

sing Legislation, which had been noted for consideration. Members were asked to contribute a garment, if possible to help the inmates of the Willard Home. Letters were read from the Secretary of the Wairau Hospital Board in answer to representations made to the Board by the Union, regarding the need of a nurse in the District. As the replies were distinctly sympathetic, it was decided to meet the Board's Representatives at Flat Creek, on Thursday, October 21st, where it was hoped that the settlers would be able to attend. A paper was read on the work of the Union in New Zealand. Thursday, November 4th, was decided upon as a Gift Afternoon. During the latter part of August, Miss Buris visited the District, and gave a most interesting lecture in the Carlske Hall, and the ladies who attended were well repaid for their journey. Afternoon tea served.

BRIGHTON.

October 21. Attendance fair; Mrs Bellamy presiding. A letter of congratulations was received from the North Canterbury Union, on the recent Convention held in New Brighton. The School Committee wrote thanking the members for managing the Tea Rooms at the Flower Show. The annual Temperance Essays for the school children will this year be set for Standards 2 and 3. Decided to hold the Temperance Parade, Sunday, November 21st, in the Methodist Church. Comprehensive reports were given by the delegates to Convention, Mesdames Farmer and Holloway, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them. Maori Day was celebrated by the reading of a very fine paper, written by the Rev. A. J. Seamer, entitled "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow-Citizens."

SAWYER'S BAY.

September 28. Home meeting at the home of Mrs Aburn; thirteen present. Mrs Don gave a quiet talk on how we could each use our influence by just talking prohibition among our friends, and by making the issue a matter of prayer. Then followed a discussion on the two-issue Ballot Paper. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Aburn for the very nice afternoon tea she had provided.

October 19. Mrs Pratley occupied the chair. Members repeated the Pledge. Mrs Polson sent in two newspaper cuttings, one on the danger of the fruit drink that was being offered to our young people.

N.E. VALLEY.

October. Good attendance; Mrs Peart, President, presided. Correspondence was read from the Department of Justice in reply to our letter re our nomination of Mrs G. B. Elliott for this district. Also, an invitation from the South Dunedin branch to a social meeting on the 2nd Thursday in November. This being "Maori Mission" Day, Mrs Nicholson kindly gave a most interesting talk on her visit to the Maoris of the North Island, telling how the work of the Missionaries there was hindered by our own white people smuggling in alcoholic liquors. She told us of some very heroic work done by Sister Jessie, Sister Mary, and by Sister Edith, in their endeavours to save the Maoris from the evils of the drink. A collection was taken up for the Maori Mission, and the meeting closed with prayer.

PETONE.

October 20. A nice number of ladies were present; Mrs Murgatroyd in the chair. Mrs Piner soloed nicely, followed by a recitation, then Mrs McAlpine gave a solo which was much appreciated. Miss Avison was called on for a speech, and told us something of her travels round Rotorua. Master Ken Ferguson sang, and Mrs Battersby gave a reading, after which afternoon tea was served. An amusing little competition was held, and Mrs Barrow carried off the prize.

October 5. Mrs Cole presiding. Two letters from Miss Kirk were read. Mrs Battersby read from a paper a report of Mr and Mrs Lill's Golden Wedding. Mrs Lill, being a sister of Mrs Corner's, who has been a member of our Union for many years; this was very interesting to all. Mrs Battersby then gave a splendid report of the District Convention at Masterton, to which she was our delegate. She commented upon the fact that during her stay there, she did not see any drunkenness, although she kept a sharp lookout for the same. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Battersby.

RICCARTON.

October 21. Monthly meeting took the form of a Drawing Room meeting, held at the residence of Mrs Swanson, Blenheim Road. Attendance small. Interesting address was given by Mrs Williams. Recitation by Mrs Brown greatly appreciated. Collection for Organising Fund.

FAIRLIE.

October. Meeting opened with praise and prayer. Mrs Wilcox presided over good attendance. Mrs Boag, President of S.E.E., addressed our meeting, giving a great account of the New Brighton Convention, and also giving a telling and good address on the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U., very very much enjoyed by all. Members promised to send parcel to Willard Home. Bring and Buy Social arranged for our next meeting, proceeds for our Union. Mrs Giddings provided afternoon tea, and meeting closed with a special vote of thanks to Mrs Boag, and usual ceremonies.

CARTERTON.

October 6. Mrs R. H. Every presided over a very good attendance. A letter from Mr Whincop, thanking the Union for a letter of sympathy. The reports of the recent Convention were given. Mrs Kennerley gave a most interesting paper of the Wednesday morning session of Convention, over which Mrs Evans presided. Miss Watson, who was one of the delegates, gave us Miss Kirk's address on "Plans of Work." Mrs Every then told us of some points that were learned at Convention. Home meetings were stressed which have been mentioned. Also Medical Temperance, which ought to be introduced at least once a quarter in the meetings, and instruction or reading on action of Alcohol at every meeting. Miss Bradshaw gave a most interesting talk on her experiences. The subject was "Opportunities," and she just urged one and all to take every opportunity, to show others the light and the way to help. Miss Bradshaw rendered a solo most effectively. The speaker was thanked for her address, and the meeting closed with prayer. Afternoon tea was dispensed, the Hostesses being Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Pepperell.

