

that 9 a.m. should be the time of special prayer for success of the No-License campaign.

GREYMOUTH.

Meeting held in the Sailors' Rest Hall, and was of special interest. The Rev. W. Baumber, of Nelson, gave an address on "Loyalty." After dealing with the subject of loyalty to King and Empire, the speaker stated his conviction that Christians should sincerely pray for victory to the British forces, in defence of right and liberty. He also referred to the fight against vice, which was being carried on by the Unions, stating that dreadful as it might appear, the victims of vice were numerically greater than those of war. Members expressed their sympathy for the Rev. A. Ashcroft, and trust he will soon be restored to health.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Monthly meeting held in Constable Street Rooms on September 3rd, when Mrs Evans presided over a good attendance of members. Mrs Boxall reported having sent fifty marked Testaments to the first contingent of the Expeditionary Troops, and five hundred leaflets on the "White Slave Traffic," to be distributed to the second contingent. Mrs Mowlem then gave a very interesting address, which was received with great appreciation by those present.

WARKWORTH.

Sept. 3. Monthly meeting held in the Methodist Church. Mrs Attwood presided. There was a good attendance. After business, it was resolved that the Treasurer's (Mrs Tiplady) offer to give a small gift and coin afternoon at her residence be accepted; also that we meet for work for the distressed and poor all day occasionally; also Franchise Day be celebrated by our monthly meeting and an afternoon at "Red Bluff." Two young members were initiated.

RANGIORA.

Meeting held on July 9th, Mrs Wills in the chair. Mrs Cox elected President. A resolution was passed urging the Premier and members to give the Bill for the reduction of the three-fifths majority in respect to National Prohibition their hearty support. A resolution was passed against the proposed increase of racing permits and the publication of totalisator odds. Elected delegates to the Provincial Council. Deputation elected to wait on the Secretary of the Northern Show, and on the headmaster of the borough school in respect of prizes offered by the Union for best Temperance essay. Decided to send a resolution to the Borough Council urging them, with other local bodies, to provide a rest room and conveniences for women and children on market days. Letters of thanks sent to Mr McCombs and Mr Blackwell for their splendid help on "Taylor Memorial Day." Letters of sym-

pathy sent to Mrs Woodfield and Mr P. Keir. Mr R. L. Herps, Prohibition Organiser, then gave an address on "The Rights of the Child," and was heartily thanked.

Monthly meeting was held on July 31st at Mrs Wade's residence. Mrs Cox took the chair. Letter from the Prime Minister in regard to the Licensing Bill was read. Resolved: "That we, members of the Rangiora W.C.T.U., wish to express our strong disapproval of the throwing out of the reduction clause in respect to National Prohibition, and of members reversing their pledges." Decided to uphold all the resolutions passed by the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board save the clause dealing with compulsory detention of sufferers. In regard to the Crimes Amendment Act, we are in hearty accord, save with the provision to obtain leave in writing from the Attorney-General before a prosecution can be started in certain cases. Mrs S. Ayers and the Secretary were appointed delegates to the Kaiapoi Electoral Council. A resolution brought forward re referendum for Bible in Schools was carried. Mrs Ryde, from Oxford, told of the W.C.T.U. luncheon at the Annual Show, and urged our Union to cater for the Northern Show.

Meeting held on August 28th, the President in the chair. A letter of explanation in regard to the compulsory clause in the Bill dealing with venereal diseases was read from the acting-Minister of Public Health, after which the former resolution against compulsory detention was rescinded, and the Union now stand in favour of all persons suffering from any infectious or contagious disease being kept for treatment till such time as they shall be no longer a menace. It was decided not to cater for the Northern Show. All the resolutions forwarded by "United Women's Committee" were passed, after a lot of discussion on same. Decided to provide tea for the Kaiapoi Electoral Council on September 5th. A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs Sloane, one of our oldest and best beloved members. Final arrangements were made for Dr. Sheldon's meeting on September 25th, 500 dodgers to be purchased, and the women to personally distribute same.

GISBORNE.

Aug. 25. Ordinary business meeting; good attendance. Resolution deploring the war in Europe, and expressing deep sympathy with those on both sides who are suffering through this unfortunate struggle. Report received that Old People's Home had been visited during the month, and a gathering held. Hymns were sung, and good musical programme and afternoon tea provided. After a full discussion, all the resolutions forwarded by the United Women's Committee, Christchurch, were unanimously passed.

WANGANUI EAST.

Special meeting held on August 14th. Mrs Andrew presided. Miss Neilson, M.A., gave a report of the District Convention held at Manaia. Mesdames Andrew, Humphrey, James and Duxfield were appointed delegates to Palmerston North Convention. The Union donated 10s towards prizes for essay on "Alcohol" by L.T.L. children.

Aug. 28. Usual meeting held, Mrs Andrew in the chair; small attendance. The Secretary instructed to write letters of sympathy to Miss Weymouth and the Hon. Gilbert Carson respectively, both of whom are laid aside by sickness. Ten shillings was donated to Organising Fund. The L.T.L. Supt. announced a most successful entertainment in Okoia, and prizes presented to winners for essay on "Alcohol."

GORE.

Meeting held in Temperance Hall, the President (Mrs E. C. Smith) presiding. Decided to forward a resolution to the "House" expressing the members' approval of the Crimes Amendment Bill, but protesting against the provision that no prosecution under clause 3 shall take place without the assent of the Attorney-General. Decided to also forward to the House a resolution protesting against clause 11 of the recommendations of the Special Committee of the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board to consider venereal diseases. A paper, written by Mrs Don, entitled "Why Women are in the Fight," was read by Mrs Simpson. Four new members were enrolled.

Aug. 25. Meeting held. President (Mrs E. C. Smith) occupied the chair. The members constituted themselves into a "Sewing Bee," with the object of helping the distressed in the Old Country. The members decided to earn 1s each towards the Organising Fund before next meeting.

NGARUAWAHIA.

Sept. A very successful "open" meeting was held in the Town Hall, over 50 being present. The district had been canvassed and invitations given with a view to getting every woman interested in the coming fight. Mrs Bycroft (President) occupied the chair. Mrs Dr. Tait gave a very interesting and helpful paper on "The Laws of Health." Musical items were rendered, and afternoon tea provided.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Aug. 12. Miss Roberts presided. Resolved: "That resolutions passed re venereal diseases be sent to the Minister of Justice and members of Parliament." Resolved: "That protest in reference to a clause in the Crimes Amendment Act re no prosecutions for defiling girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years be forwarded to the Minister of Justice." Resolutions forwarded by the United Wo-