeting, when Miss Bradshaw, Organiser, delivered an interesting address on W.C.T.U. work. Quite a good number of members present. Mrs Bycroft, the Manse, elected President; outgoing Secretary's resignation received with regret. Mrs Pasley, Senior, elected Secretary. Members pleased to receive the following greeting from Whangarei Branch of W.C.T.U.: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice."

MANAIA.

July. Informal meeting, presided over by Mrs Robinson in the absence of the President, with whom a vote of sympathy was passed, in the death of her Sister-in-law, Mrs W. Williams, of Mere Mere. Influenza had been prevalent locally, so attendance was not as good as usual but a visit from an old officer Mrs Gilbert, was appreciated. Resolved that all members must be notified to attend the next meeting, on the 2nd Tuesday in August, to decide on an important step. Will all members kindly accept this notification.

TIMARU.

July 27. Good attendance; Mrs Trott in the chair. Vote of sympathy with relatives of late Mrs Metson passed. Correspondence was read and dealt with from (1) Hon. F. J. Rolleston, in regard to amending legislation advocated by Union; (2) From Miss Henderson, B.A., re asking Minister of Justice for legislation about nationality of British women married to aliens; (3) From Publicity Department of the New Zealand

Alliance, and from the S.C. Area Organizer; (4) From Mrs Judson, enclosing and explaining resolutions passed at Convention, in connection with Total Disarmament and World Peace; (5) From District Secretary asking Union to appoint delegates to Convention at New Brighton; (6) From Mrs T. E. Taylor, enclosing fresh supply of Bible-in-Schools slips and asking that signed ones be sent to her; (7) From Mr Guy Hayler, England, thanking Union for donation in goods for World's All Nations Fair. Mr Woodward reported 4 overseas boats visited Timaru during month, 57 visitors paying about 74 visits. One Sunday service, with supper, and two Social evenings were held. Entertainment Committee appointed, and annual Street Day fixed for Friday, September 24th. (Splendid concise report—Ed. W.R.)

KAIAPOI.

July 28. Met in the new Hall. Mrs Vickery presiding. Vote of sympathy with relatives of Mrs Blackwell, an ex-President of the Union. Social to honour Mrs Stewart, who had worked hard for new Hall. She was presented with an enlarged photo of the opening ceremony. Two new members; afternoon tea. An address from Miss Power on T. E. Taylor. Musical items by Misses Clothier and Young, Mesdames Vickery and Rinaldi.

MASTERTON.

August 5. Mrs Cocker presiding over very fair attendance. £1 voted to Willard Home in response to appeal, and gifts of clothing to be brought to next meeting. Decided unanimously to send an invitation to the District Executive to hold its Convention in Masterton. Quarterly reports from Superintendents of Departments show that interest is increasing, and the work progressing. Decided that the next meeting of the L.T.L. be a Games and Social evening, and that a special function for Mothers and Cradle Roll members be held in October. At conclusion of business a talk was given by Mrs R. Russel, on her travels through America, England and the Continent, which proved most interesting.

RAETIHI.

This Union has met regularly every month, and interest has been steadily maintained. On White Ribbon Day, three new subscribers were gained for the paper. Our last meeting was on T. E. Taylor's Day. A tribute to his memory was read by Mrs Fred Pedersen. Two or three of our members knew the late Leader personally, and they gave some inspiring accounts of his life and work.

WAKEFIELD.

Wakefield has been very slow at reporting, for the simple reason that we had very little to report, our meetings had been very small. At our first meeting for the year one new member was initiated, and at our July meeting one initiated and one transferred from Wanganui, so we think we are now on the up grade. At this meeting we had a visit from a member of an English Union, she spoke to us of the British women who have a very hard fight to carry on their work. We have been very much helped by the visit of Mrs Peryman; we could have wished for larger numbers, but the influence of the meeting will be productive of much good. We have two new subscribers this month; are sure we will have several more in the near future.

OPAWA.

July. Mrs Jenkins presiding. The Rev. J. F. Coursey gave a most inspiring address which was much appreciated. He particularly mentioned the need to educate the young, and suggested that the mothers should instruct the children in their homes. Not just telling the children not to take alcohol, but to point out how destructive it is, both physical and spiritually. Another suggestion made by Mr Coursey worth putting into practice, was for each to do a little broadcasting, as was suggested by Lady Astor, at a conference in the Old Country, when they refused to broadcast her speech. The thousands present could indeed broadcast it. A vote of thanks to speaker. Afternoon tea was served.