

and Farmer. The sum of 10/- was donated to the Willard Home in answer to their appeal. All arrangements for Conventions reported to be well in hand. A very fine paper was given by the President, "Reminiscences of the life of Prohibition Leaders," T. E. Taylor, Frances Willard and others.

August 26. A novel evening's entertainment was given by the members of the W.C.T.U. Musical and elocutionary items efficiently filled the first half of the evening's programme, and this was followed by a "Savoy Supper" and then competitions, etc., a choir contest causing much merriment. Songs were given by Mesdames Hewitt, Mitchell and Campbell; Pianoforte solos by Miss B. Nelson, and Elocutionary items by Mrs F Good and Messrs W. Sherlock and R. Campbell. Proceeds were in aid of W.C.T.U. funds.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

August 10. Social afternoon, the attendance was not as large as we had hoped for owing to sickness. An interesting and inspiring paper by Sister Janet was read and appreciated. Afternoon tea and a pleasant chat were enjoyed. Arrangements were made for the Jumble Sale on the following day, which turned out satisfactory. Decided to send letters of sympathy to Mrs G. Cuthbertson and Mr Black, also letter of thanks to Mrs Wakelin who, we regret, is leaving for Christchurch.

TIMARU.

August 31. Mrs Seward presided. Vote of loving sympathy with Mrs Trott and Mrs Shortus. Correspondence read as follows:— (1) From the Secretary of Timaru Women Citizen's Association, inviting members to be present at a lecture on Public Health and Notifiable Diseases by Dr. Parr, of Timaru Hospital; (2) From District Secretary, and New Zealand Alliance S.C. Area President, re the provision for a two-issue ballot paper in the Licensing Bill; (3) From the Tinwald W.C.T.U., enclosing donation for Sailor's Rest Funds. Vote of thanks accorded. Hearty welcome extended to Mrs Thompson, who has come from Wanganui to live in Timaru, and to Mrs Miller, a visitor from Masterton. Greetings were exchanged, the visitors giving interesting reports of work in their respective Unions. Mr Woodward reported that four overseas ships had visited the port during the month, 116 visitors paying about 155 visits, the coastmen visiting more regularly than in the past. Annual donations to different funds passed for payment. Final arrangements made for Daffodil Day, September 24th. Miss McKay sang "Jesus, Lover of my Soul."

RAKAIA.

August 12. Mrs Morrison presided over a good attendance. An apology for absence was received from Miss Gates, Ashburton, was was expecting to address us on "Child Welfare." A letter received from the Willard Home was left to be discussed at the next meeting. Mrs Boag and Mrs Hopwood were appointed delegates to the District Convention. A report of the recent Executive Meeting in Timaru was given by Mrs Hopwood. Letter of sympathy was to be sent to Mr Barnett, Morven, in the death of her father. Mrs Hopwood then read the report of the Pan-Pacific Conference, held in Honolulu, and was accorded a vote of thanks. Afternoon tea.

PAPAROA.

August 13. President, Miss J. Haines in the chair, and gave a very helpful talk which was much appreciated. A very enjoyable reading by Mrs King on the hymn "Abide with Me," and at its close, the members all sang this hymn. Two new members. Arrangements for next meeting were made.

RICHMOND (NELSON).

August 17. 10 members present, President in chair, and leading devotions. Correspondence read and discussed. Collection for Willard Home to be taken in October. Babies' Day postponed until February. Mrs Rouse read report of work among Seamen. District Convention arranged for. Meeting closed with Benediction.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

August 25. Small attendance. President was welcomed back after illness. Letters were read from Mr Bellringer, M.P., re Bible-in-Schools, and from Miss Henderson re Gaming Bill. A pamphlet was received from Mrs Judson, asking for confirmation of recommendations to Education Board for peace tuition in schools. Passed unanimously. Decided to write a letter of appreciation to the late Secretary, also a letter of loving wishes to a member on her 91st birthday. Account was given of an afternoon held in Waitara, assisted by N.P. members, by which the Seamen's Rest Funds benefit by about £3. A very sympathetic note, enclosing £5 for same purpose. Decided that gift afternoons for Seamen's Rest, shall be quite distinctive from "Home Meetings." A grant was made to the C.R. Superintendent for cards, etc., and thanks expressed to several ladies who have assisted this work by gifts of envelopes, literature, etc. Mrs Hawkins to be Hospital Visitor until the end of the year. Extracts were read from a letter written by a lady who is working amongst the Maoris in Kawhia, asking for cards or pictures for the children. Mrs Wilson transferred from Wanganui was welcomed by the President.

AUCKLAND.

August 10. Mrs Cook presided. Letters sent to the Premier and M.P. for District, urging them to support Hon. L. M. Isitt's Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. In connection with the liquor at the Dixieland Cabaret, the following resolution was passed: "In view of the recent reports regarding the Dixieland Cabaret, the members of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union consider that it is a menace to the morality of the community, and that the license should be withdrawn; they heartily commended the courageous stand taken by Mr Brinsden in the City Council Meeting. Mrs Finch, of Devonport, gave a most inspiring address on "What Christianity has done for Women." Hearty vote of thanks. Delegates appointed to District Convention.

