

KAIKORAI.

March. Meeting held in the Presbyterian Schoolroom, Mrs Pinfold presiding. The newly-appointed President, on behalf of the Society, presented Mrs Pinfold with a handsome bag as a memento of the profitable and happy time they had spent together, also expressing their regret at losing her. Mrs Pinfold responded in her usual kindly manner.

Meeting on April 30; attendance poor. The president, Mrs Martin, presided, and spoke from the 103rd Psalm; a cheering and helpful address. She also urged on those present the need of an increased membership for our Union.

MANAIA.

March 9. Monthly meeting held, 12 members present. Mrs Hunt, who presided, spoke with deep regret of the illness of the President (Mrs Patterson), expressing the hope that she would soon be restored to health. An account by the Rev. Hammond regarding the large number of recruits rejected through drunkenness was read from the "Vanguard" by Miss York. Mrs Hunt read an account of the far-reaching benefits derived from the prohibition of vodka in Russia. It was thought that the Government here should prohibit grain being made into liquor at a time like the present. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Patterson and Mrs J. Craig in their illness. Mrs C. Hansen appointed sick visitor.

OTAUTAU.

Feb. 15. Special meeting held in Presbyterian Church to meet Miss Powell. Fair attendance. Miss Powell took the chair. Mrs Brown elected delegate to Convention. Miss Powell urged upon members the great necessity of furthering the cause of Temperance.

March 11. Monthly meeting held in Presbyterian Church, President in the chair. The Secretary was authorised to procure one dozen copies of the "W.R." Convention number. Decided to leave all voting in connection with Convention to the discretion of our delegate, Mrs Brown, except in the case of N.Z. officers, our vote to be as follows:—Pres., Mrs Don; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. A. Evans; Treas., Mrs Bendely. "Pay-up" social to be held during April. President addressed meeting, asking each member to get at least one new member.

WARKWORTH.

Monthly meeting held in Methodist Church on Thursday, 25th, 12 members present. Mrs Attwood presided. The following resolutions were passed:—(1) "That word should be sent to the Auckland Union heartily endorsing their efforts for total abstinence as stipulated by Mrs Parker." (2) "That as many members as possible attend householders' meeting for the selection of School Commit-

tee." (3) "That each member should try to bring some small article to be sold among the members, proceeds to go to the treasury." Half an hour of social intercourse was spent after the usual business of the meeting.

NORMANBY.

December. Monthly meeting held Mrs Scott presided. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Scott; Vice-Pres., Mrs Butler and Mrs Clements; Sec., Mrs Saunders; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hall; Supt. Literature, Mrs Hayward. The Union provided refreshments for all-comers on election day. A box was placed at the door for the Belgian Fund, resulting in 30s being taken. The members of Union provided baskets and help.

Feb. 10. There were 10 members present, and two new members enrolled. Decided to start Purity work. £2 was voted towards election expenses, and 12s for girls' library. Mrs X. Jones's splendid paper on "Courage" was read. Decided to hold a picnic, asking Hawera, Manaia, and Ngaere and others to join with us.

WAIPUKURAU.

April 8. A visit from Miss Bisson, who spoke on "Peeps Behind the Scenes in Manchester," a tale of personal work in the Temperance cause. Miss Bisson concluded her address by urging on all members to join the campaign started in Christchurch of winning another member each during the year, and showed how the cause would extend if that were only carried out each year.

AUCKLAND.

April. Meetings have been well attended, Mrs J. Cook presiding. Paper was read by Mrs Avery on the life of Frances Willard. Decided to organise the K.K. pledge signing campaign. Mr S. Faulkner gave an instructive address on temperance work. Delegates were appointed to attend the Auckland Provincial No License Convention. Resolved that "This meeting of Auckland District W.C.T.U. (many of whom have sons in the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces) earnestly protests against the establishment of a 'wet canteen' in the Trentham camp, as suggested in a report appearing in the "N.Z. Herald" of March 10th. We believe that such a step would be productive of serious danger to the young men in training in this Dominion. It would be contrary to the spirit of Lord Kitchener's warning to the troops on leaving England for the front, and also to the direct intention of the New Zealand Defence Act, 1909, of which Clause 03, Section X. reads as follows:—"The Canteen at any encampment shall be under the control and sole direction of the officer in command of the encampment, and no intoxicating liquor shall be sold or supplied at any such canteen

to any person." Meeting closed with an initiation service.

MASTERTON.

April 13th. Meeting held in Knox Hall. Mrs Ross, President, occupied the chair. Mrs Sutherland, delegate to Convention gave her report, which was very much appreciated.

May 4th. "At Home" was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms; a large gathering of members and friends. Mrs Ross presided. Several ladies contributed items. Mrs Devonport spoke about the K.K. pledges, and urged all workers to secure as many pledges as possible; 8 doz pledges were ordered. The hostesses (Mesdames Sutherland and Devonport) were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their hospitality.

OXFORD.

April. Meeting held. The President in the chair. Decided that the next meeting be held Thursday, April 22nd. A welcome given to the Ngaere delegate to Convention.

April 22nd. Meeting held in the Coronation Hall, Mrs Ryde presiding. Miss Caverhill elected to represent us at the Canterbury Council. The Secretary was instructed to ask Miss Roberts to give an address on May 8th. Letters of thanks to those who assisted with catering at the Show. £35 15s handed to Belgian Relief Fund as profits from the Refreshment Booth at Show. Resolved, "This meeting of the Oxford Branch, W.C.T.U., desire to place on record their joy and thankfulness for the rapid spread of temperance reform throughout the world, especially in their own beloved Homeland. They pray that wisdom may be given to the legislators, so that they may make, and put into practice, laws which will forever free the British Empire from its worst enemy."

April 24th. The first Junior Band of Hope was held in the Coronation Hall. Attendance good. Miss Dalziel addressed the children on the effects of alcohol on the human body.

April 20th. Meeting held. The President in the chair. Decided to hold an intercessory service on Sunday, May 23rd. All ministers to be asked to attend and take part. Mrs Hawke then gave a report of Convention, for which she was most heartily thanked. The Senior Band of Hope was held in the Coronation Hall, May 5th; Mrs Ryde presided. Attendance 45. Sister Clare addressed the Band of Hope on the words of St Paul to be temperate in all things. Mr L. Watson gave the children some very good advice. The children and friends gave a very good programme. Four young people signed the pledge.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

April. Meeting held at Amethyst Hall, the President, Mrs Pasley, presiding. Miss Powell spoke on the Cradle Roll and Kitchener pledges, which we hope will be heartily taken