

tion that the words "as a beverage" should be included in our pledge. It was resolved that a sermon of Canon Farrar's on Temperance should be reprinted for distribution.

### Colyton.

At the October meeting an address was given on "Charity." Circular letters were read and discussed. Our Press Correspondent agreed to interview the editor of the local paper re the matter of publishing items bearing on W. C. T. U. work. It was decided to select literature for distribution. One new member was enrolled.

### Foxton.

This Union was organised by Miss Powell as a branch of the Palmerston North Union. The following are the officers:—President, Mrs Gibson; Vice-President, Miss Duncan; Treasurer, Mrs Osborne; Secretary, Miss Woodcock; Reporter, Mrs Small. We have 15 members on the roll. A "White" service was held in the P.M. Church (which was decorated with white flowers), conducted by the Rev. Mr Barnett.

### Brunnerton.

On Oct. 28 the usual monthly meeting was held, conducted by Mrs McDowall, acting president. Correspondence was read from Mr J. Greenwood, president of the Boys' Club, Feilding, who, in response to a request from our Union, had kindly given particulars of the working of the Club, with rules and other helpful information. Also, a circular from the Superintendent of "Social Purity" and "Rescue Work," urging the claims of these Departments. It was thought that something might be done in the way of distributing literature on the subject, and the secretary was empowered to obtain specimen copies of the leaflets suggested, and other desirable literature, before ordering for distribution. After the business meeting, an open Missionary meeting was held, at which some visitors were present. The local Superintendent of Mission Work read an interesting letter from a lady missionary in China, and extracts from Missionary papers were contributed by other members.

### Dunedin.

At a well attended meeting it was reported that, notwithstanding a wet evening, Miss Statham's lecture had proved very successful, and in response to numerous requests she has promised to repeat it. The Committee reported

that a good meeting had been held during the month at the Sailors' Rest, kindly and efficient help being rendered by ministers attending the Presbyterian Synod. Interesting extracts were read from letters written by sailors who had received good. Matters connected with temperance tent on Show Grounds were left in hands of a Committee to arrange.

### Christchurch.

At the meeting on October 13th a letter was read from the Secretary of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association, stating that the members would not consent to allow the Union to erect a permanent building for a temperance tea and luncheon room, neither could they erect a building themselves for the purpose, as they were not in funds. They offered the site hitherto occupied by the Union for £50, and stated that, failing the acceptance of this offer, public tenders would be called for. After discussion, the members resolved that the demand for £50 was an exorbitant one, and should not be conceded. The President said that the Union had done good service to the public for many years in the Show Grounds, and she regretted that the A. and P. Association had not taken this fact into consideration. Inspector Pender had repeatedly told them when in Christchurch that there were considerably fewer cases of drunkenness on the Show Grounds since tea had been so freely and cheaply sold. This was something to be glad and proud of. Their luncheon tent had been much appreciated, and they would greatly regret if, by the increasing demands of the Association, they were deprived of the opportunity of carrying on their luncheon and tea tent as usual. At the meeting of October 17th it was announced that the Union's tender for the site had been accepted, and every member present was pressed into the service of collecting money and produce. Several lambs, hams, and other commodities had already been promised. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Dunnage for his efforts in the Anglican Synod to obtain power for women to vote at parish meetings.

### Ngairu.

We held our monthly meeting on October 27. Correspondence was dealt with. A paper was read by Mrs Morison on "Education Without Religion," which was afterwards discussed. The introduction of Bible-reading into the State schools was thought desirable.

## \* WOMEN'S \* SOCIETIES \*

### SOUTHERN CROSS SOCIETY.

On October 4th the "Young Persons Protection Bill" was discussed, and the following resolutions were passed and forwarded to the Premier:—"That the S.C.S. considers that boys who are found in houses frequented by prostitutes and gamblers should, for the first offence, be taken to their homes by the constable who arrests them, who should inform their parents or guardians of the circumstances of their arrest." 2. "That whipping is calculated to harden boys." 3. "That persons harbouring either boys or girls for immoral purposes or gambling, should be punished by a penalty not exceeding £20, or by a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years." An animated discussion took place as to the desirability of the Salvation Army being appointed Rescue Officers and Managers of the Reformatories. "The Public Health Amendment Act" was then discussed. The following resolutions were passed—"That the S.C.S. considers that it is cruel and harsh that persons who may have contracted consumption in other parts of the world should be prevented from re-joining their relatives in New Zealand, and that it is not desirable that soldiers and sailors, and persons accredited to the Government, should be exempt from the provisions of the Health Act. The following resolution was forwarded to the Premier—"That it is inconsistent with democratic principles that admission to the Ladies' Gallery of the House of Representatives should be by ticket, and that the Government be requested to grant free admission to the Gallery during the evening sittings." The following petition was drafted and handed round for signatures:—"We, the undersigned, respectfully request that there should be free admission to the Ladies' Gallery of the House of Representatives during the evening sittings."

Oct 11th—Mr T. R. Fleming read a most interesting paper on "Some Characteristics of Tennyson."

Oct 25th—Replies in reference to "Young Persons Protection Bill," and "Health Act" were received from the Premier. A most interesting paper on "The Life and Works of Lord Bacon," which was full of instructive information concerning the character and attainments of the great philosopher, was read by Mr Bell. Miss