SPREYDON.

August 10. Mrs Nairn presided over a good attendance. Decided to take up collection for Willard Children's Home at future meeting. Next meeting to be held in the evening of September 13th. Mrs Ancall elected delegate to Provincial Convention at Brighton. Miss Dudney and Mrs McKenzie delighted meeting with their singing. Mrs Williams gave helpful and uplifting address.

WAIMATE.

August 11. 32 members turned out in spite of a bitterly cold day. The delegates to the District Convention were then elected, viz., Mrs Scott and Miss McCarthy. Being "Pay-Up Subscription Day," the afternoon was interspersed with music; Miss Stewart giving a song, and Mrs Excel "Down the Vale," and Miss Pitt humorous recitation, "The Cook of the Period." Mrs Boag, S.C.D. President, gave an address on the early days of the W.C.T.U., and the work right up to the present time, urging the necessity for mid-day prayer on behalf of Temperance work, and the wearing of our W.R. Badge at all times, and the circulating of Temperance Literature, also the encouraging of our Y. Branches. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker.

ONEHUNGA.

May 13. Annual Bring and Buy Social. Our President was in the chair, while Mrs Benfell, District President, led the Devotions. Rev. Dalby gave a very forceful address, which was enjoyed by all present. The social was concluded in the evening by a splendid concert.

June 10. Annual White Ribbon Day. There was a good attendance of members. Mrs Ashby, White Ribbon Agent, gave a good report of her year's work. Four new subscribers were added to her list. Our W.R. Editor, Mrs Peryman, was present, and she gave an inspiring address, explaining the difference between "Pessimists," "Optimists," and "Peptomists," we each felt we must be the latter in our fight against the Drink Traffic.

July 8. Mrs Stacey presided over a fair attendance. Decided to procure slips of our Pledge to be repeated at each meeting. Rev. Cook gave a most interesting account of his visit to Honolulu, and mentioned that Prohibition in America is largely due to the work of women, and in his opinion was an undoubted success.

August 12. Mrs Stacey presided over annual "Pay-Up" Social. A splendid short musical programme was followed by a helpful address from Miss McLay. One of our members, Mrs Ormiston, celebrates her 98th birthday this month, so it was agreed to send along a bouquet with loving greetings from our Union.

BALCLUTHA.

July. Mrs Cations presided over a good attendance. Report read from Otago Union. Proposed to form a Band of Mercy in connection with L.T.L. Branch. Mrs Stephens was appointed "Local Press Reporter." Agreed to form a Hospital Visiting Branch; Mrs Geggie and Miss Tosh are the visitors for August. Mrs Cation, President, is to be delegate at District Convention. Letter of sympathy sent to Mr and Mrs C. Wyber, on the sad drowning of an infant son in Clutha River.

PETONE.

August 3. Mrs Cole in the chair. Mrs Crowther gave a short report, re the prizes for the best essays on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body," to be presented to school children. Both School Masters are glad to allow the children to write these essays. Mrs Battersby told a story of a woman who was about to drink a glass of stout, when her son came in from school. The boy said: "Mother, if I had my way, I would pour it down the sink; I will never drink it." Miss Avison's resignation on account of her removal to Christchurch was accepted with regret. Mrs Battersby gave a short report of the deputation which waited on Mr Coates, who expressed himself in sympathy with the movement, and promised that after next month, all art unions will be gone. Pledge repeated and doxology sung.

August 18. A very pleasant social afternoon was given by Mrs Piper. We were sorry to learn that Sister Bessie, of Wellington, who was to speak to us could not be present on account of illness. A very enjoyable programme was given; Mrs Franklin, a solo; Mrs Jensen told a short story; Mrs Williams, a pianoforte solo; Mrs Piper (Junior) a reading on "The Liquor Traffic and Prohibition," then Mrs Piper (Senior) and Mrs Williams again delighted us with another pianoforte solo, and Mrs Cole, vocal solo. A dainty afternoon tea was served. A vote of thanks to our hostess and the ladies who contributed the programme carried by a hearty clap. In reply, Mrs Piper said she was pleased to give the social. The pledge was repeated and doxology sung.

FEILDING.

September 2. Pay-Up social. President in chair; good attendance. Letter from Miss Kirk re District Convention, to be held at Masterton, resolved that a delegate be sent. A number of visitors from Palmerston were present, including Mr Kingston, of the New Zealand Alliance, who addressed the meeting. Mrs Young, President of the Palmerston North Branch, also spoke. Songs were given by Mrs Green and Mr Flingston, and a pianoforte solo by Mrs Kingston. An invitation to attend the New Zealand Alliance Labour Day Rally was accepted.

OTAHUHU.

September 2. There was a good attendance to hear Major Gordon, who had kindly come from Auckland to speak to us on Social work; all present went away enlightened on the good work being done by the Major in uplifting the down and fallen ones.

RAETIHI.

August 19. Annual meeting at the residence of Mrs W. H. Sandford. The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year:—President, Mrs W. H. Sandford, Duncan Street; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Houghton, Scarrow, McCowan, Keuche, Capt. Smith, Mrs F. Pedersen; Secretary,