

Mrs Godley, Ballance Street; Treasurer, Mrs Griffin, Seddon Street; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ford; Organist, Mrs Chiochette; Entertainment Superintendent, Mrs Larsen; L.T.L. Superintendent, Miss Scarrow. Three new members were enrolled, and two other members from other districts were received. After the business of the meeting, an enjoyable time was spent, when several musical items and a recitation were given. A dainty tea was partaken of, and a vote of thanks to the hostess terminated the meeting.

#### INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

August 11. Social evening; Mrs Garrett, President, assisted by Mrs Pasley, opened the meeting with devotions. Miss Kennedy, of Tuatapere, gave a splendidly wholesome address on "Hands" and her compositions of beautiful thoughts relating to the Divinity were admirable. Two new members enrolled, one of them being a visitor of distinction to New Zealand, viz., Mrs Acott, a British W.C.T.U. worker and Organiser for the Young Helpers League of Dr. Barnardo's Home. During the evening the following artists rendered acceptable items:—Mrs Lea, Pianoforte solo; Mrs Ritchie, song; Miss Mary Glass, recitation; Mrs Acott, song; Mrs Bird, song. Mrs Pasley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Kennedy, the soloists, and those who helped to make the evening such a success. A bounteous supper was partaken of.

#### TAURANGA.

August 20. Very good attendance; Mrs Carlton Smith in chair. Correspondence dispatched, and various matters relating to local affairs discussed. Report of year's labours submitted. Collection taken up for the Willard Home. Refreshments dispensed, meeting closed with prayer.

#### WANGANUI EAST.

August. Well-attended, Mrs Duxfield in the chair. Correspondence read and received from Mrs Birdsall, Treasurer Willard Home, and from New Zealand Alliance. Miss Sanson was appointed Recording Secretary. Silent votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Chisholm and Mrs McDougall in their bereavements. Mrs Duxfield read extracts showing that if England were "dry" the money now spent on drink would feed, clothe, educate, maintain and place out in life the 7,200 children cared for in Dr. Barnardo's Homes. If England went dry for 25 years, Dr. Barnardo's Homes could close their doors. Members were urged to "snowball" ministers and members of respective districts re Mr Isitt's Bible-in-Schools Bill. Mrs Duxfield reported great success of Temperance Club opened in Mathieson Street. Copies of New Zealand Drink Bill were distributed among members, various items coming up for discussion giving much food for serious thought. Decided to hold "Sale of Work and Food Fair" in November, in aid of Organising Fund. President announced that Nurse Wilson would address the next meeting, and a hearty invitation is given to all mothers. Members agreed to give hearty support to the "Shop" to be held on September 15th.

#### KAIAPOL.

August. The President, Mrs Vickery, in the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed, members standing, with Mrs Jackson, Ponsonby, an old member of this Union and Mrs Trotter, of Timaru. A most interesting paper was read by Mrs Vickery on the life of Miss A. Weston, the friend of the Blue Jackets. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Vickery.

#### BELFAST.

August 11. Mrs Roxburgh presided over fair attendance. We were delighted to have with us five members from Ouhia; pledge was repeated. Delegates appointed to Provincial Convention at New Brighton. Decided to hold Band of Hope on August 23rd. Mrs Barnes, Treasurer, personally expressed her thanks for letter of sympathy in the loss of her mother.

#### OPOTIKI.

August 12. Owing to sickness of the President, Mrs Downey ably presided. Very little business was dealt with, the Secretary being on holiday. Two Band of Hope meetings have been held in the Theatre, when

excellent programmes consisting of vocal, instrumental and elocutionary items have been given to large audiences. Rev. Hird, and Rev. Draper (Anglican) gave the addresses.

#### RANGIORA.

August 27. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. The Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs Will. The Scientific Temperance reading was a continuation of "Alcohol, a Cell Poison." The Secretary was instructed to write to Hon. D. Buddo, asking him to support an amendment providing for a two-issue ballot paper, and to oppose any proposal for extending the time between the Polls, or increasing the number of licenses. A paper on Anti-Gambling was read by Mrs Lane.

#### NORTH BRIGHTON.

July. A social afternoon to the mothers of the children attending the local school. fifty present. The officers of the New Brighton Union were mainly responsible for the afternoon's programme, which consisted of an educational item in which the ladies discussed between themselves the activities of the W.C.T.U. Three new members were initiated, and two received on transfer from other Unions.

#### RIECARTON.

August 19. A crowded meeting was held at the residence of Mrs MacGuinness, Upper Riecanton. Being about three miles further on than our usual place of meeting, enabled us to get in touch with many who do not attend our meetings. Mrs Barrell took the opportunity to describe the different branches of work undertaken by the W.C.T.U., including Peace and Arbitration, and explaining that under this heading, the speaker for the day would be Mrs Deaton Leech, Secretary of the League of Nations Union. The address was followed with interest, causing a lively discussion. Amount of £1 16/- was collected towards W.C.T.U. Funds.

