

men helpers in the Temperance cause. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to our worthy treasurer in her sad bereavement, the loss of her beloved husband.

Petone.

Our Union has made great strides lately as a result of the "Mothers meetings," which have been held fortnightly at the members' homes. We try to make them educational and are very grateful to the members of the Wellington Union who come out when they possibly can. By this means we are constantly getting strangers to our meetings who in time become members of our Union. A cup of tea is always a useful part of the programme. We ventured out a little on Coronation Day and erected a booth on the Recreation Grounds, where the ceremony was held. We received very good support and are going to try again the next opportunity that occurs. We are giving the members of the two "Bands of Hope," a Complimentary Social, and so hope to gain their mothers' and fathers' sympathy. We are also busy distributing literature all over our scattered electorate. At our monthly meetings up to the election, we intend devoting half an hour to special prayer.

Wellington.

At our last meeting it was decided to devote the time to prayer instead of to the usual business. Earnest prayers were offered for the mission held by Dr Torry and Mr Alexander, specially in regard to their visit to our Girls' Association.

Colyton.

At our meeting on the 14th of August Miss Minchin presided, and Mrs P. W. Jones, of Feilding, gave us a very good report of the Temperance Convention held in Palmerston North. It was decided to have a collection at our next meeting in aid of the Wills Memorial Fund. Miss Minchin kindly offered to come and conduct a Bible reading. Musical items and refreshments brought a pleasant gathering to a close.

New Plymouth.

Regular meetings of the Union were re-commenced on the first Wednesday in August. Though the attendance is still small it is improving. At the opening meeting Mrs Douglas, our President, gave a stirring address on "The Aims of Our Union," and at the September meeting the Rev S. J. Serpell was present, and gave an interesting

address. The Union has sustained a loss in the services of Miss Ahier, who has resigned the position of secretary. Mrs Gaukrodger has been elected to the office.

Naseby.

The monthly meeting was held on Sept. 1st. The Secretary reported that a Cottage Meeting had been held during the month. Several members have handed their copies of the WHITE RIBBON to the Secretary, to be posted to various districts where the paper is unknown. The same is done with the *Prohibitionist*. One new subscriber has been obtained through this method for the latter paper, and we are in hopes that more subscribers will be obtained for our own paper. During the meeting Miss Glenn sang the solo, "Only a Little Word," very sweetly.



* SOCIETIES. *



CANTERBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.
—A general meeting was held on Aug. 29th. A letter was received from Mr Barclay, M.H.R., in reference to his Household Assistants' Half-holiday Bill, which, he said, he feared there was not much hope of getting through this year, owing to the press of Government business. Mr Barclay, however, hoped the measure would pass in a future session, and thanked the Institute for strengthening his hands. No reply having been received from the Inspector-General of Schools to the Institute's request that members of the committee should be permitted to visit the Te Oranga Home and the Burnham Industrial School without arranging beforehand dates with the managers of these institutions, it was resolved to write again, urging an answer before the date of the next meeting of the Institute, on Sept. 12. The President expressed her intention of giving an address on "Charitable Aid," to which she wished the public to be invited, and it was resolved that various societies should be communicated with and asked to attend and also induce others to be present. A discussion followed on the means to be adopted in reference to the election of women at the forthcoming Charitable Aid Board and Hospital Board elections in November, and several ladies were asked to allow themselves to be nominated. One new member was elected.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE N.Z. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DEAR SISTERS,—In accordance with a suggestion made at our last Convention, I am now able to offer to you the following papers for use at your educational meetings:—

- No. I.—"Our Genesis," a booklet.
- No. II.—"The Effect of Alcohol on the Heart," by Mrs Ritchie, of Kaiapoi.
- No. III.—"Juvenile Work," by Miss McCarthy, of Dunedin.
- No. IV.—"Hints on Canvassing for the Local Option Poll," by M. S. Powell.

Any Union applying to me may have the loan of above as soon as prior applicants have been satisfied. Conditions will be found attached to each, the principal one being that the paper be passed on *the day after being read*. Unions will kindly state, when applying, the date for which the paper is required. As number four is specially intended for use before the election, I should like to suggest that it should be kept moving briskly. Any Union possessing valuable papers will greatly oblige by handing them over to me as soon as finished with, so that above list may be augmented. To country Unions especially these papers are a boon.

Yours in the work,

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Christchurch.

International Press Committees.

The Press Committee Bulletin of the International Council of Women contains a number of interesting items.

The National Council of the U.S.A. held its meeting in Washington in February. Miss Susan B. Anthony, whose 82nd birthday was lately celebrated, was present, and was greeted with cheers and applause. Miss Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society, gave an address on "Patriotism." The Rev Anna Shaw's address on "Ethics of Civilisation," and the