

a day or a year and assume the power of judgment and control of affairs that comes only by experience and preparation. If St. Paul's injunction had not been obeyed, anarchy would have stepped into home and social life.

Did it never occur to those who are so anxious lest women overstep their proper sphere, that St. Paul has given advice which some of them have failed to carry out? See 1 Cor. vii, 7, 8. Many have married once, twice, yea thrice, and have not had one reproving twinge of conscience.

Paul was a Jew, and the word Jew in his day was a synonym for the most abject bigotry; yet he did not attempt to impose the customs of one country upon another, or of one age upon another age. He did not tell Roman women to wear veils, nor to keep silence in the churches. They were used to power and influence; it would injure neither them nor the nascent religion to face the sun or to speak in meeting. In Greece it was different, and he chose to let the leaven of Christianity work out the social evolution.

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[We rely on our local Unions to send us news for this column. We cannot evolve it out of our inner consciousness.]

Greymouth.

At the meeting held on Oct. 4th the president read a most interesting letter from Mrs de R. Newton on our work, and also an article from *Union Signal* on L. T. L. work in America. The matter of attempting to start tea rooms was discussed and will be brought up again at our next meeting.

Naseby.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Oct. 2nd, and took the form of a welcome to Mrs Barnard, whom Naseby is delighted to receive though Hawera is the loser by our gain. The opening item was "Some Glad Day," then followed music, tea, and chat. We met at the house of our president—always the rendezvous for Temperance workers.

Christchurch.

Weekly meetings are now being held, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Tent and Luncheon

Booth on the Show Grounds early in November. More provisions and more help will be required in every way this year. Offers of personal help will be gladly received by our officers both for cooking and attendance at tables, also contributions either in money or provisions. Flowers and greenery for decorating the tent will be needed on the morning of Wednesday, November 7th. Will all who can do something to help?

Wellington.

Owing to inclement weather the attendance at our last meeting was small, but news respecting the girls of the Newtown Association was very cheering.

Blenheim.

Meetings of late have taken the form of "At Homes," which have been largely attended. Business meetings are held monthly, and great interest is taken in W. C. T. U. work generally. Resolutions have been passed re Women's Disabilities Bill and granting of Licenses in the King Country. At time of writing we are busy preparing for Cake and Apron Fair to be held Sept 26th, proceeds to be devoted to removal of debt on Reading Rooms.

Gisborne.

A very successful Sale of Work was held here early in September, in aid of the Coffee Rooms. The sale was held in the afternoon, in the Misses Morice's ground, the various goods and afternoon tea being set out in tents. The weather was fine, and a great number of people attended. Music was provided during the afternoon by friends of the Union. The proceeds were between £17 and £18.

Nelson.

At our last meeting four members were elected as representatives to the annual meeting of the Prohibitionist Council. A letter was read from the N. Z. Superintendent of Literature, urging desirability of distributing literature, and it was decided to order a supply. Enquiries were made in the matter of the Union having a refreshment stall at the Richmond Agricultural Show. "Women's Disabilities" Bill was mentioned, but again deferred till next meeting.

Leeston.

Occasion was taken at our last meeting to make a small present to our late treasurer, Miss Wills, on the eve of her marriage. Many loving wishes were expressed for her future happiness, and

afternoon tea was provided. Sickness has prevailed among our members during the winter months, but we hope soon to take up our work with fresh vigour.

New Plymouth.

Our quarterly public meeting on September 26th, took the form of a Missionary meeting, the President in the chair. The speakers were Rev. F. A. Bennet, Maori Missionary (Anglican), and three Maori gentlemen, for two of whom Mr Bennet acted as interpreter. They all pleaded that something should be done to stop the ravages of strong drink amongst their people. A good collection in aid of the Mission was taken up.

Auckland.

At our meeting on September 13th we were very pleased to receive a visit from Miss Brown, who reported that the Young People's Union had secured a room, and intended resuming their meetings. On September 27th a Conference was held to which were invited the members of the Women's Political League and the Women's Democratic Union. The object of the Conference was to discuss and prepare suggestions to be brought before the Charitable Aid Board as to accommodation at the Hospital for persons suffering from venereal disease. After a long and spirited discussion the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—“(1) That this meeting thinks it desirable that a divided wing be added to the Hospital, suitable for the treatment of male and female sufferers from venereal diseases; (2) that all cases of contagious and venereal diseases be reported by doctors and chemists, under a very heavy penalty” Delegates to bring these resolutions before the Board at its next meeting. The right has been secured to have a W. C. T. U. kiosk at the Agricultural Show in November. The Band of Hope Union and our Auxiliary Unions will take part with us in this effort.

Napier.

At a meeting of the Synod, Mr Tomoana, of Waipatu, gave a most earnest speech (the first ever made in Synod in English by a Maori layman) in seconding the resolution on the Waikato liquor question. Owing to the immediate importance of the subject, our Union expected some line of action to be submitted to the Unions throughout New Zealand by the Superintendent of Work among the Maoris re license in the