

WELLINGTON.

Our monthly meeting was held on August 6th. Mesdames Williams and Ostler reported their visit to Palmerston and the formation of a branch there. Mrs. Wright gave a splendid report of the meeting for women held in Aro street, at which about 30 were present.

Two "Drawing-room" meetings, at which Mrs. Williams gave addresses, were also held during the month and workers and new members gained.

Arrangements for a meeting in the city on the 12th instant were made, at which Mrs. Harrison Lee will speak. Miss McKechnie was appointed Superintendent of Literature for the railway station boxes, Mrs. Williams Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, and Mrs. Macalister Reporter for Papers.

Our next meeting will be a quarterly one, at which reports from different departments will be given.

CHRISTCHURCH.

The third of a series of temperance meetings for women was held on July 22 in the Durham street Mission Hall. Mrs. Field presided and introduced the Rev. R. Elder, who is engaged in mission work in the Argentine Republic. Mr. Elder was early connected with No-License work in Otago. He gave several convincing facts in connection with the beneficial effects of No-License in the districts of Matura, Oamaru, Invercargill, and Gore. He urged the women to use their votes rightly for the sake of their country as well as their children. At the close of the meeting afternoon tea was served and literature handed round.

A special meeting of the Union was held on July 29th in the new headquarters, Mrs. Field presided. It was decided to ask for Mrs. Harrison Lee's services from the 25th to 31st of August inclusive. It was decided to write to the ministers and superintendents of the Sunday schools with reference to a proposed united Sunday school meeting to be addressed by Mrs. Lee. Three new members were initiated.

NELSON.

Early in July Mr. Bligh, of the White Cross League, gave an address to women only. The meeting was held in the Baptist Church under the auspices of our Union, several members being present.

A meeting for women only was also held in the Toi-toi Valley Mission Hall. In the absence of our President, Miss Atkinson occupied the chair. Addresses were given by Mesdames Hampson, Peryman, and Watson, and songs by Mesdames Knapp and Derrick.

During the visit of Mrs. Harrison Lee another meeting for women was arranged by the Union, Mrs. Crump presiding.

The Union had a share in entertaining the temperance party on board H.M.S. Encounter.

An "At Home" took place at "Fairfield," the residence of Mrs. A. S. Atkinson, kindly lent for the occasion, and a large number of men spent a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Crump briefly welcomed them, then games were indulged in, a musical programme rendered, and refreshments plentifully supplied.

FEILDING.

The monthly meeting was held at Mrs. Frost's residence on August 6th and took the form of a social afternoon. Mrs. Cossam (President) presiding over a good attendance. Short addresses were given by Mrs. Ritchie, of Rongotea, and Miss Sorley, of Feilding, and Mrs. Pickering sang a solo. Mrs. Ritchie spoke on

"Some of the Objections to No-License," and gave a few good hints on how to combat them. Miss Sorley, who was present at the first Convention held in New Zealand by the W.C.T.U., gave some interesting details of that meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to both speakers and Mrs. Pickering. It was decided to hold a temperance meeting on September 18 to commemorate the granting of Women's Franchise.

NAPIER.

Our work this month has been arranging for a visit from Mrs. Harrison Lee and for a District Convention. It was felt the work of our smaller Unions would be far more successful if the members could get in touch with each other, and the idea of a Convention in Napier was warmly taken up.

Mrs. Lee opened her mission on Saturday night. A prayer meeting was held, and then an open-air meeting gave an opportunity for an earnest address on the No-License question.

Sunday afternoon the massed Endeavourers and Bible Classes listened attentively to Mrs. Lee as she spoke on the words "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" At the close 56 names of young men and women were handed in as willing to form a No-License League.

A crowded meeting in the Theatre, presided over by Rev. A. C. Lawry, was held after the evening services. Mrs. Lee's fine address on "Let us make man in our own image" gave much food for thought.

Monday and Tuesday afternoons were spent at the District Schools. Monday night a meeting at Taradale (presided over by Rev. A. P. Clarke), Tuesday night Port Ahuriri (Rev. Oliver Dean in the chair).

