

chair was occupied by the President, Mrs Garratt, and devotions were conducted by Mrs McKinnon. Apologies for absence, correspondence, and a favourable report from the Visiting and Show Committees were received. A refreshing and helpful address by Mrs McBean, whose remarks were based on the 7th Chapter of 1st Kings which, when abbreviated, refers chiefly to the "common-place things of life." Mrs Pasley, Mrs McGregor, and Mrs Garratt, voiced the sentiments expressed by Mrs McBean, and each extended her quota of thanks to the speaker. Mrs Jones received a hearty vote of thanks for her appropriate solo, Mrs Parker acting as accompanist.

TAURANGA.

September. Our Pay Up social, Mrs Carlton Smith presiding. Very fine attendance of members, and several visitors, one of whom being Mrs T. Allely, from Auckland. Resolved that Mrs Allely be asked to convey greetings from our Union to the Union in Birkenhead. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, Miss Rene Smith very materially contributing thereto, by her rendering of a pianoforte solo, and two very charming little studies from Grieg. A delightful cup of tea was handed round, Mrs Black closed the meeting with prayer.

LOWER HUTT.

September 22. Eighteen members present. A letter was read from Mr Hayes in connection with the L.T.L. work which needs stimulating. Mrs Aldersley gave us the report from the late Convention, and Mrs Anderson also mentioned a few resolutions in connection with it. Mrs Spencer, who has the Ladies' Guild meeting at Belmont, told us how much the ladies there appreciated our visit to them, and she thinks it will help to interest them in the Temperance work also. Our delegates also spoke of their visits to the Willard Home and the Whatman Home, and were delighted with both. Members stood while a motion of sympathy was passed to Mrs Baigent, who has recently lost her husband. Afternoon tea was served, the meeting closing with prayer.

WAIMATE.

September 8. Mrs Roy presided. The business of the afternoon being the final arrangements of delegates for the Convention, to be held at New Brighton on the 14th inst. A request was made for donations of money or cast off clothing to be sent to the "Willard Home for Children." Mrs Excell was appointed Agent of the "League of Nations" Literature, a supply of which is now in hand. Committee appointed to arrange a "Bring and Buy" afternoon, to be held in aid of W.C.T.U. Funds. Mrs Smart delivered an address taking for her subject the "Inspiration of Defeat." The members expressed sympathy with two fellow-members who have suffered bereavement, by standing in silence for one minute.

RAKAIA.

September 9. The President presided over good attendance and conducted devotions. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr and Mrs Shannon in the loss of their son, members standing in silence. Secretary asked to write letters of sympathy to Dean and Mrs Carrington, also Mrs Sanders, a member in hospital. The appeal from the Willard Home was discussed. Decided to hold a gift afternoon at our next meeting. Miss Gates, Superintendent of Child Welfare Department in Ashburton, then gave us a very interesting address, detailing her work and many experiences she has had. She was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Afternoon tea was served.

WAIHI.

September 16. Special meeting to meet our Organiser, Miss McLay. There were ten ladies present in spite of inclement weather. Miss McLay gave a very helpful address based on the 4th Chapter of Nehemiah. I am sure all present were inspired and helped, and we hope as a result, we will have better meetings in the days to come. Miss McLay hoped to start a Y. Branch, but the evening proved wet and cold, and there were not enough to form a branch, but she hopes to be able to come to us again shortly, when we will make an effort to get the young people together.

RICCARTON.

September 16. Attendance good. Pledge repeated and Temperance Fact read. Cradle Roll Day, owing to bad weather, only one baby present. President stressed need for family worship while children are young. Delegate to Alliance Convention gave report of proceedings. Letters read from Mr Kyle, M.P., and Willard Home. Resolved to donate £1 to Willard Home, and £1 be spent on material to be made up for Missions and Orphanage. An address of special interest to young mothers was given by Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, on "Alcohol and its Effects on the Race." Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Donaldson, Cradle Roll Superintendent, special mention being made of the fine increase of babies on the roll, making the number thirty-five, an increase of twenty-nine. Two new subscribers to White Ribbon.

MAUNGATUROTO.

September 16. At Mrs Pasley's house; nine members present. Letter of thanks received from Sister Eleanor for clothing sent in aid of her Mission among the Maoris.

Resolved that Mrs Pasley be appointed delegate to District Convention. Secretary asked to write and thank Whangarei Union for greetings. Mrs H. Flower read a letter from Mr Jones, M.P., in reply to one written, asking him to vote for a two-issue ballot paper when Licensing Amendment Bill was before the House. Mr Jones assured us that had the Bill been brought forward, the two-issue clause would have been likely to be carried. Afternoon tea was dispensed and enjoyed.

OPOTIKI.

September 9. Bright and enthusiastic meeting held, Mrs Thompson presided. Mrs Downey presented an acknowledgment from Mrs Birdsall, thanking the Union for the handsome donation of £5 to the Willard Home. Mrs Fleming sang. Two new members for White Ribbon listed. Band of Hope meetings are held monthly, attractive programmes and large audiences. There was a further discussion on essays in Public Schools on "Alcohol." Miss E. Thompson and Mrs Hambly dispensed afternoon tea. Enjoyable meeting closed with Benediction.

FOR CAREFUL STUDY.

Our Business Manager here presents a diagram of what each District has done to increase the circulation of our Official Organ, during the first three quarters of 1926. We suggest that each Union give it some study at their next meeting, answering the following questions:—

1. Are we proud of what our District has done?

2. Has our Union helped to swell the total?

3. What can we do to increase it in the next quarter.

Our Business Manager will present to Convention a similar diagram, but containing what every branch has done. There is yet time for every branch to take a proud position on that list.

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District.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sept.		
Auckland	2	—	3	1	6	28	16	1	7	64
Waikato	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	9	13
Wanganui	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	6
Taranaki	1	2	—	2	3	7	2	—	—	17
Hawke's Bay	—	4	—	1	2	1	1	—	1	10
Wellington	2	1	9	3	7	24	11	11	6	74
Nelson	—	1	—	1	—	2	9	2	6	21
Marlborough	2	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	11
N. Canterbury	1	15	5	6	5	18	14	4	19	87
S. Canterbury	3	1	11	—	3	9	—	1	3	31
Otago	1	1	2	—	1	6	1	—	3	15
Southland	4	1	—	1	1	6	3	1	—	17
			18	26	30	15	30	114	58	21	54	366

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES!

Kindly, when borrowing papers from the Educational Bureau, note the amount of postage indicated at the foot. Recently, quite a number of papers marked with a request for three-halfpence refund, have been returned with only a penny stamp affixed, and then the G.P.O. fines the Department a penny. This may be good for the revenue of the country, but just now, I am more concerned about the revenue of the Dominion W.C.T.U.

M. S. POWELL.

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