

contribution towards work for the Poll, and Dominion Convention Expenses. Two new members joined.

Ponsonby, June 20: President Mrs. Joiner in the chair; 12 members present; members welcomed and routine business done. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Read, who spoke on reliance on the strength of Christ in all our work. Letters to be sent to sick members. Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. Mrs. Read gave a very interesting and comprehensive report on the Convention held in Christchurch, for which she was heartily thanked. Pledge; Benediction.

Auckland, July 9th: Mrs. Long presided. Deep sympathy expressed to Mrs. Long in her illness, and regret that through ill-health she had been compelled to resign from the District Presidency. Temperance Fact given, and reports of District Executive meeting, and National Council of Women. Miss Weigel, an English lady awaiting a passage to Britain, was warmly welcomed to the meeting. She gave a most interesting and encouraging talk on her own experience in Temperance work in England: Her message was: "Don't be discouraged; keep on keeping on." She also spoke of the bravery of the English people, and how they appreciated parcels of food sent from N.Z. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Weigel. Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Tauranga: Social afternoon held at the home of the president on June 26th. Owing to torrential rain attendance was small. Bring-and-Buy had good result. Donations gratefully received. Competitions and readings, with chatting over plans of work, followed by afternoon tea, made a pleasant hour.

July 2: Mrs. Christian presiding, good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. A. A. Bensley, who spoke on the need for seeking guidance before making plans, and the knowledge of God's guidance as the inspiring Power. A session for prayer followed, in which several took part. Band of Hope, Financial, and other reports read and received. Letters to be sent to sick members and visits arranged; 44 received through Social Afternoon. President read an outline of the work and life of Miss Powell, who recently passed away, in observance of Memorial Day; £1 allocated to "White Ribbon" funds. Several members undertook to distribute literature. Executive to meet to arrange other methods of working for the poll. Mrs. Toomer's letter read and enjoyed. "Bring-and-Buy" well supported. Benediction.

Thames, July 3rd: Meeting held in Methodist Hall. Very wet weather and small attendance. Dominion Secretary's May letter discussed. Donation voted to District Funds. Literature for distribution to be sent for. Remit: "This meeting suggests that the poem printed in the March-April issue of the 'Vanguard' be printed in pamphlet form for distribution"; to be sent to Headquarters. Several members read "Temperance Facts."

Hamilton: July Meeting opened with hymn and reading by the president, Mrs. Gatman, from Revelations, 2nd Chapter. Prayer followed, led by Mrs. Stephenson Craig. Opening of "Y" branch at the Maori Centre confirmed. Mrs. Moore gave report from National Council of Women on several important items. Tentative plans await the arrival of the film, "It's the Brain that Counts." Outstanding Temperance Fact to be published as "paid ad." in the local paper. A profitable meeting closed with the Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn, June 25th: Mrs. Brewer presiding. Hymn and pledge. Devotions taken by Mrs. Greenwood. Many have expressed loving sympathy with our president in the passing of her sister. Usual business. Mrs. Dudley reported having visited several local hospitals, taking dainties. She also gave the Scientific Fact. Mrs. Jordan was appointed delegate to the district executive. Messdames Gittings and Cracknell read items from the "W.R.": (1) "Our White Ribbon Bow," and (2) "Where Sugar Went." Mrs. Gillings read a concise business letter from Mrs. Toomer, each paragraph containing useful information; many things to be modernised and some altered as the result of the officers having met. Discussion followed. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Wellington, June 12: At Headquarters. Miss Kirk spoke on plans of work as discussed at Convention, and gave the findings of the sub-committee, also the report of the officers' meet-

ing. Arrangements made for visitor to "Alexander" Home. More literature taken for distribution. "White Ribbon" Day to be celebrated next month. Benediction.

Wellington Central, June 19th: Fair attendance, Miss Andrew presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Webb. Members stood as a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Turner, who had gone to Auckland owing to death in her family. Final arrangements for the Executive and the opening afternoon meeting to hear the Rev. Mr. Burley. Miss Kirk, Dominion President, gave greetings, and as this is poll year, urged us all to give unceasing labour, sacrifice, and prayer, saying that whatever we do, does count for something. The giving out of literature was also urged, when and as opportunity occurs. Birthday posies presented. Mrs. Grigg, "W.R." Business Manager, gave a helpful talk on the "White Ribbon," showing how we could make use of each article found therein, and that every part of it would, if put to service, prove uplifting, and would especially serve to introduce our Dominion President. The "Beacon" would prove helpful to school teachers, Bible Class leaders, and others, and we were urged to do such actions as make for friendship instead of war-ship. Miss Andrew expressed appreciation and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Grigg. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Hould and helpers. Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson, June 11th: Mrs. Toomer presided and Miss Every took the Devotions, several members taking part. "White Ribbon" Day was observed by Mrs. Toomer's reading the editor's remarks on the use of the Official Organ, and by a special collection. Letter read from Dominion Secretary. Mrs. Kidson, Senior, read an article from the "Readers' Digest," which told of a free services organisation in New York for the regeneration of Alcoholics. Mrs. C. I. Kidson gave a summary of the report from the Research Department of the National W.C.T.U. in U.S.A. A successful "Bring-and-Buy" was held in aid of the Literature Fund.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim, July 2: Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Adam Jackson, a Foundation Member and keen supporter of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Toomer's letter of executive meeting and future activities much appreciated. Mrs. R. Watson warmly thanked for gift of twelve hymn books. An interesting article on "Citizenship" read. Mrs. Adjutant Kears took opening devotions and the Benediction. Literature from Headquarters to be purchased for distribution.

