

writing, to be sent to Parliament via our M.P. The meeting empowered the president to confer with the secretary of the local branch of the Alliance as to a joint scheme of advertising Temperance Slogans on the cinema screen. C.R. afternoon arranged for September.

Te Kuiti: Union reorganised by Miss Mc-Lay held its first meeting in July, Miss Mc-Lay giving an address on "Reconstruction." Officers appointed were: President, Mrs. Christensen; Mesdames Stratford and Patchett, Vice-Presidents; Secretary, Mrs. G. Elliott. Mrs. Stratford also appointed "W.R." agent. Enquiries to be made regarding "Y.P." Supplements for distribution, also hymnals. An address was given by Mrs. Christensen, entitled "Go Forward." Another member enrolled. Tea and prayer closed meeting.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, July 30th: Held at New Plymouth. Representatives from Hawera, Eltham, Inglewood and New Plymouth. Morning tea prepared by Mrs. Loveridge. Mrs. Hurlc, District President, warmly welcomed all. Devotions led by Mesdames Wells and Stewart. Great regret expressed at the resignation of Mrs. Tarrant, for many years District Secretary; and a record of her service to be placed in the minutes. Mrs. Cox appointed in her place. Meeting arranged for Stratford in August. Sorrow expressed at the death of Mrs. Aitken, former Eltham Secretary. Miss Drew spoke about the Masterton "Trust" and advised members to learn all they could about it. Next Executive meeting to be held at Eltham. Prayer by Mrs. Arthur closed the meeting.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, July 18th: Good attendance. Mrs. Chesswas presiding. Mrs. Reed, of Wellington, who had been doing organising work for the previous fortnight in the district, was present. The Unions reported great pleasure regarding Mrs. Reed's visit, as a result of which new members are added to the Unions, and Cradle Roll numbers have been increased.

Mrs. Duxfield was appointed delegate to the N.Z. Alliance annual meeting to be held in Wellington. Dominion Corresponding Secretary's letter read, and all urged to think prayerfully about nominations for Dominion Offices. Mrs. Goodey spoke most inspiringly in thanking the members for sympathy and flowers at the time of her bereavement. Plans for District Convention to be made at next meeting.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin, July 11th: After reading the article on Gambling, the President urged all members to do their utmost to stop the ravages of this evil among the young. Scientific Fact and Pledge at both meetings. Letter of thanks for greetings and flowers sent to her while in hospital was received from Mrs. Andriksen. Roll Call answered by text or verse, containing the word "Rest." Memorial Day observed by suitable readings given by Mrs. Kennerley. A jumbled names competition was won by Mrs. Simson, a visitor from Christchurch. One new member received and welcomed. Band of Hope meetings to be started. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Rose and Henskie.

August 8th: Bad weather affected attendance. Mrs. Andriksen welcomed back after her illness. District Executive report given by Mrs. Kennerley. Letter of love and sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Tomlinson who is ill. Poster and essay competitions discussed. Mesdames Tomlinson and Plaster thanked for the afternoon tea, the hostesses also for serving same. Mrs. Kennerley presided at both meetings and Captain Williamson led Devotions.

Palmerston North: August meeting an afternoon for mothers of Cradle Roll children. Devotions led by Mrs. Hodder. Members stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Doreen and Mrs. J. H. Griffiths. Decided to write to Mr. O. Wilson, local M.P., asking if cost of postage on food parcels could be eliminated or decreased. Several items were given, followed by a helpful address by Mrs. Adjutant Simpson (S.A.).

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Dannevirke, July meeting: Mrs. Major Caldcott, president, in the chair. Devotions, Captain Mounsey (S.A.). Memorial Day observed, Messrs. T. E. Taylor, L. M. Isitt, Rev. J. Dawson, Dr. Bedford, Mrs. Don, Mrs. Atkinson, Mary Clement Leavitt, and Frances Willard all remembered with honour. Paper on

"Thomas Chiniquy" from "W.R." read. Fact taken from "W.R." editorial on "The Child."

