

Gilliver, President of Ngaere Union, closed with prayer.

August 25. Mrs Phillips presided; fair attendance. Mrs Fawcett's resignation accepted with regret, and Mrs McAllum appointed Secretary. Mrs Fawcett appointed Back Block Superintendent, and Mrs Windleborn, Cradle Roll Superintendent. Telegram sent to Mr Walker, M.P., asking him to urge two-issue ballot paper, and oppose lengthening period between Polls.

HAWERA.

August 27. Cradle Roll Day; a large gathering of mothers and children assembled in Wesley Hall. Mrs Exley presided, and urged all women present who were not members to join the Union. Mrs Shackleton was in charge of the L.T.L., several of the children gave items in a very pleasing manner: Recitation, Peggy Yearbury; Piano Solo, Frances Shackleton; Violin Solo, Marion Archbold; Song, J. Oliver; Recitation, H. Trim. Mrs L. J. Williams gave a very helpful and interesting address on "Motherhood," urging mothers to do all in their power to retain the confidence of their daughters. Our mother was our very first friend on earth. The speaker quoted several great men in public life, who testified to their mothers' good influence on their lives. An enjoyable afternoon tea was provided by members of the Union.

August 27. Members met half an hour earlier than usual, on account of celebrating Cradle Roll Day. Several matters of business were dealt with, some were left till next meeting. An appeal from New Plymouth re Sailors Rest was received; decided to help in some way. Mrs Ollerenshaw was appointed Assistant Secretary. Decided to hold a Shop Day, date to be fixed later.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

September. Attendance good; Mrs Goodey presiding. Memorial Day, Mrs Irwin read a tribute to Mrs Atkinson, and past workers were mentioned, including T. E. Taylor and Mrs Adams of Dunedin. Resolution passed that promoters of peace should have as free access to our schools as the Navy League. Reported letter sent to Mr M.P. re Licensing Bill. Fact read, 5,182 children maintained by State at a cost of £110,000 per annum; 80 per cent of these result of drinking habits of parents representing cost to tax payer of £88,000. Decided to assist at Shop Day in aid of Alliance Fund. Mrs Stewart welcomed.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

September 2. Mrs Evans in the chair. Arrangements were made for Franchise Day on the 16th inst., when a "Pay-Up Social" will be held; the selection of speaker was left in the hands of the Secretary. Resolved that the Union should be represented at the forthcoming District Convention by three delegates, Mesdames Keene and Chisholm, and Miss Anderson, the expenses of two delegates being borne by the Union, the third having generously offered to pay her own. The Union had twice been called upon by the Dominion Corresponding Secretary during the past month to appeal to its Member of Parliament, first to urge that the Licensing Bill be introduced this session, afterwards to protest against the failure to provide a two-issue ballot paper, this protest to be made to the Prime Minister. Replies from him and from the Member for South Wellington were read and received. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr Armstrong, who appeared on behalf of the Alliance. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Armstrong for his hopeful and inspiring address.

CANVASTOWN.

July 21. Third meeting held; Mrs Murray presided. Owing to sickness, the attendance was small. Two new members were enrolled which raised the membership to fourteen. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Murray and Flower.

August 28. Attendance good; Mrs Murray presided. The Willard Home for children at Palmerston North was brought before the notice of the members. Letter from District Secretary was read and discussed. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of 16/7. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs Pike, and Miss Dalton.

NORMANBY.

Aug. 11. 15 members present; the meeting was presided over by Mrs Fletcher. An extract from the Hand Book explaining good work accomplished in the South Island by the late Organizer, Miss Earnshaw, and Mrs W. Williams under extreme difficulties was read by Mrs Bevan. The Secretary read paper for White Ribbon Day, being an urgent appeal for more subscribers to the White Ribbon. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Thrush, Grant, and Frei.

OXFORD.

June 16. President in the chair. A resolution was carried expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs Johnson Wright, of Wellington; appreciation of her long and faithful service in connection with the W.C.T.U. Letters of sympathy to Mesdames Graham, Nelson and E. Wells in their illness. Mrs Hawke, White Ribbon Superintendent gave a report showing that there are 53 subscribers in the Oxford district, and 7 free copies of the paper distributed. An appeal for more subscribers was backed up by a letter read by Mrs C. W. Tritt from the Editor, Mrs Peryman; correspondence included a letter from the Bible Reading in Schools Committee, and from Miss Henderson. Members were asked to make a special effort to attend next meeting.

August 18. Mrs Ryde presided; a fair attendance. Sympathy with Mrs T. L. Gainsford and family in their very sad bereavement. Mesdames Hawke and Robertson were appointed delegates to the District Convention. Decided to invite the District Convention to meet at Oxford next year. Decided to hold an evening meeting next month to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the initiation of the Oxford W.C.T.U.; Mrs Hawke volunteered to make a birthday cake for the occasion, and Mesdames Comyns and Wood were appointed to arrange a short musical programme. Mrs Jones, Superintendent of Notable Days, read an interesting paper written by Mrs Day, of Christchurch, on the life and work of the late Mr T. E. Taylor. One new member was initiated, and one new subscriber to the White Ribbon.