Springlands, June 18th: Mrs. V. Underhill presided over a fair attendance and welcomed two visitors. The opening devotions were taken by the President, who read the Scripture lesson from the Second Epistle of Peter. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. E. Leslie in the death of her father, was carried in silence. The Roll Call elicited helpful responses from all present. An interesting and informative letter from Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Corresponding Secretary, was read and enjoyed. It being "White Ribbon" Day, several pieces of especial interest from the journal were read by members. Mrs. L. Rodger, District Peace Superintendent, was present and read a most interesting paper entitled "Some Economic Causes of War," which was written by Mrs. Mackey, of Christchurch. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Rodger for bringing the splendidly-written paper to Springlands.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Lyttelton-Heathcote, May 28th: Meeting took the form of a social gathering to honour Mrs. J. T. Norton, who had been the president for five years, and a member for over thirty years. Mrs. Tredennick, President, spoke on "Faithfulness," saying this had been one of Mrs. Norton's outstanding traits. Two songs were sung by Mrs. Renny, and a social hour spent. Mrs. Norton was presented with a book by Mr. Boreham and a posy of flowers.

Lyttelton-Heathcote, June 25th: Good attendance. Mrs. Anderson, V.P., in the chair, and took devotions; reading a very interesting paper on Diet in connection with temperance. "Bring-and-Buy" realised £1/14/2 for Union funds. Arranged for three members to give morning tea at District Executive meeting in Christchurch.

Riccarton, June 13th: Birthday Party. Special report.

Papanui, June 19th. Mrs. Tillman presiding; 14 present. Devotions, Mrs. Elliott. Pledge,

Roll-call, a text of Scripture. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Reference was made to the death of two members, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Graham, a past president. Mrs. Hawker gave Mental Hospital report. A new member, Mrs. Voice, initiated and welcomed. Mrs. Toomer's Newsletters read and plans made for Poll Year.

Linwood: Good meeting presided over by Mrs. Mackie. Devotions taken by one president in the absence of the Superintendent, Mrs. Robson. Birthday cards are sent out each month by the Birthday Superintendent. Literature was distributed among members for circulation in the district. Mrs. Toomer's circular letter proved very interesting, keeping us in touch with the work of the Dominion Officers, and bringing valuable suggestions for work. Mrs. Fuller, in observance of "White Ribbon" Day, gave a short resume on our official organ, appealing for more interest in this valuable paper. Mrs. Black reported on Band of Hope Union work, and it was decided that our girls and boys should enter for the Temperance examinations. President reported on a meeting held to further the "O. and G." Appeal, and urged that all women should take an interest in this. Mrs. A. Trotman appointed "Paper Cuttings" Superintendent, and members urged to keep her supplied. Mrs. L. W. Voller appointed visitor to the Mental Hospital, with Mrs. Black; 12/- collected for "W.R." Fund. Mrs. Eade with her helpers served afternoon tea. Benediction.

Reefton, June 11th: Mrs. Thompson presided. "White Ribbon" Day observed by readings from the "W.R." Mrs. Leaning was appointed reporter to the local paper. Mrs. Leaning offered to see that the temperance posters were put in suitable places. Secretary to act as "White Ribbon" agent in the meantime. Meeting closed with prayer.

Christchurch, June 12th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Thanks for sympathy received from relatives of the late Mrs. M. J. Miller. Reports given of Socials at Woolston, New Brighton, Papanui, and Spreydon. Excellent report of Dominion Officers' meeting read from Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Secretary. Our Union agreed to help Miss Lovell-Smith later with placing of Temperance leaflets in envelopes for distribution.

June 26th: Miss C. Henderson presided and welcomed a visitor, Miss Thompson, from Wellington Central. Members promised to assist British sailors' coming street collection. Members urged to attend meetings to be addressed by the Rev. H. Gilbert, arranged by N.Z. Alliance. To celebrate "White Ribbon" Day, members gave or read interesting extracts from the "W.R." Donation of £3 sent to "White Ribbon" Fund.

New Brighton, July 4th: Mrs. Edmond presided and welcomed our new Salvation Army officers to our meetings. Captain Dapson conducted Devotions. Meeting stood in silence for two of our members who had been bereaved. Mrs. H. Inns elected as treasurer, replacing the late Mrs. N. C. Fraser. Mrs. H. Hale appointed as our Literature Superintendent on the resignation of Mrs. H. M. Hall. Collection taken for "W.R." funds.

North Brighton, May 21st: "Peace" meeting. Mrs. Noonan presided. Mrs. McIlwraith, devotions. Mrs. Astom reported on the monthly prayer meeting. Mrs. McIlwraith, having visited the Mental Hospital, reported on this, and had taken the usual gifts to seven patients. Mrs. Noonan reported that the summer session of the Band of Hope closed with an enjoyable luncheon at her home. Mrs. Astom also present and assisted with entertaining the twenty children. Twelve meetings had been held, and 31 new members signed the Pledge. Mrs. Noonan gave a most comprehensive report on the Dominion Convention. Mrs. Mackie, the guest-speaker, gave a wonderful paper on "The Economic Causes of War." Several members congratulated both speakers, thanking them for the pleasure they had given. Benediction.

June 18th: Mrs. Noonan presiding and Mrs. McIlwraith leading Devotions. The president welcomed Mrs. Pepperell back after her holiday, and presented her with a twenty years' service badge. One new member initiated, and one received on transfer. Eight members present and one visitor. Six patients visited at Mental Hospital, reported by Mrs. McIlwraith. President reported that the North Brighton Band of Hope had been functioning for twenty-one years and suggested holding a special function at a later date. "Bring-and-Buy" planned for next meeting. One new "W.R." subscriber.