Napier: Visitors from Hastings Union added interest to meeting for July. Mrs. Lewis, president, welcomed all, after which the meeting was carried on by the visitors, Mrs. Hickmott taking the chair. Mrs. Thorp led Devotions. Pledge repeated. Temperance facts given by Mrs. Granger. Solos contributed by Mesdames Martin and Thorp. Mrs. Burton was the speaker, giving a stirring address on "Women, Christian, Temperance, Union." Mrs. Ryan, on behalf of Napier Union, thanked the Hastings ladies for their visit, which, it was hoped, would be repeated. Tea and prayer by Mrs. Hickmott.

Gisborne, May 27th: Mrs. V. Clement presided, and Mrs. E. Hampton led Devotions. Mrs. Clement reported on the recent visit of Miss C. M. McLay, speaking of Miss McLay's enthusiasm regarding temperance prospects in Gisborne. The recent radio talk of the president of the Invercargill Licensing Trust. A remit on this matter is to go forward to Dominion Convention. (See "Flashlights.") Mrs. Morris spoke on "How we got the Franchise," and referring to the successful work in the U.S.A. resulting in voluntary return to Prohibition in many States.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Petone, July. Second meeting of revived Union. Nine present. Inspiring and encouraging address by Mrs. Paterson on the dangers of alcohol at social functions, urging us always to use our influence against its use, especially at weddings. Salvation Army ladies, hostesses. Benediction.

Lower Hutt, June 25th: Very fine meeting, though smaller than usual. Mrs. Spencer in chair. We remembered White Ribbon Day in our collection. The L.T.L. and the "Y" work was reported upon and pleasure expressed about formation of a new "Y" branch at Brooklyn. Rev. A. Browne was our guest speaker. He decided against a temperance address, although he did comment on the encouraging growth of Prohibition in the States. His message was based upon Heb. 12: 1 and 2. Truly one of great inspiration to those present. We could only regret the absence of those who rarely stay away. Meeting closed with prayer and Benediction.

Brooklyn, June 22nd: One of our oldest members, Mrs. Pearson, was hostess at her home. Mrs. Brewer presiding. Mrs. Mardon brought greetings from the president and other officers from different Unions in Sydney. Mrs. Mardon's mother was one of our pioneer temperance women in Wellington. Reports on hospital visiting. "Y.P." Supplements to be sent to various local Sunday schools. Extracts from "W.R." were read. Temperance Fact. More discussion on the Royal Commission's findings. Benediction. Sales table did good business under Mrs. Pearson.

July: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Brewer presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. "Y.P." Supplements to be supplied to Brooklyn Sunday Schools. Donations received towards cost of Temperance text books supplied to Education Board by District Executive, and to Convention funds. Letter read from Dominion Corresponding Secretary. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Pearce congratulated on getting 20 new "W.R." subscribers. President reported on recent N.Z.A. Conference, referring to N.S.W. victory re six o'clock closing. Report on District Executive given by Mrs. Pearce, who was thanked for delicious afternoon tea she had provided. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Motueka, July 30th: Miss Cresswell presided over good attendance of friends and members. S.A. members led devotions. Mrs. Toomer, District President, visited and addressed the meeting, her topic being "Christian Service." Inspiring and helpful.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Executive Meeting: August meeting presided over by Mrs. Clark, District President. Devotions led by Mrs. Ancell; Temperance Fact given by Miss Gainsford. Delegates to N.Z. Alliance appointed, Mesdames Ramsay, Pugh and Campbell. A remit sent to the local branch of the N.C.W., "That we are not in favour of any political party representation in the N.C.W."

Report of concert held at the Women's Reformatory sponsored by the "Y's" was given by the Secretary.

