

Miss Kirk had to leave on Thursday morning in order to fulfil an engagement in Nelson on the 24th. We were quite sorry to part with her. We enjoyed her visit exceedingly and trust that its influence will be felt for many days to come.

Midhurst.

Our Union held a meeting on May 26, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following was the result:—President, Mrs Lawrence; Vice-president, Mrs E. S. Vickers; Secretary, Miss Vickers; Treasurer, Mrs Keightley.

A fortnight hence we are to have a public meeting of an educational character. Several ladies from a distance are expected to address us, and we are expecting a real good meeting.

We have held 15 meetings throughout the year, and yet we feel that little actual work has been done. However, this year we hope to take up several new branches, and get each member to take some part.

Ormondville.

Mrs F. Whitmore Isitt arrived among us on May 31st to endeavour to form a branch of the W.C.T.U. On Monday evening here, and on Tuesday afternoon at Makatuku, she addressed small meetings. A gale was blowing and the cold was biting, which prevented the attendance of some who otherwise would have been present. But Mrs Isitt persevered. A drawing-room meeting was held at the Vicarage on the afternoon of the 2nd June, and the proposal to form a branch was submitted. Some discussion followed. Strong objections were raised, but all went away feeling interested. A final meeting was held on Thursday, June 3rd, when a branch was formed and officers were elected. Mrs Wills, President; Mrs Alexander, Treasurer; Miss Paterson, Secretary. Mrs Isitt is to be congratulated in having overcome great difficulties, and having formed a branch at the first district visited for the purpose.

Wellington.

On Thursday, 3rd inst., the meeting of the W.C.T.U. was well attended, several new members were received, and the Initiatory Service was used for the first time. Several plans of work were considered, and it is hoped that by next meeting they will be matured and acted upon.

Christchurch.

The fortnightly educational meeting was held on the last Wednesday in

May, when Mrs Newton gave a very interesting address on Plans of Work for the year. She briefly touched on each of the following subjects:—Drawing-room and Cottage Meetings; House to House Visitation, with Distribution of Suitable Literature; Band of Hope Work; Mothers' Meetings for Education in the Laws of Physiology and Health; Social Purity; and Dangers of C.D. Acts. Mrs Newton was listened to with attention. On June 9th a meeting was held, when six new members were received into the Union. It was reported that Mrs Barney's photo. was for sale at 1s 6d, application to be made to Mrs Venables, 240, South Belt. Mrs Sheppard was appointed Parliamentary Superintendent, and was also elected as delegate to the conference now being held on the new Local Government Bill. A sad case of need was reported, and the members undertook to collect a small sum each towards giving the desired assistance. Miss Roberts was appointed Band of Hope Superintendent, and offered to devote two evenings a week to visiting Bands of Hope, and giving addresses on Scientific Temperance. The Treasurer's balance-sheet showed a deficiency, and the question of ways and means is to be discussed at next meeting. It was announced that the Committee would meet on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at 2 p.m., an Educational meeting at 3 p.m.

Amberley.

The usual monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held on the 5th of May. Nine members were present. The Secretary read letters received from the Secretaries of the Christchurch and Kaiapoi Unions re Mrs Barney's mission. It was resolved, "That as many members as possibly could would attend the meeting to be held in the Coffee Rooms, Kaiapoi." The Secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of the Union to our sister, Mrs Lawcock, in her recent trouble. The meeting for June takes place on the 12th, consequently will not be in time to be reported in the next issue of the WHITE RIBBON. Many members have lately been expressing a wish to have a visit from Mrs Munnings and Mrs Newton, and a resolution on the subject will be brought forward next meeting. We have been also discussing the advisability of forming a Girls' Sewing Class in connection with the Union, and disposing of the articles made, so that we could increase our funds, and thereby be enabled to procure literature, &c.

A resolution on this subject will also be discussed at the next meeting. Will the members please remember that the meetings are always held on the first Wednesday in the month, a misconception having arisen this time because the meeting was not announced in the churches through forgetfulness?

Auckland.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the W.C.T.U. took place yesterday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Mrs Schnackenberg presiding. Amongst those present were Mrs Hewitt, and native friends from Rotorua. In introducing the natives, Mrs Hewitt said she had been told it would be useless to work for temperance amongst the natives, as they were like children, and would soon forget her teaching; but she had found them most earnest and persevering. Rotorua was considered one of the worst places for drink, but during the two and a-half years they had been working over 300 pledges had been taken, and several Sunday-schools and Bible classes started. Two of those present had studied at Napier College, Atareta Ratema and Sophie Kerri. The former was president of the W.C.T.U. at Ohinemutu, having been chosen by the Maoris to fill that position. She is also the leader of the Bible class there, where 30 women and 50 children attend. Sophie Kerri was secretary of the Te Ngae branch, which they started with about 30 women. Mrs Puramati was the first president of the W.C.T.U. elected in Rotorua, and did good work there. She has removed to Auckland, and hopes to be of service amongst her own people here. After a short address from each, the Rev. Ratema gave a very earnest and interesting speech in Maori, which Mrs Schnackenberg interpreted. In consequence of Mrs Hewitt having to bear so much of the expense in this work, Mrs Davis proposed that a donation from the W.C.T.U. fund should be given, and a special collection taken that afternoon towards it. This was carried, and £2 15s 6d was presented.

Naseby.

A meeting open to non-members was held on Friday, May 7. Two new members were initiated. A short programme, consisting mainly of temperance items, was then proceeded with. Mrs McCosh Smith presided. During the month two cottage meetings have been held.

Greymouth.

We have just had a most delightful visit from Miss Kirk, who gave a series