

thanking him for legislation providing for the appointment of women justices of the peace, and for the amendments of the law relating to the guardianship, custody, and marriage of infants, and the amendments of the Destitute Persons' Act."

"That this Convention protests against allowing bets on the totalisator being transmitted by telegraph, and against the removal of restrictions now imposed on the publication of betting odds and totalisator dividends."

"That this Convention protests against the attempt to break the original covenant with the Maoris by introducing liquor license into the King Country, and urges upon the Government the rigid enforcement of the law prohibiting the sale of liquor within these bounds."

A motion by Mrs Don that a letter of thanks be sent to the Hon. Mark Cohen for always so ably championing the cause of Womanhood, was carried with warm applause.

In the evening, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall. The Mayor, Mr T. Anderson, welcomed the delegates to Port Chalmers, and expressed the hope that we would have a profitable Convention. Songs by Misses Sharpe, Somerville, Docherty, and Mrs Morgan; recitations by Mesdames Purdie and Beath, and a violin solo were much enjoyed.

Mr T. W. Todd (representing the New Zealand Alliance) gave an interesting address on the progress of the Prohibition Movement in New Zealand and throughout the world.

The following resolution was carried:—

"That, in view of the little support that is accorded the State Purchase and Control issue on the ballot paper, this meeting is of the opinion that it should be removed from the ballot paper, and a straight-out issue, wet or dry, be given to the people; the meeting also emphatically protests against the extension of time being made in the licensing poll."

Votes of thanks were accorded to those who had contributed items, and to Mr Todd for his address.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

WITH OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss Bradshaw has been working in the far North, and from a Dargaville member comes word of how her visit has helped them. Together with Sister Nicholls, she visited Maori Unions as their reports tell.

Miss McLay is busy in the Wai-kato; she has revived the Ngaruahia Union with Mrs McConnell as President. Te Aroha was visited, and members found, but at the time of writing, leaders had not been found.

Miss Burls is campaigning in Nelson and Marlborough districts. She reports having visited Blenheim, Picton, Havelock, Rai Valley, Nelson, Wakefield, Richmond, and Waka-puaka. She has conducted church services, given lantern lectures, held Bible Class Rallies, and revived Bands of Hope at Blenheim and Picton.

News of the Unions.

MORRINSVILLE.

July. Seven members present. New members are attending well. Mrs Starnes presided. Mrs Crowe read a very interesting paper on "Help to Smaller Unions." This paper should prove very helpful to our Union.

August 10. Mrs Starnes presided over a fair attendance of members. Our President gave us a beautiful reading on the Sermon on the Mount. The Convention, which is to be held at Morrinsville on October 4th and 5th, was then discussed.

BALCLUTHA.

September 7. Mrs Cations presided; fair attendance. One visitor welcomed. Appeal on behalf of Willard Home received to be continued later. Protest forwarded by Union to our local M.P. against the Licensing Bill in its present form, and requesting his support of the inclusion of a two-issue ballot paper. Very favourable reply was received from Mr Waite. Mrs Stephens, delegate to District Convention, gave an interesting report of the same. Miss Tosh and Mrs Geggie reported on Hospital visitation during last month, and are to carry on for the current month. Grateful acknowledgments of motions of sympathy were received from Hon. D. T. and Mrs Fleming and family, and from Mr and Mrs C. Wyber, the latter expressing also their appreciation of the wreath sent by the Union for their little son, a member of our Cradle Roll, accidentally drowned in the Molyneux River. Decided that the closing of the Band of Hope session in November, should take the form of a picnic, Cradle Roll members and parents to be invited.

FENCOURT.

During the visit of Miss McLay to Cambridge, a meeting was held in the Fencourt Church, with a view to forming a branch of the Union. A number of Fencourt ladies and members of the Cambridge branch were present. Miss McLay gave an excellent and helpful address, after which a branch of the Union was formed. Officers elected: President, Mrs G. Simpson; Secretary, Miss Norman; Treasurer, Mrs W. R. Beer; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Turner. A dainty afternoon tea was served.