November 3. Mrs R. H. Every presided over a very good attendance. There was a good deal of business dealt with, and final arrangements were made for the District Executive. Decided to hold a Cradle Roll Afternoon on Wednesday, November 24th, in the Park, weather permitting, and the Superintendent was appointed to send out the invitations. Mrs Every spoke on the Organiser's work, Miss Bradshaw, who has been in the District for some weeks. The visit and work done has been very encouraging and helpful. Afternoon tea served.

SPREYDON.

October 12. Attendance good; Mrs Nairn presided. Convention report presented. Decided to hold next meeting on the first Wednesday in the month, and that it be the annual meeting. Mrs Nairn spoke briefly on the object of "Maori Day," for which a collection was taken. Mrs Walker elected Cradle Roll Superintendent.

November 3. Annual meeting. Mrs Nairn presided. Reports showed the Union to be active and financial. Mrs Nairn pleasingly reviewed the work of the past year. Election of officers as follows:—President, Mrs Nairn; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Smith, Petrie, Voss, Ray, Thomson, and Burley; Secretary, Mrs Ancall; Treasurer, Miss White; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Woodcock; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Walker.

FENCOURT.

October 14. Mrs Simpson presided; fair attendance, several visitors present. Reports of the District Convention were received from the delegates. The President's report was specially interesting, and was followed keenly by all. A letter of greeting was read by the Secretary from the New Plymouth W.C.T.U. Secretary was instructed to reply to same and send greetings. The members expressed sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs S. Beer, by standing in silence for one minute. Suggested by the President we start a Cradle Roll, and Mrs S. Richard was appointed Cradle Roll Agent. We had our "White Ribbon" hymnals for the first time, all joining in the hymns heartily. Our very pleasant meeting closed with afternoon tea.

WARKWORTH.

September. As our membership has been increased by four members, Mesdames Don, Clarke, Verry, and Herbert there was an increased attendance. Mrs Phillips read an account of the Prime Minister's attitude towards gambling, having particular reference to the recent lotteries so much advertised. Mrs Smith read an extract from the White Ribbon. Mesdames Parsons, Clarke, and Herbert then spoke to the meeting, absolutely condemning all guessing competitions so familiar at various Church and Charity Bazaars. Mrs Green and Mrs Thompson were inclined to regard the weight guessing competitions as a harmless and legitimate way of raising money.

The October meeting was well-attended. A motion proposed by Mrs H. I. Phillips, that in order to lessen the influence of gambling upon the young, the members of the Warkworth Branch of the W.C.T.U. discourage the use of Art Unions, Lotteries, and Guessing Competitions for obtaining funds, even for worthy objects. Our left-off clothing parcel will be made up this month, and sent to Sister Esther.

NAPIER.

October 5. Good attendance. The action of the Union in taking over control of their Hall was approved, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Leask, who so tactfully led the whole business through. Members were asked to be on the look-out for members from other Unions who might be visiting Napier. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale in aid of "Willard Home," Palmerston North. Mrs Hull gave a report of District Convention; this showed a steady advance and hope for further extension. The President's address was unique and has been fully reported in White Ribbon. Mrs Brocklehurst gave a paper on how the "Franchise" was won. Both received a vote of thanks.

November 3. The President sold all surplus crockery and cutlery most satisfactory, everything is going well under the new Management Committee, a very satisfactory balance being in hand. Napier had the honour of having the District Executive here on October 27th, when Mrs Wilson, of Hastings, presided, owing to an accident to the Secretary, Mrs Duckworth. The meeting was not so well represented as it should have been, notices not having been sent out in time. Jumble Sale in aid of Willard Home, Palmerston North, resulted in a cheque of £9 being sent, also a parcel of left-over clothes being sent to Whakaki for the Maori children. Letters of thanks were received from both. Vote of sympathy with Mrs McKecknie. Mrs Ingram gave a paper on "Woman's Psychological Characteristics."

WAIMATE.

October 13. 22 members were present. Mrs Duckett gave an inspiring address on "Sacrifice." A vote of sympathy was passed with a member suffering bereavement, the members standing in silence. Mrs Hirst was thanked for a very liberal supply of flowers sent to the Hospital, where they are much appreciated by the sick. Miss McCarthy gave her report of visit to Convention, laying great stress on the care of Youth, noting that Y. Branches are on the increase, and the need for the Cradle Roll. A short discussion of the Licensing Bill. Being "Maori Day," the collection for the day was added to that fund. A Market Day was arranged to be held on the 16th October, and proved a decided success, a substantial cheque being added to the W.C.T.U. Funds.

BLLENHEIM.

November 2. A successful and well-attended "Pay Up" Social was held, Mrs McCallum presiding. After the usual routine of business was put through. Mrs J. Stewart and Mrs McCallum gave interesting papers on Maori work. A short discussion followed. Songs and pianoforte solos were rendered by the Misses McCallum and Jackson. Afternoon tea was handed round by the Committee.

STRATFORD.

October 2. Annual Pay Up Social; Mrs Phillips, our President, took the chair; fair attendance. The President read a very interesting paper on the early history of New Zealand, and the work of the Missionaries