#### BIRKENHEAD.

August 19. Mrs Jory in the chair; annual meeting. A wet afternoon only seven members present. We were cheered by a surprise visit from our Dominion Treasurer, Mrs P. G. Asa, from our Dominion Organisers, Misses Bradshaw and McLeay. Miss Bradshaw gave an inspiring address, impressing us with the importance of using every little opportunity to get new members and new subscribers to the "White Ribbon." Miss McLeay promised to speak at our next meeting, which will be a Home meeting in Arawa Street. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs Taylor. Officers were all re-elected. Meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction.

#### PLEASANT POINT.

September 1. Correspondence read from Mrs Brown re Gaming Bill. Reported that telegrams had been despatched to local M.P. re that and Licensing Bill. Miss Bishop read paper from Executive. Treasurer reported credit balance £2/17/4. Letter of sympathy sent to Miss Katie Walker, who is in hospital. Paper on "Women's Franchise" read by Secretary. Thanks sent to Mrs A. Miller for donation. Decided to hold Bring and Buy Sale in October. Two new members welcomed. Afternoon tea dispensed.

#### TEMPLETON.

August 31. Fair attendance; President presided. The pledge was repeated. A wire was sent to M.P. protesting against Licensing Bill. Letters of sympathy sent to people in district. Delegates for Convention are Mrs Simpson and Mrs Williams. Afternoon tea.

September 2. A very successful Band of Hope was held in Oddfellow's Hall; over 100 present. We decided to have only one more meeting this year. The young people are taking great interest in these Band of Hope meetings, and are kept busy preparing the programmes. We have to date, 57 signed the pledge, the majority being boys. Supper was provided by the W.C.T.U. Meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

#### EDEN.

August 18. Mrs Fentor presided over a fair attendance, but somewhat disappointing, being the occasion when subscriptions were

due however, several members brought in "subs" from absentees which tends to relieve the Treasurer of her task. Sympathy was expressed for sick members, especially one of the oldest, Mrs Hudson, who has been so ill in Hospital, that it was found necessary to amputate a leg; we shall miss her sweet inspiring presence from our meetings. She is ever proud to explain the White Bow she is wearing even in the hospital. Arrangements were put in hand for District Convention which is to be held under the auspices of this Union, on September 29th and 30th. Members were also reminded to collect for a Jumble Sale, to be held in aid of the Union funds. Two members transferred to Palmerston North and Ponsonby respectively, one new member transferred to us from Warkworth. Miss Wilson contributed a song, and Mrs Clark Senior a recitation after which afternoon tea was served.

#### MANAIA.

August. Mrs Scott presiding; good attendance, with three visitors, including Miss Bates, the Alliance Organiser, who came to give an address on Band of Hope and L.T.L. work. Decided to begin collecting for the annual donation and gift box to the Willard Home, to send after next month's meeting. Mrs Bennett's resignation as Vice-President regretfully accepted. It was arranged to send telegrams to the members of Parliament, urging the elimination of the third issue, one on behalf of the fifty members of the branch of the Union, and others by all members or sympathisers who could be approached in time. Three names of sympathisers who wished to join, but could not attend afternoon meetings were handed in, and seventeen names of new members for Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea was given in the vestry by Mrs Fendall.

#### NAPIER.

September 1. Sister Agnes gave a most interesting talk, basing her remarks from Isa. 35, showing how prophecy was fulfilled in our days. The waste lands were rejoicing and blossoming. A unanimous vote of thanks was given the speaker. A resolution against the proposed new Licensing Bill was passed, and the action of the President in sending a telegram to the Premier was approved. Franchise Day held over till October 6th, when Mrs Brocklehurst would give a paper on that subject. Mrs Hull was appointed delegate.

#### NGAERE.

July 1. At Mrs Tarrant's; fair attendance, Mrs Gilliver, President, in the chair. A paper for White Ribbon Day sent by Mrs Peryman was read, and was much appreciated by those present. Decided to read the same paper at a later meeting, when more members were present. Afternoon tea.

August 6. Meeting at Mrs K. Tarrant's; seven members and one visitor present. Devotions led by President; Secretary read correspondence from Mrs Birdsall, Secretary of Willard Home, appealing for left-off clothing, gifts, etc., for Home. Miss Bates, of Hawera, present, and outlined the working of Band of Hope, and kindly offered to give a magic lantern series of pictures. Decided to hire hall for evening for same, and ask Mr McKee, of Stratford, to preside at evening meeting. Afternoon tea.

September 2. Five members present; President in chair. Mrs Miller wrote thanking Union for coloured pictures for scrap books. President previously sent wire to our Member, Mr Walker, strongly protesting against new Licensing Bill, and against the extension of time between Licensing Polls. Mr Walker wrote acknowledging wire, and promised it should be given consideration when opportunity arose. Union to hold a Shop Day with Stratford Union on the 23rd October, when proceeds will be devoted to New Plymouth Seamen's Rest. Afternoon tea. Vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs McKee, who unfortunately has broken her leg.

#### STRATFORD.

August 11. Special meeting opened by President, who gave a short address on Matthew 6th. Ten members of Ngaere Union were present. Object of meeting was to discuss proposals in reference to assist in establishing a Sailor's Rest in New Plymouth. Decided to hold a Shop Day in October, combining with Ngaere Union. Mrs