TURAKINA.

August 26. At Mrs A. Glasgow's; seven present. Miss Benfell presided and spoke on the need of warning the young folk against the use of alcoholic drinks. Letter of protest sent to Mr Glenn, M.P., against proposed Licensing Bill.

GORE.

August 25. Mrs W. D. Stewart, Vice-President, in the chair. Extracts from the "White Ribbon" were read by several members, as it was "White Ribbon" Day. Decided to send a parcel to the Willard Home, and to forward a donation to the District Union.

FOXTON.

August 19. Mrs Peryman presided over good attendance, the meeting taking the form of a Pay-Up Social. A very interesting address was given by Mrs Peryman on the money spent in Alcohol as compared with the amount spent in Education and Public Works, etc., by the Government. Decided to appoint a delegate to attend Convention held at Masterton. A very enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the Benediction.

FAIRLIE.

July. Mrs Wilcox presiding; good attendance. Secretary reported on Executive Meeting held in Timaru on June 15th. Decided to ket members for Peoples' Organisation. Held T. E. Taylor Day; splendid paper read, enjoyed by all. Afternoon tea handed round.

August. Mrs Wilcox presiding over a very good attendance. Correspondence from Matron of Willard Home received, and each member promised to do something for next meeting. Mrs Whatman read a carefully prepared paper on the life and work of F. R. Havergal, very much enjoyed by all and giving fresh enthusiasm to all members. A hearty vote of thanks passed to the writer of the splendid paper. Afternoon tea handed round.

GREYTOWN.

August 31. Nine members present. Unanimously decided to resign from the League

of Nations. Mrs J. Allen was elected to represent Greytown Branch at Masterton for the Provincial Convention, to be held 16th September. An appeal from Willard Home discussed, and decided to send next meeting clothing, etc.

CARTERTON.

September 1. At Mrs Every's residence, there being so few at the meeting on account of the bad weather. Letter of thanks from Mrs Birdsall on behalf of the Willard Home, to which two cases of clothing had been forwarded from the Union. Two delegates were appointed for the District Convention in Masterton on September 15th and 16th. Resignation of Mrs Tyler as President, received with much regret, and a letter of appreciation to be sent. Mrs Every appointed President until December. Miss Edwards appointed as Convenor of afternoon tea. Motion of sympathy with Mr Whincop, in the loss of his daughter. Thanks due to Mrs Pepperell for pasting pledges in hymn books. Wired protests re Licensing Bill to Prime Minister and Hon. McLeod. Afternoon tea dispensed by the hostess.

LOWER HUTT.

August 25. Small attendance; pledge was repeated. Our Executive reported arrangements made for holding Home meetings, also for holding a cake stall about September, an appeal being made at the same time for clothes for the Willard Home. Arranged for all of those who could go to help on the meetings held at Belmont, by giving them an afternoon and providing the programme for them. Several members offered to visit or write to a number who are on the roll, but are unable to attend; reports to be given on the visits next month. Letters of sympathy on account of sickness were sent to three of our members. A splendid paper written by Mrs Aldersley on "The Clash of Colour" was much appreciated, several members taking part in the discussion following. Decided to read the paper again at a later meeting, when it is hoped to have a much larger attendance. Afternoon tea was served.

CAMBRIDGE.

July. Mrs Martin presided over fair attendance. Reported result of Miss McLay's return visit. A new branch of 14 members formed at Fencourt, and a "Y" Branch of 14 active members at Cambridge. A letter from Miss Henderson read with petitions to Ministers, closed with Benediction.

August. Mrs Martin presided; fair attendance. A reply from Stewart Reid, M.P., was read, promising to support all that was asked of him. A motion of sympathy was passed with sick members, and a Committee set up to visit the sick. Proposed and carried, that Mrs Jones, District President, be invited to address next meeting.

HASTINGS.

August 26. Attendance good; Mrs Banks presiding. Educational fact for the afternoon culled from Mr Adams' Drink Bill pamphlet. Mrs Banks elected delegate to District Convention. In consequence of this, our usual monthly meeting was postponed for one week. This meeting is to take the form of an aged peoples' afternoon, and to celebrate Franchise Day. Decided to ask Rev. D. J. Shaw to address the meeting. Committee set up to make further arrangements. Each member present brought a gift for the Willard Home, and a goodly-sized parcel will be despatched as a result. Reports of various branches of work and the welcoming of Mrs Speight who was present from Havelock, closed the business of the meeting.

N.E. VALLEY.

August 26. A very successful "Bring and Buy" Sale. Good attendance of members and their friends. Letter from the Prime Minister and from Hon. Downie Stewart in reply to ours re the proposed Licensing Bill was read; also reports from the four delegates to the District Convention. Mrs Don spoke on the proposed Licensing Bill now before Parliament. A solo was sung by Miss McDonald, a duet by Mrs Gibson and Miss Austine, and a humorous sketch by the Misses Benfell. Two new members were initiated.