On Wednesday afternoon a "Drawing-room" meeting was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom. Mrs. Oldham occupied the chair. The meeting opened with a hymn, followed by prayer offered by Mrs. Cobb. Mrs. Harrison Lee addressed the meeting on "Moral Suasion, Education, and Legislation." Mrs. Oldham spoke at length on the work, explaining how much women might do. The initiatory service was read and six members added to the ranks.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Lee gave her lecture called "Brides of Many Lands," Rev. R. McNaughtan presided, and the brides and bridesmaids formed a pretty picture on the stage. Each bride was introduced to the audience and most of them contributed a song with a Temperance sentiment. A very interesting bride was one from Palestine, and passages from Holy Writ graphically illustrated the different marriage customs.

The last meeting was held on Thursday night in the Theatre Royal, the subject taken being "A Voyage Round the World."

On the whole the meetings have been very successful, though the last two days the weather was wet and cold, which prevented many from attending.

DUNEDIN.

A series of very successful meetings have been held during the months of June and July. At St. Clair, Belleknowes, Wesleyan Church, "Woodhough," York Place, North-east Valley, and Normanby. Also several socials for Sailors Rest.

A desire being expressed for a branch to be formed at St. Clair, North-east Valley, a deputa-tion was appointed to attend next meeting in the Valley with this object in view, resulting in 30 new members.

The Committee appointed to collect funds for purchase of piano for Sailors' Rest have met

with great success, £32 10s. being raised. The piano was purchased and used for first time on Tuesday evening at social.

Rev. N. A. Davis addressed the meeting on June 7th with the object of enlisting the co-operation of members in bare majority question.

On June 14th a special meeting was addressed by Mr. G. W. Nicholls, who gave some thrilling accounts of the spread of Prohibition in America. He solicited the help of the Union in organising Dunedin City for the coming campaign. There was a good attendance, and a large number gave in their names.

At the meeting on July 4th a request was received from the secretary of Early Settlers' Association for a desk from Sailors' Rest, the desk being an old relic from Provincial Council, which was most cordially agreed to. Mrs. Don conveyed greetings from Mrs. Smedley..

PALMERSTON NORTH.

On July 10th a meeting was called by Mrs. F. Macdonald in response to a letter from the New Zealand President with regard to reorganising here. Seventeen ladies were present, all of whom became members. Thanks are due to Mrs. Cole for her interest in our welfare, and to Mesdames Williams and Ostler, of Wellington, for their work in reorganising. Election of officers was as follows:—President, Mrs. Snow; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames A. E. Whitehead and Beggs; Secretary, Mrs. F. MacDonald; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Miller; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs. Culver.

Our first meeting was held on July 17th, 12 members being present. Two new members were proposed.

We are holding a social on August 8th to increase our ranks. We propose to work in the interests of No-License until the election and, starting with a membership of 19, trust to do much to secure a victory.

HASTINGS.

Our usual monthly meeting was held at St. Andrew's Hall on July 30, Mrs. Oldham, of Napier, presiding. Captain Lambertson opened with prayer, after which Mrs. Oldham spoke a few helpful words in introducing Mrs. Harrison Lee. Mrs. Lee spoke for some time on the work and all present felt very much helped by her words. Afternoon tea was dispensed by members of the Union. Solos were contributed by Misses Stirling and Beddow and were much appreciated. Six new members were enrolled.

At the business meeting afterwards Mrs. Venables was appointed Vice-President and Mrs. Christian Secretary *pro tem.* until our annual meeting.

We hope that a new era has begun in our Union, and that we will become a mighty power in the coming fight for God, Home, and Humanity.

TARIKI.

On July 14th we held a temperance social in the Wesleyan Church, Mr. Rudkin occupied the chair. Special items were rendered by the Cradle Roll children and their older brothers and sisters. Six little girls dressed in white rocked a cradle trimmed with white ribbons, and sang the "Cradle Verse." Temperance Nursery Rhymes were rendered by three boys and four girls, some in costume. Six of the older girls sang "The Children are Coming" from the marching songs. Temperance recitations and solos made up a most interesting evening. Supper was then handed round.

On July 22nd, by request, the concert was again given, the Rev. H. Foston ably presiding.