

First monthly meeting held in the Presbyterian Church April 15th, Mrs Allen (President) in the chair. A full attendance, and all were enthusiastic. Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser, was present, and gave an address on Kitchener's and the King's abstinence pledges, and strongly urged the members to take up the work of persuading as many as possible to follow this splendid example. A special meeting will be held to arrange a definite plan for doing this. Mrs Tiffany, Cradle Roll Superintendent, has been very energetic, and reports 12 babies for enrolment. Five new members were also initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

Feb. 20. The Union here is joining hands with the local League of Service, and good results are expected.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY

March. Monthly meeting held; attendance fair. Mrs Peter Dick presided. Members were urged to do all in their power to return women on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, also School Committee. Two members consented to be nominated for School Committee, and two appointed to visit sick members. Secretary instructed to write and thank the Hon. Jas. Allen, Minister of Defence, for the stand he had taken against wet canteens at Trentham. Opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mrs Hislop (one of the founders of our Branch), who is leaving on a prolonged visit to Australia, and will represent the N.Z. Union at the Australasian Convention in Adelaide.

April 22. Monthly meeting held, attendance very good. Mrs A. S. Adams presided. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs D. S. Beath. Resolved: "That our Branch desire to express its deep admiration of the action of His Majesty the King in banishing intoxicating liquors from his household during the continuance of the war, and its earnest hope that his example will be extensively followed throughout the wide dominions of the Empire." Mrs Adams gave a short review of the progress of the Temperance movement, specially mentioning Russia, France, and America. Mrs Peart then gave an interesting report on the recent Convention. Mrs Aukie contributed a solo. Members were urged to attend householders' meeting and use all their interest to elect women on Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

ASHBURTON.

March. Owing to unfavourable weather meeting was poorly attended. A motion of sympathy with Mrs N. Eden, in the death of her late husband was passed. Resolved that Miss Powell be requested to visit Ashburton. Arrangements were made in connection with the Rest Tent at the A. and P. Show on March 17th and 18th. Rev W. J. Elliott wrote notifying the Union of the results of the essay com-

petition on "Alcohol." In commemoration of "Frances Willard Day," Mrs F. H. Broom gave a very interesting address on the life work of the founder of the W.C.T.U. A collection was taken up in aid of the W.M. Funds.

April. "Y's" and the adult Union held a combined meeting to receive the Delegate's reports of Convention. The reports were adopted and discussed. Arrangements were made in connection with the Refreshment Tents at the Carnival. Special meeting was held on May 4th, Mrs W. K. Watson presiding. Attendance large, including some Winchmore members. Miss Powell addressed the meeting, giving suggestions for future work, especially on Temperance lines. The K.K. pledge was referred to, and the work in connection therewith was enthusiastically taken up, a number of members volunteering to canvass streets or districts. One member joined the Union.

NEW BRIGHTON.

The monthly meeting held at Mrs White's residence on May 4th. Mrs Hall presiding. Attendance good. Five new members joining. I am pleased to report two of our members were elected on the school committee. The meeting was a devotional one, led by Mesdames Lopdell and Spratt.

NELSON.

Meeting held April 13th, Mrs Lambert presiding; attendance small. Letters of birthday greeting to be sent to Mrs Crump and Mrs Lucas (oldest member of our Union), aged 91. Members urged to work for return of Mesdames Hill and Buchanan for School Committee and Mrs Watson for Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Decided in future to dispense with afternoon tea, because financial help is needed so much at this time. Good Citizenship meetings to be resumed in May. The Union Executive formed a strong women's committee, formed of members and non-members, to work for return of the women candidates. Home and public meetings were held, and the three women candidates were elected.

TIMARU.

March. Annual Social at the Sailors' Rest. Mrs Don, N.Z. President, urged all women to start at once on our No License campaign by bringing men members, and especially trying to capture the votes of the young people who attain their majority during the next three years. It is estimated that 54,000 young people will attain their majority before next election. Mrs Liddle, delegate, then read her account of Convention, giving an idea of the grand work which was done there, and of the enthusiasm displayed. Mrs Trott also spoke in terms of high praise of the Convention work.

April. Meeting held at Sailors' Rest. Attendance fair, Mrs Rule

presiding. Mrs Cowan sent her resignation owing to indifferent health. Decided to make her a life member. Mesdames Liddle and Butcher were appointed Hospital Visitors. Miss Powell gave us a most interesting address on the K.K. Pledge Campaign. Many ladies present took cards. On Wednesday afternoon at Wesley Hall, Miss Powell also spoke. The Mayor-ess wrote expressing regret at being unable to preside owing to prior engagements, but assured us that her sympathies were with us. Miss Powell urged the importance of pledge campaign, and members undertook to canvass districts for pledges.

WOODVILLE.

Our usual monthly meeting was held on March 30. The President gave very interesting details of the Convention. Decided to form a ladies' committee in favour of Bible-in-Schools. A letter was read asking our Union to arrange for a meeting on April 6th for Miss Bisson, of Manchester, England, to lecture, but owing to the holidays it was decided to ask her to postpone her visit until later.

The usual meeting was held on April 27. Attendance good. Mrs Crabbe, from Palmerston North, spoke on Social Purity, and Mrs Young also hoped we would each do our best to win one new member during the year, and also to get all the signatures we can for the K.K. pledge. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

May. Meeting held. Mrs Boxall presided. Attendance good. Decided to observe May 27th as the day on which prayers for peace and guidance in regard to the present war be offered up. Resolved that a "pay up" social be held on May 20th and Dr Platts-Mills be asked to address the meeting, and that invitations be sent to all our new members, and so create a wider interest in the work. Two members were elected to work with members of Alliance in connection with a plan of work for the winter. Decided that our Union would do its best to have Mrs Don's letter published in the three daily papers. Two of our members were again elected on Newtown School Committee. Decided that efforts be made to get hotels closed at 6 p.m. Several new members were initiated, and the President's address from the Convention number of the "White Ribbon" was read.

HASTINGS.

March 10. Meeting held in St. Andrew's Hall. Attendance small. There was a considerable amount of business transacted. Mrs Martindale (President) was elected delegate to Convention. It was resolved to sew and make up clothing for the Belgians one afternoon a week. Next meeting to take the form of a social.