August 12. Chair taken by the President, Mrs G. Simpson. There was a fair attendance; Mrs Leaning was elected Vice-President. Resolved that we take up a collection at each meeting for the Organising Fund. We hope to build up a good and enthusiastic branch of the W.C.T.U. at Fencourt. The meeting ended pleasantly with afternoon tea.

RICHMOND-NELSON.

August 29. A united Bible Class meeting was conducted by Miss Burls. There was a splendid attendance of young people, who listened attentively to a very convincing address on "Bible Wines." The following evening, Miss Burls gave her famous lantern lecture, "Prohibition at Work," in the Baptist Church. There was a fair attendance, and all present appreciated her interesting lecture.

MAORI UNIONS. OTUREI.

The Organising of the Oturei Branch of the Maori Women's Christian Temperance Union, took place on Wednesday, August 4th, 1926, at Mrs Paki's place. Sister Nicholls took the chair. Miss Bradshaw, the Organiser of the W.C.T.U., then spoke on the aims and objects of this Society, and we were all one band of sisters, striving to uplift our race, and to make the part better for our children by working and praying for Temperance. A short discussion then took place, and the ladies decided to form a branch of this Society. Sister Nicholls and Miss Bradshaw were then welcomed by Mrs Paki and Mrs J. Walters; both gave very inspiring addresses. The election of Officers:—Mrs Walters, President; Mrs Walters (Senior) Vice-President; Mrs P. Simons, Secretary; Mrs Paki, Treasurer; Mrs Welsh, White Ribbon Agent. Proposed Sister Nicholls be Maori Superintendent, this was heartily carried. Three new members were initiated. Decided that we hold our monthly meeting the last Wednesday of the month. Sister Nicholls closed the meeting with a hymn and the Benediction.

On Wednesday, August 25th, at 3 o'clock p.m., the meeting of Otare District of Aratapu, was opened by the European Women's Christian Temperance Union of Te Kōi ru. The preacher of the Otare Church, Mr H. Walters (Senior) gave out the hymns and pronounced the Benediction, and all members joined in singing hymns in the Maori Wesleyan Hymn Book, No. 71, "Eagerly." Thus Convention opened, and speeches, congratulations, etc., continued. Mrs F. Wordsworth member of Te Kōi ru, gave a very friendly speech on behalf of the Maori sisters for proposing their Union to take part in the opening of the meeting this afternoon. She further says that it is her desire to prevent all disreputable actions from this meeting, especially the presence of intoxicating liquor, etc., because this is one of the main objects why the W.C.T.U. is formed to run liquor traffic down to the end. She also read the 17th chapter of St. John amongst the Maori Sisters and heartily thanking for the warm reception bestowed by every member this afternoon. It shows that we are all trying to uplift to bring our children up to avoid liquor, etc. The President of the Natives W.C.T.U., Mrs J. Walters (Jnr.), expressed her deep appreciation on behalf of the Maori Sisters for their coming and the honour in the opening of our meeting this afternoon. She too would be only pleased to do what she can to avoid intoxicating liquor. There were at least fourteen persons present this afternoon and was brought to a close by all the members joining in singing Hymn No. 117, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

NO BRANCH NAME?

President opened meeting by announcing the letters (1) President, Mrs Tautuhi, (2) Treasurer, Mrs Ariari, (3) Secretary, Mrs Kena, (4) Reporter, Miss K. Kena, (5) Members present: Mrs Kemp, Mrs Thompson, Miss Kapa, Miss L. Thompson, Miss M. Thompson, Miss Tautuhi. Absent: Mrs Pook, Vice-Pres., Mrs M. Kena. Subscription fees, Amount 5/-. Meeting Closed.

BRIGHTON.

August 19. T. E. Taylor Day. A good attendance, and the President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair. Excellent reports of the recent Area Council of the New Zealand Alliance were given by the delegates, Mesdames Good

Prohibition is not on trial in America, but the common sense of the people is.