Superintendent's reports, "W.R." given by Mrs. McLean; Literature, Mrs. Ramsay, who reported having ordered more leaflets and

Handbooks; Peace, Mrs. Whittle reported that the N.C.W. were holding a "Peace" meeting in October. Mrs. Hodder asked all Union superintendents to send in reports and roll number to her before District Convention.

Further arrangements made for District Convention, to be held at Temuka, and delegates were urged to write to Mrs. Holliday, Winchester, as soon as possible for hospitality.

Good attendance of delegates, and reports showed good work being done; regular visits to the mental hospital each month by seven of the Unions. Reported that this work is much appreciated by the superintendent, matron and nurses.

Lyttelton-Heathcote, July meeting: Attendance of 12. Mrs. Coyle, vice-president, read a paper from the "War Cry" on the Bible. Mrs. Toomer's report was read and discussed. Magazines for Seamen's Institutions. Members invited to an afternoon for Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, district vice-president.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

District Executive Meetings, February 11th: Six members present, Mrs. Densem presiding. Apology from Mrs. Duckett, Waimate. Secretary to write to Unions calling attention to Article II of Constitution. Timaru reported having shown temperance films, 100 being present. Letter of sympathy to Miss Fyle in her bereavement, and to our aged member, Mrs. Norrie. Correspondence received re some temperance work begun in Fairlie.

May 13th: Mrs. Densem, president, in the chair; 10 members present. Much discussion on the question of reorganisation of some "Y" work in conjunction with our W.C.T.U. at Highfield (Timaru). Temuka invited District Convention to their town, for 16th, 17th, 18th of September. Timaru invited all Unions to their Peace meeting. It was agreed to use the pooling system to meet the expenses of travelling to executive meetings.

Temuka, July 30th: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lovatt, "Dinting House." Mrs. Hewson presided, Mrs. Woolford taking Devotions. Discussion on Convention arrangements. Solo by Rev. J. Johnston: "I have an Anchor," who later gave an address which was most interesting and for which he was thanked by Mrs. Grocott. Band of Hope to meet fortnightly instead of monthly. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Woolford and Lovatt. Prayer and Benediction by Rev. J. Johnston.

June meeting held at the Parsonage on account of very bad weather. The comfort afforded inside eclipsed the wintry conditions outside. Devotions led by Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. Grocott presiding. Band of Hope arrangements made to start July 23rd. Agreed to give those attending a cup of cocoa and biscuits at the close in future. Preliminary arrangements also made in connection with District Convention. Delegates requiring hospitality are asked to communicate with Mrs. Holliday. Address on the "White Ribbon" given by Mrs. Davey.

Timaru, July 29th: Mrs. Holdgate presided. Mrs. Priestley leading Devotions. Literature to be procured for use in Life Brigades. Discussion on Immigration followed. Mrs. Woodward reported a busy month at the Sailors' Rest and literature still much needed. Donations to the "Rest" received from the Timaru Borough Council, and a "Well-wisher"; also coal from Westport Coal Company. Miss Campbell, matron of Presbyterian Children's Home, was guest speaker, her subject being the work of the orphanage, especially in regard to fitting the children for life and giving them opportunity to become good citizens.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Oamaru, June 14th: Devotions, Miss Hall. Speaker, the Rev. I. K. Hopper, who gave a convincing address on the Evils of Alcohol and urging that Bands of Hope should be started again throughout the Dominion. The speaker also contributed two solos, being heartily thanked.

July 14th: Fair attendance. Devotions, Mrs. McIlwraith. Reply from Prime Minister re protest about raising advertising restrictions for alcohol. Mrs. Scott gave a talk on her experiences in a London slum area, showing the terrible effects of strong drink. The President, Mrs. Winn, took the chair at both meetings.

August 11th: Miss Cowan presided in absence of President through illness. Devotions, Mrs. McIlwraith. Messages of sympathy to Mrs. Winn and Miss R. Day. Extracts from Bulletin on other countries' work.